



Clare State School

"The Messenger"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This Friday signifies the mid-point of term 4. This means as of today there are 6 weeks until school holidays and just over 7 weeks until Christmas. We still have so much to get through in such a short time. We will get there but it will take some hard work from staff and students.

Camp

With 1 week until camp I am sure you are all experiencing some excitement and possibly apprehension at home. As I have mentioned previously, I really enjoy camp and look forward to it each year. Over the years I have been to Alexandra Headlands (year 7 camps) and Somerset dam (year 6 camps) numerous times. I have seen many parents worried about camp and how their child will go without them. In my experience I have never had a child want to go home from camp because he/she misses home too much. The children are generally too busy and excited to begin with and then too busy and tired as the week progresses.

I will be joined by Mrs Marchioni (Joanna) on camp as well as two teachers from Giru. I would like to thank Joanna for agreeing to come after Mrs Corradi (Lyn) regretfully told me she couldn't make this year's camp.

In preparation for camp I would ask you to ensure that the items listed on the 'what to bring' list are packed. Please ensure your child has a wide brimmed hat, a second pair of shoes to wear in the dam, sun cream and water bottle. You will also need to pack lunch as normal for the Monday bus trip to Emerald.

The bus will leave Clare State School at 7.45am. You need to be at school no later than 7.30. If you are not there the bus will depart without you. We will then depart Giru by 8.30am.

I look forward to the next newsletter and sharing some of the great stories.

Trivia Night

Thank you to Loretta, Lyn and Joanna for their organisation and running of the night. Thank you also

goes to Natalie for her help on the night. The evening ran well and many of our local community members had a great night. Congratulations must go to Jurassic Sparkz who were the winners on the night. This team was spear headed by the Garbuio family. Second place were the Shaggers, courageously lead by Russel Hall. Personally our table came third, and we blame this on our terrible start due to local knowledge questions and an Ayr map. But seriously we had a great time and won some great prizes including; yoyo's, drink vouchers from the Club, and a glove and stubby cooler combined so your hand doesn't get cold.

Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope this will once again become a yearly event on the Clare calendar.

World of Maths

Tomorrow will see our whole school attend the World of Maths day at Millaroo State School. This is a planned educational excursion based around maths activities. As it is a school day I do expect all students to attend. We will be leaving the school by no later than 9am. Please be at school for our normal 8.50am start. Once again if you aren't at school on time the transport will not wait. Thank you to the people who have offered to help transport on the day. We will leave Millaroo at 1pm to arrive back at school by 1.30pm.

Swimming

Students will today be asked to nominate for the events in which they will participate in. The swimming carnival is **Wednesday November 27th**, week 8. They have been practising each Monday this term and will continue to do so until week 7.

Curriculum

Mrs Fahey is currently employed at our school an extra day a week to target writing in our school. We have chosen to work with the year 2, 4 and 6 students to help enhance their writing skills in advance of next year's NAPLAN tests. We want to ensure they are equipped with the appropriate skills to write an effective Narrative

or Persuasive text. We will continue to target groups in term 1 next year.

We are still running reading groups across the school every morning for all year levels and are working on having the whole school doing a spelling program at the same time.

I recently attended a moderation session to discuss teacher marking of the last poetry assessment. As I have told the children, I am extremely proud of the work we, as a school produced. The high expectations we have and the effort the children put into their work is clear for all to see when we join with the other small school in the area. Well done everyone on the great work you are doing.

Turn your phone into a life saver

The Australian Red Cross has released a free first aid app for smartphone users.

The app guides users through the correct response for many incidents including heart attacks, strokes, diabetic episodes along with the more common burns, sprains and strains. The app is easy to use and features vital life-saving information, videos and quizzes to test your first-aid knowledge on correct treatments for children and adults.

Learning the skills to save a life through first aid training is one thing, but remembering what to do when under pressure is where this first aid app can help most.

This new Smartphone app is available from www.redcross.org.au/first-aid-app.aspx or the Google Play and Apple app stores.

MOVEMBER

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of millions of moustaches around the world. With their "Mo's" men raise vital funds and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health. As an independent global charity, Movember's vision is to have an everlasting impact on the face of men's health. This year Mr Braney and Mr Roberson are participating in Movember 2013.

Anyone can visit the Movember homepage for more information and to make a donation. If you would like to make a donation towards the cause all you simply have to do is type in the Movember web address <http://au.movember.com/donate> and search for "The Clare Boys".

Your donation will support world class men's health programs that combat prostate and testicular cancer and mental health challenges. All programs work to achieve

a vision of an everlasting impact on the face of men's health. The Movember Foundation is authorised by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient and tax-exempt health promotion charity.

Important dates for Term 4:

- Tuesday 5th November – Maths Day in Millaroo
- Monday 18th & 25th November – Prep Open Day
- Wednesday 27th November – Interhouse Swimming Carnival
- Monday 2nd December – Prep Open Day
- Wednesday 4th December – Clare SS Christmas Concert & Science Day (CSIRO) in Clare
- Wednesday 11th December – Yr 7 Graduation Night and Bowling Day for whole school
- Thursday 12th December – End of Year Parade

Thank you,

Lee Braney
Acting Principal

Quote of the Week:

"Goals in writing are dreams with deadlines."

- Brian Tracy

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Prep Open Day Flyer
- Swimming Carnival Tuckshop Form

Congratulations to the Students of the Week:



Week 3 – Dylan Cruz

Week 4 – Luke McNee

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This Week (4th November to 8th November):

Monday	Swimming - PE
Tuesday	World of Maths – Millaroo Melbourne Cup
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6 RE
Thursday	Parade Music

Next Week (11th November to 15th November):

Monday	Swimming – PE Yr 5-7 Depart for Camp
Tuesday	LOTE - Year 7 Yr 5-7 on Camp
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6 RE Yr 5-7 on Camp
Thursday	Music Parade Yr 5-7 on Camp
Friday	Yr 5-7 return from Camp