

SCHOOL NEWS

8th November, 2019

CLARKE ROAD SCHOOL

Opening New Worlds

Dear parents, carers, family members and community members,

Connecting with our community ... Over this past week, I have had some wonderful connecting and heart-warming conversations with members of our wider community who have expressed an interest both in our students and in considering how they can support our school, including Barker College, PCYC in Waitara and Asquith Golf Club. Asquith Golf Club have donated \$2,000 to the school which they have raised from the trivia nights they hold each month. A group of staff went on Friday evening to play some rounds of trivia and to accept the donation on behalf of the school. Thank you, Asquith Golf Club and Matthew Fuze the General Manager, for your initiative and generous contribution to our school.



Dates to Remember

15th November

P&C Meeting 9:30am

25th November

Orientation for new families

4th December

Year 12 School Formal

12th December

Presentation Day, 10:00am

Combined Athletics Carnival . . . Last Friday some of our Senior and Junior students had an opportunity to represent the school at the Combined Athletics Carnival at Homebush. They followed instructions from their teachers, ran their races with energy and enthusiasm and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. We also had some great results to celebrate with many of our students placing in their races and Clarke Road coming third overall in the primary section – what a fabulous achievement! Well done to all who attended and a big thank you to those staff who supported the students at the carnival and to those back at school who accommodated the changes.

P.B.E.L. NEWS

What does it mean to be a friend when we are out in the community?

Here are Magura class out in the community being great friends. They are holding the gates open for each other, chatting while they eat their lunch, walking together on the path and taking their turn at exploring new things.



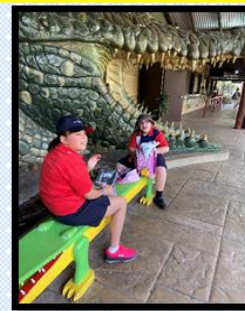
Patrick waiting his turn on the slide



Sergei waiting his turn to pat the crocodile



Ben and Cayden greeting some new friends at the Reptile Park



Eva and Ava chatting while they have morning tea



Swim School The last two weeks have been busy and fun ones at Clarke Road with the inclusion of Swim School for our Junior students. Swim School is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have one to one support in the pool, with specialised and experienced swimming instructors. The instructors have a lovely way of making the learning of new skills so enjoyable with engaging songs and special water play activities. It is always so fabulous to see the progress that students make over the two weeks when they swim each day. Thank you, Paula, Chris, Sharon, John and Michael, for your hard work and enthusiasm when teaching our students.

What are we learning together?

This week as part of the Cluster Project, we had educators from the Far West Network visit for two days. As I listened to their inspiring stories of teachers implementing *In the Zone* and *The Passport* into their classrooms, I was reminded of one of our key messages at Clarke Road:

'Innovative and personalised programs at Clarke Road School allow your child to develop the skills needed to be a part of their community. We want your child to have access to and use a unique set of learning and communication tools that will help them understand their world and open new opportunities. We recognise that by understanding your child we can better target learning'.

Frameworks and assessments such as *In the Zone*, *The Communication Passport* and *Structured TEACCH* not only allow us to gain a greater understanding of our students and how they learn, but also help us to plan for **meaningful, relevant and personalised learning**.



Celebrations . . . There is always much to celebrate at Clarke Road, but I did want to share with you two particularly exciting pieces of community news. Aimee Firkins returned from the Australian National Championships in Albury. Aimee won the final frame of the playoff in the semi-finals to take NSW to the preliminary final. Victoria were the overall winners, but Aimee made a significant contribution to her team - Well done, Aimee! The other wonderful news is that Diane became a 'nanny' again to a beautiful little granddaughter – Lulu. A special congratulations to Di at this time and may she enjoy many a cuddle with Lulu.

Have a look at some of our wonderful learners this week at Swim School



Have a lovely weekend!
Rebecca

Creating a Voice (CaV) Project

One of the cognitive skills that supports emotional regulation in the Communication Passport is understanding concepts. Concepts are an important part of vocabulary development that demonstrate understanding of big ideas such as position, direction, size, quantity, number and time. How can this help with emotional regulation? Understanding concepts of time such as, soon, wait and later can help children remain calm when they are anticipating a desired item or activity. Knowing concepts of quantity like a lot and a little can make it easier to accept that everyone is having a little turn or a little piece of cake. In order to understand challenging concepts like these children need to start work on concepts at the right level for them.

Here are some ideas to help you find the right level to develop an understanding of concepts with your child.

In order to prepare to learn concepts a blue student is becoming more aware of their environment. When participating in activities together pause to emphasise key words, give time for your child to respond to people and objects. For example, looking at the cup briefly before drinking.

A purple student is preparing to learn about concepts by learning to anticipate what is happening in their environment. Emphasise key words when participating in activities together. Use objects to support understanding of what is happening. Pause to give opportunities to anticipate the next step. For example, opening mouth when they see a bowl of food.

A red student is learning to understand the concepts of position, up and down and in and out. Emphasise the key word within a routine. For example, say “up” while moving an object up to where it should be placed. As many concepts are opposites first teach one, such as up and then work towards understanding down as its opposite.

