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Clare Connection

Kathy's Corner

As we get ready to farewell our second term I am smiling. We have had such a marvelous term of learning with children all making strides in their individual learning path, all happy and getting along.

So what kind of people do we want our little learners to be? In schools of today we need to be future focused and recognise that school is part of a much bigger picture. We want our students to have a strong knowledge base in key disciplines and to develop and grow as a whole person. They need skills, capabilities and behaviours that they can use within and beyond school. These include skills of communication, problem solving, thinking critically and creatively, acting with integrity and empathy, understanding themselves and others, collaborating and imagining to bring ideas together and a strong sense of self.

21st century education is a change from what we ourselves experienced but it is a change that we welcome. Ask yourself how developed are your skills in these areas. I believe our little learners could teach us all many valuable lessons and those of us who are privileged to share our days with them reap the rewards.



I'd like to thank parents for their continued support with their children's learning.

Research continually shows that as a parent, you are the most influential factor in how your child views school and the community they're part of. Your involvement with their learning goes a long way towards your child becoming a capable, resilient and happy adult.

Enjoy the Winter break. For those of you who are travelling stay safe and have a wondrous adventure.

Keep smiling!

Kathy Bourke
Principal

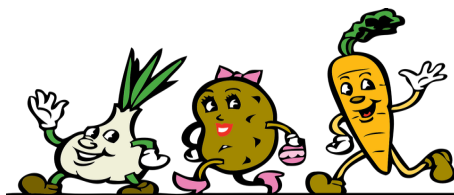
IN THE CLASSROOM

The Garden

Inspired by our recent rain we ventured out for to dig up our raised garden beds...shovels entered the soil so kids enjoyed digging and chatting!!



It was a team effort with much laughter and keen effort.

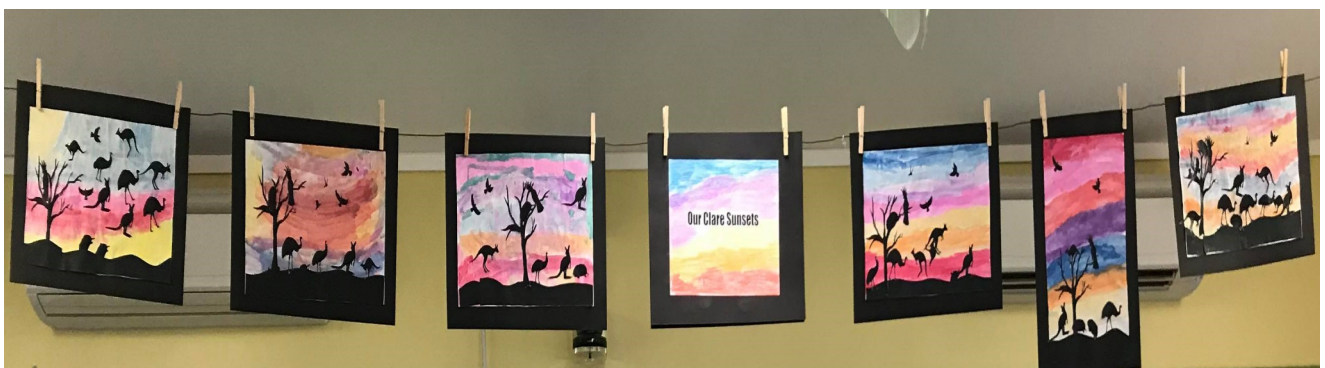




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WIKI

Our Clare sunsets are spectacular and so is our Clare wildlife. The children enjoyed the process of creating a sunset with wildlife roaming...we were amused by how far some of the wildlife roamed!!



Read Aloud with your child.

Read aloud to your children every day. Reread books your child loves. Let your child join in with the fun. All ages benefit from being read to!

Benefits:

- Helps your child become an independent reader.
- Improves your child's listening skills.
- Your child starts to enjoy reading.
- Develops knowledge of written language.
- Models fluent reading.
- Develops interest in reading and in books.
- Creates a bond between you and your child.
- Promotes oral language development.



Special Visitors

Week 6 we were privileged to host a visit with Dean White, Executive Director, Rural South and West and Helen McRae, Director Educational Leadership. Annabelle and Jack challenged them to a maths game, First to 31. Mr White was curious to learn of the challenges we face being his most isolated school and enjoyed chatting with staff and students. Mrs McRae is becoming quite a regular visitor and will be back in week 10 with the DoE Head of Finance to hear about further leadership and management challenges our school presents. We welcome their collaboration.



Board Games Day

Our games have finally arrived...two of the skills we try so hard to build in our kids is patience and managing their frustrations - two skills even adults living in isolation face when waiting for goods and services. We have modelled our ability to face such issues with openness and honesty so today, when our parcels finally arrived it was a celebration for us all.



Edie and London show their agility and skills with understanding left and right .

Always smiles no matter what the outcome of the turn of the dial.

Kerplunk anyone?? Uggh, which stick should I move so that the marbles don't tumble down? How will I cope if my strategy doesn't succeed?? I just love observing their behaviours and attitudes as the game rolls along .



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Since I arrived at Clare PS I have tried to explain to parents, staff and our adorable kids, every decision made will start with a 'why' and has a definite purpose in moving our kids forward with their learning. Our latest strategy of buying board games aims to give our kids a play based avenue for increasing their executive functioning skills. Practicing such important skills in a non-threatening, real life environment enables positive outcomes to flow and our kids learning to grow. It is what learning is all about; identifying point of time needs and doing whatever it takes to show our kids they matter and they can achieve !

Where would we be without our committed and lovable SLSO, Kara Scott?? I'm not sure who had more fun, Kara or London, as they battled Guess Who.



The looks on London and Edie's faces tell the tension and relief story !



23 June 2021	Pyjama day @ Clare PS
12 July 2021	School Development Day (staff return to School)
13 July 2021	Students Return for term 3
21 July 2021	P&C meeting 9am @ Clare PS
23 July 2021	School rostered Day off
30 July 2021	National Tree Day @ Clare PS
6 August 2021	Rostered Day off
20 August 2021	Rostered Day off
3 September 2021	Rostered Day off
17 September 2021	Rostered Day off/Last Day of Term 3
5 October 2021	Staff and Students Return to school for term 4



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Event

Celebration of the outdoors and connecting with nature

When

30/07/2021

Where

School grounds and surrounding area.
Students may wear casual, old clothes

Site Contact

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Connect with Nature

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