

Clare Connection

Kathy's Corner.....

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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.

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As we approach the end of term 1, it's time to reflect on the myriad of experiences that have shaped our little school over the past weeks.

One notable highlight was our visit to Tronox Mines, where students had the incredible opportunity to meet with the Governor. This encounter not only broadened their understanding of our local industries but also provided an opportunity for them to showcase their social and speaking skills in a real-world setting. The Governor expressed her admiration for how our students engaged in meaningful conversation, asked insightful questions, and presented themselves with confidence and poise. She told them they must have a great school...they responded, the best!

Swim School excursion in Mildura and our Small School Swimming carnivals showcased the spirit of sportsmanship and friendship among our students. These experiences not only fostered physical well-being but also instilled valuable life lessons.

We welcomed Helen McCrae, Educational Director, whose insights have been invaluable in shaping our educational practices. Helen always enjoys sharing her time with Clare PS.

As we navigated through the challenges of NAPLAN, our teachers and students demonstrated resilience and perseverance.

Teachers and students have shown enthusiasm and adaptability as they have engaged with the new NSW English and Mathematics Curriculum.

Above all, this term has been a journey of discovery, as teachers and students have worked diligently together to understand where each child is at in their learning and initiate a personalized journey of growth.

Wishing everyone a safe and refreshing holiday.



Keep smiling!

