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Reminder to all about the School times:
Students start at 9am and finish at 3:17pm.
If you are going to be early to school or are running late in the afternoon, please let staff at school know by email or phone call.
Also if anyone has any issues or problems please ring the school and make an appointment to see Kathy.
03 5020 6896

Clare Connection

Kathy's Corner.....

As the year draws to a close, it's time to reflect. This year has been a testament to the unwavering dedication and collaborative spirit of our remarkable students, devoted staff and supportive parents.

To our beautiful students: your curiosity, enthusiasm and your eagerness to embrace new challenges inspire us every single day.

To our passionate and committed staff members: your tireless dedication, creativity, and endless support for our students continue to create an environment where learning flourishes.

To our parents: your commitment to upholding your traditions and team spirit continues to nurture our curiosity and passion.

Student Reflections

I feel like I have improved in my PE skills, especially skipping. My footwork and my hand co-ordination have increased. **Annabelle**

I feel like I have improved in reading and the readers theatres each week have really helped me. **Jack**

I have improved in expression and reading a tonne. This is excellent. **Michael**

I've improved in my expression, so I feel more confident. **Edie**

I am so excited that my reading has improved heaps. **Cate**

I liked it when we made mum's profiteroles. **Patrick**

I've got better at not putting capitals in the middle of words. I feel happy. **Hannah**

I feel like I have improved in maths and reading. I feel really happy because it is excellent. **Oliver**

As we approach the school holidays, I encourage everyone to take this time to rest, recharge, and create beautiful memories with loved ones. May this break be filled with joy, laughter, and moments of relaxation.

Wishing you all a safe, joyous, and rejuvenating holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, love, and the joy of simply being together.

We'll see you again on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

Keep smiling!

Kathy Bourke-Teaching Principal

Presentation Day 2023





Baking Christmas Cookies





Our wonderful Mural that Kara has done on the side of our container looks awesome! We had the privilege of Dean White, Executive Director visiting and hanging out with our kids.



The students dressed up in Santa hats to support 'Doin it for Rural Aussie Kids.' There is a link below for more information or to donate.

<https://www.doinitforruralaussiekids.com.au>



Special Visitor to Clare PS

Mr Dean White, Executive Director for Rural South and West Schools popped in for a visit last week. "A school that has scooters for every kid, goal posts for every kid AND a 3-D printer- how lucky are you??" exclaimed Mr White. 'We have the best school' replied the kids



The Art of Paper Making



Gingerbread Houses



NSW Department of Education

Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers

Fact sheet

This fact sheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bushfire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be made non-operational due to changing risk conditions and the relevant advice from emergency services.



What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon

Fire Danger Rating sign



education.nsw.gov.au



NSW Department of Education

**When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?**

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.

**NSW School Updates app**

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app

**What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?**

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.

**Learn more**

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to [NSW Rural Fire Service rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au/rfs)

The department's School Safety website education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.

**Need help?**

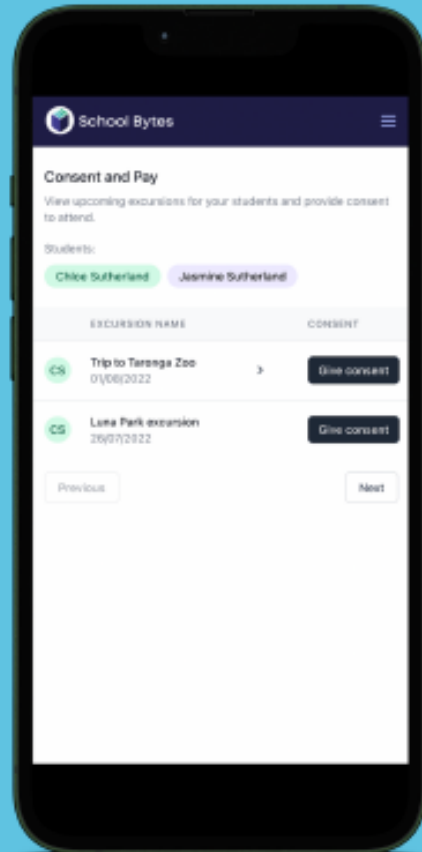
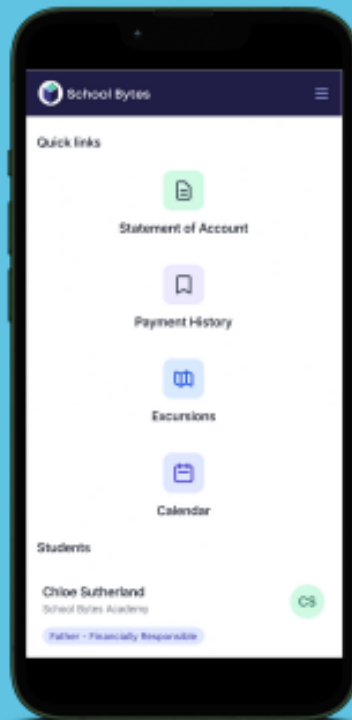
Speak to your local Work Health and Safety Advisor for support and advice, or contact the Incident Report and Support Hotline on 1800 811 523.

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AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

AVAILABLE DURING

Term 4



School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





14th December 2023	Last day term 4 and 2023
6th—7th February 2024	First days of term 1 for staff/SDD
8th February 2024	Students return to school
16th February 2024	Smalls Schools Swimming Carnival Wentworth
19th—22nd February 2024	Swim School Mildura
23rd February 2024	RDO
1st March 2024	Murray Darling Swimming Carnival Dareton
8th March 2024	RDO
15th March 2024	RDO
29th March 2024	Good Friday
1st April 2024	Easter Monday
11th April 2024	Last Day for Term 1

