



*We learn. We show respect.  
We are safe.*

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, Term 3, 2017

*"Golden Past, Bright Futures"*

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# Clunes Primary School

## Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 3	
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Inagawa Junior High School Student Visit
August 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week (25 <sup>th</sup> will be Focus Day and Dress up)
August 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mobile Eye Tests
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wesley College Concert (pm)

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It has certainly been a busy couple of weeks at our school. The children have all been busy engaged in their learning both in and out of the classroom. Everywhere I walk, the students greet me with a smile. Clunes Primary School is certainly a happy place to be ☺

### Reading at Home

I have been so impressed with the number of students receiving reading awards at assembly on Monday mornings. To parents who continually sacrifice time to read with your children despite the amount of housework, washing and countless other jobs that you no doubt have piling up, just remember that you are making a massive difference in the learning and development in your child. The research around the many long term benefits of reading at home nightly is overwhelming. Keep up this great work! Did you know that reading doesn't always have to be from a book? Reading could come in the form of an internet article or maybe a travel blog. Even if your child struggles to read, having a discussion with them about something interesting that you have read in a positive manner will have great benefits in the long term.

### Energy Breakthrough

Mrs. Longmire and Miss Dargaville have been busy putting our grade 5 and 6 students through some fairly gruelling fitness challenges over the past couple of weeks. The "Team Smash" HPV has also been busy cutting laps of the asphalt area. In the coming weeks the 2017 HPV Team will be announced. There will, unfortunately, be students who miss out on making the team. Whilst this will be upsetting for many students, I can assure everybody that the teams are chosen via a very rigorous and thorough selection process. I am very much looking forward to cheering our 2017 HPV Team on at the Energy Breakthrough Event in November.

## Fundraising

Over the past couple of weeks, there have been a few extremely dedicated and hardworking parents who have spent countless hours volunteering their time raising funds for our school. The recent "Tree Drive" and "Roast Roll Drive" have given the school some much needed funds. Without the dedication and commitment of these wonderful people, our children could not receive much needed resources. I cannot thank those diligent parents enough for their hard work and dedication to our school. Thank you ☺

## Staff

This week we see two of our wonderful staff members take some well-deserved Long Service Leave. Liz G will be away for the next couple of weeks and Julie McDowell will be away for the rest of the term. Have a great time Julie and Liz. We will see you when you return. There will be no Chaplain appointments available while Julie is on leave.

## Visitors Next Week

We are super excited to be hosting a delegation of 12 students from Inagawa, Japan on Monday. The students will spend time in each of the classrooms completing some fun activities. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to test out their Japanese language skills as well as get the chance to interact with people from across the globe. Inagawa is Ballarat's sister city and the two municipalities share a rich history of cultural exchange. Our students will no doubt get a lot out of this experience.

## Acknowledgement of Country

From next week, we will be introducing an Acknowledgement of Country at school assemblies. Our student leaders have had a visit this week from our KESO (Koorie Education Support Officer) to discuss the importance and significance of having this as part of our school assembly and formal school events. The Acknowledgement to Country is about recognising the rich history of our area and acknowledging the traditional custodians of Australia. Moreover, it is about developing and maintaining meaningful relationships with different people. Our School Captains are very excited and honoured to be implementing the Acknowledgement of Country at our school.

Finally, there have been a number of students away due to illness these last two weeks. Hopefully the dreaded lurgies will pass our area soon! Have a wonderful couple of weeks ☺

Ryan



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 2



Our Term 3 You Can Do It focus is:  
**Perseverance**

Prep/ 1B - Killian, Crystal	1/2H – Charlie, Bethany, Max
Year 2/ 3D- Xaiden-Lee, Charlie,	3/ 4LM- Riley, Kate,
5/ 6 A- Blayze,	5/ 6 W/T- Jacob, Hannah
Principal's Award – Cushla, Lexi	

Chaplain's Award – Declan

Bus Traveller's Awards- Declan, Emmalee,

### Chaplain's Chat

I finally did it! I finally went to that dentist appointment I've been putting off for so long. And you know what? It wasn't nearly as bad as what I'd thought it was going to be.

**FEAR...**False Expectation Appearing Real! You know, fear of what *might* happen is really a waste of time and energy because if the thing we are worrying about doesn't happen, we have wasted all that time for nothing!

Think about one thing you fear. Now think about the worst thing that *could* happen. Is it really *likely* to happen? Is there something you could learn from it *if* it does happen?

Fear can stop us from trying new things. Fear is our worst enemy. I hope that this week you will 'step out' and do something that has previously worried or frightened you and that in doing so you find new confidence. What a great thing to model for our kids!

Have a great week! I'm off on long service leave for the remainder of Term 3...so I'll speak to you all in term 4!

Blessings,

Julie McDowell...School Chaplain

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Chaplain

### BREKKY CLUB NEWS

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT 1 IN 7 KIDS GO TO SCHOOL WITHOUT THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY?

We are fortunate at Clunes PS to have a number of volunteers from the wider community come in each week to help out at BREAKFAST CLUB! However, during **Term 3** Chaplain Julie will be on long-service leave and some of our volunteers are unavailable. If you would be interested in being part of a team to keep Brekky Club running during Term 3 then please speak to Julie or email her: [mcdowell.julie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mcdowell.julie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) .

(Working With Children's Check required - WWCC)

(Breakfast Club runs **Thursday mornings 7.45 – 8.45am**; tasks include set up, service and clean up)



**Andrew Webb is looking for any old trampoline frames for a recycling project. Contact the office or Andrew directly if you can help.**

Several students assisted with planting of chinese elms around the perimeter of the school. Two nashi pears were added to the orchard. The children are doing these tasks as part of our commitment to National tree Day.



## *Father's Day Gifts*

This year the parents group are going to have three gift ideas that the children may purchase for their fathers, grandfathers or special person for Father's day on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

These will be a picture frame, grow your own dad or a bag of biscuits. There will be a further notice going home next week with the full details.



**FAMILY FUN at WORDS IN WINTER**  
**Sat Aug 19 2017**



Storytelling &  
 Children's Writing Award

**Saturday 19 August, 10.30 – 11.30am.**  
 Daylesford Library, Free event  
**Storytelling with Anne E Stewart**  
 followed by the  
 announcement of the winners of the  
**WIW Children's Writing Award.**

**Children's handmade books** will be on  
 display at the Library till 19 August.