



Clare State School

"The Messenger"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Small Schools combined Sport Carnival

Tomorrow, **Tuesday August 20**, will see the annual Small Schools Sports Carnival at East Ayr State School. As previously stated, all students are nominated to compete in all eligible events. The Prep – 2 students will participate in a Tabloid events day and students born from 2000 – 2004 will participate in track and field events. Last week you should have received a copy of the program, which stated the carnival starts at 9.00am. **We are requesting that students be at East Ayr State School by 8.45am in their school uniform.** Teachers from Clare State School will be present from approximately 8.15am for those parents that need to drop their children off.

Please ensure your child has; their water bottle, hat and lunch. If parents are leaving early with their child, please let a staff person know so that all children can be accounted for.

Note: Tuesday is a normal school day so we expect your child to be at East Ayr State School. There will be no one at Clare State School on Tuesday.

UNSW Maths

Last week all year 3 - 7 students participated in the International Maths competition. Participants were presented with work that was familiar to them but mostly work that was unfamiliar to them. This is deliberate; as being a competition, awards are given to children who perform exceptionally well on work that has not been deliberately taught. Many of the questions would have overlapped across the different year levels.

Ayr State High School yr 7 visit.

Our Year 7 students will once again be visiting Ayr High for their next transition to high school day. It does not matter whether you are going to Ayr High next year or BCHS it is about getting you used to high school life and the types of subjects you will see. The students will either go Tuesday 3rd or Wednesday 4th of September. We will let you know as soon as we have more information.

Last Tuesday our year 5, 6, 7 students were spoken to by Craig Whittred, Principal of Ayr State High. During this session Craig spoke to the students about what to expect when they attend high school next year and the years to

come. He explained to our year 5, 6 students that when they transition in 2015 each of the year levels will remain separate and they will enjoy their own identity. There were many questions regarding high school including; class set up, number of teachers they will work with, uniforms, leadership opportunities, separate eating and playing areas and the Buddy system. The session was very informative and timely, after Craig's recent visit to discuss transition with parents.

Year 7 students attending Ayr High next year are reminded of the information session and pre-enrolment evening to be held at Ayr High, **Tuesday 20th from 4pm.** Refer to the brochure sent home last week.

Musica Viva

On **Wednesday 4th September** our School will be travelling to Giru State School to watch a performance by Musica Viva. Attached to this newsletter is a permission and transport note which needs to be returned by **Monday 26th August.** The cost of Musica Viva is \$6. If there aren't enough parents to transport we will have to look at hiring a bus, which will then increase the cost of the show. Musica Viva starts at 9.30am, which means we would need to leave Clare by 8.40am and returning to school by 11.00am.

This year there will be a performance by "Makukuhan." They are a group of performers with explosive sounds of the Sundanese kendang, Javanese and Balinese gamelan, (traditional bamboo flute) and Rebana. This Indonesian percussion group will take students on an exotic journey through a variety of musical styles focusing on melodic percussion and rhythm. Village songs and a striking Indonesian mask dance will complete the captivating performance. We look forward to the show!

You Can Do It!

I would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce the You Can Do It (YCDI) program to our school community.

YCDI's 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).

YCDI's mission is to realise, through the following beliefs and actions:

- The building of social, emotional, and motivational capacity of young people rather than on their problems and deficits.
- The encouragement of prevention, promotion, and intervention efforts (school, home and community) in order to build the social and emotional strengths of young people.
- The development of a strength-building approach, where YCDI seeks to build the capabilities of adults (community, school, home) associated with positive outcomes in young people.

The 5 Keys of YCDI! Education

Our 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.

This week we will be teaching the children all about the **Foundation of Confidence**. Confidence means not taking things personally when you don't do as well as you would like or when others tease or hassle you. This week we will discuss an idea that helps develop **Confidence**. No Matter what happens to you, you are still a valuable and capable person.

With your child, review their positive and not-so-good qualities (eg. School subjects, sports, personal qualities). Then remind your child that they don't lose their positive qualities or values as a person when something bad happens. Use an example of when something bad happened to you and you accepted yourself.

When you catch your child being confident, give lots of praise ('I like the way you learn from your mistakes', 'I like the way you are not thinking negatively about yourself'.)

NIDA Short Courses

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is Australia's leading institute for education and training in theatre, film and television. This year NIDA will be running a range of short courses in the next school holidays. If you want more information about our courses come to the office where we can give you a booklet with more information on these courses. The courses are

being held at the Townsville Grammar School from 1st to 6th October for 8 years old to 16 and over.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents who supported Book Fair last week. Our total sales were \$700 and with a percentage of this we will be able to purchase more reading books for the library. I hope your children loved what they purchased and keep on reading!

Tuckshop

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for Tuckshop on **Thursday 29th August**. Remember that orders need to be in by *9.00am on Tuesday 27th August*.

Construction Donations

Thank you to the parents who have been dropping off 'construction materials.' Please continue to do so until the end of term to help get our supply back up again.

Thank you,

Lee Braney
Acting Principal

Quote of the Week:

Confidence is realising that although you aren't the best at something, you still enjoy doing it.

- Anonymous

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- B&C Combined School Carnival – Tuesday 20th August
- District Sports – Friday 30th August
- Musica Viva – Wednesday 4th September

ATTACHMENTS:

- Musica Viva Permission Form and envelope
- Clare School Tuckshop Form
- P&C Newsletter
- Ayr Surf Lifesaving Club Open Day flyer
- Burdekin PCYC Sock Hop flyer

Congratulations to the Students of the Week:



Week 5 – Kalan Booth

Week 6 – Carter Dal Santo

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This Week (19th August to 23rd August):

Tuesday	Small Schools Combined Sport Carnival
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6 AusKick Today
Thursday	Parade Music

Next Week (26th August to 30th August):

Monday	PE
Tuesday	LOTE – Year 7
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6 Auskick Today
Thursday	Parade Music Tuckshop
Friday	Burdekin Districts Athletics Carnival