

Clare Connection

STUDENT NEWS FROM CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 2 ISSUE 1

From the Principal's Desk

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This magnificent double rainbow appeared outside the school last Saturday after the few days of wonderful rainfall. It is always a special moment to see a full rainbow, even more special to see such a magnificent double rainbow. I tried hard to find the end to collect the ever elusive pot of gold, however with no luck there, I instead reflected upon the other message that is often associated with rainbows. The message of hope. In light of the challenging times we have all been faced with during COVID 19 I feel like a little bit of hope is certainly needed. I am hopeful that we all continue to keep our rates of infection low and hopeful that our students can continue coming to school to learn. We are slowly making our way along this journey and with our continued attention to health and safety guidelines in relation to personal hygiene and ongoing social distancing measures, we may well keep our local infection rate low, and our community healthy.

I am very pleased to report that here at Clare Public School we have been able to return to an almost regular teaching and learning regime. The students have all returned to school and are learning together. At the risk of repeating myself, I believe that we are most certainly one of the luckiest schools in the state and maybe the country. Our school continues to adhere to personal hygiene guidelines and extra cleaning practises have been implemented to keep our students and staff as safe as possible.

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We recently received our essential hygiene supplies from the Department of Education including personal protection equipment, soap, disinfectant wipes and a non-contact thermometer to assist in meeting our health and safety processes. All in all we are well placed to manage the cleanliness of our school and the health of our students and staff.

I would like to say thank you to all of our families and our local school community who have demonstrated such understanding in relation to the changes we have had to make to our routines and activities. Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated. If the situation continues to improve, I am hopeful that we may be in a position to have a community get together towards the end of the term. Fingers crossed.

Despite still being limited in our capacity to travel or go on any excursions, we are all looking forward to a great term, full to the brim of learning. I look forward to keeping you all informed about the achievements of our students.



Finally, I would like to wish all of our mothers, grandmothers, nannas and significant female role models in our community a very happy mother's day. I hope you all have the opportunity to be pampered and indulged on Sunday on your special day.

Ms Barrow

CLASSROOM NEWS:

English: As outlined in the last newsletter, Jack and Annabelle have been working hard on story writing. This week saw the completion of their stories and they have been submitted in the 'Write 4 Fun' short story writing competition. They are both to be commended on the effort they put into their stories which have been included in this week's newsletter for your enjoyment. Well done Jack and Annabelle.

The Dinosaurs

By Jack Griffiths

Chapter 1

Many, many years ago there lived two dinosaurs. Tom the t-rex was the baddest dinosaur in the world. Tom was a carnivore. He had very sharp teeth and scaly hard skin.

Tom's best friend Bruce was a brachiosaurus. They hunted together in the deep dark forest. Bruce was a herbivore so he would eat a tree but not a dinosaur.

Chapter 2

One day Tom and Bruce went to a volcano and the volcano was about to erupt! They both decided to run away so they would die. KABOOM! "What was that?" screamed Tom.

"That was a volcano" sobbed Bruce.

"Run away" said Tom grinding his claws together.

"But I can't run fast, I'm too slow and heavy" Tom shouted, "I'll give you a piggy back. Get on!"

Chapter 3

Bruce and Tom were safe from the volcano. Bruce said "Thank you for helping me."

Tom said "my pleasure and then he did a curtsy".

One day they came across a dark scary cave and inside was an old cranky dinosaur named Crankyosaurus. He had an angry look on his face and he said "can you be my friend?"

Bruce and Tom said "oh yes sure you can be our friend."

Crankyosaurus said "Thanks very much for being my friend"

They all moved in to Crankyosaurus' cave for ever.



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Penny and Percy's Adventures

By Annabelle Harris

Some people think that you do not need a washing machine that's what this story is about.

There was a woman that I knew. She bought a sheep from an antique shop.

The sheep was dusty. So the old woman went to the washing machine in town to wash the sheep. After the washing machine was finished and its job was done they went home and ate salmon for tea.

The old ladies name was Sharon. Her cousin Ruby was coming to visit to help clean out the dusty attic. They both went up to the old and dusty attic to start cleaning. Ruby was looking in a box and found a sheep. The sheep had a black face and black legs and fluffy white wool. It was wearing a tag that said "Percy". Ruby asked Sharon if she could keep the sheep and Sharon said "yes". Ruby took the sheep home and made a tea party. She already had another sheep called Penny.

Penny and Percy went to the park and at the park they met a friend named Lama. Her body was white and everything also was white on her body. She asked her mum if she could go home with her friends. Her mum said "yes". So she packed her bag and went with her friends.

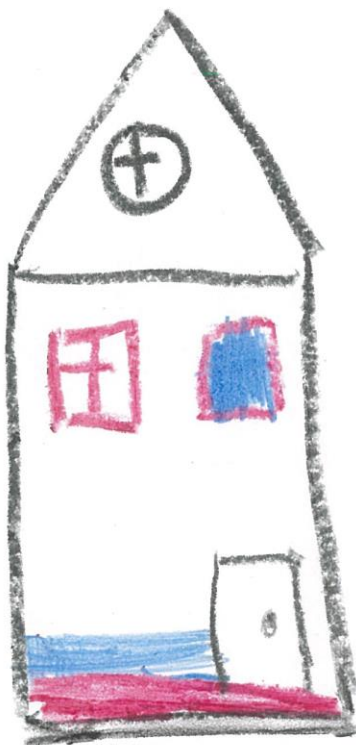
Ruby took her three pet sheep to school. When she got to school she took them off their leads and put them in the cage. Ruby made a tag and stuck it on the cage with her name on it. All the students were patting the sheep and as the day past by the sheeps fleece got more and more knotted. When Ruby got home she noticed that the sheeps fleece was knotted as she was brushing them. Ruby went to the shops and looked around and saw a brush and thought it would get the knots out. At home Ruby brushed the sheep fleece which got softer and softer and became un-knotted.

