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Clare Connection

From the Principal's Desk.....

I said at the beginning of this term that Term 3 was my favourite term. Well, the first five weeks of this Term 3 have certainly been unusual; illness, loss and grief have affected all of us with week 5 being the first week that all children have been onsite. Their special place was the perfect place to reconnect; hands on problem solving and creative exploration enabled communication and collaboration to restore stability and security.



As those in the Clare Public School family know, the past few weeks have been extremely hard. Last week was particularly hard for the adults involved as we watched our kids come back together and display the resilience of young kids (whilst we tried to hide the grief of adults - for their loss, and our own).

May we offer our sincere condolences to Carla, Michael and Patrick Pippin on the tragic loss of their beloved husband and father, Richard. Carla, we are here for you and we are committed to supporting you, and the boys, in any capacity we may.

The following photos are In memory of a beloved father, and in respect to a beloved mother. Thank you, Carla, for offering us an afternoon of healing in a magical carpet of colour.



May collaboration, communication and care guide us for the next five weeks of Term 3.

Keep Smiling!

Kathy Bourke— Teaching Principal

PYJAMA DAY AT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Snuggled up watching Ice Age...can you believe many of them had never experienced the wonder of it!

Congratulations kids for a magnificent term 2!



Yay, shout out to my fabulous team! Huge hug of thanks for Cameron Selby, Kara Scott, Deb Castle, Mick Bourke, Annabelle, Jack, Edie, Michael, Cate, London, Paddy, Hannah and Addy. We have overcome a COVID attack on three of our families, rain savaged roads barring any attempt to navigate for school, ear infections, bronchitis and the obligatory colds to come out winners - our kids progress has brought involuntary grins from all of us. Thank you team.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Finally, the wind died down and the sun braved the clouds assault ...out we flew to attack the weeds in our raised beds. Such a wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Classroom Buzz

NUMERACY LEARNING

Immersed in their Numeracy learning with **Splats** and Michelle Tregoning, DOE Universal Resources Hub. If you want children to engage in conceptual understanding then they have to think. If you want them to think and share, then they need to be comfortable and feeling safe.

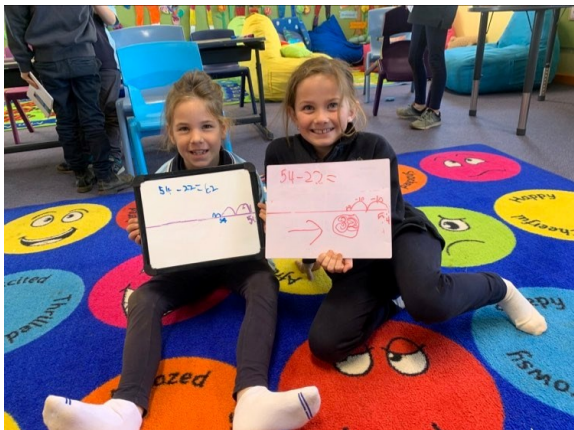


What are Splats?

Splat! (created by Steve Wyborney) is an **interactive number sense strategy that can be used at any grade level**. Students are shown representations of numbers. With a splat, part of the representation is hidden and students are asked how many are still shown and asked to reason through how many are hidden.

Building confidence with Subtraction

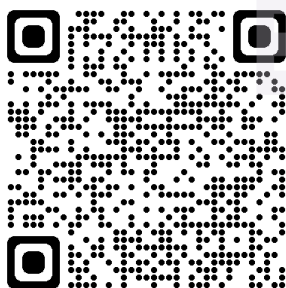
Edie and Cate sharing their smiles at celebrating a landmark moment - overcoming their fear of subtraction and mastery of the Jump Strategy.



The Jump Strategy and Splats are examples of how we use targeted teaching in the form of investigations and meaningful, low-stress practice to enhance and solidify the children's understanding and use of flexible strategies to build number sense. By sharing their thinking and openly exploring strategies we aim to cultivate a culture of communication, thinking and reasoning.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

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.

The loss of a loved person is one of the most intensely painful experiences any human being can suffer, and not only is it painful to experience, but also painful to witness, if only because we're so impotent to help.

~ John Bowlby

Nutrition Snippet

SNACK SWAPS.



Swap cake for these healthy snacks:

- Apple and date muffins *
- Banana pikelets *
- Fruit loaf *

* make a batch and freeze for later

Check out our interactive [healthy swaps](#) section for more inspiration!

healthyinbox.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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25 August 2022	Book Week Assembly – 9.30am
26 August 2022	Rostered Day Off
2 September 2022	Kinder Transition Day Beat Box Incursion
8 September 2022	Great Barrier Reef, Turtle Connections, Virtual Excursion 9.30-10.30
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
21 October 2022	Rostered Day Off
28 October 2022	Kinder Transition Day
4 November 2022	Rostered Day Off
11 November 2022	Kinder Transition Day
18 November 2022	Rostered Day Off
25 November 2022	Kinder Transition Day

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

<p>If you need to cough or sneeze</p> <p>Catch it with a TISSUE</p> <p>Bin it</p> <p>Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser</p>	<p>You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser</p> <p>After breaks & sport activities</p> <p>Before cooking & eating</p> <p>SCHOOL ETC.</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 & bottles</p>	<p>If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels</p>