

Clare Connection

STUDENT NEWS FROM CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL Term 1 Week 10 ISSUE 4

From the Principal's Desk

We made it to the end of Term 1 and by golly that deserves a cheer and a fist pump. We have all been experiencing new challenges in these last few weeks, especially if you have tried to buy toilet paper anywhere and as we start our holiday break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people for their efforts.

Clare Public School staff - thank you for your patience and understanding through the last few weeks of Term 1, as the world turned upside down. You have all been accommodating in meeting the needs of an ever-changing situation and taken on challenges such as self-isolating (just in case), working from home and managing a constantly changing work situation.

Our parents - thank you for taking on the challenge of teaching your children from home. This can be quite taxing on a parent/child relationship and your dedication to continuing your child's education is greatly appreciated.

Our students - thank you for rolling with so many changes and alterations to our teaching and learning delivery over the last few weeks. You have experienced, working from home, working at school under a new style of learning and the cancelation of all our upcoming excursions and events including our intensive swimming program. You have all been very understanding and helpful in adapting to these changes.

Our community – thank you for being so understanding of all of our cancellations. We were hoping to have had so many more interactions with you all by the end to Term 1, including assemblies, P&C, excursions, social tennis and a bar-b-que. Hopefully we will be able to catch up once social restrictions are lifted.

The situation we have found ourselves in at the end of this term has certainly been challenging, however everyone has demonstrated kindness, consideration and an understanding of the difficulties we have faced. At this time, we have not been provided with information on how school will operate next term will run, but it is likely that we will continue in our current situation until instructed otherwise.

During the holiday period, I ask that you continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines and only undertake essential travel. Information is continuously being updated and I remind you to check our website or facebook page for updates, or go directly to the NSW Department of Education website to find out more information about the plan for schools. I appreciate that avoiding travel and visiting family and friends this holiday may be difficult, but it takes everyone doing the right thing and adhering to social isolation and risk minimisation strategies to keep us all as safe as possible for as long as possible. We will get through this.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 03 5020 6896. I will let you know of any important updates as it comes to hand.

I wish you all a very happy holiday. Stay safe, wash your hands and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Ms Barrow

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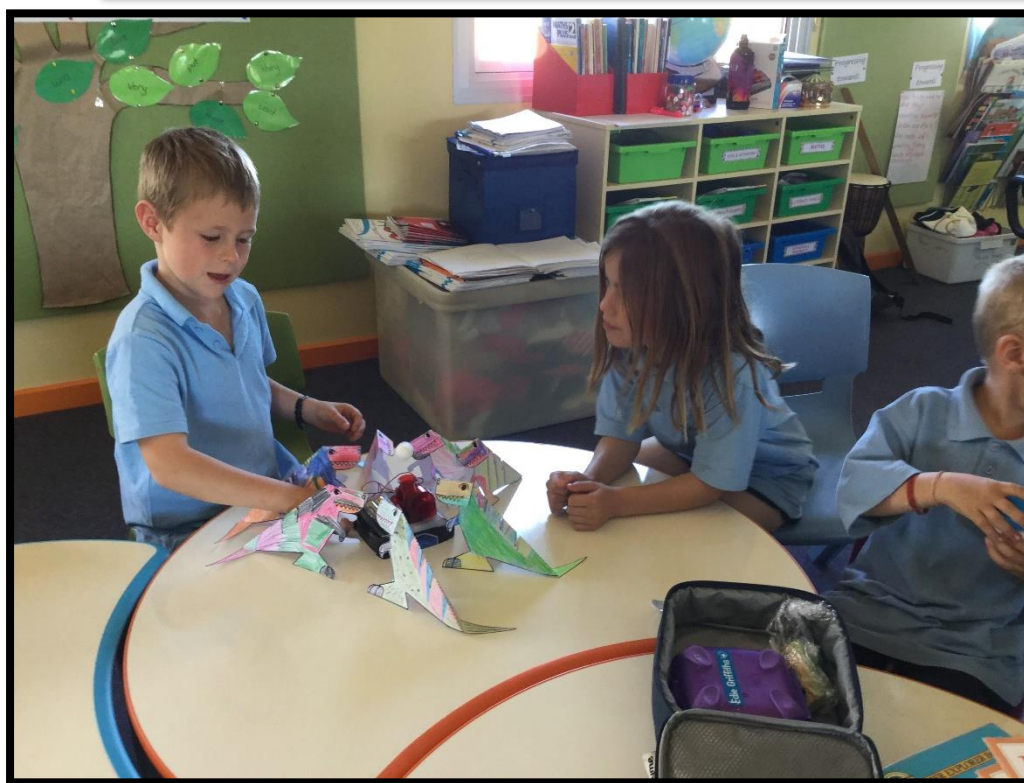
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Science:

This term we have been learning more about dinosaurs and we have even been dancing around our classroom and playground making menacing dinosaur noises. Check out the great dinosaurs we made with Mr Patterson.



Maths:

This term we have been investigating all sorts of new ideas including addition and subtraction, length, 3D shapes and volume. There are some great photos in this newsletter of the kids working on estimating and testing the volume of different containers and building structures with 3D shapes.



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English:

Annabelle and Jack have been working hard on writing a story to submit for the 'Write 4 Fun' competition at the end of April. They have both been creating chapters for their stories and I can't wait to share the finished product with you all (with their permission).



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Learning from home:

Some of our students have been taking the challenge and learning from home this term. They have done all sorts of work at home in English, Maths, Science, Cooking and designing very fancy hats for our virtual fancy hat parade. Well done to everyone who worked from home this term.