A brown student understands the concepts of position up / down, in / out and on / under with less reliance on familiar routines and gestures. Use objects in games and daily activities to develop understanding of these concepts. For example, “teddy on bed.”

Through learning about opposites an orange student is developing a more varied knowledge of concepts, such as, little / big, hot / cold, stop / go, on / off and same / different. Continue to emphasise these opposites in daily activities. For example, comment on stop / go when driving in the car, playing on a swing, racing, drawing, etc.

Yellow students understand a wider range of concepts. For example, position- next to, between, high/low. Concepts of quantity full / empty, a lot / a little. Concepts of time, soon/ later, wait. Concepts of sequence, first, next, then, last and many more. At this stage you can use the word “opposite” to help your child learn new concepts.

Green students understand a wide range of concepts. For example, Concepts of sequences- 1st, 2nd, 3rd in a race. Comparatives such as big / bigger / biggest. Concepts of position such as above / below and left / right and many more.

Supported by:



Bendigo Bank

Awareness

Anticipation

Intentional

Imitation
First – Then

Categorising

Problem Solving

Critical Thinking

COMBINED ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On a hot Spring day 17 students from Clarke Road competed in the Combined Metropolitan Athletics Carnival. They walked, ran and jumped their way to some excellent results and had a fantastic day. Congratulations to all students for their enthusiasm and beautiful behaviour in the community.



Thank you to all staff, volunteers and parents at the carnival (a special thank you to Oscar for driving the big bus!) and to all staff supporting students at school in combined classes.

Christmas cards for Sale

As part of their Work and Community Skills program the students in Colo class have been busily making Christmas cards for sale.

They have taken a great deal of pride in making these Christmas cards which are for sale in the school office, with all proceeds going to the school.

The packages of the larger cards in packs of 3 are \$4 per pack.

The packages of the smaller cards in packs of 5 are also \$4.

Check out the photos below.



Larger cards - \$4 pack of 3



Smaller cards - \$4 pack of 5

Verney. Tony and Manoj







School Holidays with Sahara

Nominations for your preferences must be received via email or phone by Friday 22nd November 2019

- Please prioritise your activities in order of preference over the 20 days
- 1 = Activity you most wish to attend.
- 20 = Activity you least wish to attend.
- X = Activities you do not wish to attend.
- Please consider carefully the suitability of the activity for your child, we want everyone to have a safe and fun day out (the program is for children aged between 9 and 15yrs)
- If you have not accessed Sahara Services programs previously, please contact Sahara to arrange the completion of intake and participant information forms on: ph - 84060842

DATE	ACTIVITY	PRIORITY
Week 1		
Tues 10/12/19	SYDNEY AQUARIUM & CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Today we will discover all the amazing sea creatures at Sydney Aquarium. After we will look at the fantastic David Jones Christmas Windows and the sparkling Swarovski Christmas Tree and enjoy our packed lunch at Darling Harbour. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$30	
Weds 11/12/19	Sailing at Pittwater Join us on our trip to Rowland Reserve to experience sailing and even learn a few sailing skills along the way. Each person will be taken on a sailability access dinghy by an experienced sailor. Usually a minimum of four boats go out at a time so you may even be able to enjoy a race with your friends, or try the sailing orienteering course for a bit of fun. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20	
Thurs 12/12/19	Christmas cards, Gifts & festivity Today we will make Christmas cards, Christmas candles and Christmas chocolates. Through the day we will make ourselves Chicken Burgers for lunch and enjoy some Christmas karaoke. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$25	
Fri 13/12/19	Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Let's go swimming! The swimming centre out at Homebush has it all. A Rapid River Ride, Water Slide, Water Fun Park, fun water features, spa and of course 3 swimming pools. Even better, because it is all indoor and heated, we do not have to worry about the weather conditions. If you require floating aids please bring them along on the day. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20	
Week 2		
Tue 17/12/19	Sydney Santa Spectacular Would you like to visit an enchanted snow forest? Watch Christmas stage shows? Enjoy carnival rides? Decorate Christmas biscuits? Walk through falling snow? Go on a toboggan ride? Well make sure you book in for this one. This is a fantastic fun christmas event that offers a range of activities for everyone. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$40	

