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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.....

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and a happy place.

Term 4, week 5! Wow, we have nearly completed another school year. Spirits are high and all children and teachers are happily motivated.

We were honoured to host a visit from the School Education Director, Mrs Helen McCrae, last week. During her visit, Mrs McCrae interacted with our students, teachers, and administrative staff, and she was thoroughly impressed with the quality of education being provided at Clare PS. She commended our collective efforts in promoting a safe and nurturing learning environment that fosters academic and personal growth and wellbeing. The children proudly sharing the school playground projects that have commenced and providing a lunch cooked by them were highlights for Mrs McCrae.

The efforts our students have put into demonstrating positive behaviour for learning and maintaining excellent attendance has deserved an end of year reward. The scooter surprise was such fun for everyone.

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

- Stephen R. Covey

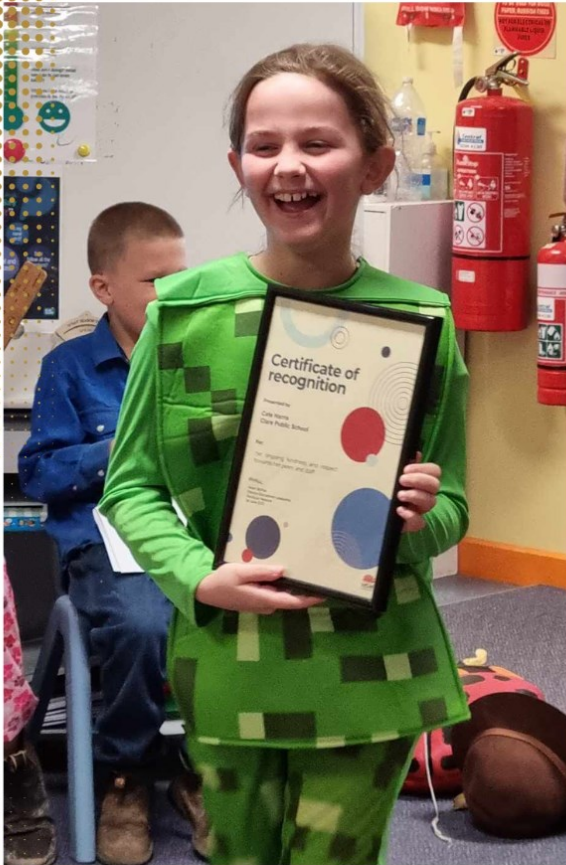
Keep smiling!

Kathy Bourke-Teaching Principal



Term 3 Assembly was a great recognition of our students learning and achievements for the term. We also recognised Barb and Ewan Ward for their commitment to the school and community.

Education Week Awards 2023

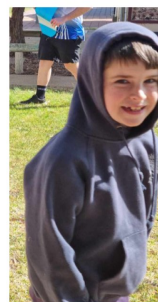
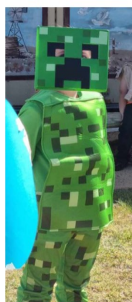
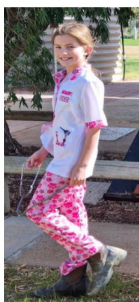


Cate Harris who consistently exhibits kindness and respect towards her peers and teachers. She has a wonderful growth mindset, striving to reach her goals and support her peers reach their goals.



To Ewan and Barb Waugh in recognition of their outstanding efforts and unwavering commitment to promoting public education and Clare PS within our community.

Book Week 2023



Week 4 at CPS

**Celebrating
World
Teachers
Day**



**The Students were
treated to new
scooters and
helmets.
The Students are
really enjoying
using them.**



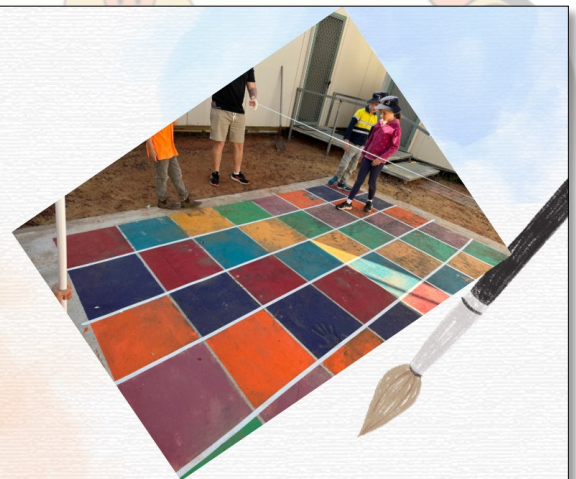
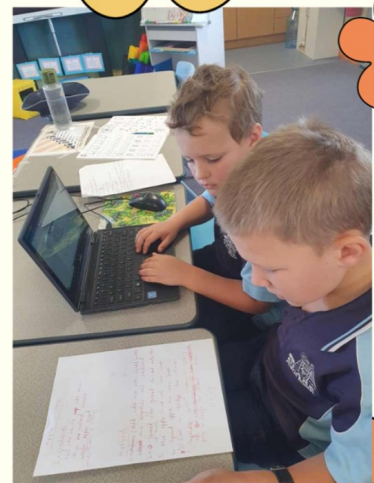


Learning with Ms English



Hannah and Oliver
learning o'clock and half
past using Power Point
Presentation.

