



Clare State School

"The Messenger"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 3. As term one is only a 9 week term students will be required to work extremely hard to ensure we cover all aspects of the curriculum necessary. The term has started well and I feel we are off to a great start and all children have settled well.

Some great news for Clare State School in regards to student numbers. As mentioned previously, day 8 is the day where funding and staff numbers are calculated for all state schools. I am pleased to announce that as of day 8 we have 29 students enrolled, which means we will retain 2 teachers. This is great news for our school and community. Please make all new students and their families feel welcome.

At Clare State School we have high expectations for our students and families. These high expectations start with book work. We will be ensuring all students rule their books appropriately, use acceptable handwriting and take care of their books. Please make sure your child has every opportunity to complete their homework to the high standards they are capable of.

Swimming

Congratulations to Joshua Mio for being named age champion for 9 year olds at the B&C swimming carnival. Joshua will now compete at the Webber Shield on Tuesday. Well done Joshua on your efforts so far and good luck for Tuesday. We will all be thinking of you Tuesday morning.

School Swimming was scheduled to commence today. However, due to a broken pool pump we were unable to begin. We will keep you informed with the progress of pool maintenance and will let the students know when we can start using the pool.

Leadership badge Parade

The Year 7 Leaders Badge Ceremony will take place, **9am Thursday, 21st February**. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. There will be a small morning tea for the parents and Student Leaders afterwards. We have also invited Rosemary Menkens from the Local Council to help with the presentation of badges.

Interschool Sport

The year 5-7 students will be participating in Interschool Sport throughout Term 1. This will commence on **Friday 22nd February** for 5 weeks. Due to numbers, we will only be able to play hockey as a mixed sport. All players/students will require a mouth guard to participate. Further information will be given as details are confirmed.

Travel to and from School

Thank you to all parents and carers for the care taken to adhere to speed limits and parking signage around our school. Please remember that there is a bus zone directly outside the gate. *Bus zones are a designated no standing zone*. For the safety of our children, I would like to remind you to continue to park outside of this area. I encourage everyone to continue to be vigilant when picking up and dropping off their children. This minimises the risk of any accidents and will help to ensure that our children stay as safe as possible.

When children arrive before the first bell, 8.30am, they must be seated under the undercover area and should remain there until the first bell has gone. After this bell, students are allowed to play handball or enter their classroom. They are only to enter the classroom if a teacher is present in the classroom and has said they can enter.

Parent Information Sessions

Please be aware that on **Wednesday 20th February** there will be Parent Information sessions held for each class. **The 3-7 class will be from 8.00am – 8.30am and P-2 class will be from 8.30am – 8.50am**. This will be a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's classroom teacher and find out what they are learning about as well as being informed about classroom routines and expectations. During this time teachers will be able to answer questions.

Year 7 Young Leaders

The children of Year Seven will be attending the Young Leaders Day held in Brisbane. The 2013 Young Leader's Day program is **Wednesday March 27th**. At this stage we are looking to fly to Brisbane, Monday 25th of March, and return to Townsville, Wednesday 27th March. This should be a fun and educational experience for all.

Get Started vouchers to help children get active

Get Started is a new State Government funding program offering up to \$150 per student towards sport club registration or membership fees to help families who can't afford to sign their child up and to encourage other children to get involved by helping to improve their social connections or health. Children with a parent or guardian who holds a Health Care or Pension Concession Card can submit a form to qualify, while other families will also need to submit recommendations from two referral agents with their application. Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing's [Get in the Game website](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/referral-agents.html). The first funding round opened on 15 January 2013 with vouchers distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until the allocation is exhausted or closes on 15 April 2013. A second round will open on 15 July 2013.

<http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/referral-agents.html>

Clare State School Website

We encourage all parents to visit our new website (<https://www.claress.eq.edu.au>) which will be kept updated regularly. All newsletters can be accessed and important information and upcoming dates and events will also be posted on the website.

Reminders

■ Thank you to those parents who have kindly donated a ream of photocopy paper and a box of tissues. If you have not already done so, it would be greatly appreciated.

■ Parents who have not returned their Permission Slips 2013 form, Medical Information Update 2013 form and Internet/Email Access Agreement 2013 form need to do so by **Wednesday 13th February**. Children that have not returned these forms will not be able to attend swimming.

■ School Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00am – 3.00pm.

Thank you,

Lee Braney
Acting Principal

Quote of the Week:

You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Christopher Columbus

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Webber Shield – Tuesday 12th February
- Parent Information Sessions – Wednesday 20th February
- Year 7 Badge Presentation Parade – Thursday 21st February
- Interschool Sport commences – Friday 22nd February
- Yr 7 Young Leaders Conference – Monday 25th March – Wednesday 27th March.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Townsville Easter Holiday Science Flyer

P&C NOTICES:

- P&C Meeting on Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm.
- P&C Newsletter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

This Week (11th February to 15th February):

Monday	Music PE
Tuesday	P&C Meeting LOTE – Year 7 Webber Shield
Wednesday	LOTE – Year 6 RE

Next Week (18th February to 22nd February):

Monday	Music PE
Tuesday	LOTE Yr 7
Wednesday	Parent Information Sessions LOTE Yr 6 RE
Thursday	Year 7 Badge Parade
Friday	Interschool Sport (Yr 5-7)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL CLEANER

**Clare State School
Larkin St, Clare Q 4807**

Permanent position 26.75 hrs/wk.

All prospective employees must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Successful applicant may be subject to a probationary period.

Applications will remain valid for 12 months.

For an application package, please visit the school office, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9am & 3pm.

If you have any queries please contact the school office on 4782 7133

Applications close 1st March 2013