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# Clare Connection

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

Half the year is 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.

Despite the challenges of rain making roads impassable, covid hitting three of our families, colds, flu and ear infections all children have done immensely well this term. Each day I marvel at their commitment to self improvement and the spirit of encouragement they have for each other. I hope you enjoy the children's Term 2 reflections of their learning which we have shared in this newsletter.

This week we farewell the Rees Family. We have known for some time that Astrid and Matt were planning this move in the hope that their family would be able to share more moments together. The difficulties of Matt working away from home for extended periods have been solved. Astrid, London and Adalyn are looking forward to their new adventure as they travel with Matt. We wish the family every happiness. We know that London and Adalyn will embrace Broken Hill School of the Air learning with the same enthusiasm they have shown to their learning with us.

I would like to thank Cam Selby, Kara Scott, Deb Castle, Mick Bourke, parents and children for another term of productive collaboration and shared commitment to ensure our children know that they are valued and cared for as they develop as learners and human beings.

The visuals at the bottom of this page always bring a smile. To me, they symbolize our learners - the innocence of Pooh and his friends with the same care and kindness for each other.

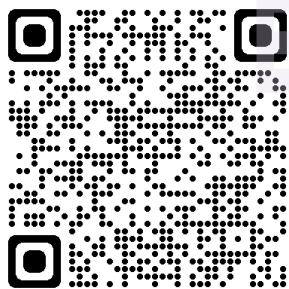
I wish you all a holiday filled with love, warmth and laughter. Stay safe. I can't end without a gentle reminder - winter is the perfect time to snuggle up and read with your children. There is nothing warmer than sharing a good book.

Keep Smiling!

Kathy Bourke -Teaching Principal



# Enrolments 2023



Enrolments for 2023 are now being taken and can be completed online. To access our school website please scan the QR code and go to the enrolment tab.

Transition will happen in term 3 and 4 and will begin term 3 on Friday 5th August. For more information please ring the school.

## Intensive Swimming Lessons

It's a wrap! Back in Clare after a fabulous week of intensive swimming lessons at Mildura Waves Swim School. Thanks so much to the team at Mildura Waves for catering beautifully to our children's needs.



## TERM 2 REFLECTIONS ON MY LEARNING

**Reflections** Name London  
Grade 2 Date 20.6.22

I feel I improved the most in reading because ...  
I am at a higher level

Something important that I learned this term was ...  
Maths

What I enjoyed studying the most was building because ...  
it is fun

Something I'm proud of accomplishing is ...  
Levels in reading

Something I learned about myself this term was ...  
I am kind

Next term I hope to ...  
make new friends

I will never forget this term because ...  
of my teachers

**Reflections** Name Hannah  
Grade 2 Date 23.6.22

I feel I improved the most in Maths because ...  
I keep trying

Something important that I learned this term was ...  
keep

What I enjoyed studying the most was reading because ...  
when I jump in the pool

Something I'm proud of accomplishing is ...  
reading

Something I learned about myself this term was ...  
I am happy

Next term I hope to ...  
keep

I will never forget this term because ...  
I am happy

**Reflections** Name Jack  
Grade 3 Date 28.6.22

I feel I improved the most in comprehension because ...  
the work is getting harder.

Something important that I learned this term was ...  
new strategies in maths.

What I enjoyed studying the most was football because ...  
my kicking is improving.

Something I'm proud of accomplishing is ...  
my plan.

Something I learned about myself this term was ...  
I am brave.

Next term I hope to ...  
improve my comprehension.

I will never forget this term because ...  
I kicked the best torpedo goal.

**Reflections** Name Michael  
Grade 4 Date 28/6/22

I feel I improved the most in maths because ...  
my friends have helped me.

Something important that I learned this term was ...  
partitioning.

What I enjoyed studying the most was science because ...  
you can blow things up.

Something I'm proud of accomplishing is ...  
getting better at using computers.

Something I learned about myself this term was ...  
I am a good friend.

Next term I hope to ...  
learn how to use a knife.

