



Clare State School

"The Messenger"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Cricket Carnival

What an amazing day of cricket and fun activities on Saturday. As a newcomer to the Clare Cricket Carnival I was impressed by the organisation and overall running of the event. It is a wonderful community day that brings together not only Clare residents but those from further a field too.

Personally, I really enjoyed being a part of the day and am glad the 'Where's Wally' team was formed on Thursday. Thank you to Tracey and Loretta for their organisation of this team and the commitment of our players. We will get together earlier next year and give B grade a real shake up.

Thank you to the P&C executive and those parents who assisted with the cooking of the BBQ. It was a long day for you all but one that benefits the community and our school. We appreciate your efforts.

Classroom highlights in Reading (Prep – 2)

- Prep – Bridget has mastered her first 12 sight words
- Year 1 – Kalan has improved his PM benchmark by 1 level
- Year 2 – Luke has improved his PM benchmark by 2 levels
- Year 3 – Samuel has improved his PM benchmark level from 22 – 28

The following students showed the greatest improvement in our last 5 week data cycle (comprehension focus)

- Year 4 – Samyno (8.3% increase)
- Year 5 – Bella (8.3% increase)
- Year 6 – Matthew (33.3% increase)
- Year 7 – Chelsea (8.3% increase)

Another Plea for help

We are looking for 2 or 3 people to do some reading for four mornings a week. Our children need your help. If you can help us with one day a week for ½ hr, 8.30 – 9.00am, please contact me this week. This program will start next week. Thank you in advance.

NAPLAN

On **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** all year 3, 5, and 7 students will undertake National tests for Numeracy and Literacy (NAPLAN).

We will ensure that the students are comfortable and relaxed before we start each session. Students in year 3, 5 and 7 will be separated from the rest of the school while sitting for these tests, to ensure they have the best possible chance of achieving good results. The table below gives an overview of times and tests that they will be doing each day.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 mins Writing 40 mins	Reading 45 mins	Numeracy 45 mins
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 mins Writing 40 mins	Reading 50 mins	Numeracy 50 mins
Year 7	Language Conventions 45 mins Writing 40 mins	Reading 65 mins	Numeracy Calculator – 40 mins Non-calculator - 40 mins

The role you as parents and carers play in ensuring best results for your child, is to give them a good breakfast in the morning and a good night sleep the night before. Tests will start in the first session, so make sure your child has arrived at school on time. If your child misses a day during these tests they can make them up another day this week.

We have been learning well all year and have done a lot of work on reading all questions and answers and then choosing the best response. All we can do is ask everyone to try their hardest. I look forward to seeing the positive results.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback

for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

2013 Burdekin Eisteddfod

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Burdekin Eisteddfod is being held **Monday, 20th May**, for our students. Mrs Dal Santo has been working hard and preparing the students for this year's performance. I am sure the students will perform well and make us all proud. We are looking for parents/community members to drive our students in to Ayr on the day. **Please see attached note regarding transport of children to the Burdekin Theatre Monday, 20th May.**

Tuckshop

The P&C are doing tuckshop again fortnightly, starting on Thursday 23rd May. **Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet and order form.**

Under 8's Day

Under 8's day will be held at our school on **Friday 31st May**. The theme for under 8's week is 'Celebrating community - sharing music, movement and culture. Think locally!'



Students, their siblings and all other community members who are under 8 are welcome to come and participate in a morning of fun activities. We will send out a flyer by the end of this week outlining the activities for the day.

If you know any families in our local area who have children under 8, please make sure you let them know and encourage them to attend. We will finish the morning with a sausage sizzle

Community Forum

On Tuesday 4th June we are holding a Community Forum. During this time I would like to discuss the future for Clare State School. Issues I would like to cover are:

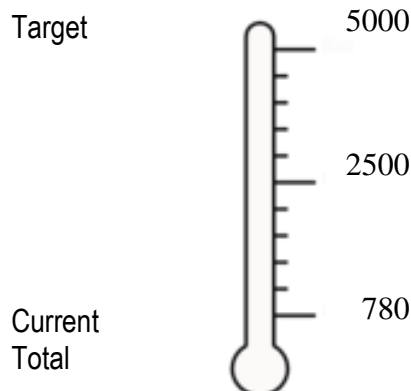
- High School transition for 2014 and beyond.
- The shape of Leadership for 2014.
- Camps for 2014.
- Parent and community satisfaction

For this to be a successful event we require your attendance. Anyone who is interested in their child's education should attend. We will hold the forum at **3pm, Tuesday 4th June**. Feel free to let any families you are aware of know this event is on. **Come and have your say.**

Woolworths 'Earn and Learn'

Just a reminder to all parents to keep sending in your completed sticker cards into the school office or you can

just drop your stickers straight into the 'Clare' collection box in at Woolworths. We appreciate your support and so do your children. We have set ourselves a target for this year and will keep you updated with each newsletter. So please send them in as soon as you can to keep our figures current.



Burdekin Sports Cluster Days

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. The sports we are participating in are boys and girls six a side soccer. Transport notes will be going out later this week.

UNSW Tests

All year 3 – 7's will be undertaking the UNSW English and Mathematics tests which will be held on Wednesday 31st July and Tuesday 13th August. The school will cover the cost of both tests and these results will enable teachers to see how children are going and target areas that may need further support.

Gardens

Soon the children will be busy planting some vegetables and flowers in their gardens. We would appreciate if any parents could donate some tools, gloves, punnets of seedlings (vege's or flowers) and hope that they are a success so that sometime during the year they will be able to donate their produce back to the community.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Joshua Mio who competed in the Burdekin Cross Country Trials. Joshua came 4th in his age division. Well done Joshua!

Reminders:

- P&C Meeting on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm in the library.

Thank you,

Lee Braney
Acting Principal

Quote of the Week:

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

- Albert Einstein

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- NAPLAN – Tuesday 14th May
- NAPLAN – Wednesday 15th May
- NAPLAN – Thursday 16th May
- Eisteddfod – Monday 20th May
- UNSW Computer Skills Test – Tuesday 21st May
- Burdekin Sports Cluster Day – Friday 24th May
- Under 8's Day – Friday 31st May
- Community Forum meeting – Tuesday 4th June
- UNSW Science Test – Wednesday 5th June
- Burdekin Sports Cluster Day – Friday 7th June
- Queens Birthday Public Holiday – Monday 10th June
- UNSW Writing Test – Monday 17th June
- UNSW Spelling Test – Tuesday 18th June

ATTACHMENTS:

- Junior Eisteddfod Transport Note
- P&C Newsletter
- Tuckshop Order Form
- ASHS Flyer (Yr 5,6)

Congratulations to the Students of the Week:



Week 3 – Amber Rapisarda

Week 4 – Matthew Schifilliti

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This Week (13th May to 17th May):

Monday	PE
Tuesday	NAPLAN 3,5,7 LOTE Yr 7
Wednesday	NAPLAN 3,5,7 LOTE Yr 6 P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday	NAPLAN 3,5,7 Parade Music

Next Week (20th May to 24th May):

Monday	Eisteddfod – 1.00pm
Tuesday	LOTE – Year 7
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6
Thursday	Parade Music Tuckshop
Friday	Burdekin Sports Cluster Day