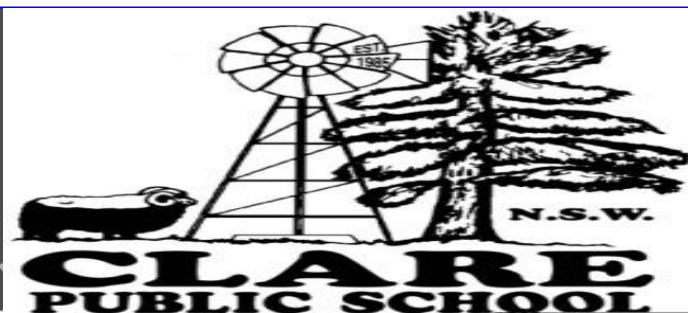


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From the Principal's Desk

On Thursday 9th September Mr Colin Parker our Regional Director visited our school for 3 hours from Wagga. Mr Parker enjoyed looking at our new school improvements since his last visit many years ago. He thoroughly enjoyed listening to all the children read. The students performed 5 songs for Mr Parker and also enjoyed the time he spent with them at our school.

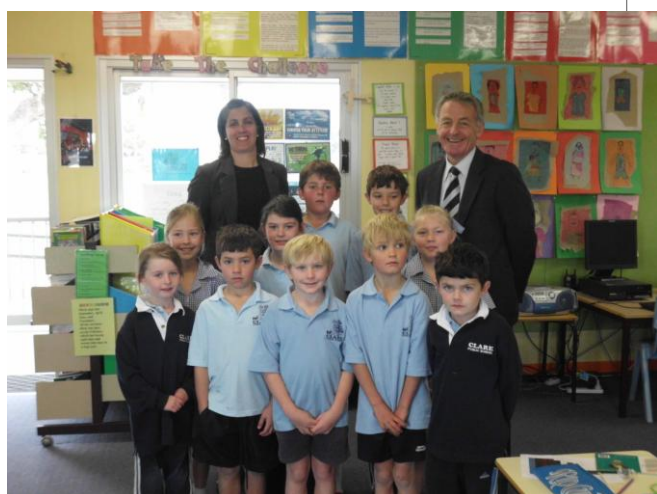
Below is Mr Parker's regional director message in the latest school biz.

"Thank you to principals, staff and community hosting my visits this week to Balranald CS and Clare PS."

Few Riverina colleagues would have visited our most remote regional school, Clare PS, which is located 160 km due north of Balranald, set all alone on the edge of one of the huge sheep properties along the road leading to Ivanhoe. It is certainly worth a look on the [map](#) to get an idea of the school's isolation. Whilst we have many small schools of similar size to Clare PS within cooee of a larger neighbouring school, Clare PS with its 13 students provides the only community hub in this vast area, and what a vibrant hub it is!"



Mr Parker listening to some fantastic reading!



The Regional Director Mr Colin Parker visited our school on Thursday 8th September 2011



Congratulations to the Under 11's who had their presentation night in Balranald a few weeks ago.



Logan Fitzgerald won the vote count and Nash Fitzgerald won the Runners Up.

Here are our property signs that we enlarged for our dad's for Father's Day.





Look at our Super Dad Father's Day cards!

I hope all the Dad's had a lovely Father's Day on the 4th September. I'm sure they liked their special presents from the children which were black and white property signs.

Our school has been asked to take part in a combined athletics day at Balranald with BCS & St Josephs students. The carnival will be held on Thursday 22nd September the last week of term. Permission notes will go home next week.

Have a great week! ☺ *Melanie Scott* Principal

Please ensure you read the What's happening on the newsletter as our plans can change daily.

District Athletics Carnival Results @ Tooleybuc

Harriet Jones

2nd Jnr Girls 800m,

Logan Fitzgerald

2nd Jnr Boys Discus, 3rd Jnr Boys 800m

Nash Fitzgerald

2nd 11 yr Boys Shot put, 3rd 11 Yr Boys Discus

Jess Scott 3rd 8ys 100m, 2nd PP6 Relay

Jack Scott 2nd PP6 Relay

Charli Scott 2nd PP6 Relay



*District Athletics Carnival @ Tooleybuc 19th
August 2011*

What's Happening

Week 8 Term 3 September 5th- 9th

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday School Banking \$\$\$

Thursday Regional Director visit Colin Parker 10am-12

Friday Miss Baker GO ROOS GO on Saturday!