I will never forget this term because ...  
I met a friend in the end of the year.

**Reflections** Name Cec  
Grade 5 Date 28-6-22

I feel I improved the most in Reading because ...  
I am a better level and I am better at recognising difficult words.

Something important that I learned this term was ...  
Reflecting.

What I enjoyed studying the most was Tennis because ...  
I am getting a better aim.

Something I'm proud of accomplishing is ...  
Reading books.

Something I learned about myself this term was ...  
I am flexible.

Next term I hope to ...  
Improve on my times tables.

I will never forget this term because ...  
Because I tripled my reading level.

**Reflections** Name Anabelle  
Grade 4 Date 28.6.22

I feel I improved the most in Art because ...  
they're more realistic.

Something important that I learned this term was ...  
Socialising.

What I enjoyed studying the most was Boomerangs because ...

Something I'm proud of accomplishing is ...  
Reaching Level 30.

Something I learned about myself this term was ...  
I am courageous.

Next term I hope to ...  
Have neater handwriting.

I will never forget this term because ...  
we started doing boomerangs.



**Reflections** Name Addy  
Grade K Date 28.6.22

I feel I improved the most in Letter because I know my phonics

Something important that I learned this term was ... BOOMWACKERS

What I enjoyed studying the most was swimming because ... got a lot better

Something I'm proud of accomplishing is ... learned to read by myself

Something I learned about myself this term was ... I am friendly

Next term I hope to ... make new friends

I will never forget this term because ... swimming in the pool

**Reflections** Name edie  
Grade 2 Date 28.6.22

I feel I improved the most in reading because ... I understand bigger and more interesting words.

Something important that I learned this term was ... identifying the learning progressions.

What I enjoyed studying the most was Tennis because ... I learned how to control the ball.

Something I'm proud of accomplishing is ... comprehension

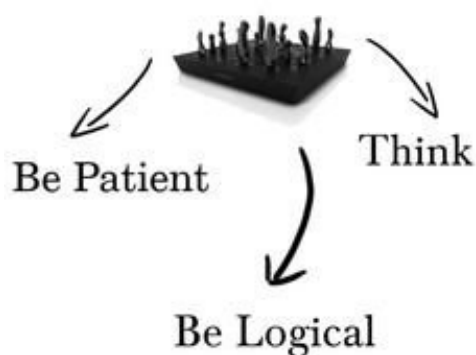
Something I learned about myself this term was ... I am fluent in my reading

Next term I hope to ... read more challenging

I will never forget this term because ... I started comprehension



*Chess teaches you to:*



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Edie proudly showing off the eagle feather she found and turned into a quill.



## ***MINDFULNESS***

Teaching mindfulness to kids can also help shape three critical skills needed for successful learning: paying attention and remembering information, shifting back and forth between tasks, and behaving appropriately with others. These abilities are known as executive functions and they are essential for more advanced tasks like planning, reasoning, problem-solving, and positive social relationships.



# HOLIDAY READING FUN

Effective reading requires:

- phonemic awareness
- phonics
- fluency
- vocabulary knowledge
- text comprehension

Readers develop five skills to help them read and understand:

## phonemic awareness

- repeats familiar rhyming verses, chants and jingles
- identifies rhyming words
- provides a word starting with a given sound
- claps the syllables of spoken words e.g. ba/na/na
- makes new words by changing sounds e.g. swap the /p/ in spin with /k/

## phonics

- identifies some letter names e.g. first letter of own name
- says some of the sounds for letters in a word
- writes letters to correspond with single letter sounds
- uses knowledge of sounds to attempt to read and spell unknown words

## vocabulary

- knows and uses a range of everyday words and some subject-specific words in areas of interest
- asks questions to find out meanings of unfamiliar words
- is aware that some words have multiple meanings
- uses more precise vocabulary to describe feelings and experiences

