



Clare State School 'THE MESSENGER'

ISSUE 15

TERM 4

13TH OCTOBER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dump open:

18th October
1st November

Audit:

30th October

Swimming Carnival:

Wednesday 26th November

Christmas Concert:

Thursday 4th December

Graduation:

Wednesday 10th December

Reminders:

- P&C Meeting on today
- Outstanding invoices to be finalised.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Clare Club Lunch Menu
- Junior Touch Sign on
- Mio College Dance timetable

P&C Meetings

All meetings are held on a Monday at 3.30pm unless otherwise advised

- 13th October
- 10th November
- 8th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our last Term of 2014. We hope you have all had a great holiday break and now ready for this very busy last term of our school year. This is a 10 week term with a Pupil Free Day on **Monday 20 October** as the only break to the children's learning. For some of you and your children this is the last term at Clare State School and Primary school. As I said to the students on parade, make the most of this last term, take the time to reflect on the great times you have had at Clare SS and the friends you have spent the last 7 or 8 years with. There will be times to celebrate their primary school achievements as the term progresses. In the meantime enjoy the final 9 weeks of your child's primary education.

Prep Enrolments

Our Preparatory Year enrolments are open. We are asking for all families to ensure they have collected, completed and returned their enrolment forms by **Friday 31st October**. This will help us start planning for 2015 class structures. Please check with family and friends if they have enrolled for 2015. All children born between 01 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 are eligible to attend. Enrolment packs may be picked up from the school office.

We will conduct pre-prep come and try days Monday weeks 5, 7 and 9. The times will be 9am—11am. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

Returning to Clare SS in 2015?

It is important for the planning of our school in 2015 to have an accurate forecast of student numbers. We are asking every family to respond by **Friday 17th October** whether you are continuing at our school next year or not.

I am requesting you do this via the following methods:

- ⇒ Email: the.principal@claress.eq.edu.au
- ⇒ Text: 0400 625 702
- ⇒ Phone: 4782 7133 or
- ⇒ In person

Thank you in advance of your response.

Great Results Guarantee 2015

In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing \$183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for State Schools. Here at Clare SS our estimated 2015 allocation is around \$5000 to continue the great work we started this year to improve our student's performance. All funding is appreciated and used wisely. For further information visit: <http://deta.qld.gov.au/initiatives/investing-in-state-schools/great-results-guarantee.html>

Interschool Sports

For term 4 Inter-school sports we had the choice to play boys touch football, girls tee-ball or mixed tennis. The Burdekin sports committee did say small schools could play mixed in any of these sports. However, after consultation with the students and an anonymous vote we have chosen not to play Inter-school sport in term 4. Instead the year 4—7 class will head to the pool, on the Friday afternoons, when sport was timetabled to be played. The children will have an opportunity to participate in some pool activities during this time. The class teacher will notify the children what weeks they need to bring their togs.



Student of the week

Week 1 – Bella Rapisarda

Quote of the Week:

“Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.”

- Albert Einstein

As this is the 1st Newsletter for term 4 a reminder of our School motto vision and rules for your perusal. We discuss these with the children on parade each Thursday.

At Clare State School we Expect Success. Every Student, Every Class, Every Day.

Our School Motto: ‘Together We Shape Tomorrow’

Our vision: To enable all students to obtain optimal learning outcomes and develop lifelong learning skills through a quality education in a caring school environment.

Our School Rules

1. Be an honest, responsible person.
2. Take pride in your appearance.
3. Keep yourself and others safe.
4. Consider the health of yourself and others.
5. Demonstrate respect for yourself and others, their differences and property.

Our school and class rules can be grouped into:

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Be a Learner

You Can Do It! Program (YCDI)

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we have utilised YCDI for a number of years and regularly talk to our children on parade about each of the 5 keys. The Student of the Week is always chosen with a YCDI key in mind. We have now decided to focus on one Key area at a time, allowing us to teach and reinforce as required. We will be working on Persistence this week.

