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# Clare Connection

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

Welcome back to our final term for 2021; the year is almost gone already. Each term seems to disappear so quickly. Maybe that's what happens when you have such delightful companions to spend each day with; learning is productively fun. All children are putting in such effort this term. Each day Kara and I marvel at their commitment to self improvement and the spirit of encouragement they have for each other.

I know I have mentioned the positives of having a growth mindset before and we have shared a couple of posters in this newsletter. As you know, this is a focus in our school plan for 2021-2024 and one that we have been delighted with our progress this year. Supporting parents to know and understand why we do the things we do is crucial to building our learning culture so we hope you enjoy reading the posters.

Explicitly teaching and stretching specific habits that help students to be more reflective and responsible with their learning takes time and commitment. Yet, it is extremely empowering for all involved as our children learn that the way we speak to each other, and the way we think about our own learning, when learning helps us to grow as learners.

Fourth term is a hectic term at the best of times, and even more so this term due to our current situation. I'd like to thank everyone for their support and patience as we attempt to find a replacement for Ms English. Every cloud has a silver lining (last newsletter it was Learning from Home positives that emerged) and I have been heartened by the trust and respect shown to Kara, Deb, Mick and I this term.

Synergy is  
better than  
my way or your way  
it's our way.

- Stephen R. Covey

**Keep Smiling!**

**Kathy Bourke**  
**Principal**

# Classroom Buzz



## School Garden

School garden is getting a revamp as new watering system is going in as leaks in the old one, new plants to be planted and the children have been busy and thoroughly enjoying the revamp of the Garden.





### Construction!

IT HAS BEEN THE PERFECT OUTLET FOR OUR KIDS TO HAVE SOME CREATIVE FUN AND FOR KARA AND I TO GATHER SOME VALUABLE DATA ON GROWTH IN THEIR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING AND COLLABORATION SKILLS. THANK YOU KIDS FOR BRINGING SMILES!



### Bird Houses!

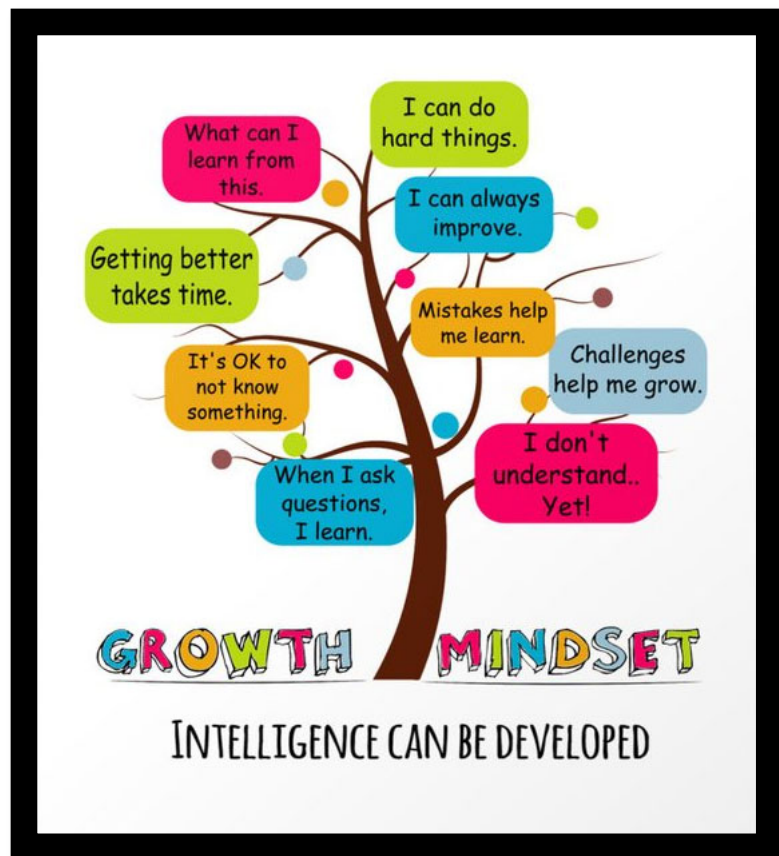
Craft projects for our playground and time for chats at the end of the day is always good for wellbeing.

The children enjoyed building, tiling and grouting their bird houses to go out into the garden.

### THEY LOOK AWESOME!

Below: Pictures of the bird house





Above: Love these pics and we regret that you miss out on hearing three old men's chinwag. Jack's hot rod needed repair so Jack, Michael and 'hey Mick' spent a lunch time pulling it apart and making repairs - yes, it works again. Kara and I enjoyed silent looks and giggles as we listened to their conversations- check out Michael's intense looks Apologies, if not politically correct, but sometimes boys just need boys - thanks 'hey Mick' for your consistent mentoring.

Kathy Bourke.

People with a growth mindset have been found to possess the higher version of themselves because they understand that their value as a learner is not dependent on a snapshot in time, but rather the process and journey that is taken over time to achieve their goal.

This journey empowers the learner to become more resilient against setbacks and to look at challenges as a stepping stone to moving forward and being more optimistic about their own abilities.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### P&C NEWS

**P&C AGM and meeting next Tuesday Nov 9th at 9am  
at the school COVID rules apply.**



# Save the date!

**Clare Christmas Tree from  
6pm Thursday Dec 16th  
More details to come.**



#### Nutrition Snippet

HEALTHY HALLOWEEN SNACKS.

Healthy snacks don't have to be boring!



Swap out the usual snacks  
for these healthier ideas:

- Witchy guacamole face
- Veggie and tzatziki skeleton
- Banana ghost and mandarin lanterns



For ideas and recipes visit:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



#### Sunsmart Snippet

Don't forget your eyes



Sunglasses don't have to be expensive to be effective

When choosing sunglasses, ensure they meet the Australian Standard for eye protection, choose category 2 or higher and look for an Eye Protection Factor (EPF), ratings of 9 or 10 provide excellent protection.

[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)





<b>12 November 2021</b>	Rostered Day off
<b>26 November 2021</b>	Rostered Day off
<b>8 December 2021</b>	Presentation Day
<b>10 December 2021</b>	Rostered Day off
<b>13 December 2021</b>	Do it for Rural Aussie Kids Visit
<b>17 December 2021</b>	Staff Development Day



Stay 1.5 metres apart



Practice good hygiene



Get tested with  
any symptoms

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