## The essential components for learning to read

## text comprehension

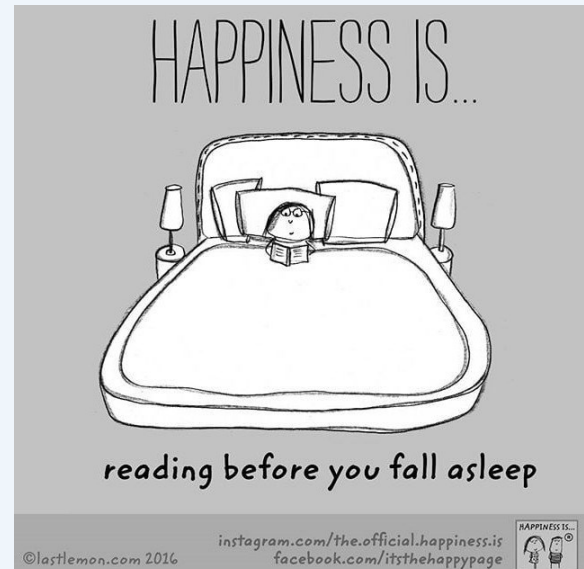
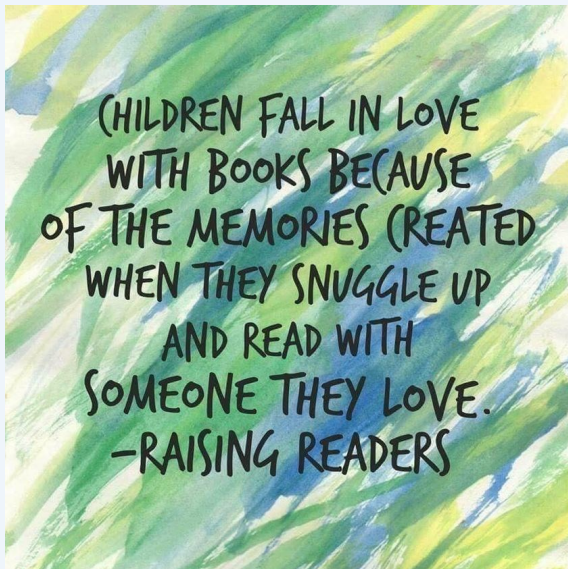
- responds to stories by connecting information and events to personal experiences
- retells events in a story
- predicts a plausible next event in a story
- talks about information in factual texts
- analyses and evaluates a character's actions/motives in a story

## fluency

- reads aloud accurately, quickly and with expression
- automatically recognises words, word parts and letter sounds
- fluent reading allows the child to focus on the meaning of what they are reading





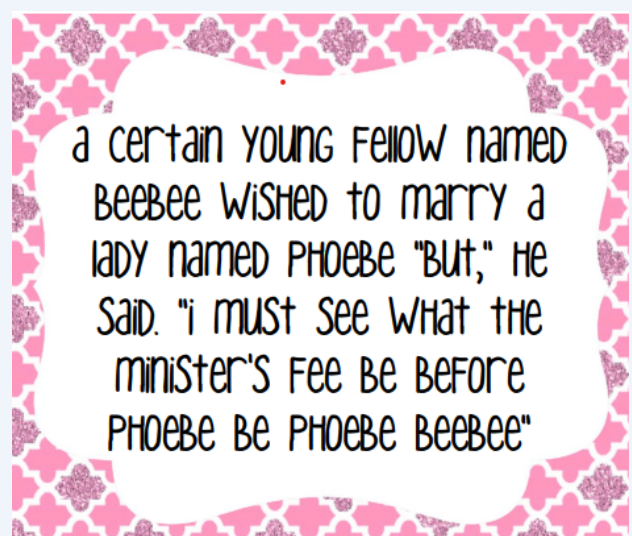
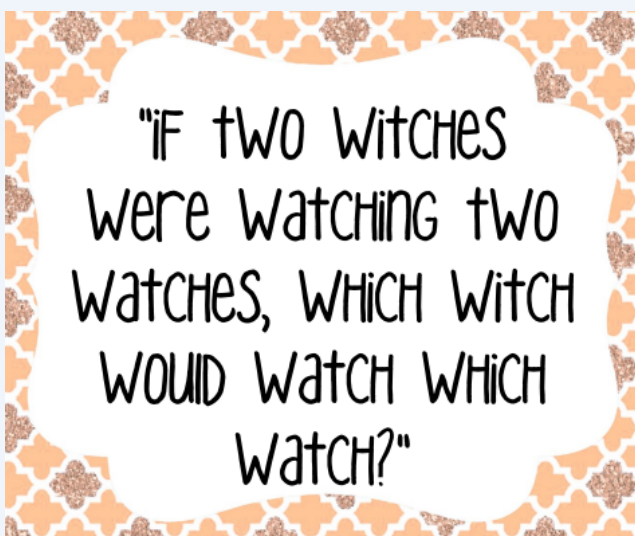


