

Newsletter No. 6 – 28.4.16

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the many students and staff who marched in the Mackay ANZAC Day parade on Monday. Two-thirds of our school population attended the march and I was so impressed as the students marched with pride to the beat provided by our amazing Drumming Corp. I have been inundated with compliments about our school from Regional Office personnel as well as many other schools and parents. Thank you Mr Sturgeon for training our wonderful little group.

Helping Hands Before and After School Care

The harsh reality is that this wonderful service is not being utilized to its full potential and I have been advised that it will not continue next year with current attendance numbers. The P&C and Staff worked tirelessly to commence this service and the returned surveys at the initial set up indicated a strong enrolment. However, many families who initially indicated they would use it, haven't. The plan was that the facility would steadily increase during the two year trial period but this has not been the case.

School Arrival Time

Students are **not to be on school premises prior to 8:15am**. I will be personally contacting parents who are sending their children prior to 8:15am. Once again, it is imperative that Helping Hands is utilized before to this time.

Nebo Rodeo

PLEASE PLEASE!!!!!! If you can help in any capacity with our major fundraisers this year, the P&C would be most appreciative. We are in desperate need of assistance and at this stage we have minimal help which means a small group will have to carry the load for the entire weekend. I can't stress enough how rewarding it can be to be actively involved in our school. Students love to see their parents helping out and your involvement deepens our already strong community spirit.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of Week 5 (10th, 11th, 12th May). Once again our wonderful P&C have volunteered to provide breakfast for all of our students on these mornings. We will require some assistance on these days so could you please indicate when you are able to assist with breakfasts?

Term 2 Planner

Please find attached the Term 2 Planner for upcoming activities at our school. Place it on your fridge so you can keep track of the wonderful events at Chelona State School.

Have a wonderful week - Mrs Tonimaree Brown

PREP

Dear Families,

Thank you for your wonderful support in having your child at the ANZAC Day Parade in Mackay early on Monday morning. I have received lots of emails and text messages from friends and former colleagues complementing our school on how lovely they looked, how splendidly they marched and how great the drummers sounded. The children have really embraced the stories of the ANZACs and Miss Priv uploaded some photographs of their episode of outdoor play (which also focused on the ANZACs) onto our school's Facebook page for you to view.

Thanks to the families who have sent in their child's photographs for History. Each child needs to have three photographs of themselves commemorating significant events in their lifetime. Please have these clearly named and the occasion being celebrated (and the date) written on the back of each photo. The photographs need to be at school by **Friday May 6**.

Thank you to the families who are constructing items and collecting items for the Under 8's Day on Wednesday May 26. I hope as many parents as possible can come along and join the celebration. At this stage, we know that both Oakenden State School's and Homebush State School's under 8's are planning on joining us.

All children are in need of three or four more triangular shaped HB writing pencils and 2 more glue sticks. Please send these items in as soon as possible.

I am also asking for donations of items to be used in our Mud Kitchen e.g. old cooking utensils, mixing bowls, frying pans, pots and unbreakable cups. Any pre-loved cooking items would be gratefully accepted.

A message to the mothers – please arrive punctually at our classroom on Friday May 6 @ 2:40pm for a **short** presentation the children have been working on. If you arrive late, there's a good chance you will miss it. Bring along a tissue, as you may need one.

Thanks again for the wonderful support you are providing to your children by reading to them, practising sight words and hearing them read on a daily basis. Some very pleasing gains are being made.

Kind regards - Kris

Year3/4

This week in Year 3 & 4 the children have been conducting chance experiments and working with probability. During our literacy time we have been brainstorming ideas and working on persuasive writing. We have also been working on punctuation and grammar in preparation for NAPLAN testing. In History we have been learning about historically and personally significant events and developing a personal timeline of important life events. In Art we have started creating something special for Mother's Day. Hopefully the details are still a secret!

Anissa and Tonimaree

Year 5-6 Classroom News

It is Week 3 of Term 2 and students have been working hard as always. Congratulations to all who took part in the ANZAC ceremony at school last Thursday. I was very impressed with the level of maturity displayed by the students. Well done in particular to Riley and Ethan for helping to run the ceremony and to Hudson Galletly for reading the poem "In Flanders Field" and Jack Clark "The Ode". Thank you for transporting your children to the Cross Country at Oakenden. Our children showed determination to do their best and I could see how much effort they put into their races. It was also terrific to see so many faces at the ANZAC Day parade in Mackay. Our students marched with pride and were very respectful. Congratulations to the marching band who were superb.

In English, we have been looking at persuasive text types and features of newspaper articles. Students have been concentrating on a particular grammar focus each week and they have continued to learn explicit reading strategies. It is very important that students are reading each night to develop their reading fluency and to expand their vocabulary.

In Maths, students have been calculating the area and perimeter of shapes. They have also been drawing and measuring angles. I have seen improvement in some students' knowledge of their multiplication facts and we revise them every morning in class. However, it is vital that students so practise these at home as so much of what we do in Maths relies on this automatic knowledge.

Students have been allocated an explorer to research as part of their History Unit. They will have to complete all assessment tasks in class time and will be provided with the material needed to complete the written tasks as well as time to use the internet. Students are welcome to research more at home and take notes but the work for the assessment must be done independently.

