

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Dr Seuss

This famous quote by the imaginative Dr Seuss captures the theme of the last two weeks here at Clarke Road School. There have been many people who have been giving, big and small, to ensure that our students have vibrant, positive and meaningful educational programs and learning opportunities whilst at school. THANK YOU to you all!

Here are only some of the highlights from the last 2 weeks:



Irene Newtown is celebrated!

Congratulations to Irene Newtown for becoming one of three finalists for the NSW Grandparent of the Year Award. Irene, along with Patricia Totenhofer and Warwick Bedford, were acknowledged and celebrated for the contributions they make within their communities. Irene has been a dedicated Clarke Road School volunteer since 2014 and is Will’s grandmother.

Dates to Remember



Cluck Road Farm Opening
Thursday 8 November - 10.00am

Rotary Celebration BBQ
Monday 12 November 6.30pm

School Formal
Wednesday 5 December

Presentation Day
Thursday 13 December

P.B.E.L. NEWS

Playgrounds and other areas around the school provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to practise **Being A Friend**. Sharing, taking turns and playing together are an important part of being a friend. Look at our wonderful students sharing, taking turns and playing/working together around the school:



Eva, Cody and Michelle sharing the seesaw in Ironbark playground.



Jagraj and Eleanor working together to get popcorn bags ready for canteen orders.



Julian, Jayme, Lachlan, Bene and Viet sharing pool mats and playing together in the swimming pool.



Benji and Shaaun playing together in Gumnut playground.

Diane Robertson continues to advocate.

Diane Robertson, continues to create opportunities and advocate for relevant educational outcomes for our children and young people. The Hills School and Clarke Road School staff were invited to showcase their teaching practices, structures and key frameworks such as The Communication Passport, and In the Zone for Learning to staff within the Department of Education. Over the next few weeks, Department of Education staff will be visiting Clarke Road to further discuss and observe our classrooms and teaching practices. The wider community are also recognising Diane's contribution to our community. Take a look at the Sydney Morning Herald article:

<https://www.smh.com.au/business/workplace/school-principal-diane-robertson-sits-at-the-head-of-the-class-20181028-p50ciu.html>



Discussing The Communication Passport, In the Zone for Learning and other programs at the new Department of Education Parramatta office.

Great teams working together.

Within any vibrant school there will be many different teams contributing towards their part within the school. The P&C is one example of this. These parents and community members are contributing to our school community in several different ways, from being a representative on our Success for Complex Learners project to making a dish for upcoming events to coordinating weekend discos!



Another great team that contributes significantly to Clarke Road is Ku-ring-gai Rotary. You are all invited to the opening of Cluck Road Farm (8 Nov at 10am) and the Rotary BBQ (12 Nov at 6.30pm) to celebrate and thank Ku-ring-gai Rotary for their generosity and continued support. We hope to see you there.

What does well-being mean to you?

What does well-being mean? What does well-being mean to you? These were some of the questions that were asked by Amy Owen during our professional learning time. The World Health Organisation has found the



following factors to enhance individual's wellbeing: enjoyable and fulfilling career, adequate diet, regular exercise, a balanced diet, sufficient sleep, relationships, a network of close friends, a sense of belonging, the ability to adapt and change, a safe physical environment and a sense of purpose and meaning. When asked "What does well-being mean to you?" Teachers and School

Learning Support Officers responded with "positive mindset and attitude, gratitude, exercise, eating healthy, living in the present and many more". So, we ask you, ***what does well-being mean to you? What are some practices that you can do?***

Well-being matters because students matter.

Here at Clarke Road School we understand that great educational programs make a difference. Personalised programming and learning is essential because it builds the foundations of learning and prepares the

person for their future and for their community. Most weeks we come together as a community and celebrate learning at the junior and senior assemblies.



Warm regards

Kavi Razzaghi-Pour Relieving Principal

Creating a Voice (CaV) Project

Structured Teaching and Creating a Voice go hand in hand

During the holidays Shanaya and Amy went to Melbourne to learn about the TEACCH program and how it could benefit our children. They were amazed how many links there were to the CaV passport and came away with many Aaha moments.

TEACCH's goals are to create life long learners through independence, flexibility, self-advocacy, generalization, wellbeing; happy healthy self-efficacy and competence. All of these skills are developed and nurtured through the passport which enables us to dig deeper and understand more about each individual and help them on their learning journey through the use of explicit teaching and well-designed tasks.

Another important message that came through the course was the need to break down a task to its simplest forms then build it back together, for example the task of planting a plant! Easy right? No, some of the questions we needed to ask ourselves in order for the student to be successful included.



Where to dig a hole?

What is a hole?

How big does the hole need to be?

How far apart do the holes need to be?

Where to put the plant?

Water the plant, how much water? and where do you put the water?



These are just a few of the questions we had to solve in order for the task of planting a plant took place.

Our Creating a Voice team have looked at the need to drill down deep in order for us to help our children achieve their own individualised learning goals.

Supported by:



Bendigo Bank

Awareness

Anticipation

Intentional

Imitation
First – Then

Categorising

Problem Solving

Critical Thinking

Bunya at Swim School

The Bunya boys have had a great week at swim school. They love the water and the intensive two week program is exactly what they need to improve their water safety and confidence.