Tongue twisters are one of the most fun ways to help children improve their pronunciation, expression and fluency of language

So, why not dare your child to a round, whoever says them correctly in the shortest time wins the round!

Perhaps you could start your challenge with one of the children's favourites.

We have just finished reading Roald Dahl's, *The Minpins*. One of the main characters, **The Terrible Blood-Suckling Tooth-Pluckling Stone-Chuckling Spittler** · has a name just right for getting your lips around.



## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### CLARE P&C NEWS!

The Clare P&C recently ran a hot chip stand at the Homebush Rodeo. It was a huge but successful day and with limited prior knowledge we all learned a lot along with raising some extra funds for the P&C coffers. We would like to thank everyone who helped before, during and after the day with special mention to Steff Heaysmann, Terri Griffiths and Bronwyn Broughm and the Balranald Footy Club. Thanks also to the Homebush Rec Club for allowing us a great fundraising opportunity!

Jo Griffiths  
Secretary



### FAREWELL THE REES FAMILY

Best wishes to the Rees family  
for the next chapter in their  
lives.

From Clare Public School



### Nutrition Snippet

#### CHOCOLATE MUFFINS



**Serves: 12**  
**Ingredients**

- ½ cup plain flour, plus 2 tablespoons
- ½ cup wholemeal flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- ¼ cup reduced fat plain yoghurt
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup reduced fat milk
- ¼ cup olive oil

#### Method

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Line a muffin tin with paper liners.

In a large bowl, whisk together the dry ingredients. In a medium bowl, whisk together the rest of the ingredients. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and add the wet ingredients. Gently stir by hand until just combined.

Fill the muffin cups 2/3 to the top. Bake for 18-20 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Place on a wire rack and allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then remove and place on the rack to cool completely.

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



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### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

#### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= 4 weeks



= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

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18 July 2022	Staff Development Day
19 July 2022	Students return for Term 3
28 July 2022	National Tree Day
29 July 2022	Rostered Day Off
5 August 2022	Kinder Transition Day
11 August 2022	Athletics Carnival Day
12 August 2022	Rostered Day Off
19 August 2022	Kinder Transition Day
26 August 2022	Rostered Day Off
2 September 2022	Kinder Transition Day
9 September 2022	Rostered Day Off
16 September 2022	Kinder Transition Day
23 September 2022	Rostered Day Off/Last Day Term 3
10 October 2022	Staff and Students Return to school Term 4

**How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?**

<p><b>If you need to cough or sneeze</b></p> <p><b>Catch it</b> with a TISSUE</p> <p><b>Bin it</b></p> <p><b>Kill it</b> by washing your hands with soap &amp; water or hand sanitiser</p>	<p><b>You should wash hands with soap &amp; water or hand sanitiser</b></p> <p>After breaks &amp; sport activities</p> <p>Before cooking &amp; eating</p> <p><b>SCHOOL ETC.</b></p> <p>On arrival at any childcare or educational setting</p> <p>After using the toilet</p> <p>Before leaving home</p>	
<p>✓ Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.</p>	<p>✓ Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups &amp; bottles</p>	<p>✓ If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils &amp; towels</p>

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