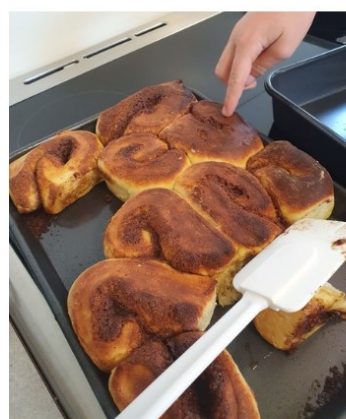
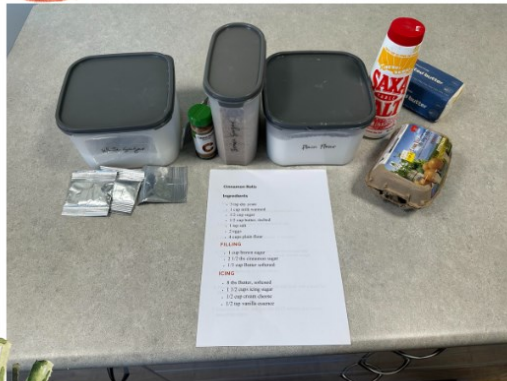
Oliver and Jack
working together on
recipe writing using
the procedural text.



The students have created a
lovely area on the concrete
near the new kitchen.

Cooking with Ms English

Making Cinnamon Scrolls



The children loved them!



School Grounds Improvements

We would like to thank the parents who have already donated things and ask any parents, carers or community members to please add to our collection of donations.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR LITTLE SCHOOL:

- Old Tyres
- Old Metal Wheel barrows
- Wheel rims
- Old bike tyre rims
- Tin cans
- Bottle tops
- Old Wagon Wheels
- Old pots and pans
- old bicycle

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED AT SCHOOL AND WILL BE APPRECIATED

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?**

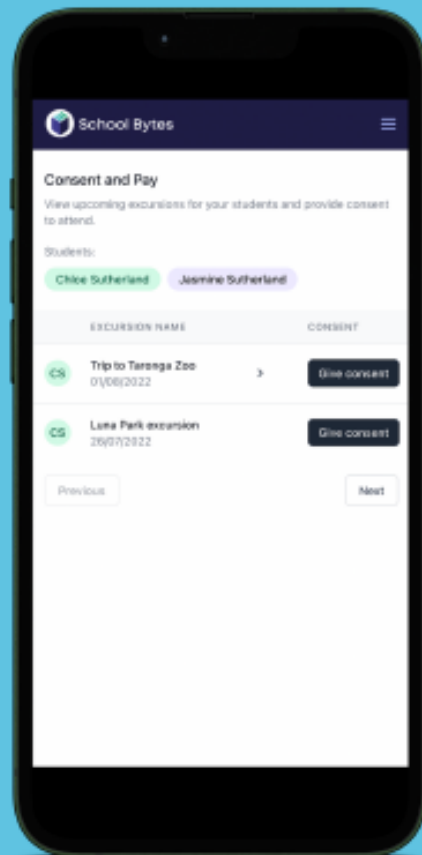
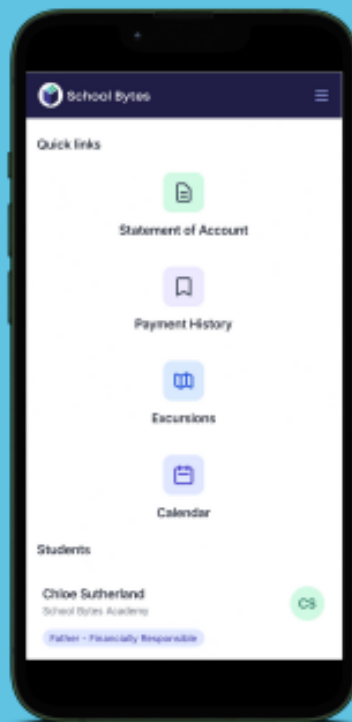
Speak to your local Work Health and Safety Advisor for support and advice, or contact the Incident Report and Support Hotline on 1800 811 523.

FACT023

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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>





Hi everyone,

Please complete the below link by 14 November.

With new families/managers/staff in the area, change of ownership of properties, mining operations and contractors, a few of us in the community are revisiting the idea of pulling together a list of all our contact details, so that we can quickly contact each other in an emergency by knowing who is on which property and how to contact those people. The list will save a lot of time if you are ever having to assist in an emergency by getting the help you need quickly. It is highly likely you may need to assist, but you may not have immediate knowledge of how to contact a staff member of a neighbouring property and critical time is wasted ringing around trying to get that information.

There is room for this idea of sharing info to grow and any insights or contributions you have would be really helpful. We intend on working closely with other stakeholders in the area, for example sharing all our UHF numbers with truck companies so that if an emergency unfolds, the trucks know how to contact landholders.

Thanks to Sandy Pippin and Carla Pippin who have been sharing lots of ideas and helping with this survey – if you want to be part of this project, please jump on board – hopefully this is the start of something we can all use to keep each other and ourselves safe in any emergency.

It would be great to collate a list and have it out to you within a fortnight. Some questions may not apply to you but we have to make sure we can capture multiple properties and employees on those properties, so don't worry if you have to skip a question if it's not relevant to you. **Click here to give your contact details:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYZCYHK>

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself, Sandy or Carla.

SM and CV Butler

"The Vale"

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Balranald Shire Council

<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/>





17th November 2023	RDO
1st December 2023	RDO
12th December 2023	Presentation Day
14th December 2023	Last day term 4 and 2023

Life is like riding a
bicycle. To keep
your balance, you
must keep moving.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

EVERYDAY POWER