



Clare State School 'THE MESSENGER'

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TERM 3

8TH SEPTEMBER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fancy dress—
16th September

Dump open -
Saturday 20th
September

1.00—5.00pm

Reminders:

Please pay overdue accounts.

ATTACHMENTS:

- School Holiday program from Burdekin library.

P&C Meetings

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

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 9 of term 3. As this is the last newsletter for Term 3, I wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday. Likewise, I thank all our staff for another successful term and wish them a restful holiday as well.

I would also like to take the opportunity to once again thank all parents and families for their continuing support of our school.

Fancy Dress Ball

Clare State School will hold our annual Fancy Dress Ball on **Tuesday 16th September**. The ball is held **at the Clare Club** starting at **7.00pm**. There will be light refreshments and drinks available on the night, supported by the P&C and Clare club. The club will also be cooking Fish 'n' Chips from 6.00pm onwards if any families would like to have tea at the club before hand. If parents could bring a plate to share for supper, it would be greatly appreciated. The theme for this year's ball is 'Disney'. Please ensure your child is at the club no later than 6.45pm. We look forward to a great night of fun and dance. Come dressed as a Disney Character and don't forget your dancing shoes.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We would like to invite you all to come and meet with your child's teacher, to discuss his/her progress, so far in 2014. We offer oral feedback now as you will receive your next written report at the end of term 4. We will be sending out a note tomorrow regarding Parent/Teacher Interviews. P-3 grades will be done next week and 4-7 grades will be done this Thursday, Friday and some times next week also. We look forward to meeting with you and sharing your child/children's progress.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Fixing our Schools—State Funding.

The State Government recently announced the details of the Fixing our Schools initiative for 2014-2015. The Fixing our Schools initiative continues the momentum originated by the \$200 million Advancing our Schools Maintenance initiative which commenced in 2012-13 to reduce the maintenance backlogs in Queensland state schools.

It was reported in the Ayr Advocate on Friday 5th September, that State Schools in the Burdekin Electorate had received 4.5million dollars to help with the maintenance. With the money we receive, we are hoping to have some broken windows fixed, rotting wood replaced, air-conditioning upgraded and a full repaint of our Admin block. We will keep you updated with these projects as we find out more information.

School fees

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we currently have a number of outstanding payments for resources and senior shirts. Can we please have all outstanding money finalised by the end of this term. If you need to pay the amount off please come to the office and we will discuss this option with you. We understand that it can be difficult to pay your bills at certain times. If you require a further statement please don't hesitate to ask.



Student of the week

Week 7 – Luke Mio

Week 8 - Shai-Ellen Auer

Quote of the Week:

“Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right path, the final forming of a person’s character lies in their own hands.”

- Anne Frank

Chocolate Wheel

Just a reminder that the P&C will be running a chocolate wheel at the Osborne State School Fete, this Saturday, 13th September. We are still asking for your help through donations of chocolate. The Chocolate can be bags of party size chocolates or chocolate bars or blocks. All donations will help. Please leave chocolates in the office or with one of the P&C committee members. Thank you to those families that have already donated.

P&C Tupperware Party

The P&C are hosting a Tupperware party on **Tuesday 9th September** at 7pm in the school library. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Light supper will be provided. All Tupperware gifts "earned" by the P&C by hosting the Tupperware party will be used as raffle prizes at future school fundraising events. Hope to see you there.

You Can Do It! Program (YCDI)

You Can Do it Education’s main purpose is to support communities, schools, and homes in a collective effort to optimise the social, emotional, and academic outcomes of all young people.

Its unique contribution is in identifying the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing, and have positive relationships including making contributions to others and the community (good citizenship).

The 5 Keys of YCDI! Education

The core purpose is the development of young people’s social and emotional capabilities, including:

1. Confidence (academic, social)
2. Persistence
3. Organisation
4. Getting Along, and
5. Resilience.

At Clare State School we have utilised these keys for a number of years and regularly talk to our children about each one of them. 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 Confidence this week.

Confidence means knowing that you will most likely be successful and that people will like you. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. It means looking and sounding confident. Examples of confident behaviour are raising your hand in class to answer a hard question, doing hard work without asking for help, sharing a new idea with a teacher or the class and standing up straight and speaking with a firm voice.

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

- **I Can Do It-** thinking that I'm more likely to be successful than I am to fail.
- **Accepting Myself-** not thinking badly about myself when I make a mistake.
- **Taking Risks-** thinking that it's good to try something new even though I might not be able to do it.
- **Being Independent-** thinking that it's important to try new activities and to speak up even if my classmates think I'm silly.

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

Home Reading

Just a reminder of the importance of reading with your child at home. It doesn't matter if your child can read level 1 or level 30 and higher, there is always something you can do to help them. Read to them, read with them and listen to them read. Before you start a new book for the younger kids or a book or chapter for the older ones, have them predict what is going to happen. It is ok to be wrong, it is a prediction. When they have finished get them to retell the story. Ask your child questions about the book, engage in conversation. These are simple strategies but they will help develop your child as a reader. District benchmarks for end of year are Prep—level 8, Year 1—Level 16 and Year 2 level 22, Year 3—Level 30.

How is your child going?

Free Dress and Shared Lunch

Shared lunch will be on the last day of term, Friday 19th September. This will also be a Free Dress Day with a gold coin donation per student going towards student council, which will be collected on the day. Please make sure that students wear appropriate and sun safe clothing (no singlets allowed) as well as closed in footwear. Can all parents please provide a plate of food for shared lunch which will be at 1.00pm. You can leave your plate of food in the tuckshop or in the fridge and it can be dropped off in the morning with your child. All students will still need to bring their own snack and little lunch for the day.

Public Holiday

School will resume next term on **Tuesday 7th October** as Monday is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

This Week:(8th September to 12th September)

Monday	STL&N
Tuesday	LOTE—Yr 6
Wednesday	PE Music RE LOTE
Thursday	Parade 2.30pm

Next Week: (15th September to 19th September)

Monday	STL&N
Tuesday	LOTE Fancy dress Ball
Wednesday	LOTE PE Music
Thursday	Parade 2.30pm
Friday	Last Day of Term

Thank you

Lee Braney,
Principal

