

Clare Connection

STUDENT NEWS FROM CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 6

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From the Principal's Desk...

Last Friday, the students had another of our integration days at Ivanhoe Central School and had the opportunity to do some woodwork. All the students were very excited to bring home their little trinket boxes they had made with the new TAS teacher

Mr Brooker. It's such a valuable opportunity for Clare students to be able to connect with other small schools and get the chance to be involved in these wonderful learning experiences. We thank both the teachers and students from Ivanhoe for always welcoming us, I know that our students always enjoy these days and walk away with big smiles on their faces.

On Monday we had an authentic German breakfast organised by Ms English. It was a wonderful assortment of meats, cheeses, bread, tomato, cucumber, eggs and tea. It was certainly a delicious way to start the day. I know that everyone started the day very satisfied with bellies full. Thanks so much Ms English for all your hard work in arranging this wonderful event.

The students are off to intensive swimming next week in Mildura at First Stroke Swim School. This program has always been so important for the students to be involved in and the due to the intensity of the lessons they always come along in leaps in bounds with their swimming ability. Permission notes will sent out soon.

On Tuesday of week 8, Kara has organised a colour run for the kids in the afternoon. A big thanks to Kara for coming up with this fun idea and for organising all of the shirts and colours and materials for the event to occur.

As many of you know Ms English and myself entered Clare PS in a photographic competition called "Looking Through Our Window". We are very proud to say that Clare PS won first place with our submission. Not only did we win first place but one of the photos taken by Kathleen Harris has been chosen as the cover for the Rural and Remote Education document for the next 4 years. The Rural and Remote blueprint is a project where \$80 million has been allocated to reduce the gap in educational achievement between rural and urban schools. This is amazing achievement for our small school and a huge congratulations to Kathleen for her photographic skills and sharing this amazing photo with us. We are expecting that the Minister for Education may be involved in sharing this exciting news with the media in the coming weeks. Once this announcement is made, our photos will be shared through NSW Department channels to align with the media announcement.

Have a great week,

Sarah :-)

'Looking through our window' photo competition



Photos from left to right:

1. New Students
2. Clare Public School
3. Echidna spotting
4. Emu egg hunting
5. Larah and the sheep
6. The wide brown land
7. Ready for a bonfire
8. Blackhills country
9. Home time on the ute
10. After the rain

BOOK WEEK 2020



On Wednesday 28th October, we were invited by our good friends at Ivanhoe Central School to attend their annual book parade and book fair as part of National Book Week celebrations. Unfortunately Michael and Edie were unable to join us, however Cate, London, Jack and Annabelle had lots of fun and were fantastic representatives for Clare Public School. We arrived in time to have a game of soccer, followed by a quick recess break. Then it was time to visit the school farm. What a great experience!

The farm comprises a fish enclosure holding 50 or more silver perch (where's that fishing rod when you need it!). The tank water is pumped through hydroponic growing tables with all manner of vegetable plants benefiting from the nutrients in the fish waste. Very clever.

We observed the different plants and vegies in the gardens, then got to feed the chooks and gather some eggs. We collected over 2 dozen!

Our awesome kids enjoyed the Book Week parade. Cate was dressed up as Red Riding Hood, Annabelle was a very realistic frill-necked lizard (original creation by Kathleen!), Jack was Pirate Captain 'Ook and London was an authentic leopard (well done, Astrid!). Our kids looked great and were impeccably behaved as usual. We got to look at the amazing range of books for sale. All children were allowed to purchase a book for themselves which was fun.

Doug Patterson

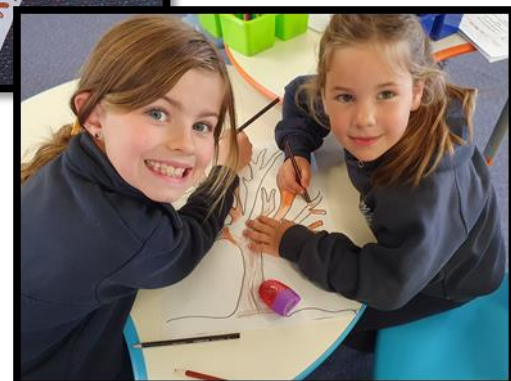


Tie dye

At last we were able to create our tie dye library bags. We are looking forward to embroidering our names/initials on their bags.



In German, students produced their own Family Tree adding their family members. They all made a great effort in remembering key words in German.





German Breakfast

Last week we treated ourselves to a delicious German Breakfast, this included various cheeses, cold meats, boiled eggs, juice, jam and bread rolls. A wonderful time was had by all. Students wished everyone "Guten Appetit", which they all pronounced beautifully.