The three sheep were leaving for the science fest. For the science fest they were doing dinosaurs. The friends said that they had feet bigger than the dinosaurs and they have very long necks and then the judge said the dinosaurs came first so they all went home and ate dinner.

Penny, Percy and Lama decided to go on a holiday but everything was shut so they went to the shops and bought a big piece of paper and some paint and

painted the paper so it looked like they were at the beach and when they got home they got out the beach chairs and sat down.

They set up an umbrella, got a mini fridge and cups and a jug full of water and sat down. Penny said "I think that's enough adventures for one day" and everyone else agreed. Percy said "I don't know maybe next year we could go on another adventure." Everyone else groaned "Oh Percy!"



ENGLISH CONTINUED:

The kindy students have recommenced their hard work in InitialLit this term and have started writing words and investigating word building. They are very excited and their handwriting is improving steady which is very exciting.





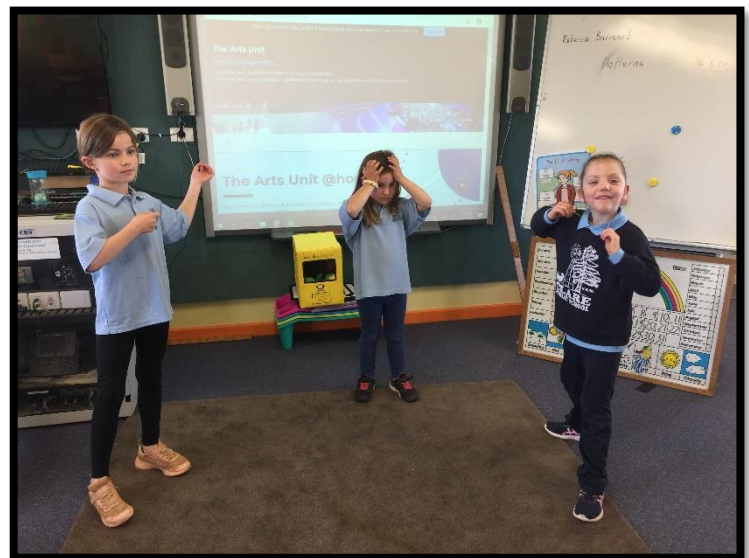
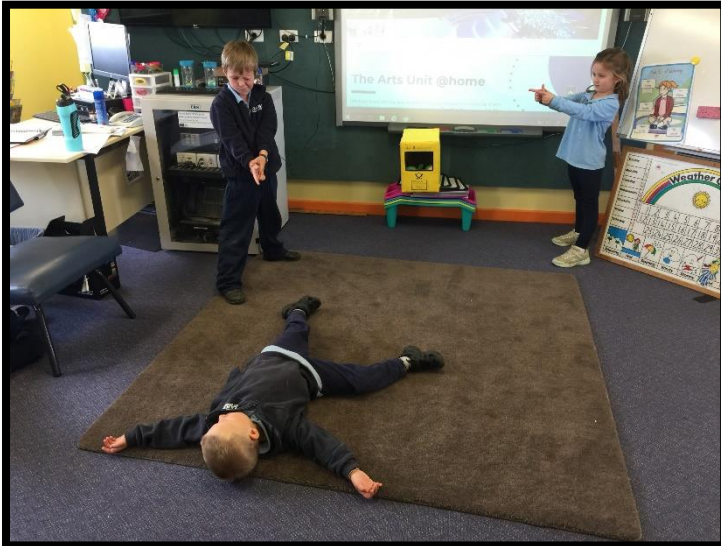
STEM - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGLISH, MATHS:

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

This term in STEM, the students will be investigating, making, building and testing and this began with a great deal of excitement as the students were introduced to Mr Patterson's new drone. The students were able to engage with the technology and starred in a few test videos which they were able to review. This term we also hope to purchase a new set of class robots to provide the students with opportunities to experiment with programming and experimentation, which is very exciting.

DRAMA:

Drama lessons this week investigated using body language, facial expressions and portraying messages without the use of words. The students created some fantastic freeze-frames displaying dramatic situations. See if you can work out what is happening in each of the freeze frame photos we have included. We also had a dramatic light sabre battle as it was Star Wars day (May 4th) which was complemented by some brilliant facial expressions.



SRC (Student Representative Council):

In most large schools, the students have an opportunity to try for election to the student representative council where they can be the voice of the student body to instigate change and make a difference in their school community. This week saw a remarkable situation when one of our kindy students Cate, independently prepared, coordinated and delivered a two stage student meeting with her peers (and younger community members) to talk about our proposed 'canteen'. She even went as far as preparing cupcakes for the meeting participants. It was such a wonderful display of initiative and understanding of the way the adult world works. I am pleased to report that there was a successful outcome from the meeting and the cupcakes were delicious. Very well done Cate.



P&C NEWS:

We would like to thank all the staff for their efforts during the COVID19 restrictions to make sure that the school remains a safe place for face to face learning. We would especially like to acknowledge and thank Ms Barrow and Mr Patterson for choosing to self isolate at Clare instead of going home to their families on the coast during the holidays.

Thank you!

Zack Harris - President

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday 10 May – Mother's Day



Wednesday 27 May – National Simultaneous Reading Day