The Year 5 students in the classroom are getting ready to participate in week 5 NAPLAN sessions. These sessions will be on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May. Students are encouraged to

make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time the night before each session and to try their very best. It is important that all students in the class arrive at school on time so there are no disruptions.

Thank you - Mrs Strang

P & C Notice

Nebo Rodeo

The P & C require **50 lemons** to serve with fish at Nebo Rodeo. They can be of any type but clean. Please drop off at the school office any time next week.

AMART ALLSPORTS

We have secured \$150.00 in credit from the Amart Allsports Loyalty Program for the first quarter of the year. The money will be spent of sporting goods for the students.

So please buy your sporting goods from them is possible to help secure funding to improve our facilities.

Join the Amart Loyalty Program when you or your family members purchase items from AMART ALLSPORTS and select our school. The school receives 5% kick back for all purchase which select our school. Please help to support the school.

Student Banking

Please give your Bendigo Student banking satchels to the P & C Box located inside the door of Miss Priv's room in the morning of the BANKING DAY.

If your child does not have a Bendigo Account please fill out and return the attached form to your child's teacher, making sure the all documentation is attached (e.g. Birth certificate of child, parents ID). If the student wishes to bank on that day, please place name and money in an envelope to be collect with forms.

Banking Dates

April 28

May 12, 26

June 9, 23

Uniforms

TIMES FOR PURCHASING OF UNIFORMS is 8.15am-8.45am on a Monday morning. Other times, please phone Roxanne on 49595310 or Kristy Bennett on 49595996 or Lizzy Burrows on 49595691 to arrange an appointment. **Money is required at time of purchase. EFTPOS now available.**

OLD DESIGN SCHOOL SHIRTS are now discounted down to \$15 per shirt and the new school shirts are now \$32.00 each. The P&C plan to phase the new uniform in over 5 years.

SCHOOL BAGS are available for purchase at the cost of \$40.00.

HATS are available for purchase at the cost of \$28.00.

Tuckshop

GLUTEN FREE NUGGETS NOW AVAILABLE FROM TUCKSHOP AT 50C PER NUGGET.

Please see Michelle if you can help out with the tuckshop.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to all the parents and community for the donation of batteries. The P&C raised over \$800.00 KEEP THEM COMING!

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Please see attached, roster return.

NEBO RODEO

Thank you for the people that have returned the form for help at Nebo Rodeo. A roster is being worked out on Friday 29 April 2016. WE NEED AS MANY HELPERS AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND RETURNED URGENTLY BY FRIDAY.

As part of our fundraising for this year. We are going to cater for the Nebo Rodeo on the 7th May 2016. The P & C are currently in the preliminary stages of organising and any volunteers wishing to help at this stage would be greatly appreciated.

Keep in mind that we will required volunteers for the Saturday lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast.

If you are interested in helping please contact a member of the P & C or the office. WE ARE IN NEED OF INTERESTED PARTIES NAMES TO START UP ROSTERS. Please complete the information table below if you are interested.

Student Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Contact No.:** _____

Please indicate which you will able to help with and the amount of time or any sort of logistics which you may be able to help with (e.g. Truck)

Preparation/Loading on Thursday and Friday _____

Delivery and Setting Up at Nebo _____

Saturday Mid-Morning at Nebo _____

Saturday Lunch at Nebo _____

Saturday Night at Nebo _____

Sunday Breakfast at Nebo _____

Any other information _____

NAPLAN

If you are able to help with breakfast cooking on any of the below dates for NAPLAN, please fill in the form and send back to school no later than Friday 6th May.

_____ Tuesday 10th May, I can help with cooking and clean up from 7.30am.

_____ Wednesday 11th May, I can help with cooking and clean up from 7.30am.

_____ Thursday 12th May, I can help with cooking and clean up from 7.30am.

FAMILY NAME _____ SIGNED _____ DATE / /2016.

CHELONA STATE SCHOOL TERM 2 PLANNER 2016

Week 1	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April Mobile Library
Week 2	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April Anzac Ceremony	22 April Cross Country - Oakenden
Week 3	25 April Anzac Day	26 April	27 April	28 April Student Banking	29 April Mobile Library
Week 4	2 May May Day Holiday	3 May	4 May	5 May	6 May Nebo Rodeo Fundraiser 7 th /8 th
Week 5	9 May	10 May NAPLAN (P&C providing breakfast)	11 May NAPLAN (P&C providing breakfast)	12 May NAPLAN (P&C providing breakfast) Student Banking	13 May Mobile Library
Week 6	16 May	17 May School Photos	18 May	19 May	20 May
Week 7	23 May	24 May	25 May Brendan Smith visiting – Assistant Regional Director	26 May Under 8's Day 9- 11am Student Banking	27 May Mobile Library
Week 8	30 May	31 May AAP- Chelona hosting RO, Mackay Schools and Griffith Uni.	1 June	2 June CQ Principal's Conference in Gladstone	3 June CQ Principal's Conference in Gladstone
Week 9	6 June	7 June	8 June Chelona School Sports Day	9 June Student Banking	10 June Mobile Library
Week 10	13 June	14 June	15 June	16 June	17 June
Week 11	20 June Sandy Creek Cluster Sport at Dundula	21 June Stephanie Alexander Cooking Day Report Cards home	22 June Sandy Creek Cluster Sport at Dundula	23 June Show Holiday	24 June Last day of Term 2 Mobile Library

