As I write, there is a backhoe breaking up the slab from the condemned covered area on the southern side of the classroom. There are painters giving new life to the buildings, plumbers replacing toilets and guttering as well as resurfacing the amenities floor. Builders are replacing doors and louvers with 21st century aluminium louvers, fixing sagging soffits and replacing rotten floor boards and steps. With all this going on around them, your children are engaged in science, geography and art whilst they wait for their turn to help Sue (artistic director) paint a children's mural. Our new courtyard area looks welcoming and calm and is now pleasantly surrounded by renewed and restored buildings and garden.

Since 2014 this community had a vision to renew the school from the inside - out.

1. We built a culture of belief in our student's ability to succeed — no matter who they were or what they had previously achieved.
2. We delivered the Australian curriculum to students, differentiating according to the needs and abilities of each child. We monitored their learning and responded appropriately. We celebrated their successes.
3. We equipped ourselves to become better teachers and parents through self-development such as learning to support reading and writing at home, the parenting course, bronze medallion, and regular honest and productive conversations between the school and home.
4. We valued our human resources — parents, community, teachers and students.
5. We transformed the classroom with new furniture and a white board — front and centre for teaching and learning.
6. We upgraded the facilities — pool filters, lawn mower and grounds equipment, water pumps, generator, and now the buildings.

"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together." - James C Penney, businessman, philanthropist and entrepreneur. Congratulations Clarke Creek Community! You have supported your children's growth in confidence, self-esteem, academic achievement and future by supporting and enacting the vision of the school community. Let us continue to grow.

Kind Regards,
Lisa Roach

Farewell Lehman Family

It was sad to say Goodbye to the Lehman Family. Rhiannon has been such a delight to have at our school with her crafty ideas her quirky sayings, positive attitude and always with a happy smiling face.

All the best with your next adventure.

We will miss you all.
At the end of Term 1, our community came together for our 2nd Annual Clarke Creek Triathlon. At school we are fit to run and swim, so it seemed natural to put those two activities together, add a bike and helmet and make it a triathlon. Constable Kel Hutley from Marlborough Police came along to allow us onto the May Downs road, and families came to cheer and support. Every child completed the course and received a medal for conquering the challenge. Even some of the oldies had a go to show you are never too old to tri… It was great to celebrate afterwards with an afternoon tea, and take time to spend together as a community.

Congratulations to Michael Allgood and Tom Wallace who have been selected to compete at the Rockhampton & District Cross Country Trials at Kalka Shades on the Wednesday the 6th May.

Good Luck boys!
The students knitted beanies, egg baskets, leaf art and decorated cow skulls for the Marlborough Show. Tom won 2nd place for his skull art, Lara won 2nd place for her beanie and Cameron won 3rd place for his leaf art. Congratulations to all students who put in such a great effort. Also a big thankyou to Mrs Lehman for her excellent crafty ideas.

Congratulations to Tom Wallace who won a new bike with his winning entry about Safety. The other entrants were gifted a sports pack for the great detail and hard work they put into their posters.

Mick Allgood was the lucky winner of our Easter Raffle and the prize for the student who raised the most amount of money. The Community raised an astounding $440.
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself formally to you. My name is Marissa Brady and I am excited by the opportunity to be involved in your child’s learning journey. I have been working with children for over 10 years and have just recently completed my Bachelor of Learning Management majoring in Early Childhood. As this is my second year of teaching, I am still very excited by the new opportunities offered to me and am in awe of how blessed I feel to be a part of such a wonderful profession.

I grew up on a cattle farm, 20 minutes outside of Biggenden and love the small community environment. I moved to Rockhampton 15 years ago, where I met my lovely husband, Troy and settled down. While we don’t have any children, I do have a Great Dane, a German Sheppard and 2 cats, and with the country girl in me, I also have 6 chickens and 2 bearded dragons.