**This is a
reminder to get all
Library books back
into school ASAP as
we are approaching
the end of the year!**



P&C News

We recently held our AGM and 2021 memberships are now due.

Please contact Carla (5020 6834) or Jo (5020 6888) if you're keen to join up!

Ivanhoe visits

In week 4 we visited Ivanhoe Central School, on arrival we joined in playing a game of soccer giving students skills in team sports.

One of the days events also included the grade 3-6 class picking mulberries for us, which were delicious and very much appreciated.

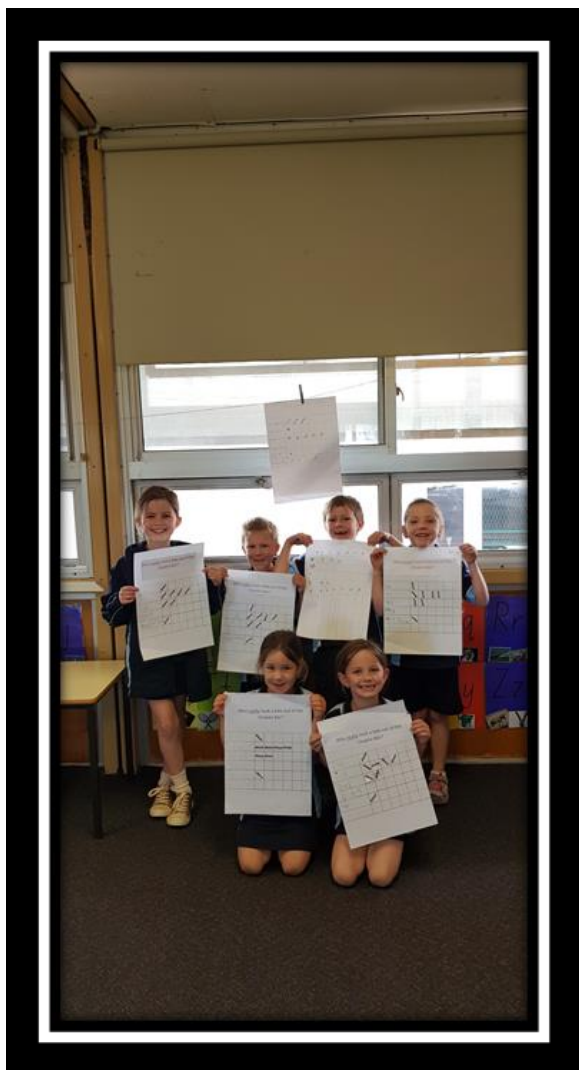
Mr Brooker, the woodwork teacher, helped students to create a small box to take home. Students were shown the process of measuring, assembling, gluing and sanding. What a treat to do woodwork, it was lots of fun.

We spent some time in Ivanhoe's beautiful and colourful library browsing/reading books, then we made the journey back to Ivanhoe with a ice block in tow.

A big thank you from all staff and students at Clare and Ivanhoe and especially to Ms Helen and Mr Brooker.



AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS



In Literacy our Kindergarten students are moving ahead in leaps and bounds. They know all their letter sounds and are familiar with a stack of tricky (sight) words.

We have worked well in Mathematics and all children are on task. We had some fun with data last week. We conducted several surveys and made some interesting graphs. We may even have solved the 50-year-old mystery of "Who took a bite out of the Chokito bar?"

Jack and Annabelle are working on two interesting narratives which we hope to complete by the end of the week.

Meanwhile the kindies are writing great sentences and their spelling skills are improving daily.

Padre's Visit

Padre flew in to visit us this morning. It is always great to see him and the children love learning from and chatting to him.



Clare Christmas Tree



Saturday December 5 at 6PM



Come and join us for some carols with Santa
arriving at 8pm

Dinner \$10 per adult. BYO Drinks.

Could all families please bring a donation towards the Christmas
Hamper Raffle. Spinning wheel donations are optional but appreciated.

Name and age of kids (primary school age and below) attending asap to
Jo - 50206888 or mjgriffiths2128@gmail.com.

RSVP (preferred but not essential) by December 1st.

Covid rules and regulations will be applicable on the night.



Enquiries to Jo Griffiths, Carla Pippin or Ainslee Scott

MURRAY-BIDGEE FAMILY FUN DAY

28th November 2020
Greenham Park Balranald

Come together to enjoy a
fun and relaxed day

- Sports
- Markets
- Food & Drinks
- Community Stalls
- Local Entertainment
- Covid Safe



FOR MORE INFORMATION
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MurrayBidgeeFamilyFunDay

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