

Clare State School

The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

Our 2021 Priorities:

1. **DATA** - Engage all staff members in professional development to increase their ability to use this data to effectively teach students.
2. **CURRICULUM AND TEACHING STRATEGIES** - Review, update and embed the Clare State School Pedagogical Framework to include STEM, Writing and Age-Appropriate Pedagogies as major focus areas.
3. **COMMUNITY** – Continue to provide educational and social services for children in Clare.

Achieved

Partially or Nearly Achieved

Yet to be Commenced/Not achieved

We will know that we have achieved this when:
All teaching staff and students can articulate their students' learning goals.
Learning goals are aligned to student data and are shared with families.
90% of students achieving C or better in English, Maths, Science and HASS. 45% of students achieving A-B in English, Maths, Science and HASS.
All student support is recorded on OneSchool by teaching staff.
All unit, daily and lesson plans to include evidence of the Maker Model being used for differentiation.
Practices for mentoring, observation, feedback and moderation are formalised and occur at least twice per term.
All staff using OneSchool data recording and record keeping functionalities.
All English and Science unit planning, daily planning and lesson planning to include STEM, Age Appropriate Pedagogies and Writing Demands
Childcare service (After School Care) set up in Clare.
Playgroup set up at Clare State School
Case management meetings for individual students, centred on writing development, are held fortnightly and involve goal setting, monitoring and reviewing phases.

Important Dates

15/2 – Sweethearts Day (Students to wear red and make a donation to Heart Kids)	17/2 – Student Leadership Speeches (1:30 – 2:30pm)	18/2 – Student Leaders Announced
24/2 – P&C AGM	26/2 – Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony	3/3 – Year 5 Transition Day to Ayr SHS
10/3 – Well-Being and Arts Cluster Day (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE)	19/3 – National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence	26/3 – Epilepsy Awareness Day
1/4 – Burdekin Small Schools' Cross Country	2/4 – Good Friday and end of Term 1	

Thursday 11 February

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the first edition of “The Messenger” for 2021. We certainly have had an exceptionally busy start to the school year with the setup of various new and exciting learning programs, commencing after-school care and preparing our students for leadership and learning. More of these will be detailed in later segments of this newsletter but we really do have some very exciting things happening around our school at the moment.

I would also like to take this opportunity to formally welcome all of the new students and their families to our school. I have been very pleased to see the way that our older students, in particular, have welcomed the new students and assisted them whenever possible. It has also been great to see all students putting in good efforts in their work in the classroom. I encourage them to keep this up.

Sincerely,

Troy Patti

Principal

In the Classroom



The first few weeks of this school year have seen our students unpacking their units of work to know what they need to do to be successful in all areas. We have also commenced our goal setting processes and have completed some standardised tests for some of our students. Reading Rotations have also



taken on a slightly different look this year with parents who have volunteered to help being used to read with individual students rather than a group of students. Our plan is to get students reading and writing more often throughout each day to develop their literacy skills to their potential.

In Mathematics, students have been learning the following:

Prep – Locating and representing numbers to 10, identifying the

difference between letters, symbols and numbers, ordering the days of the week and creating patterns.

Year 1 – Creating and describing growth patterns and making, ordering the months of the year and representing and writing teen numbers.

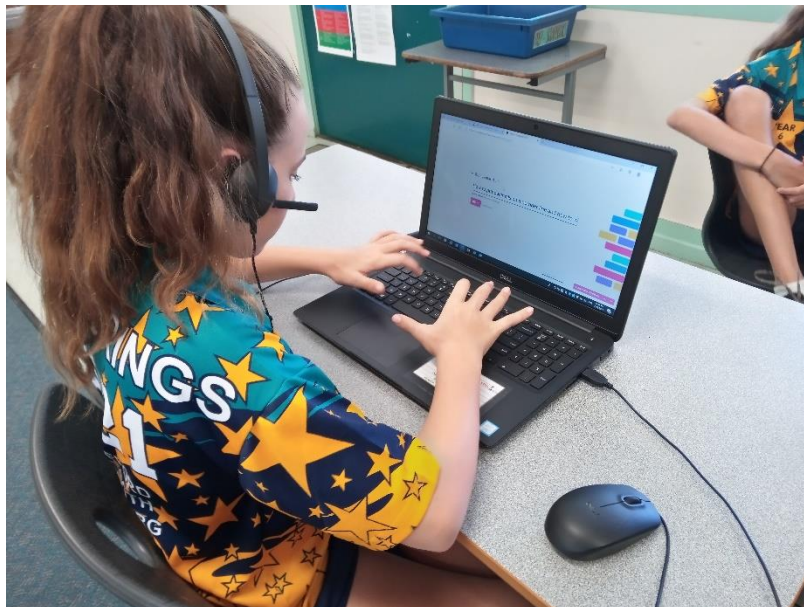
Year 2 – Locating and describing the parts of a calendar, locating dates on the calendar, learning how many days are in each month and linking seasons to the months of the year.