Persistence means trying hard to do your best and not giving up when something feels like it's too difficult or boring. Examples of persistent behaviour are; continuing to try even when school work is hard; not being distracted by others; and checking work when it's finished to make sure it's correct.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person's Persistence include:

- I Can Do It- thinking that I'm more likely to be successful than I am to fail.
- Giving Effort- thinking that the harder I try, the more successful I will be, and knowing that success is not caused by external factors (luck, ease of task), but by internal factors (effort).
- Working Tough- thinking that in order to be successful in the future, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun in the present.

Please take some time to have a conversation with your child about persistence. Share some stories about when you have been persistent, what did you do? Talk about a time you weren't persistent, what did you do?

Students Achieving Success Program (SAS)

During term 4 our year 4 and 6 students will be working with the Charters Towers School of Distance Education SAS program. This program is designed to improve student writing over an 8 week intensive period. During this time these students will complete a writing pre-test, 8 weeks of explicit writing lessons (3 per week/1hr each) and a post test through an online program. We had good results in term 1 and 2 when our year 5 and 7 students participated in similar lessons.

Daniel Morcombe Foundation

This year's Day for Daniel will be held on **Friday 31 October**. Now in its tenth year, Day for Daniel is an annual event that aims to increase child safety awareness and also raise funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation which aims to make the world a safer place for children.

All schools are encouraged to take part and to incorporate a red theme in their activities to link Daniel's story to the importance of child safety education.

At Clare State School we will be having a wear red for Daniel day on October 31st and we will be asking for a donation so that we can help to support this great foundation. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Important Reminders

- ⇒ Could all parents of Yr 6 & 7 students please send in the photos for your child's End of Year Photobook as soon as possible.
- ⇒ Parents are invited to view the 6 & 7 Class photo, School Captain photos, Sports Captain photos and Student Council photos in the school office. Order forms will be left in the office next to the photos. The photos are \$20 each with correct money needed as no change is kept at the school. Due date for ordering these photos is the **24th October** so if you are interested in purchasing some photos please order and pay for them before this date.
- ⇒ All outstanding invoices need to be finalised as soon as possible.

Trivia Night

P&C are having a Trivia Night on **Saturday 8th November** at the Clare Club. Teams will consist of 6-8 people at a cost of \$10 per head. Teams can bring along their own snacks for their tables and all drinks can be purchased at the club. There will be lucky spot prizes, fun competitions and table prizes each round. Great "Winners" and "RunnersUp" cash prize to be won!!! Nomination Forms are attached with this newsletter.

Gardens

I'm sure that most of you have witnessed that our front garden path has been cleared for its new facelift. I would like to thank the Booth family for generously giving us their workers for the morning, it was greatly appreciated. Keep your eyes open over the next couple of weeks to see the transformation that is going to take place which will give the school a distinctive look.

This Week (13th—17th October):

Monday	STL&N Yr 6 SAS
Tuesday	LOTE Yr 4 and 6 SAS
Wednesday	PE Music—swimming RE LOTE
Thursday	Parade 2.30pm Yr 4 and 6 SAS
Friday	Yr 4 SAS

Next Week (20th—24th October)

Monday	Pupil Free Day
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CLUB NEWS

Woolworths Online—We may be able to get our groceries delivered to this area in the near future. All you have to do is register and once they see the amount of interest it will become available sooner rather than later.

[http://www2.woolworthsonline.com.au/Shop/ RegisterStep1](http://www2.woolworthsonline.com.au/Shop/RegisterStep1)

Melbourne Cup Chicken & Champagne Luncheon

11.00am 4th November at the Clare Club. MC is “Shane Worn”

Big Screen, sweeps, lucky spot, bubbly on arrival, Melbourne Cup Trivia. Prizes for Best Dressed & Best Hat. Fashion Parade by Tash’s Top Shop and Body Shop Display.

\$30 per person/\$270 table of 10

Thank you
Lee Braney,
Principal