



Clare Connection

STUDENT NEWS FROM CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

Hello there families and friends of Clare Public School,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020. I would like to welcome all returning parents and new parents commencing the journey of education. I hope you will all be very happy here at Clare. I hope you all had a great summer break and are feeling refreshed and eager to start.

The year has certainly started with gusto and we are all working hard to settle into our new routines. It is a very exciting year for Clare Public School with such a fantastic enrolment in Kindergarten. It is also very exciting to welcome Mr Patterson to the school as a part of the Rural Experience Program. I also know that all of the students were very happy to see the familiar faces of Ms English, Kara and Claire.

I am very excited to be here at Clare as the relieving principal for 2020. I have never taught in a school this size and I have never lived so far out in the country and I am looking forward to the challenges that both of these experiences will bring me. I just need to remember to order the milk before the postman leaves town!

I am excited to meet our special guests next week, Pippa and Nell who will be visiting from School of the Air, and will be attending the swimming carnival with us. The swimming carnival will be a great day for everyone on Wednesday 19th February and I can't wait to cheer loudly for both Annabelle and Pippa in all of their events.

I would like to thank all of the families and community members who have already made me feel so welcome here at the school. I have greatly enjoyed meeting you all I am looking forward to developing our relationships even further as we work through the year together.

Kindergarten can be a big change for many children and you might find yourself with questions about what they should be doing or what is happening at school. If this is the case, please don't hesitate to give me a call or pop in and see me if you have any questions or concerns. In fact, you might even pop in to share a piece of information you think I might need to know, like how the septic tank works or where can I turn on the hot water!

I am very excited about the year ahead and I look forward to being able to share the achievements of your children with you and the wider community.

Ms Barrow

First Day Back:

Our four new kindergarten students had a fabulous first day of school, check out these happy faces!

A big welcome also to the Pippin and Rees families who are joining our school for the first time.



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PATTERSON'S PREAMBLE:

Hi parents, families, community members. This is just a brief introduction to let you know a bit about me. For those of you who haven't met me, my name is Doug Patterson. I have held a full-time teaching position, since 1998 at Northlakes PS on the Central Coast, about 100km north of Sydney.

I am employed at Clare PS for 2020 under the Rural Experience Program which provides an opportunity for experienced teachers to take up a short-term placement at rural or remote schools. I jumped at this opportunity because my passion is teaching in the bush. In 2015 and 2016 took 2 years leave without pay to work at primary schools in Walgett, then Coonamble. In that time I lived on 17000 acres at Gulargambone and did not want to return to the coast once the contract was up.

I love my job with all it entails – particularly those light bulb moments when something I'm teaching suddenly makes sense to a child. Those moments are priceless. My personal interests include fishing, camping and travelling Australia especially to remote places. I enjoy writing and am currently working on a couple of novels. Who knows, I may even get published in the future!

In summary, my dog Max and I are enjoying our time here at Clare. We have settled in quickly, thanks largely to the welcoming and kind people I have met so far. Working alongside the wonderful team here I am very much looking forward to teaching your children and strongly believe that, together with the cohort of enthusiastic and capable students, we will achieve great learning in 2020.

Doug Patterson



CLASSROOM NEWS:

The first day was all about getting to know each other and what better way than some fun activities with our young friends from Hay mobile preschool! Now that week two is here, we have also been settling into our routines and utilising the second classroom to give the Kindergarten students their own learning space whilst the year 1 and 2 students complete their literacy and numeracy in the other classroom. We all meet back up again later in the day for group learning.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 19 February: Swimming Carnival in Wentworth, from 9.30am



Monday 2 March: School Photos at Balranald Central School



Information regarding the photo packs will be sent home next week

COMMUNITY NEWS:

**The Balranald Shire Council Administrator will be available
for a community meeting at Clare:**

3.30pm Old Classroom Clare School

Wednesday 26 February

Enquiries: Ph Council 0350 201 300

All Welcome



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