Weds 18/12/19		Lunch and Movies Today we will head to Events Cinemas to enjoy a new latest release movie over some movie snacks. For lunch we will head to the food court where you can choose from the many food options available. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$30
Thur 19/12/19		MCA-Bella Art Program Today we will catch the train to the Museum of Contemporary Art Bella Room. This is unique art experience for young people of all abilities where the session is tailor made for our group and uses art therapy and education techniques to assist us create something amazing from artworks to costumes, maybe even movies, sculptures or paintings. Time: 9am – 3:30 (Please bring lunch, drink & opal card) Cost: \$20
Fri 20/12/19		Hornsby Aquatic Centre Summer is here! Let's cool off at the local pool. There is an indoor and outdoor pool, water slide and water fountains to enjoy. If you require floating aids please bring them along on the day. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20
Week 3		
Tues 7/1/20		Powerhouse Museum Today we will discover all the amazing exhibitions at the Powerhouse Museum including the Space Exhibition, science and technology exhibits, Wiggles Exhibition and much more. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20
Weds 8/1/20		Ferry to the Basin Join us on our Ferry trip to the Basin. We will drive to Palm Beach and enjoy cruising across to the Basin for a picnic lunch. Please bring swimmers and towels in case we go for a little paddle in the water. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20
Thurs 9/1/20		Australian Reptile Park Today we will drive up to the Australian Reptile Park at Gosford to enjoy live shows, themed exhibits and hands on experience with the many animals. Please bring a hat, sunscreen and plenty to drink. Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$25
Fri 10/1/20		Ryde Aquatic Centre Let's go swimming! The swimming centre at Ryde has so much to offer. A wave pool, Water Slide, rapid river ride, fun water features and spa. Even better, because it is all indoor and heated, we do not have to worry about the weather conditions. If you require floating aids please bring them

	along on the day.		Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink)	Cost: \$20
Week 4				
DATE	ACTIVITY	PRIORITY		
Tues 14/1/20 	Madame Tussauds Have you ever wanted to lift a helicopter like superman, Ride on ET's Bike, Sit on a throne surrounded by the Royal Family, play music with Katie Perry or sit in a Formula 1 race car??? Today will be your chance as we walk through Madame Tussauds Wax Works where there are many interactive exhibits to enjoy. After we will enjoy our packed lunch at Darling Harbour.			
Weds 15/1/20 	Sailing at Pittwater Join us on our trip to Rowland Reserve to experience sailing and even learn a few sailing skills along the way. Each person will be taken on a sailability access dinghy by an experienced sailor. Usually a minimum of four boats go out at a time so you may even be able to enjoy a race with your friends, or try the sailing orienteering course for a bit of fun.			
Thurs 16/1/20 	Marian Street Theatre – Phillip Pullmans Grimm Tales Today we will enjoy a performance put on by the Marian Street Theatre for Young People at their new Glen Street theatre location. After the show we will head to Bobbin head for our lunch, games and an Iceblock.			
Fri 17/1/20 	Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Let's go swimming! The swimming centre out at Homebush has it all. A Rapid River Ride, Water Slide, Water Fun Park, fun water features, spa and of course 3 swimming pools. Even better, because it is all indoor and heated, we do not have to worry about the weather conditions. If you require floating aids please bring them along on the day.			
Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink)		Cost: \$20		
Week 5				
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Mon 20/1/20 	Picnic in Royal Botanic Gardens & Choo Choo Express Today we will journey to the Royal Botanic Gardens and explore. Whilst there we will enjoy the scenic wonders of the Royal Botanic Garden on the Choo Choo express. We will also enjoy nice gelato whilst at the gardens.			
Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink)		Cost: \$25		

Tues 21/1/20 	Tenpin bowling & pizzas Join us on our trip to Rowland Reserve to experience sailing and even learn a few sailing skills along the way. Each person will be taken on a sailability access dinghy by an experienced sailor. Usually a minimum of four boats go out at a time so you may even be able to enjoy a race with your friends, or try the sailing orienteering course for a bit of fun.	Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$25
Weds 22/1/20 	Sailing at Pittwater Join us on our trip to Rowland Reserve to experience sailing and even learn a few sailing skills along the way. Each person will be taken on a sailability access dinghy by an experienced sailor. Usually a minimum of four boats go out at a time so you may even be able to enjoy a race with your friends, or try the sailing orienteering course for a bit of fun.	Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20
Thurs 23/1/20 	Time Zone and Picnic Lunch Who loves arcade games? Car racing, tenpin bowling, air hockey, basketball, skill tester games, video games and so much more. Today we will enjoy all these games and once we have accumulated our tickets pick a prize at the end. Once we are all gamed out we will head to Crosslands Reserve for a nice picnic lunch and outside play, if it's hot maybe some water games.	Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$25
Fri 24/1/20 	Hornsby Aquatic Centre Summer is here! Let's cool off at the local pool. There is an indoor and outdoor pool, water slide and water fountains to enjoy. If you require floating aids please bring them along on the day.	Time: 9am – 3:30pm (Please bring lunch & drink) Cost: \$20

Please READ & Note:

- The Meeting and Pick-up point for all days will be at Sahara Services Hub located in Hornsby (not far from Hornsby train station)
- Please bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks with you to each activity unless otherwise specified
- Please remember to bring your concession/companion card to all activities.
- Once you have nominated your preference of activities a confirmation letter will be emailed out to you before the program starts.
- This Program only shows the cost of activity and does not include the associated NDIS cost of starting support on the day. This additional cost will be determined by the level of support required by your child, the numbers of children in the group and the nature of the activity.
- Once booked in if you are unable to attend any of the above activities, or if you have any queries, please contact s.zgolak@saharaservices.com.au

We look forward to meeting with you soon.

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We would like to thank you so much. You put a smile on my daughter's face and she was so happy after her ride... I had tears in my eyes as it was so kind... No one has ever done this for her.

- Karen, Soar & Roar Parent

Reserve your spot for Soar & Roar Festival today!

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