



Clare State School

"The Messenger"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the semester, we are reminding students about the importance of putting effort into their work and how that translates into performance on assessment. We have worked hard this semester and will continue to work hard right up until the holidays.

It has come to my attention that a number of students have not been completing their homework. At this stage we would just like to remind parents that if we hand out homework we expect it to be completed. If your child does not hand in homework on Friday as required they will be spending time with their teacher at lunchtime. Can I ask all parents to check your child's homework, to ensure they are completing it. Your help is appreciated.

Home Readers in the P-2 classroom are an essential part of a reading program for children of this age. It is important that parents and children read together and discuss the books to ensure understanding. It is also important that these books are returned each day. If your child hasn't returned a book they won't be receiving another book to take home.

Hats have become a bit of an issue at school this term, especially in the lower school. I would like to remind you that the school rules and Education Queensland policy state 'NO HAT, NO PLAY'. We will not be providing your child with a hat if they come to school without one. Please ensure your child has a named bucket hat. Hats do not have to be the Clare State School hats, but do have to be broad brimmed.

Report Cards

Report cards will be handed out next **Thursday 20th June**. This is the second last day of term. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's report card please don't hesitate in contacting the class teacher for clarification. All reports are written based on an Education Queensland format. Each year level has a 5 point scale and teachers report on this accordingly.

Year 5 High School Visit

On **Monday 17th June** our year 5 students will be travelling to Ayr State High School for their transition day.

Students will be working in Home Economics and Manual Arts, for 3 hours, from 10am – 1pm. The students will be accompanied by a staff member and will be travelling in and out with Mrs Donna Rapisarda. It will be an opportunity for these children to see what High School is like and to work collaboratively with a range of students from the various schools across the region.

School Sport

Congratulations to Brendan Mio for his recent selection in the Burdekin Soccer team. Last week Brendan trialled for the North Queensland team but unfortunately was unsuccessful. Well done on the effort you put into the day Brendan.

Year 5,6,7 Camp

This year's Clare and Giru Year 5/6/7 camp will be held in Term 4 from **11th to 15th November**, at Camp Fairbairn Outdoor Education Centre, at Lake Maraboon near Emerald. The focus of the camp will be on leadership and promoting resilience and individual potential through self-discovery and team work.

- **Find attached our first parent letter for this year's camp.**

Under 8's Day

The recent Under 8's day held at Clare State School was a fantastic event and I am glad that we put in the effort to organise and run such an event. It was great to see Clare and Millaroo students as well as young children from the local community enjoying themselves.

I would like to thank all the people who made the day possible:

- The Students and other children for having a great time.
- Corey Marchioni and MrSchifilliti for cooking the BBQ.
- P&C members and Mrs Schifilliti for helping with the food.
- Milaroo staff and students for their efforts
- Community members for attending.
- The staff that set up, ran and cleaned up the day.
- Amusements Plus for the glitter tattoos and Jumping Castle.

Community Forum

On Tuesday 4th June we held our first Community Forum for the year. Thank you to the parents who attended.

Topics discussed were:

- High School transition for 2014 and beyond.
- The shape of Leadership for 2014.
- Camps for 2014.

We had some very productive conversations and it was great to hear your thoughts and opinions. We will continue to work with the children on the above issues and report the outcomes and direction we have decided to go with each point.

We will hold another Forum next term with different topics as our agenda. If there is anything you would like to discuss let me know and we may be able to add it to our next forum.

School Photos

Year 7 group photos including School and Sports Captains and Student Council are in the office for parents to view (*Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only*) and order. Photos cost \$17 each.

Shared Lunch and Free Dress Day

Shared lunch will be on the last day of term i.e. **Friday 21st June**. 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 sunsafe 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 still need to bring their own snack and little lunch for the day.

Invitation to Parents

We are inviting all parents in the 3-7 class on **Friday 21st June** (*last day of school*) after shared lunch to come and view the wonderful creations your children have made in Technology. They have also been working very hard on an English assessment piece involving their imagination, props, a written script and an iPad.

Government steps up to support children starting school

Families with children starting school can now access Step up into education — new online resources to better prepare and support young children make the transition to school.

The program was developed to help make the experience for these children a positive one. It is based on research that shows a positive start to school can lead to better learning outcomes.

For more information visit the website:
www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/

QSchools Smartphone app Now Available:

Recently the Minister for Education released the QSchools smartphone app, which integrates with our school website. The app allows parents, teachers and students to have instant access to live school updates and information, connecting the school community.

The app will display school location, contact information, news, calendar events and newsletters. This information will feed directly from the school website.

App benefits for parents/caregivers include:

- searching for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- adding multiple schools as favourites to enable parents to view updates from multiple schools in a single view
- accessing the latest school news and events to stay informed
- receiving emergency announcements and information around school closures
- convenient and prompt method of receiving messages/information from school/s

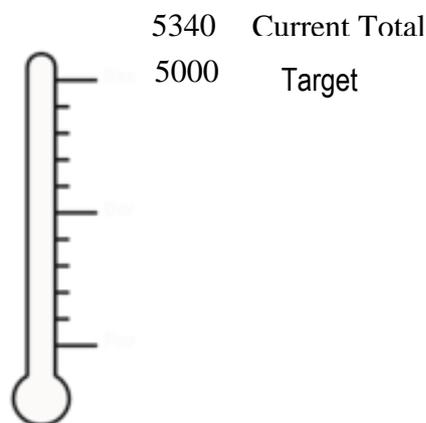
Downloading app

The QSchools app is available for parents to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. For more information view the DETE site.

School Holiday Dates

School holidays start on Friday 21st June. There is *NO* student free day to begin Term 3 and students will resume Term 3 on **Monday 8th July 2013**.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Progressive Total



Congratulations everyone!!!! We exceeded our target with our Earn and Learn points. This program is now finished and I would like to thank everyone who participated in this by bringing their card along or stickers and dropping them into the box in the office or at

Woolworths. Through this the school is able to purchase many resources which your child will enjoy. If you still have any stickers or cards at home please drop them off at the school by next week and in our next newsletter we will announce our final grand total.

Thank you,

Lee Braney
Acting Principal

Quote of the Week:

People with goals succeed because they know where they're going.

- Earl Nightingale

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- UNSW Writing Test – Monday 17th June
- UNSW Spelling Test – Tuesday 18th June
- Interhouse Athletic Carnvial – Thursday 25th July

Under 8's Day



ATTACHMENTS:

- Year 5-7 Camp note
- Smart Start to High School (Year 5 0)

Congratulations to the Students of the Week:



Week 7 – Brendan Mio

Week 8 – Georgia Tomasetig

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This Week (10th June to 14th June):

Monday	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday	LOTE Yr 7
Wednesday	LOTE Yr 6
Thursday	Parade Music

Next Week (17th June to 21st June):

Monday	PE Year 5 transition to High School
Tuesday	LOTE – Year 7
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6
Thursday	Parade Music
Friday	Shared Lunch/Free Dress Day

