Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everybody had a restful and enjoyable holiday. It is certainly fantastic to see so many rejuvenated, bright smiling faces around the school. Hopefully the Easter bunny found you all in the many different locations you spent your holidays. He found us in Brisbane and the boys were overjoyed with excitement.

I look forward to another fun term but will assure you that it will be busy. In the coming weeks we have parent teacher interviews, photos, sports days and many other events. Our coffee mornings will now be held on a Friday as my admin days have changed back to Thursday and Friday. I look forward to catching up with as many of you as I can this term.

Year 7 Leadership trip
The Brisbane trip was a successful event and one that I know everyone who attended enjoyed. The students were exposed to many different experiences whilst we were in Brisbane.

These included:
- A visit to Bracken Ridge State School (my old school), a school of 450 students where they had time to talk with the school leaders and have a tour of the school and its facilities;
- Science centre for a morning of hands on activities. The three of them all thought they were auditioning for Mission Impossible when rolling through the laser tunnel;
- A stroll through the Queensland Museum looking at some amazing creatures and learning about Qld history;
- A swim at South bank followed by a walk through QUT and passed Parliament house;
- Laser tag and Ten pin bowling at night with Giru;
- A shopping experience in Queen Street Mall; and
- We also enjoyed a number of meals at restaurants and cafes.

Whilst all of these activities were fun we did go to Brisbane for the Halogen Leadership conference. This event is a great day and is a worthwhile experience for any primary school student. We listened to a number of presenters talk about their thoughts on leadership and their life journey to where they are today. The speakers were Kaye McGrath (channel 7 news reader), the surfing scientist, Creel Price (young entrepreneur) and Paul Hockey the first disabled person to climb to the top of Mt Everest. They were all amazing people with great personal stories. The message was clear – believe in yourself and never give up, never ever give up.

In all the year 7’s had a great time and Mrs Schifilliti and myself would like to congratulate them on their outstanding behaviour and the way in which they represented Clare State School. Well done guys.

ANZAC Day
Clare will be marching in the ANZAC Day parade in Ayr next Thursday, 25th April. All students are encouraged to march with the school. Mr Braney will coordinate the students on the day. We will meet at 8.45am outside the Caledonian Shop on Edwards Street. Full school uniform will need to be worn and we will be starting to march at approx. 9.00am. Please remember to bring your school hat and a water bottle is optional. Please return the attached permission slip by Friday 19th April.

For those families who don't know, we are now on Facebook. We will be using this as another means of keeping our school community up to date. I believe it is a worthwhile form of communication, considering the world of technology we now find ourselves immersed in. As this format grows I envisage using it as a teaching and learning experience for our year 7 students, where they will help develop appropriate updates and decide what messages we should convey to the community. They will also be involved in learning how to take appropriate photos, upload the photos to a computer and eventually Facebook. Some simple technology processes that are vital to every teenagers life.

Please ‘Like’ us on Facebook and enjoy the updates we provide you and pass on communication as required. Whilst interacting with our site you are reminded to follow protocols and avoid writing offensive, racist or defamatory comments.
Parent support
As mentioned in our previous newsletter we have had a big focus on reading and comprehension in term 1. Moving in to term 2 we would like to invite parents into the school from 8.30am every morning, for 30 minutes. During this time parents will listen to children read as well as work on sight words and sounds. Please let me know if you are available to help out on any morning. Your help will benefit your child and others in the school. I will send out a timetable to all those that can help by the end of this week.

Cross Country
The Burdekin Cross Country Trials are on Friday 10th May. If you think that you would like to go to this event, you should have started training in your own time. If you are interested in running in the cross country let me know and we will organise some training times. The notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

School Photos
School photos are this Thursday, 18th April. Students are to be in full school uniform on this day. Year 7 students are also asked to bring their year 7 shirts for their year 7 photo.

Parent teacher interviews
As mentioned in previous newsletters, Parent interviews will be held this week. Please find attached to this newsletter your time to meet with your child’s teacher. This is a good time to discuss your son or daughter’s progress. We look forward to meeting with you this week.

Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’
Clare SS will once again be participating in the Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ resources program. The Woolworths school resources program has already started. Start collecting stickers at the checkout of Woolworths (self-service too) and place them on a sticker card. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into the collection box, in the Office. Last year we were able to purchase a variety of stationery and craft resources from this scheme to use in the classrooms. Your support is most appreciated.

Easter Bonnet Parade
Thank you to all our parents and community members who attended the end of term celebration. Without the support of our community, events like this just don’t happen. The shared lunch was wonderful so thank you to those families who contributed. The children enjoyed displaying their artistic flair, both through the creation of Easter Bonnets and their rendition of an Aussie Easter oi, oi, oi. I thought it was a great way to finish the term and I look forward to a bigger and more improved celebration at the end of term 2.

Teach your child to dial Triple Zero (000) and remember details
The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game at http://kids.triplezero.gov.au.
When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location. For this reason, it’s also important for families to familiarise themselves with their holiday surroundings by memorising holiday addresses and beach access codes, so they can relay the correct information to Triple Zero staff.
More information can be found at http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/default.asp

Reminders
- Payments for Maths textbooks and Maths Mate Homework sheets need to be made by Friday, 3rd May.
- There will be NO School next Thursday 25th April as it is ANZAC DAY.

Thank you,
Lee Braney
Acting Principal

Quote of the Week:

Sometimes one creates a dynamic impression by saying something, and sometimes one creates as significant an impression by remaining silent.

- Dalai Lama

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- Parent Teacher Interviews – Thursday 18th April and Friday 19th April
- School Photos – Thursday 18th April
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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ATTACHMENTS:
- Rural Health Flyer
- Clare Cricket Carnival Flyer

Next Week (22nd April to 26th April):

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