

Newsletter  
every second  
Thursday

# Clare State School

## The Messenger



CLARE STATE SCHOOL

### Our 2022 Priorities:

1. **DATA** - Engage all staff members in professional development to increase their ability to use this data to effectively teach students.
2. **LITERACY** – Align the teaching of phonics, spelling, reading and writing to provide a unified and synthetic approach to teaching these elements of English.
3. **CURRICULUM AND TEACHING STRATEGIES** – Embed Walker Learning in Prep - Yr 2 and develop differentiation strategies to engage all students.

**Achieved**

**Partially or Nearly Achieved**

**Yet to be Commenced/Not achieved**

<b>We will know that we have achieved this when:</b>
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.
100% students to achieve above NMS and 45% to achieve upper 2 bands for NAPLAN.
All staff and students are able to explain their learning goals and all staff can identify these learning goals and how students are supported to achieve these goals.
Current version of Mathematics Curriculum to be implemented.
Statement of Intent and Walker Learning Activities aligned to Australian Curriculum and current units of work
All teaching staff have performance development plans that are aligned to the Explicit Improvement Agenda and influenced by observations, coaching, mentoring and feedback.
Teaching of phonics, reading, spelling, handwriting and vocabulary is done through an aligned literacy block across the school.
All staff using OneSchool data recording and record keeping functionalities.
All student support is recorded on OneSchool by teaching staff.

#### Important Dates

7/3 – P&C Meeting and AGM	18/2 – National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying	25/3 – Epilepsy Awareness Day
29/3 – Small Schools' Cross Country	31/3 – Parent-Teacher Interviews	1/4 – Induction Parade, Touch Football Game, Easter Egg Hunt and Last Day of Term

Thursday 10 March 2022

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next week will see all of our teaching staff attend professional development to develop our skills in teaching reading and writing. This will be conducted over 4 days and will result in some changes to our usual school routines. On Tuesday, we will be travelling to Millaroo State School via bus. The bus will depart Clare at 8:30am and return at 2:30pm. Bus runs to and from school will proceed as normal. On Thursday and Friday, the students from Millaroo State School will join our students at our school. Learning will continue as normal but will be organized in a way to incorporate the students and staff from both schools. The students are looking forward to spending some time with their friends from Millaroo on these days.

Some of you would have noticed some new celebrities at our school, Angel and Lightning, our new guinea pigs. I am pretty sure that they are the most loved guinea pigs in the whole world. They students have been taking really good care of them. We have also recently installed some graded recycling bins and a worm farm. Our plan is to recycle all of our food scraps. **If you have any food scraps at home, please send them in to school** and they will be recycled by feeding our worms, guinea pigs and chickens. We will eventually use the worm juice from the worm farm on our vegetable garden.

Our students have been enjoying the new reading books that we purchased last year. The books are engaging and have some great tips for increasing vocabulary, developing comprehension skills and fluency. **If any parents or family members are able to assist with covering these books, please see Mrs Corradi.** This is a huge job and the sooner we have the books covered, the sooner the students will get to use them.

Our P&C will hold their Annual General Meeting in the Library on Monday 21 March at 3:30pm. **I strongly encourage all families to attend this meeting.** It is a great opportunity for you to become involved in your child's education. The meeting was originally set for this week but a general meeting was held instead.

Thank you to those families who have signed and returned the yearly permission forms. Please return them if you have not already done so.

Parent-teacher Interview notes are also attached to this newsletter. **Please fill them out and return them to the School Office.** This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teachers.

Our school is currently in the final stages of organizing new sports shirts. The design will be presented at the next P&C meeting with order forms to be sent home once the design has been finalized. These shirts will be able to be worn on days where students have physical education lessons as well as any other sporting occasions. Our current design is attached.

Sincerely,

Troy Patti - Principal



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## In the Classroom



Last Friday, Mrs Ruth Rush from the Burdekin Potters came to our school to teach our students some pottery techniques as they made clay imprints and sculptures. This linked to the current learnings in Visual Arts where students in year 3 and 4 had to make a dinosaur fossil imprint and students in year 5 and 6 had to create a sculpture of an animal that had similar characteristics to themselves. The students really enjoyed the day and created some exceptional artworks.

In Science, students in Prep – Year 4 have finished their assessment pieces for this term and will move on to their learnings in Health. Prep – Year 2 students have already started learning about how to be safe. They have created a personal emergency information card with information such as their name, address and phone number so that they can use it if they ever need to call 000. Many of the students did not know their address nor did they know their parent's phone number. This would be good to go through them with as well as how to unlock a mobile phone or use the home phone.

Our year 5 and 6 students are currently learning about natural disasters and will have to choose a natural disaster to produce an information brochure about. This brochure must include what to do to prepare for the disaster, what needs to be done during the disaster and what to do after the disaster has passed. So far we have discussed cyclones, tsunamis, droughts and floods at length and have touched on earthquakes. Please talk to your children about your experiences of any of these disasters. They are very interested and it will help them form their brochure.

We will also be getting our vegetable garden ready to be planted over the next few weeks. **If you have any empty little yoghurt containers at home, please send them in over the next two weeks.** We will use these to germinate seed for our garden. This links to our Prep – Year 2 Science lessons about life cycles of plants.



## School Camp

Students in Year 3 – 6 will have the opportunity to attend our school camp later this year. The deposit for this camp is due in the coming weeks. Please see the attached note for more information.

## Small Schools' Cross Country

Please fill out the attached permission form, project consent form and tuckshop note for the Burdekin Small Schools' Cross Country, which will be held at Gumlu State School on Tuesday 29 March. Private transport will be required to and from this event. Students have commenced training for the cross country.

## National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying

At Clare State School, we do not tolerate bullying or violence of any kind. One of the ways that we show our support for eliminating these issues is through wearing orange shirts for the National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying (Friday 18 March). On this day, students will participate in a number of activities that educate them about what bullying and violence are, the effects of bullying and how to seek help.



## Epilepsy Awareness Day

On Friday 26 March, all students are encouraged to wear purple for Epilepsy Awareness Day. A gold coin donation will be taken on the day with all money being donated to Epilepsy Queensland.



Last Day of Term 1 - Induction Parade, Touch Football Match and Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday 1 April, we will induct our 2022 student leaders and members of our Student Council (all students in year 5 and 6) at a special parade to be held at 12:30pm in the school library. The

parade will run from 8:45 – 9:15am. Following the parade, we will have a students versus parents and teachers touch football game. After the game of touch football we will stop for morning tea at approximately 10:00am. **Please bring a plate of food to share.** From 1:30pm – 2:30pm in the afternoon, we will finish the term with an Easter Egg Hunt and students will be able to cash in their stickers for prizes.



Attendance Rate for 2022 is **97.2%**.