Kathy Bourke-Teaching Principal

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

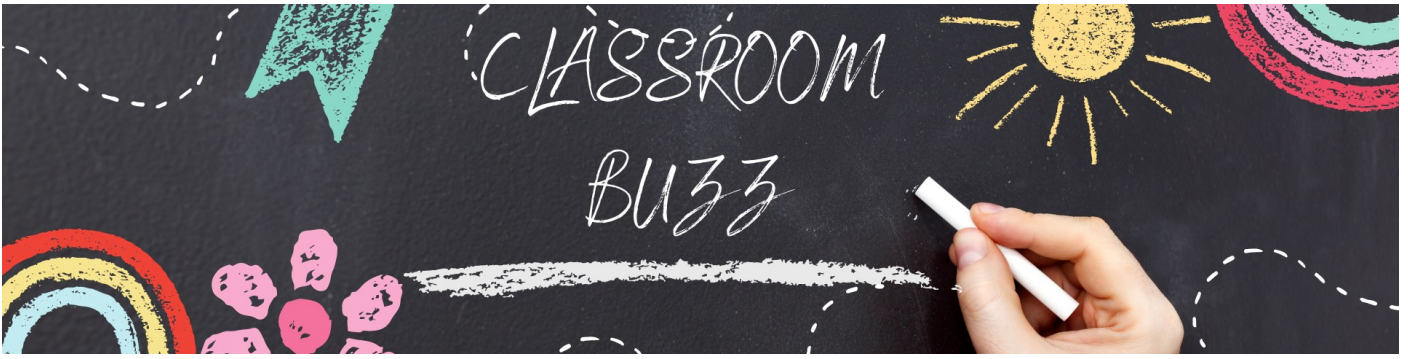


TRONOX MINE AND NSW GOVERNOR VISIT



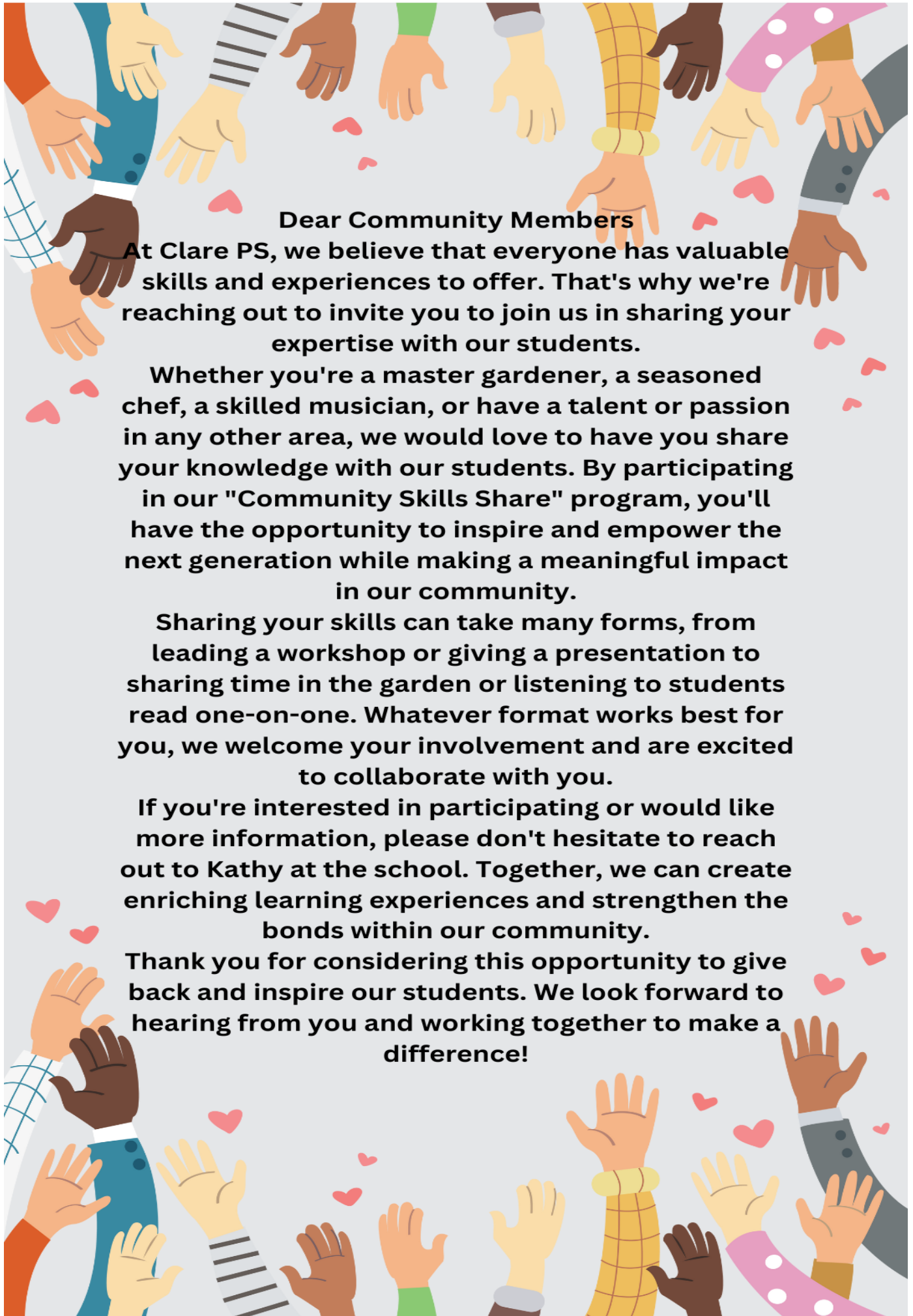
We wish to extend a huge thank you to the Governor of New South Wales for taking the time to meet with the students of Clare Public School! It was an incredible honor to have such a distinguished guest engage with our students and show genuine interest in their ideas and aspirations. Thank you for your graciousness, encouragement, and support.





Learning the Melodian with Mrs Bourke





Dear Community Members

At Clare PS, we believe that everyone has valuable skills and experiences to offer. That's why we're reaching out to invite you to join us in sharing your expertise with our students.

Whether you're a master gardener, a seasoned chef, a skilled musician, or have a talent or passion in any other area, we would love to have you share your knowledge with our students. By participating in our "Community Skills Share" program, you'll have the opportunity to inspire and empower the next generation while making a meaningful impact in our community.

Sharing your skills can take many forms, from leading a workshop or giving a presentation to sharing time in the garden or listening to students read one-on-one. Whatever format works best for you, we welcome your involvement and are excited to collaborate with you.

If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kathy at the school. Together, we can create enriching learning experiences and strengthen the bonds within our community.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back and inspire our students. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to make a difference!

NSW Department of Education

Staff Wellbeing Strategy 2024-27



The wellbeing of all staff across our schools, workplaces and services is our priority and key to everything that we do. This strategy will place the department in a pivotal position of leading the way in supporting staff wellbeing, implementing creative approaches to address our challenges and create a unified workforce who value and respect each other's professional expertise and contribute to the system.