I understand the importance of parent–teacher communication and would love for you to come over and have a chat anytime. I hope to have a wonderful time at Clarke Creek, as I am extremely excited to be a part of such a wonderful community.

Mrs Marissa Brady

It will be icky, messy and explorative, but we will be having fun along the way. So far the children have explored a marine animal called a cuttlefish through dissection. We spoke about the food chain of this animal and found one of its delicacies in its stomach, creating a wonderful introduction to our science this term. The children will be conducting various experiences around the chemical science strand. They will explore different types of materials, reshaping and manipulating it in ways to suit a particular purpose, moving on to precipitation, evaporation and filtration later in the term.

On the 24th April we had a visit from the CWA ladies from the Sarina Nebo branch. They attended our Anzac Day parade and presented our students with books of the TV series Australia the Story of Us.
Our Anzac memorial service to remember our Armed Forces, both past and present, was held on Friday 24th April. We were privileged again to have Sergeant Major Roger Smith attend our service. Roger flew from Melbourne to be at our service for the second time. He spoke of his time in the military and explained to the audience the purpose of memorial services and what it is that we remember. Our freedom was defended on the battlefields, and we should never forget those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. All of our students had a role to play in the service — from handing out the poppies and programs, laying wreaths, saying the Ode, Prayer and Poem and welcoming and inviting guests.
Thanks to the team at Building Asset Services and Education Queensland for our newly renovated buildings. Also thank you Chris Stevenson for renewing the flagpole, constructing a chemical cupboard in the pool shed and making a stand for the school letter box. We appreciate your skill and effort in helping the school meet auditor requirements, and adding to the new improvements around the school.

Congratulations to our 2015 School Leaders who have already shown what it takes to lead. They have each demonstrated commitment to the task of leading, modelled excellent behaviour and work ethic, encouraged and supported other students and have worked together to build the community of Clarke Creek School.

Tom Wallace year 5 School Leader
Michael Allgood year 5 School Leader
Ty Soutter year 4 Vice Sports Captain

Thankyou Sally Stevenson for making this beautiful cake for our opening. It was delicious.
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• Jumping Castles
• Bungee Run
• Face Painting
• Balloon Design
• Pre Dinner Nibbles
• Roast Dinner
• Delicious Desserts

FAMILY - FOOD - FRIENDS - FUN
ICPA (Aust) is a voluntary, non-profit, apolitical parent body dedicated to ensuring that all rural and remote students have equity of access to a continuing and appropriate education.

The ICPA Clarke Branch welcomed its 2015 office bearers at our AGM held last Saturday.

President: Anneli Day  
Vice President: Jane Sherry  
Secretary: Lynise Conaghan  
Treasurer: Sally Stevenson

For those in our community with a vested interest in the education of young children...primary school children...children in boarding school...or adolescents embarking on a tertiary or agricultural college education then ICPA is relevant to you!

It encompasses the education of children from early childhood through to tertiary. Children may be educated in small rural schools, by distance education, attend boarding schools or school term hostels and sometimes have access to early childhood services. Tertiary students whose family home is in rural and remote Australia frequently must live away from home to access further education.

The Association has over 4,500 members, residing in the more remote parts of Australia, who all share a common concern of gaining access to education for their children and the provision of services required to achieve this. Membership includes a cross section of Australia's rural and remote population and includes fishermen, miners, itinerant employees, farmers, pastoralists and small business owners.

ICPA seeks to have all elements of education (cultural experiences, social contacts, participation in sport and other enriching activities) available for all children regardless of their home location. To achieve its goal ICPA pursues objectives in the following areas:

- Education Allowances  
- Boarding Schools/School Term Hostels  
- Travel  
- Distance Education  
- Special Education  
- Curriculum  
- Communications  
- Rural and Remote Schools  
- Early Childhood Education  
- Tertiary Education  
- Country Education Program

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Membership for 2015 is $56. This includes State and Federal Membership. A small amount is retained by the branch to enable members to attend State and Federal conferences as delegates or observers.

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