

# Clare Connection

STUDENT NEWS FROM CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 9

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### From the Principal's Desk...

The term is quickly coming to an end with only two weeks to go.

Bike day was a great success and the kids had a fantastic time as you will see from all the photos, in previous schools where I have been a part of organising these days, they have always been received well by students and our bike day was no exception! Clare students now have a great knowledge of safe bike riding – thanks to Mr Patt for being willing to run the day.

We are going to postpone our assembly that was scheduled for today and instead hold it on Tuesday 22 September. Unfortunately with COVID restrictions we are still unable to hold normal assemblies with parents and family on site. We will film some snippets to upload to the Facebook page along with some pictures.

I have an update on our projects! The amenities block will be here up and running by week 10. Mitch Horton from assets also visited this week to finalise the generator placement and that should also be getting done soon. I have spoken with the other Mitch regarding the kitchen and we just need to finalise some paperwork for the final approval and then that project will also be ready to start. Finally, the sustainable garden beds have been ordered, we will try and spend the grant locally and we have also ordered two new rain water tanks from Bodinnars as these particular beds need fresh water not bore water. Hopefully we can get this project completed by the end of the year.

Don't forget our STEM challenge day at Ivanhoe CS on Thursday where the kids will get to design and build kites, and crazy hair day is on the last day of the term!

One last item for today, as most of you know Claire is leaving us as she has been offered an amazing position as a Regional Recovery Officer. Claire was one of the first staff I hired here at the school in my position of Principal and one that I'm so proud of. Claire has been nothing short of an asset to the school and she will be very hard to replace. She has worked tirelessly for the school and she will be greatly missed by all. This will be an amazing opportunity for Claire and we wish her all the very best in her new role. Good luck Claire!

Have a great week,

Sarah

## Visual Art news from Ms English:

### Crazy Hair Day

I can't wait for the last day of term when the students will have the opportunity to create wacky, way-out and super crazy hair-do's on their teachers. We will also be having a taste test of some Traditional German food; bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, and of course the original gummi bears, all the way from Aldi (which is a German supermarket).



### Visual Art news:

A tint is a mixture of a colour with white. Students were engaged producing their own colours with tints.



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## Visual Art news:

Students create abstract markings using charcoal sticks and we had a long awaited visit from Padre' who always lends a helping hand in class.





### Visual Art cont:

Annabelle was able to create another piece of art with the leftover paint. It even showed Mrs Binn's artistic skills



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### From Mr Patterson – Bike Day:

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, as part of our PD, Health and PE curriculum, we held our school bike day. All students brought their bikes in. After some road safety lessons and a bike safety check after recess, students got their bike licenses and were ready to ride! Luckily for Patrick it was a Kinder orientation day so he got to bring his bike along and have a ride too.

We had a road course with give-way, stop and pedestrian crossing signs - as well as a short but winding cross-country track. There were 2 pedestrian crossings with a couple of very slow old pedestrians using them.

Rules were simple – “ride safely, obey the road signs and have fun!” I’m happy to say all kids did exactly that. A few warnings were issued by the CTCs (cranky traffic cops) and the boys managed to earn a five-minute license suspension each. In general, however, **congratulations to ALL students** for following the signs, riding safely, keeping their speed down and showing courtesy on the road. In true Clare spirit, the children rallied round and supported their mate Jack when he’d had a Jack-stack. Fortunately he sustained only a couple of grazes and was back in action in no time, being the tough young fella that he is!

Thanks parents for bringing the bikes in and organising helmets. Well done to the amazing Clare kids for: showing great behaviour; taking the challenge to ride safely and courteously; making a fun day out of it and for expressing appreciation to Mr Patt for organising the activity.

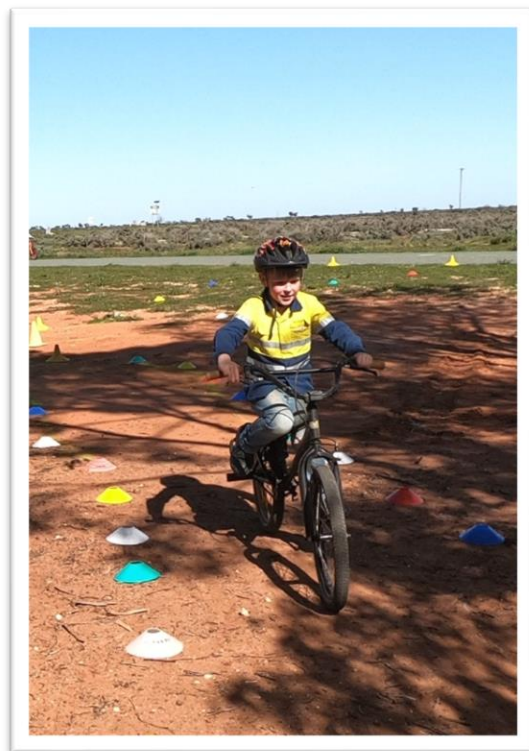




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Through Adapt NSW, Balranald Shire Council has secured funding under the "Increasing Resilience to Climate Change (IRCC)" initiative for:

## Adaptive Private Domestic Water Supplies for Rural and Remote Properties

### Question:

As Balranald Shire residents, are you dependant on sourcing your domestic water from:

- rainwater tanks?
- dams?
- waterways (rivers, lakes, etc)?
- bores?

If you answered yes to any of these, then this Council-based project aims to specifically help you!

### What are we seeking to do?

We are seeking to work with you to:

- understand your domestic water challenges;
- reduce your associated health risks; and
- investigate cost-effective measures that improve domestic water quality and security of supply.

### Specifically we will:

1. collect baseline data from our Shire residents (questionnaire/water samples)
2. identify households for demonstration projects
3. report on risks and solutions
4. provide remote and rural residents a private domestic water blueprint for increasing resilience to climate change.

## Building resilience it what it's all about!

### Are you interested in part of this initiative?

If you are, please contact

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