Calendar of Events

March
25th - District Cross Country at St Lawrence.

April
1st – 2nd Annual Clarke Creek Triathlon at 1:30pm.
1st – Playgroup 9-11am
1st Easter Raffle Drawn

3rd – 19th Easter Holiday Break
25th Anzac Day

May
12th – 14th NAPLAN Yrs 3 and 5

18th Arthur Colon Aboriginal Artist visiting.

July
25th School Photos

August
12th – 14th Camp at North Keppel Island Environmental Centre.

November
16th – 20th Dance Fever

The academic foci for term 1 has been writing and numeracy. We have been working towards increasing our writing stamina. To do this we – 1. Get our thoughts and ideas down quickly to make writing fluent. 2. Use a structure for each writing task so that the reader is able to gain meaning from the text. 3. Edit – a) read it out aloud to check that it makes sense b) correct spelling and punctuation c) add precise vocabulary so that the meaning is clear and d) present the final polished product. This is not unlike many processes in our life. Step one: make a start, have a go. Step two: reflect, repair and refine. Step 3: Celebrate!

There is numeracy in our everyday lives. At school we have examined shapes, angles, perimeter and area, counting, mathematical problems, collected and interpreted data to name a few concepts. The idea is to take the mystery out of maths and use it in everyday life. So don’t miss opportunities at home to use maths and explain how you solved the problems. Money, time, calendar and counting patterns are great places to start.

Reading, as always is central to all of our school work and families are encouraged to spend time listening to their children read, as well as reading with their children at home. Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school—and in life. The importance of reading simply can’t be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects. More important, it is the key to lifelong learning.

Lisa R
A big thankyou to Stewy Wallace for your dedication, in training the students and helping them improve their fitness levels for the upcoming Cross Country. It will be held at St Lawrence on Wednesday the 25th March.

WOW! Our schools new transformation looks fantastic and the children are spending lots of time utilising their new space. Thank you to the P and C for coordinating the landscaping project and preparing the grounds for the landscaper as well as sourcing the materials needed to complete the project. Thank you Elizabeth Hill for overseeing the project that was done by Tavis Hood of Effex Worx and to Lenny Spencer. David Hill, Kerry and Stewy Wallace, for the time spent in preparing the ground ready for our new synthetic grass. Also to Pat Moran for the use of his equipment.

Tavis not only did landscaping this week, at our school, he also led our students with the National Anthem on parade, read and sang to the students.
For the first time, in the history of Clarke Creek State School, we have 3 generations from the Kemp family that attended our school. Lara Hart started Prep this year. Laras mother Rebecca Hart started in 1994 and her Grandad David Kemp started in 1972. The school opened in 1971. This is such a great milestone for Clarke Creek School.

In August our school will be going to North Keppel Island Environment Education centre where we will study the marine environment, indigenous culture from the past and sustainability. Bill Bowering, a teacher from the island, made a special trip to Clarke Creek to meet and introduce our students to some of the things we will see and learn at the island. This visit was unprecedented so we felt very privileged that Bill could come. Bill talked and showed us examples of marine life, took us to the creek to find aquatic creatures, and then taught us how to snorkel in the pool. Thanks Bill for coming. We can’t wait until August!
I have really enjoyed my time at Clarke Creek. We have been busy learning all sorts of useful, worldly and interesting things in Science, Geography, Visual Arts and Craft. Crafty fingers have been very busy knitting and by the end of term all the students will have lovely soft warm beanies to wear for chilly campdrafting, fishing or pigging mornings. 

In Science we have learnt about the cycle of growth of plants and the many similarities plants share with animals. Including the various habitats animals and plants grow well in. The children are all very good at observing, labelling, classifying, identifying and experimenting what makes a healthy habitat for plants and animals to grow. We have learnt which animals are unique to Australia and some of us have learnt which animals have successfully adapted themselves to survive. Our knowledge of the world and Geography is expanding. Please keep asking your child which state is which, what is the capital city, what does ACT stand for? And a feature of each state eg; which state has the Simpson Desert, Ayers Rock, Great Barrier Reef? The older students have learnt about the 7 continents, the Equator and the parallel tropics. We have looked at how these lines of latitude affect the temperature and landforms around the world, thus reflecting the houses we live in, the clothes we wear, the transport we use etc. The younger children have been looking at their place, how to get to school, directions and Australian flowers and animals.

Visual Arts has been a very positive experience. It warms my heart to see the children get so excited about creating unique pieces of art. Each and every piece is absolutely beautiful! We’ve made mobiles for the garden, experimented with Cubism art and painted skulls/various bones. Sketched, rubbed and admired the fine detail of leaves, weaved with wire and wool to make Easter baskets and tried our fine motor skills with dot painting. Some of these fantastic pieces will be on show for all to admire at the Marlborough show.

It has been a delight spending time with all of your gorgeous children. Thankyou.

Happy Easter to you all,

Rhiannon
The Preps have been reading the book about Chicken Licken. They acted out the story with their animal characters and retold the story. This week they learnt the letters, sounds and actions of h, r and m. Also touched on rhyming words. In Maths they learnt about (o'clock) time, patterns, counting and sorting numbers 1–10.
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Happy Birthday!!

Mick Allgood 15th