

Dear parents, carers, family members and community members,

This week we have had many **absences of staff** through illness. As you will well understand this impacts our students at times as they enjoy seeing their usual staff in class and a change of routine can be dysregulating. We appreciate the support of families as we navigate what is an increasingly challenging job of replacing staff. I extend my appreciation to staff for their flexibility in covering many elements that help our school to be calm and focused. I also want to thank you regular temporary teachers for the great work they do covering classes across the school.

It is a timely reminder to ensure students are not sent to school unwell, as our students love to share their bugs and illness can spread quickly in our school.

Team Clarke Road School is now engaged in the **NSW Department of Education Premiers Sporting Challenge 2019**. We are up against about 20 teams statewide. The aim of the game is to improve our wellbeing and to rack up as many steps as we can. The statewide winner will be the team with the largest number of steps. We all have pedometers and are off and exercising. Most staff on average are doing around 15,000 steps whilst at school each day. That's a lot of stepping!

Dates to Remember

P & C Family Fun Day

26th May 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Athletics Carnival

29th May 9:00am – 12:30pm

Barker College Parents welcome

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

10th June

Dental Clinic

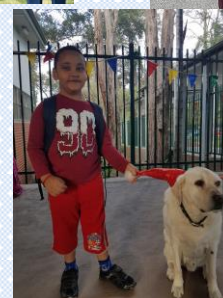
13th June

High Flyers Assembly

24th June

P.B.E.L. NEWS

This week was our **Be Safe** day! Students practised staying with a group by dancing to music and running to giant squares on the group when the music stopped. While Barker students drove "cars" over the pedestrian crossing, students had to "stop, look and listen" for any moving cars before safely crossing the road. A fun game of stop and go was played with road signs before we looked at photos and videos of Clark Road students being safe in the classroom, playground, pool and community



Thank you to our **awesome P&C** for the work that they do for each other and for our school. We are so lucky to have a team of people who are welcoming and deeply committed to making a difference for our families and school. They have organised some up and coming events, SO PLEASE SUPPORT THEM and come along to enjoy the time together.

As you know The Rotary Club of Kuring-Gai have always had a strong partnership with Clarke Road School and only recently built for us our Cluck Road farmyard. They are a wonderful group of community members. This year they are celebrating their 60TH Anniversary and have invited Clarke Road School to put together a table. Below are the details. If you are interested could you contact Leanne in the front Office.

Date: Monday, 24 June 2019
Time: 6.30 for 7pm
Venue: Avondale Golf Club, Avon Road, Pymble
Dinner: 2 courses plus cake and some wine
Dress: A chance to dress up and perhaps add a touch of bling for our Diamond Anniversary! Black tie or lounge suit.

The NSW Department of Education Deputy Secretary is Murat Dizdar. Murat has always expressed an interest in visiting school to better understand the varying contexts across NSW. Well we decided to invite him to work at our school for a day and he has accepted the challenge. Murat will visit for the day on 4th July. We will be placing him across three classes for the day with 3 duties to cover as well.....Just a usual day at Clarke Road School! Murat has then asked to meet with us in the afternoon for a debrief! (which he may well need!). It is simply wonderful that our executive officers are so prepared to roll up their sleeves and work in classrooms. We can't wait to welcome Murat to Clarke Road School.

One of our CORE VALUES at Clarke Road School is **“Respect: Showing care and concern for others. We are committed to positive and respectful relationships with students, families, each other, the wider local school community and the wider educational community”** Part of this value embraces trust. Trust in each other. Your children are with us for a lot of their time. We care for, value and respect your children for who they are. We support your children to learn the skills they need to be their best. Of course there are many times when students become dysregulated and this can be due to their developmental needs, their brain function, their inflexible thinking, a communicative intent, the weather! The best hope our students have is that they are supported to regulate their own behavior. ***We cannot control anyone's behavior.*** Not your's, not my neighbors, not my brothers etc We can of course support the conditions around the student to minimize risk of potential harm, teach new skills, reinforce new ways of thinking and communicate clearly to parents around incidents. This transparency is very important and so is trust. Trust in us and trust in you as parents. Should a student have an incident at school and you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school to gain the information you require.

This year I have been invited to attend the International Confederation of Principals' (ICP) Annual conference in Shanghai China. It will be an amazing experience. I will also get to visit schools. I am really looking forward to that.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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Creating a Voice (CaV) Project

Looking at Taking Turns

Taking turns is an important part of communication and social skill development for children and young people. When children and young people learn to take turns, they learn the basic rhythm of communication, that back-and-forth exchange between people. They learn about taking turns and communication through “serve and return” interactions. Think of it like a game of tennis, your child serves the ball by looking at you vocalising and verbalising, and you return the ball by looking and talking to your child. When children are actively engaged with others and practice taking turns, they learn the foundation for conversational exchanges.