BURU CLASS; A Yearly Snapshot.



YeeeHaaa James at the Bush dance



Having a spot of lunch at Hornsby food court



Aman surveying Rotary's new Chook shed



Impromptu conducting performance by Tom



James getting cognitive with a set activity



And so is Chris. Well done!



Buru Boys travel training to Hornsby Pool



They are there trust me!



Tom Bustn' a move during senior dance



Robert best dressed on yellow

Be a friend day



Tony and Chris Rockn out

during Rhythm Village



Aman with his new

feathered friend



**CLUCK ROAD FARM IS BUILT!
CELEBRATE WITH US!
COME MEET OUR MEMBERS!**

Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai
invites you to a

CELEBRATION BBQ

WHEN: 12 NOV at

6.30PM

WHERE: CLARKE ROAD SCHOOL

RSVP: by 5 Nov, attendance and dietary requirements

on 9487 2652



CLARKE ROAD SCHOOL

Opening New Worlds

You are invited to the opening of

Clarke Road School's Shed & Farmyard

Clarke Road School

Thursday 8th November
at 10 am

Followed by morning tea.

RSVP NOV 5th
02 9487 2652 or
clarked-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

*Supported by
Ku-ring-gai Rotary and
Westfield Hornsby*

Toilet Training Workshop



**Started toilet training, but with limited success?
Not sure where to begin?
Can't decide if your child is ready or not?**
Then this workshop is for you!

Come along to meet Psychologist Mimi Fraser, joined by members of the St Lucy's Therapy team, to learn strategies for successfully toilet training your child.

Time: Thursday 8th November, 2018, 5:30-8:30pm

Location: Possibility Space, St Lucy's, 21 Cleveland St, Wahroonga

Registration: Bookings essential. Please book using this link or QR code



<https://www.trybooking.com/ZAGG>

Cost: Free!

Tea and coffee will be provided.



For further information and bookings please contact:

Steve Davies
Head of Therapy Services
Phone: (02) 9487 1277

St Lucy's School Key Word Sign Basic Workshop



The workshop covers the use of Key Word Sign and natural gesture to assist individuals who have difficulties with receptive and/or expressive communication. This workshop is relevant for anyone living or working with a person with communication difficulties including families, teachers, health professionals, child care workers and volunteers. No previ-

**Wednesday 14th November
9.00am – 3.00pm
St Lucy's School,
21 Cleveland St, Wahroonga**



Presented by St Lucy's accredited KWS trainers
Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

Bookings essential, open til 7th November at <https://www.trybooking.com/WQHY> or use the QR Code

Cancellations: If the school is notified before 7th November, refunds available. Between 7th and 12th November, credit note available. After 12th November, no refunds or credit notes available



Completing the Key Word Sign Basic Workshop will contribute 6 hours of QTC Registered PD addressing 1.2.2, 1.4.2, 1.6.2, 2.1.2, 2.5.2, 4.1.2, from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.



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For further information please contact:
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Cost:
St Lucy's families: \$110
Others: \$140

Financial assistance is available for St Lucy's families.
Please contact Steve for more information.

Sunday 4th November 2018

10am - 3pm

 Normanhurst West PS
 4-10 Dartford Rd,
 Thornleigh

Normanhurst West
 Public School

FAMILY FUN DAY



ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES

Purchase Unlimited Ride Tickets Online Now \$30.
 Great value for 15 rides & 5 hours of fun!

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 Ambulance, Fire Engine, Police Displays • Showbags • Side Show Alley Games • Face Painting

Henna Tattoos • Huge Toys, Clothes & Trash & Treasure Stall
 For more details and to check out the rides go to www.normanhurstwestpandc.com.au
 or Find us on [f @NWPSPandC](https://www.facebook.com/NWPSPandC).

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"CAREFLIGHT'S Christmas MAGIC MANIA"

A project by Magic Mania for special needs children and families throughout New South Wales

We would like to invite any special needs children and their families from your organisation to "MAGIC MANIA". It will be held on **Saturday 15th December 2018** at **QUAYSIDE** (Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre), Homebush. There are three (3) available show times commencing promptly at **12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm**, although we ask those needing assistance to arrive **at least 30 minutes prior**.

We are offering **FREE** tickets to this event to all special needs as well as care givers and family members who would like to attend. These tickets to you are completely **FREE OF CHARGE** and made possible by the generosity of your local business and professional people. If you could please reply by email or fax by **Wednesday 6th December**. We request that you email or fax us the number of tickets you require. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to call **Jenny Goodman** during business hours on

02 9699 3925

Yours sincerely

Jenny Goodman

Jenny Goodman project coordinator
 Magic Mania



FOR YOUR FREE TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL OR FAX:

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NUMBER OF TICKETS:

SHOW 1 @ 12.30PM

SHOW 2 @ 2.30PM

SHOW 3 @ 4.30PM



CONTACT NAME: _____

ORGANISATION from or heard about show from _____

Your Tel: _____

Your Fax: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

☐ Please tick if you would like your tickets emailed (saves paper and postage)
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