Sport:

We have started developing some new skills which have taken off with gusto (like the kite incident we shared in the last edition of the newsletter). The boys have developed their Frisbee skills, the girls are doing brilliantly with learning to skip – especially Edie, and the boys are working hard on refining their aim when throwing the vortex at each other to score points. Yes, aiming at each other.





Quotes:

"I'm gonna get bald on Monday cos the hairdressers are closed"

"He's gotta boiled head"

"What if the Easter Bunny has Coronavirus?"

"Mime a snake" (was supposed to be "my mistake")

"Those chickens aren't social distancing" (three chickens grouped on a fancy hat)

A very fine dwelling:

After reading the book "Clancy and Millie and the very fine house, and for a bit of end-of-term and a design and make activity, we took on the challenge of creating our own "very fine house" out of recycled materials. It was a wonderful creation with a trampoline for the cat, a playroom, a double garage, two kitchens, a bedroom and many other brilliant features. We also had two B-double trucks, a four-wheeler and a horse, all constructed out of recycled materials. A very fine dwelling indeed.



A very fancy hat parade:

Check out our 'Very Fancy Hats' that we made to celebrate the end of term. They are colourful, creative and very, very impressive. Thank you to Ms Barrow's very special helper who created her traditional Easter bonnet to help her to be part of the Principal's virtual hat parade.



Making Yummy Funny Faces!!



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Works in Progress:

We have had some progress on the new amenities block and have finally seen a plan and decided on placement in front of the tennis courts, under the big tree. With any luck this will be completed during Term 2. Fingers crossed.

Telstra has advised the small cell mobile tower plans. Please see the document attached in the Email for this newsletter for more information.

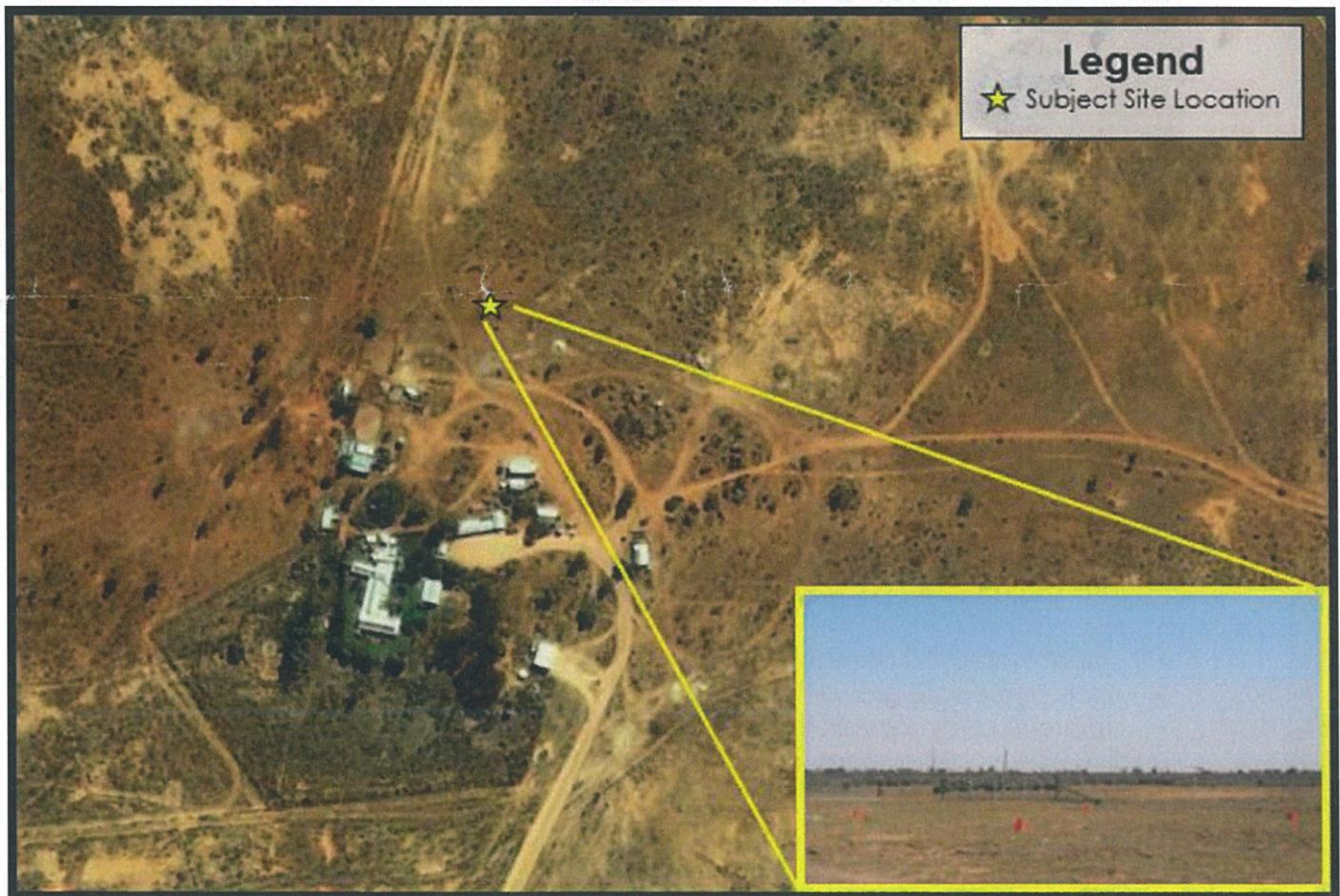


Figure 1. Site Location