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# Clare Connection

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

Welcome back to Term 2! A term that is reaping many rewarding teaching and learning moments which are being felt by our staff and our students.

As with everything that we do at Clare PS there is always a clear and carefully planned 'why', addressing the most important members of our team, the children. We are here to ensure that our children's wellbeing and learning needs are catered for, in line with current research and evidenced based practices addressing 'what works best'. Our commitment to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge our children to find the joys in learning, to build their understandings and confidence and to feel known, valued and cared for is our driving force. AND our children know this. Our children's commitment to their learning shows us this. Together we are creating a learning culture that works best, for each and every one of us.

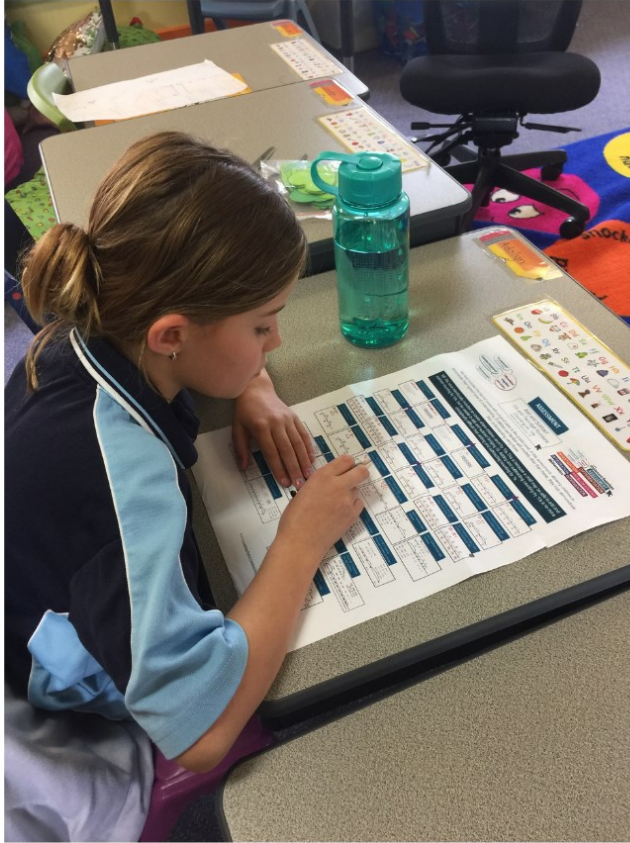
Our learning culture respects our context and the children's voices. This term we are grasping the glorious weather and making the most of the opportunities presented.

Outdoor learning provides opportunities for children to develop their fine and gross motor skills, social and emotional skills, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, communication, and language skills, and lets them have fun while they do it. It has also been shown to reduce stress levels and support many aspects of physical and mental health.

Keep Smiling!

Kathy Bourke  
Teaching Principal





## Self Assessment

Self-assessment and self-reflection are powerful ways to enhance a child's learning experience. They play an important role in teaching children not just what to learn, but also how they learn and what they can do to improve their learning outcomes. By including activities that require our children to critically reflect on their work; what they know and what they need to know and learning style they are given the opportunity to identify gaps in their knowledge or skill set and achieve greater control and deeper learning and metacognition. Self-assessment may be as simple as a thumbs up or down at the end of a task. Child gives a thumbs up or down and shares their why for the feedback on their learning or the lesson. Or it may be more detailed, as this photo of Annabelle illustrates. Engaging our children in learning to monitor their own skills and understandings, and to confidently share their reflections supports them to grow as learners who are effective, resilient, confident, and independent.

## Self-Assessment

When implemented appropriately, the output of the self-assessment process provides students with evidence by helping them identify ways to improve their work or to set goals for further action as appropriate. It can also provide evidence to the teacher about student perceptions of their learning in a way that can be used to direct the next instructional steps.

Self-assessment is important because it provides students with an opportunity to think meta-cognitively about their learning. Research suggests that improved understanding of one's own learning is a critical strategy that can lead to improvements in learning.





# Classroom Buzz

The sculptors and engineers have been hard at work creating Clare Kingdom.



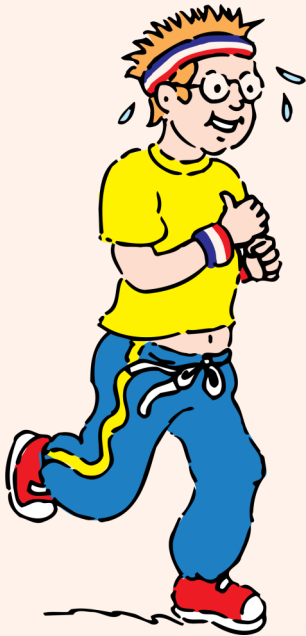
The glorious weather has ignited passionate sporting ventures at recess and lunch. Soccer and Netball, Annabel coaching the students in shooting.