Michigan State University. August 2016

- **Be responsive.** Children communicate their needs in a variety of ways. Some of our learners may cry or make vocalisations. Some learners might take you by the hand to what they want, and others tell you with words what they need. Some learners may use real objects to communicate, some may use picture visuals, and others may use photographs to make their needs known. By being responsive to your learner’s needs, you are doing several things. You are doing the most important part of being a communication partner, being part of the conversation, acknowledging their messages, showing suitable ways to communicate and showing that communication can be a means to an end. In regards to communication skills, being responsive helps children and young people learn the nature of communicating with others.
- **Play turn-taking games.** Simply rolling a ball back and forth or playing a game that involves taking turns helps build strong foundational skills for language, communication and social skills. Challenge your children to practice taking turns. You could play “I spy” and encourage your child to find multiple ways to describe what they see, or make up stories together, taking turns to describe what happens next.



Sascha knows in this musical activity that it is her turn when the teacher allows her to beat the drum.



These “whose turn” cards are used by a few classes.



These “your turn, my turn” cards are used by some of our students.



The students participating in this activity know it is their turn when their name is called.



taking activities for many of our students. Students know it is their turn when the real object “ball” is rolled to them.

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Bendigo Bank

Awareness

Anticipation

Intentional

Imitation
First – Then

Categorising

Problem Solving

Critical Thinking

A Week in Bunya

Bunya class love to engage in their learning. Across the week we have opportunities to learn through many different activities. Here is a snapshot of our week.



Budding artists Kavish and Maheen hard at work.



Chef
Maheen working on fruit salad.



Damon loves to bounce.



Damon and Benji learning about money at The Corner Shop.





Benji asking for help with Elmo.



Damon experimenting with water in science.



Thursday Special Olympics fun!



Swimming, everyone's favourite.

Woolworths

Earn & Learn program has started



From Wednesday 01 May to Tuesday 25 June you can collect stickers at the checkout. You will earn one sticker for every \$10 spend, excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards. All stickers collected will be used to purchase teaching resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

Clarke Road School has registered again this year, and the stickers are coming in every day. Please keep encouraging your family and friends to collect as many stickers as possible for our school.

Any stickers collected can either be placed in the box in the Hornsby Woolworths store labelled 'Clarke Road Special School', or they can be sent into the school office.



School Tracksuit Pants Clearance Sale!!

Fleecy lined, double knee, pocket zips

Sizes ranging from size 4-14

\$10 per pair

Limited stock, first in best dressed..... place your order through the School Office!



CLARKE ROAD SCHOOL

Your P&C invites you to

Welcome and reconnect with our school families!

Teachers welcome!

Family Fun Day

2 - 4pm

Come along any time in the 2 hours

Sunday 26th MAY

Come for a picnic lunch or just a play!
School playgrounds & Jumping Castle!

NEW!
activities for SENIORS

Thanks to
Hornsby Presbyterian Church

Please.....

NO NUTS
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enquiries

Helen

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Parents are responsible for supervising their own children

Supporting resilience in children and families

Resilience is the ability to 'bounce back' from life's difficulties. For young people it is vital to help them develop resilience building strategies that support and promote well-being. Resilient people are seen as resourceful and are emotionally and mentally balanced. Half of all serious mental health problems begin before the age of 14. We also know however that early intervention to address difficulties can improve the chance of long-term mental health and well-being.

This forum is about developing our understanding and awareness of building resilience skills in children, families and ourselves to support our ability to cope with the inevitable challenges we are likely to experience in life. Professionals and community members who are aware of protective factors, and supporting resilience in people will be able to create opportunities daily to help children and families develop their social and emotional skills to grow into resilient adults.

THEY'LL BE OKAY- Collett Smart

Collett Smart is a psychologist, qualified teacher and author of newly released, 'THEY'LL BE OKAY: 15 Conversations to help your child through troubled times.' (Hachette) Collett will be sharing about the theory and practice of developing and supporting resilience in children and families.



Collett Smart

Psychologist, Author, Speaker

Collett has more than 20 years' experience working in private and public schools, as well as in private practice. She appears regularly on national television and radio, as an expert in teen and family issues. Collett has taught and delivered psychology workshops and seminars around the world. She is an Ambassador for International Justice Mission Australia and is mum to 3 children, aged 11, 16 and 18 years old.

Helen Tozer will be sharing about her lived experience of building resilience in herself and her family as they have navigated multiple country's, systems and challenges to access the services and support needed.



