

Dear Parents and Carers,

Inter-house Sport Carnival

A reminder that **Thursday, 25th July**, we will host Millaroo and Maidavale State Schools for our annual Inter-house Sports Carnival. Will Landers or Dalrymple come out on top at the end of the day? Who will be crowned age champion? Who will have the most fun? For the answers to these and other questions, be sure to attend so you can show your support to the children and possibly your former sporting house. Please find attached to this newsletter an ‘Order of Events’ and a ‘House List’ for the day so you can see which ‘house’ your child belongs in. On the day children will wear their respective house colours i.e red for Landers and blue for Dalrymple. Tuckshop orders for Inter-house sports day was due today. Parents need to remember that this is a school day and if children are not participating in an event then they need to be sitting with their ‘house’ where they will be supervised by a staff member. Children are not to be wandering around with parents or siblings as they need to be accounted for on the day.

School Sport – Mixed Cricket

This Friday sees the start of Interschool sport for term 3. We have chosen to participate in mixed cricket which at this stage is being held in Home Hill. Thank you to the families who have returned their forms and indicated they can assist with transport. Once again, without your support we cannot attend sport in town. Cricket will be played every Friday, leaving school at 12.45pm, for the next 6 weeks.

Cinderella at the Disco

A reminder that our year 3 - 7 students will travel to the Burdekin Theatre, **Monday 29th July for a 9.30am start.** We will send out a list of the people transporting and the students they are taking in the near future. I hope the upper school enjoy Cinderella as much as the junior school enjoyed Nadia.



Nadia and the Blue flamingo

Last week the Prep – 2 class went on a cultural excursion to the Burdekin Theatre to watch Nadia and The Blue Flamingo. Thank you to all the families who returned the forms in a timely manner, which allowed us plenty of time to organise travel for the event. The students all behaved very well and represented Clare with pride. It was great to hear that the majority of students got up and shook their bodies (danced). However, there were some that refrained from showing their dance style. Thank you to the parents who helped with the transportation, we always appreciate it.

AFL

We are lucky enough to have Adam MacDonald from AusKick coming to our school on a Wednesday from 1.00 – 1.40pm. I believe the Auskick program is something all children should get involved in. The NAB AFL Auskick program provides boys and girls with a fun and safe Australian Football experience that serves as an introduction to a lifetime of involvement in sport. The program is not just about introducing children to Australian Football – it activates and develops within each child the desire for a healthy lifestyle. This is achieved through activities and programs for individuals, small groups and teams, and aims to assist development of personal and social skills.

As AusKick has an associated cost of \$60 per child we can't make your child participate but as a parent and teacher who has seen this program run I highly recommend it. As part of the \$60 each child receives their own backpack, ball, hat, drink bottle and other AusKick merchandise. If you would like your child to attend fill out the attached form and return it to school with payment by **Wednesday 24th July**, the first of 8 sessions.

School opinion survey

The annual *School Opinion Survey* will be occurring in our school this week. The *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home to families today, which can be completed either online or using the paper form provided. Year 3- 7 students will complete their survey online at school and all school staff will be provided with access details to complete their survey online. All survey participants are encouraged to complete their survey this week to ensure that their opinion is included in our schools' reports, which we will receive later this year. If you have any survey queries you can contact the school.

The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well we are going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school's annual report. **Your responses are completely confidential.** If you choose to complete the survey online, there is no way to link you to the responses you provide in the survey. If you choose to complete the paper form, the confidentiality envelope will remain sealed and forwarded to an external contractor where your responses will be scanned and the school's data forwarded to the Central Office of the Department of Education, Training and Employment for analysis. Survey results are not reported in ways that an individual or an individual's response can be identified.

It would be appreciated if you completed the paper version provided and return in the sealed envelope by Friday 26th July.

University of NSW Competitions

Parents, please be aware of the dates for when students will sit University of NSW (UNSW) tests.

Entries are now closed and all students from year 3 -7 will sit the tests on the following days:-

English – **Wednesday 31st July**

Mathematics – **Tuesday 13th August.**

The UNSW tests are another form of data collection and can be vital in tracking student progress when we compare results with NAPLAN and School based assessment.

Tuckshop

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for Tuckshop on **Thursday 1st August**. Remember that orders need to be in by *9.00am on Tuesday 30th July*.

Thankyou

I would like to thank Chris Hesp for his generosity in donating diesel for our school mower.

Book Fair

Due to Friday sports and other commitments Book Fair will be on from Tuesday 13th August until Thursday 15th August. More information will be given closer to the date.

Thank you,

Lee Braney
Acting Principal

Quote of the Week:

Pain is only temporary but victory is forever.

- Michael Jordan

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- AFL commencing – Wednesday 24th July
- Inter-house Sports Carnival – Thursday 25th July
- Cinderella at the Disco – Monday 29th July
- UNSW English Test – Wednesday 31st July
- UNSW Maths Test – Tuesday 13th August
- Book Fair – Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th August
- B&C Combined School Carnival – Tuesday 20th August
- District Sports – Friday 30th August

ATTACHMENTS:

- Interhouse Sports Carnvial 'Order of Events'
- Interhouse Sports Carnival House List
- Auskick Registration Form
- Clare School Tuckshop Form
- P&C Newsletter (Meeting & Tuckshop)
- School Opinion Survey

Congratulations to the Students of the Week:



Week 1 – Chelsea Sutcliffe

Week 2 – Shaun Ferris

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Expressions of interest wanted from parents of children on the Autism Spectrum who are interested in forming a support group. Please phone Jade on 0414 741 740 for more information.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This Week (22nd July to 26th July):

Tuesday	LOTE Yr 7
Wednesday	LOTE Yr 6
Thursday	Interhouse Sports Carnival
Friday	Interschool Sport (Yr 5-7)

Next Week (29th July to 2nd August):

Monday	PE Cinderella at the Disco (Yr 3-7)
Tuesday	LOTE – Year 7
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6
Thursday	Parade Music
Friday	Interschool Sport (Yr 5-7)