



Clare Connection

From the Principal's Desk.....

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Term 4, week 11 and here we are at the end of our first year together. What a year! What a term!

When we started this term, Deb, Kara, Mick and I knew that it was going to be tough. Without a teacher to replace Jen English (who is having a lovely life in Germany with her children) and our job ads failing to attract any teacher, we followed the mantra; when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

I need to applaud the Clare PS team because despite no teacher offering office days, heightened connectivity issues hampering our every move, a covid scare rearing it's untimely head, we have made it. We really do make a fabulous team; respect, care for each other, laughter and genuine openness within our relationships, and total commitment to our kids has enabled us to form a healthy bond.

Our gorgeous kids have remained number 1 on our agenda and have continued to bring smiles with their energy, effort and enthusiasm for their learning. We are proud of our student centred approach to teaching and learning and of our confident and creative, increasingly self motivated little learners.

I wish to thank the parents too. It is often difficult learning to respect and trust a new Teaching Principal. I feel we have come such a long way from my first day when I was greeted with a mixture of open welcomes and wary anxiety. I appreciate your willingness to embrace change and trust in our team to bring out the best in your children. On day one, I promised I would still be here for 2022...I am looking forward to sharing our second year together.

**WE ARE NOT
A TEAM
BECAUSE WE
WORK TOGETHER.
WE ARE
a team because
WE RESPECT,
trust, and care
for each other.**

TEAMWORK
coming together is a *Beginning*
keeping together is *Progress*
working together is *Success*
-Henry Ford

We wish you all a very Merry Festive Season, filled with love and laughter. See you on the 8/02/2022.

Keep Smiling!

**Kathy Bourke
Principal**

Classroom Buzz



Front Garden at School

The students and staff took advantage of a lovely day to plant the front garden and beautify the grounds with new plants.



Thank you Jason and Pattie from Doin It For Aussie Rural Kids for sharing your time with us today. Such a lovely duo, caring about our kids in isolated schools by travelling around and spreading the important message that time and space do not limit your passions and dreams. Thank you both 😊

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Staff for 2022



Introducing Mr Selby, Clare PS newest team member for 2022. After our long and arduous search, I think we have found a perfect fit. Welcome Cam 😊

We also welcome back in 2022 Kara Scott as School Learning Support Officer and Deb Castle as School Administration Manager.



Sunsmart Snippet

Slop on sunscreen



Apply SPF 30 or higher sunscreen generously, re-apply every two hours.

Apply 20 minutes before going outside.

Adults use about a teaspoon for the face, neck and ears; a teaspoon for each arm and leg; and a teaspoon each for the front and back of the body.

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

Healthy Holidays Guide.

Looking for fun activities for the kids these school holidays?



Check out our free [Healthy Holidays Guide](#) that includes lots of ideas to get cooking, get crafty and get moving!

For more information visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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COMMUNITY NEWS:

Clare Christmas Tree



Thursday December 16th at 6PM



Come and join us for some Christmas cheer, with
Santa arriving at 8pm

Dinner \$10 per adult. BYO Drinks.

Could all families please bring a donation towards the Christmas Hamper Raffle.
Spinning wheel donations are optional but appreciated.

Name and age of kids (primary school age and below) attending **ASAP** to Jo -
50206888 or mjgriffiths2128@gmail.com or Carla 50206834

RSVP (preferred but not essential) by December 12th.

Covid rules and regulations will be applicable on the night.



Enquiries to Jo Griffiths, Carla Pippin or Ainslee Scott



16 December 2021	Last Day of school for Students
17 December 2021	Staff Development Day
4 February 2022	Staff Development Day
7 February 2022	Staff Development Day
8 February 2022	Students First day Back Term 1
11 February 2022	Rostered Day Off
25 February 2022	Rostered Day Off
11 March 2022	Rostered Day Off
25 March 2022	Rostered Day Off
8 April 2022	Last day of school Term 1

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year**



FROM THE STAFF AND STUDENTS AT CLARE PS