Helen Tozer

Originally from Sydney, Helen studied early childhood development at Macquarie University. She spent 15 years working in humanitarian aid in Hong Kong, which included volunteer management, facilitating experiential education programs, and staff training. Following courses at Harvard in communications and nonprofit management, Helen co-founded a family support charity, Fragile X Hong Kong. She has spoken internationally and locally on her experience with parenting a child with complex learning needs. Helen lives with her Guinness World record holder husband, Mike, two children and enjoys coffee and running.

Public Transport and Parking

Chatswood Train Station and Buses are a very short walk from Zenith Theatre.

Parking is \$8.00 for guests. Patrons must take a ticket from the machine at the car park boom gates up into the theatre for validation and payment, otherwise it will be levied at the full rate on exit by Secure Parking.



LOWER NORTH SHORE
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FORUM 2019

Wednesday 12th June 2019

SUPPORTING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



Details

Date:
Wednesday
12th June 2019

Registration & lunch: 12pm

Seminar:
1-4:30pm

Venue:
Zenith Theatre
Cnr McIntosh &
Railway St,
Chatswood

Cost: \$40
(\$39.50+ 50c booking
fee. Includes light lunch
& afternoon tea)

Register:
[www.trybooking.com/
BCHWI](http://www.trybooking.com/BCHWI)

RSVP:
Bookings close on
Wednesday 5th June

All welcome

Further Info
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Social Enterprise
Support Coordination & Plan Management
Apprenticeships & Traineeships
Disability Employment Service (DES)
Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE)
Supported Holidays
Community Access
and much more!

DATE: Wednesday 29th May 2019

TIME: 11am – 6pm

COST: FREE to Attend

LOCATION: THE CONCOURSE, Pavilion Room – 409 Victoria Ave Chatswood

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Anyone with special need wanting to access community supports including Students, Parents, Guardians, Advocates, Teachers and Support Staff. We encourage all students and families to attend even if the young person will not be leaving school for several years as the information distributed at this event will enable you to make informed choices for the future.

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everyday independence

Sydney North Region Scouts and Guides present



TUNE IN

HGS 201.9

5 - 13 JULY



Barker College, Leslie Theatre: 91 Pacific Hwy, Hornsby

Tickets: Adult \$25, Child (under 16years) \$15, Concession \$20, Family (2 adult & 2 children) \$70 *Plus booking fee*

BOOKINGS: WWW.GANGSHOW.COM

120 local Scouts and Guides on stage in a musical variety show



Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai Invitation

It is the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai's 60th Anniversary!
That's 60 years of service to the community.

We're combining our 60th Anniversary and Presidents' Changeover Night on

Monday 24 June 2019.

- Venue: Avondale Golf Club,
Avon Road, Pymble
- Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm
- Dress: Gentlemen, black tie / lounge suit
Ladies, a chance to dress up and add some bling for our Diamond Anniversary
- Cost: \$70 per head for 2 course meal plus cake and some wine.

We're proud of what we have been able to achieve at Clarke Road School and value the relationship we have with the P&C, parents, staff and students.

It would be great to see a couple of tables (seating 8) of parents, friends and staff at this special event for our Club.

RSVP Monday 10 June online at:

<https://www.kuringgairotary.org.au/index.php/events/register-for-an-event>

and pay by credit card or bank transfer.

If you have any queries, please contact Joy on 0400 305 370 or email joy@newling.net.au

We look forward to celebrating with you!

<div> <div>CLARKE ROAD SCHOOL</div> <div>Opening New Worlds</div> </div>		Term 2 Planner				Term 2, 2019
Month	Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
May	2	6	7 The Corner Shop opens	8	9	10 May
May	3	13 NIDHC (Clinic)	14 The Corner Shop	15 Barker College Peer Support Program	16	17 May Hornsby South (HSPS)-Junior combined signing choir
May	4	20 School Photos	21 The Corner Shop	22 PBEL Be Safe Day	23	24 May HSPS-Junior signing choir
May	5	27	28 The Corner Shop	29 Barker Program Athletics Carnival All welcome	30 1.40pm- HSPS Band performance	31 May HSPS-Junior signing choir
June	6	3	4 The Corner Shop	5 Barker Program	6	7 June HSPS-Junior signing choir
June	7	10 Queen's Birthday	11 The Corner Shop	12 Barker Program	13 Dental Clinic	14 June HSPS-Junior signing choir
June	8	17 NIDHC (Clinic)	18 The Corner Shop	19 Barker Program	20	21 June HSPS-Junior signing choir
June	9	24 High Flyers Assembly Time: 9.30am All welcome	25 The Corner Shop	26 Barker Program	27	28 June
July	10	1	2 The Corner Shop	3	4	5 Apr