Michael's determined tennis playing. He has been a star in all learning areas due to this determined mindset.







# Murray Darling Cross Country Euston

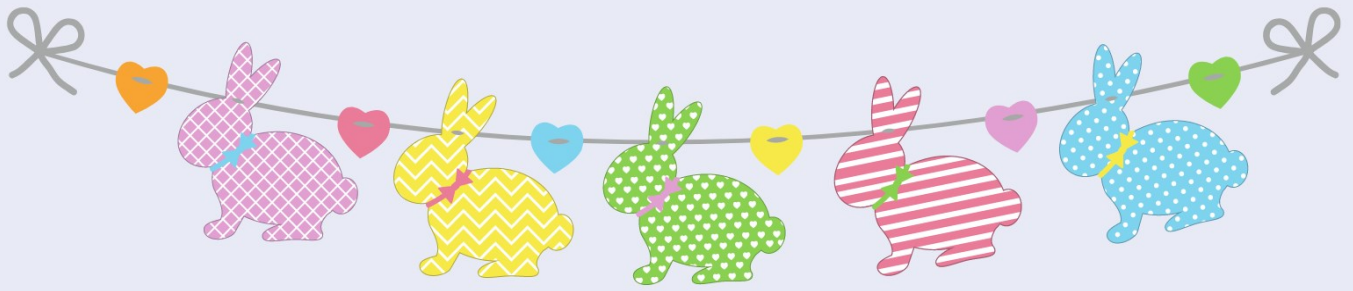


Annabel, Jack and Cate  
competed in the Murray  
Darling Cross Country at  
Euston on Monday the 2nd  
May.

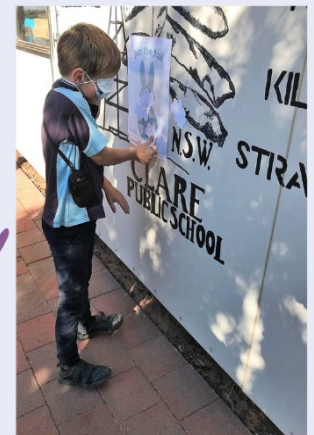
The students tried hard and  
had a great cheer squad  
cheering for them on  
the day!







# Easter





## COMMUNITY NEWS:

BALRANALD ICPA BRANCH

# Please Save the Date

Hatfield Happening

26th May 2022

10.30-3pm

Hatfield Hall

Penarie Balranald Rd

a bus will be transporting attendees to and from Balranald on the day

### P & C MEETING NOTICE

**Next meeting Tuesday May 31st at 9am at the school. Any items for the agenda to Jo.**

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**Jo Griffiths**

**Clare P&C Secretary**



### Nutrition Snippet

## ALTERNATIVES TO HAM



**Reduce your cancer risk by cutting down on eating processed meats.**

**Keep ham out of the lunch box using these simple sandwich fillings instead:**

- BBQ chicken with skin removed
- Cheese
- Boiled eggs

**For more ideas read our [Alternatives to Ham blog](#).**

**[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)**



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

NSW Department of Education

## 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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<b>3 June 2022</b>	<b>Rostered Day Off</b>
<b>10 June 2022</b>	<b>Rostered Day Off</b>
<b>11-13 June 2022</b>	<b>Queens Birthday long weekend</b>
<b>14-17 June 2022</b>	<b>Swimming Scheme Mildura (all Students)</b>
<b>30 June 2022</b>	<b>Last Day Term 2 for Clare PS</b>
<b>18 July 2022</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>19 July 2022</b>	<b>Students return for Term 3</b>
<b>29 July 2022</b>	<b>Rostered Day Off</b>
<b>12 August 2022</b>	<b>Rostered Day Off</b>
<b>26 August 2022</b>	<b>Rostered Day Off</b>
<b>9 September 2022</b>	<b>Rostered Day Off</b>
<b>23 September 2022</b>	<b>Rostered Day Off/Last Day Term 3</b>
<b>10 October 2022</b>	<b>Staff and Students Return to school Term 4</b>

**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><b>After breaks &amp; sport activities</b></p> <p><b>Before cooking &amp; eating</b></p> <p><b>SCHOOL ETC.</b></p> <p><b>On arrival at any childcare or educational setting</b></p> <p><b>After using the toilet</b></p> <p><b>Before leaving home</b></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>