Our purpose

To build a culture based on trust, where staff thrive through the provision of safe, respectful and inclusive schools, workplaces and services, with safety and wellbeing underpinning optimal working and learning outcomes.

This strategy supports the delivery of **Our Plan for NSW Public Education** and the key focus area of strengthening trust and respect for the teaching profession and school support staff.

We will focus on 3 key priorities

Supporting our staff

With actions that

- Strengthen engagement and collaboration with all staff
- Improve the physical and psychological health and wellbeing of all staff
- Strengthen systems and supports that impact on staff health and wellbeing in the workplace

So

All staff work in a safe and supportive environment, built around a strong culture of trust, respect and inclusion that supports them to achieve their best throughout their career

Leading our people

With actions that

- Strengthen support for our leaders
- Strengthen the physical and psychological safety of our workplaces
- Address occupational violence and community demands impacting on school and workplace communities

So

Our leaders are supported in driving a safe workplace culture and are respected, trusted and supported to make complex and challenging decisions in the best interests of staff, students and school communities

Streamlining our work

With actions that

- Strengthen the department's governance framework for managing change
- Simplify policies, systems and processes
- Improve our communication methods with schools and workplaces

So

We can effectively manage sustainable workload for all staff, implement change appropriately, and be clear on our strategic direction to support teaching and learning outcomes for schools

What success will look like

The department is an employer of choice in education

Wellbeing is embedded into our decision-making processes

Safety and wellbeing are part of how we think, how we feel and what we do every day

We provide safe and supportive working environments where physical and psychological risks are addressed in a proactive and consistent manner

Existing staff are retained and new staff are attracted to the profession

Child car seat rules

Children aged under 7 years must use an approved suitable child restraint when travelling in a vehicle. A child restraint is a forward-facing or rear-facing child car seat (also referred to as a baby car seat or baby capsule), or a booster seat.

To be approved, child restraints must meet Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1754.

Suitable child car restraint


The driver is responsible for children aged under 7 years being secured by an approved child restraint suitable for their age and size.

- Children up to the age of 6 months must use a rear-facing child car seat.
- Children aged between 6 months and 4 years must use either a rear-facing child car seat or a forward-facing child car seat with an inbuilt harness.
- Children aged between 4 and 7 years must use a forward-facing child car seat with an inbuilt harness or an approved booster seat.

Children aged 7 years and over who are too small to use a seatbelt should use an approved booster seat or an anchored safety harness. The **suggested** minimum height for using a seatbelt is 145cm or taller.

Resources:


<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/roads-safety-and-rules/safe-driving/child-seats#:~:text=Children%20aged%20between%206%20months,or%20an%20approved%20booster%20seat.>



Nutrition Snippet

BLUEBERRY PIKELETS

Serves: 6 Prep time: 5 mins Cooking time: 15 mins



Ingredients

- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 2 tablespoons caster sugar
- 2/3 cup reduced-fat milk
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup frozen blueberries
- Olive oil spray

Method


Step 1: Add the flour and sugar to a large bowl. In a jug, whisk the milk and egg to combine.

Step 2: Slowly add the egg mixture into the flour and whisk until well combined. Gently fold through the blueberries.

Step 3: Spray a large non-stick frypan with olive oil and heat over medium heat. Scoop a tablespoon of the mix into the pan, cooking up to four at a time. Cook for 1 minute or until bubbles appear on the surface and pikelets are golden underneath. Turn and cook for a further 1 minute or until golden.

Step 4: Transfer to a plate and cover with foil. Repeat with remaining batter, spraying the pan between each batch.

For this recipe and more visit: healthylunchbox.com.au



Before you speak,

THINK

T -- is it true?

H -- is it helpful?

I -- is it inspiring?

N -- is it necessary?

K -- is it kind?



11th April 2024	Last Day for Term 1
29th April 2024	Staff Development Day
30th April 2024	Students return to School/Freestyle Dance Workshop
1st May 2024	Small Schools Cross Country
10th May 2024	RDO
24th May 2024	RDO
7th June 2024	RDO
10th June 2024	Public Holiday/ Kings Birthday
21st June 2024	RDO
5th July 2024	RDO