Week 9 Term 3 September 12th – 16th

Monday Short week ☺

Tuesday

Wednesday School Banking \$\$\$

Thursday

Friday Miss Baker Riv Athletics Albury

Week 10 Term 3 September 19th- 23rd

Monday

Tuesday Cap development Day @ Deni

Wednesday School Banking \$\$\$

Thursday Combined Athletics with St Joseph's & BCS

Friday Short week ☺



CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWS

CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON



**CLARE HALL TUESDAY 1ST
NOVEMBER 11.00 AM**

*Keep the date further information will be
provided soon!*



Big thanks to Kara Scott for helping me to do our new mural which has all the property names of students who have ever attended our school to date.



Look at our new table and chairs special thanks to both the P&C and the school for this recent purchase.

Moulamein PSSA Trial & Carnival Dates 2011

Tennis (Year 5 only)

? – Friday 4 November, Barham

School Photos

*will be held at Clare school by
MSP Photographers in Term 4 Week 2 on
Tuesday 18th October 2011*



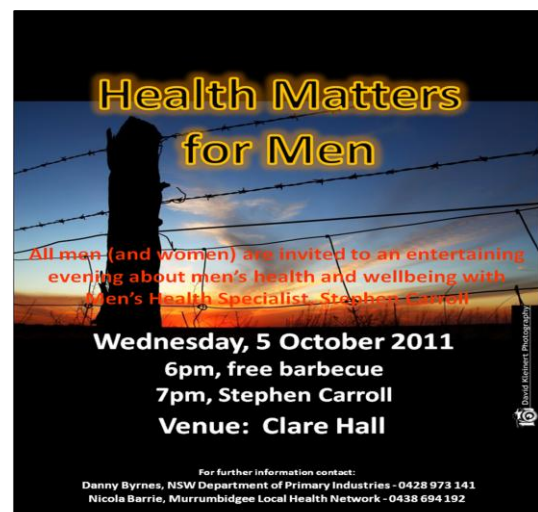
Student of the Week

Week 5 - Congratulations to **Nash** who was student of the week for week 5. Nash is zoning in on his school work and is trying his best at all times. Well done!

Week 6 - Congratulations to **Liam** who was student of the week for week 6. Liam is improving every day and doing his best. Well done!

Week 7 - Congratulations to **Logan** who was student of the week for week 7. Logan is listening carefully to instructions and is working hard at completing all work. Well done!

Week 8 - Congratulations to **Grace** who was student of the week for week 8. Grace has a great work attitude and works hard to make everyone's day. Well done!



Raising Kids To Thrive!

"If we are to prepare children adequately for the future then parents need to take a step back and provide an environment that develops their confidence, their character and their resilience."

Currently there's a great deal of confusion about the best way to raise kids. The perception that the world is a dangerous place is causing us to closet or over-protect our children. We have a greater propensity than our own parents did to satisfy our children's material demands, so we run the risk of raising an indulged generation.

Many children grow up with an exaggerated sense of entitlement to rights, freedoms and goods, which are often way beyond their means or grasp. In wanting what's best for kids we do run the risk of doing too much for them, giving them too much and also removing all risk from their environment.

If we are to prepare children adequately for the future then parents need to take a step back and provide an environment that develops their confidence, their character and their resilience

It is these three qualities that will enhance children's prospects of future success in all areas of life, including their relationships, their family and their future working lives.

The development of one impacts on the others. When kids develop a greater sense of self-confidence they usually behave better and they are more likely to bounce back from setbacks, particularly social injustices.

Confidence

Confidence is about taking your rightful place in the world and grabbing your rightful space. It is about making the most of the opportunities presented to you. Confident kids take more learning risks and are likely to challenge themselves more than kids who are low on confidence.

They are less likely to place limits on themselves or their achievements. Confidence is so crucial today as so many kids are anxious and fear failure.

Character

Character refers to the attitudes and behaviours a child develops that maximise his or her success. Personality may attract initial attention but it won't guarantee success. Character more than likely will. Character has greater substance and depth. The development of depth of character in children is at the heart of effective child-rearing. Character is about doing what's right, not what's easy!

Resilience

Children need to be resilient. They need to be able to bounce back from life's bigger and smaller setbacks. They need to experience the gamut of emotions that come with loss, failure, disappointment and other childhood hardships, frustrations and difficulties they routinely face so they learn they can cope when life doesn't go their way. Resilience is linked with good mental health habits and also with a child's success.

These three qualities don't develop in a vacuum. They may develop by accident but I wouldn't count on it. They best develop in an environment where parents purposefully adopt principles and techniques that promote them.

Using large family principles is at the heart of the thriving way of parenting. It's not a return to the past. Rather, it's recognition that if we are to prepare our children adequately for the future, then we need to step back and provide an environment that develops their confidence, their character and their resilience. These qualities will enhance children's prospects of success in all areas of life in this constantly changing world.

Parents can find out more about the Thriving Way of parenting in my new book "Thriving! Raising exceptional kids with confidence, character and resilience." It's available at www.parentingideas.com.au

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