Year 3 – Telling time to five minute intervals, matching analogue and digital times and times written in words.

Year 4 – Place value to thousands, locating numbers on number lines, making and writing numbers to 10,000, addition and subtraction facts.

Year 5 – split compensate and written strategies for multiplication, addition and subtraction. Finding factors and multiples.

Year 6 – Identifying and explaining prime and composite numbers and prime factors, using the split and written strategies for multiplication and identifying equivalent fractions.



Our year 5 and 6 students have also been enrolled in an individualized online mathematics program, 'Maths Club'. For this program, students will participate in an interactive online lesson once per week with a personal tutor. The programs that have been selected target each students individual needs with progress notes and ideas for each student being sent to the classroom teachers weekly. The students have enjoyed this program so far and have been receiving individualized support, which

further enhances the support that they are given in the classroom.

Mrs Spencer is also running an extension mathematics program for selected students in our upper grades once per week. The students have decided on a project that they will complete throughout this semester. They are being very tight lipped about what their chosen project is!



After School Care

After-School Care started last week after what has been a mammoth effort by all involved to get this service up and running. The children who attended all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and both instructors commented positively on the effort and behaviour of all children. After-School Care will run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout this term from 2:30 – 5:15pm. Each day, the children will be provided with afternoon tea, care for our chickens, do some gardening, complete their homework and play a variety of games and activities. On Tuesdays they will also play touch football and on Wednesday they will complete a swimming lesson. A text will be sent out to relevant families in the next couple of weeks with outstanding payments for the rest of this term.

Student Leadership Speeches and Induction Parade

Next Wednesday 17 September at 1:30pm – 2:30pm our year 4 – 6 students will have the opportunity to present their leadership speech to parents, staff and their peers. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend. Following the speeches, all staff and students in year 1 – 6 will vote for the student leaders for 2021. The students in year 5 and 6 are all vying for the elected positions of School Captain, Sports Captain, President of the Student Council, Secretary of the Student Council and Treasurer of the Student Council.

It should be noted that leadership positions will be filled with year 6 students first but, as stated above, the positions are also available to year 5 students. Students who do not receive an elected leadership position will be Student Leaders and all positions will receive badges at our Induction Parade, which will be held on 26 February at 9:45am in the Library. Parents and carers who attend this Induction Parade are asked to bring a plate of food to share. Students in Year 4 who present their speech next week will have the opportunity to participate in Student Council Meetings. They will also be presented to the school community at our Induction Parade but will not receive a badge. Our student leaders for 2021 will be announced on 18 February.

Ayr State High School Year 5 Transition Day



All year 5 students have been invited to Ayr State High School for a Transition Day on Wednesday 3 March. Please see the attached note for more information.

Sweethearts Day

On Monday 15 February, everyone is encouraged to wear red and make a donation to HeartKids. On the day, students will see a short presentation about HeartKids including an insight into the journey of one of our year 6 students, Jaiden Booth, who is a HeartKid. They will also get to enjoy some red cupcakes at first break.



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Drum Muster

you are interested in volunteering. Drum Muster is also very flexible so times that you volunteer can work around your other commitments. It raises between \$2000 and \$3000 annually for our P&C Association.

We are looking for volunteers to take over the Drum Muster here in Clare. Please contact the P&C if



Parents and Citizens Association Meeting

The Clare State School Parents and Citizens' Association will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 24 February at 3:00pm – 4:30pm in the library. At this meeting, all of the executive positions will be vacated and a new executive will be elected. This is an excellent opportunity for all parents and community members to have an input into our school and their child's education.

Playgroup

Our Playgroup is still looking for a co-ordinator to take over. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact the School Office for more information.



GRIP Leadership Camp

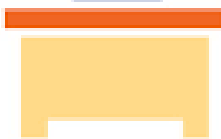
Last week our year 6 students ventured to Townsville for the GRIP Leadership Conference as part of their Leadership Camp. During the two day camp students learnt about the attributes of a leader, formed their own plans about how they are going to be an effective leader at our school, set some goals for our Student Council, participated in an art class and played tenpin bowling and lasertag. It was an

action filled camp with all students having a great time.



Attendance Rate for 2021 is
97.58%.

Work hard to keep this high!

Every day 
COUNTS! 

School success starts
with attendance