



Clare State School

"The Messenger"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have now been a part of this school community for a little over 4 months and I am still blown away by this school and 'our' community. I enjoy coming to work every day and working with the passionate staff. These people care a lot about your children and the education they are receiving. Then I think of the children and say to myself, I couldn't be teaching in a better place. As well as great teachers and students, Clare State School also has amazing resources. Not many primary schools have a computer per child, new Resource Centre, a full sized basketball court, beautiful grounds and well-kept buildings.

Clare State School is a wonderful place to teach and learn. We are all very lucky people and should be reminded of it at every opportunity. **Clare is a GREAT school!**

Quote: "One of the characteristics about positive schools is that people have friendly eyes – there's a sparkle in their eyes. The staff actually sparkle as they engage kids....they talk about 'their' students, 'my group', 'my gang'...they don't talk about the students like some other group"

Andrew Fuller (clinical psychologist)

NAPLAN

On 14th, 15th and 16th May more than 200 000 students across Queensland will take part in national literacy and numeracy tests. The tests will see all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts.

The test results will provide useful information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern.

Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview.

The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year and for following years. While it's important that students perform at their best, it's also important that students are not unduly stressed. All parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Teachers will also be working hard with their classes to ensure all children are prepared for the tests. Children should also be reassured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class. All students are encouraged to participate in the national tests and special provisions are made to meet the needs of individual students with special needs.

For more information on the national testing, visit www.qsa.qld.edu.au or <http://www.nap.edu.au>

I have attached the NAPLAN 2013 Information for Parents brochure for your perusal.

Woolworths 'Earn and Learn'

As mentioned in previous Newsletters Clare SS will once again be participating in the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' resources program. Once you complete your sticker card drop the sticker card into the collection box in the Office. Alternatively, there is a box located at Woolworths labelled 'Clare State School' where you can place your stickers straight away without having to worry about the cards. Both options are fine and we appreciate your support.

We will also collect the Coles vouchers when their 'sports for schools' promotion starts.

ANZAC Day

On Thursday a number of students and staff participated in the Anzac Service at Ayr. This ceremony was a moving ceremony and was a wonderful opportunity for our students. The school captains delivered a wreath on behalf of our school community. The meaning of ANZAC Day is something, we as adults need to continue to

discuss with our children to ensure the tradition and value of ANZAC Day continues. Clare State School students marched with pride and reminded the local community that Clare State School is still open and doing well. Thank you to all parents who helped support this occasion by bringing their children along.



School Sport

Congratulations to Matthew Schifilliti for making the Burdekin teams for AFL and Rugby League. He travelled to Townsville last Monday to trial for the North Queensland AFL team. After a long hard day Matthew had learned a lot and enjoyed himself but unfortunately didn't make the team. There was one Burdekin player who did make it, the rest came from Townsville and Thuringowa. Matthew has been at the Rugby League trials in Charters Towers over the last two days. As yet we haven't heard if he has made the team, but I am sure he has given it his all. Well done Matthew.

In other sports news:

Friday 24th May and 7th June will see Burdekin Schools participating in interschool sports, which will start at 11.00am and conclude at 2.30pm. This will allow us to play a couple of games each day in a rotating format. Sports we might participate in are: Girls Soccer (6 aside), Boys Soccer (6 aside) as well as I am trying to get together a small schools Rugby League team. More information will be given out as we know what's happening. *Please keep these dates in mind as we will be seeking the help of parents to transport children on these days.*

Burdekin Cross Country information will be distributed this week for interested students. The Cross Country trials will be on **Friday 10th May** at the Old Ayr Race Course.

Burdekin Trials:

Soccer – May 20th

Tennis – May 22nd

Touch Football – May 31st

More information for these events will be distributed closer to the date, as we receive it.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again Clare State School will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge encourages students to increase their enjoyment and participation in reading and helps to improve literacy. It is open for students from Prep to Year 7. Students are required to read a total of 20 books from now until September 5th. Each student has their own sheet where they are required to write the title and author of each book as well as have their teacher sign it. Good luck with the challenge and get reading.

Eisteddfod

The Burdekin Eisteddfod is being held **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May**. Mrs Dal Santo is busily preparing the students for this year's performance. I am sure the students will perform well and make us all proud. We will be looking for parents/community members to drive our students in on the day, to ensure we can participate. Notes will be sent out with the next newsletter requesting your help with transport. I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Reminders

- Payments for Maths textbooks and Maths Mate Homework sheets need to be made by Friday, 3rd May.
- Bookclub forms and monies are due back this Friday 3rd May.
- We are asking if someone could generously donate some diesel for the school mower. If you can help, please contact the school or Joanna Marchioni on 0407827155.

Thank you,

Lee Braney
Acting Principal

Quote of the Week:

Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

- Albert Camus

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Burdekin Cross Country Trials – Friday 10th May
- Clare Cricket Carnival – Saturday 11th May
- NAPLAN – Tuesday 14th May
- NAPLAN – Wednesday 15th May
- NAPLAN – Thursday 16th May
- Eidsteddfod – Monday/Tuesday 20th – 21st May
- Burdekin Sports Cluster Day – Friday 24th May
- Burdekin Sports Cluster Day – Friday 7th June

ATTACHMENTS:

- Rural Health Flyer
- Clare Cricket Carnival Flyer
- Indoor Hockey Flyer
- NAPLAN Information for Parents Brochure

Congratulations to the Students of the Week:



Week 2 – Samuel Tomasetig

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This Week (29th April to 3rd May):

Monday	PE
Tuesday	LOTE Yr 7
Wednesday	LOTE Yr 6
Thursday	Parade Music

Next Week (6th May to 10th May):

Monday	PE
Tuesday	LOTE – Year 7
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6
Thursday	Parade Music

