



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

Thursday 15th October, 2020

“Golden Past, Bright Futures”

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

Term 4 Draft #3 Calendar on the back page

Please continue to contact the school/ Sonia with any questions or concerns. Be safe!

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday our school completed the next component of our School Review, the Fieldwork Day.

Across the day Panel members; Reviewer- Heather Ridge, DET Senior Education Improvement Leader- Paul Nolan, DET Challenge Partners; Education Improvement Leader-

Alana Jones and fellow Principal- Brett Millot of Daylesford Primary School, observed lessons in all classrooms and spoke with staff on all components of teaching and learning linked to our current School Strategic Plan. The Panel also sought active feedback from student representatives Prep – 6. Our numerous Student Forums included student leaders as well as interested students from all year levels. Our students were so keen to share that we needed to undertake a ballot at all year levels to decide participants! Parents/carers & staff were also asked a series of questions about our school’s performance. It was a rigorous and highly productive and informative day!

One last day; Panel Day, next Wednesday will complete the School Review process.

I would sincerely like to thank our students, staff and participating parents for their commitment to this engaging and essential process. It will determine our school’s direction for the next four years.

All students to now please return School equipment items as soon as possible. Thank you! 😊 Items may include: calculators, plastic clocks, tool kits and IT devices that may have been borrowed. Thank you again! 😊



[Parent Opinion Online Survey](#)- available for completion until Nov 13. You will receive a Clunes PS password and instructions via email. We sincerely appreciate your feedback!

Please let us know when you have completed the Survey. Your family’s name will be placed in a ballot to win a voucher to use at Widow Twankey’s. We will inform you of the winner after Nov 13. Thank you!

Wishing you all a positive fortnight ahead! Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4



Our You Can Do It focus for Term 4 is ...
Confidence!

Prep B – Duncan	1/2B – Vannessa
2/3LM – Ben T	3/4L – entire class
5/6AT – Trijntje	5/6D – Ayva
Principal's Award- Brett	PE & Health- Declen S

BOOKCLUB Issue 7

Orders are due back by
Thursday 22nd October, 2020

Orders and payments can be made through the
office or through online LOOP payments.

No late orders will be accepted after this date.

Credit Card Payments over the Phone!

You are now able to make payments to the school by providing your credit card details over the phone. We hope you enjoy the convenience that comes with this extra feature and would encourage you to use this payment option.





1 /2B Art- time machine back to the time of the dinosaurs. Using watercolours.



Incredible efforts by our Year 1 /2 B Students (not all present on the day)

Make way for sparenting

• POSITIVE PARENTING

Raising children has always been best when it's a community affair. In previous generations, aunts, uncles, grandparents, god parents and family friends – spare parents, or sparents – all played a part in raising kids.

The last decade has seen the rise of parenting as an individual endeavour, which can place crushing pressure for parents to always be at their best.

The saying 'it takes a village to raise a child' needs to be updated to 'it takes a town or suburb full of healthy adults to look out for kids at different stages of their lives.' A mouthful, but you get the gist. A child can never have too many spare parents.

Sparenting at different stages

When kids are very young, most parents want a break from the relentlessness of child-rearing. It's the time for other adults to step up to offer a smattering of advice, a touch of moral support and plenty of babysitting relief.

As kids move into primary school they are primed for finding their place in the world. Spending time with other adults such as family, friends and parents of their friends broadens their horizons, hastening this important socialisation process.

Developmentally, teenagers benefit enormously from relationships with men and women outside their immediate family. Sparents make great confidantes and coaches for young people at a stage when they are seeking independence from their parents while undergoing significant emotional and physical changes.

Some years ago my daughter loved babysitting her young niece, constantly phoning her brother with babysitting offers. Now as a parent she still takes a keen interest in her nieces and nephews because deep in her bones she knows that sparenting enriches a child's life in so many ways.

The benefits of sparents

Filling a talent or interest gap

Kids usually appreciate having an adult to share their interests, but it's hard for parents to be across all their children's hobbies and activities. Relatives or family friends are well placed to fill the interest void that occurs in some families.

Filling a gender gap

If you are raising a son in an all-female household then an uncle, grandfather or male family friend can be a great additional role model. Similarly, girls in all-male households can benefit from sparenting by a female friend or relative.

Bringing a fresh voice

Ever noticed how kids will listen to other adults more than they listen to their parents, even though the message is the same? It's frustrating, but that has always been the reality of raising children and young people.

Bringing some emotional detachment

As strange as it may sound (hear me out), being your child's parent can be an obstacle to parenting them rationally. When we are heavily invested, rightfully so, in all their hopes and dreams as well as our own wishes for them, it's inevitable that we won't always use logic and reason, especially in the heat of a challenging moment.

The presence of another calming adult without the emotional investment that comes with parenting provides a different perspective, particularly when kids behave poorly or when academic results can disappoint.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years' experience, and has 30 years' experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

Jessica Vagg has organised a GoFundMe fundraiser to support her brother James through his serious illness.

To support James please use this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-james-through-his-battle>



TERM 4, 2020



'Outdoor' Supported Playgroup

Monday - Friday mornings at various 'outdoor' locations in Central Goldfields Shire.

For more info, text or call Trish or Jane
0427 702 567 or 5461 6500

Cafs at Clunes Primary School in Term 4

Whether you want to strengthen your parenting skills or need assistance accessing support for your children, Cafs' Family Support Team want to help.

- The health and wellbeing of your children and family.
- Support for families experiencing family violence, financial strain, substance abuse and/or mental health issues.
- Support in identifying and implementing alternative parenting approaches.
- Child development – ages and stages, and other parenting resources.
- Sleeping and settling techniques for babies.

Cafs' Family Services Team members are available for a free, confidential chat about your needs and how we can help. We'll be based at your school for half a day once a week.

To make an appointment or to speak to us, please call Fran Ielo – 0407 860 526

Debra Meade – 0400 364 155 or put your name down at the school office.

For more information about Cafs, visit cafs.org.au.



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Term 4 Calendar – Draft #3 15th October, 2020 **new information highlighted ☺**

WEEK 1	Mon	5-Oct	
	Tue	6-Oct	
	Wed	7-Oct	Clunes PS students return to school! (not Mon 12/10) School Bus ✓ from now on for the term. HATS! ☺
	Fri	9-Oct	NO Breakfast Club or LUNCH ORDERS until further Notice
WEEK 2	Mon	13-Oct	Walk to School begins again! 8.30am at Queen's Park playground JSC Meeting (1)
	Tue	14-Oct	School Council Meeting –online method
	Wed	15-Oct	Newsletter- then back to fortnightly from now on
	Fri	16-Oct	Parent Opinion Survey may be completed
WEEK 3	Mon	19-Oct	Book Week! Theme - Curious Creatures/ Wild Minds
	Tue	20-Oct	Years 3-6 Day Camp- Log Cabin Camp- Creswick
	Wed	21-Oct	School Review- Panel Day
	Thu	22-Oct	Book Week- Favourite character dress up, Parade & Focus Day!
	Fri	23-Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY- State-wide pre AFL Grand Final (Sat 24th Oct)
WEEK 4	Mon	26-Oct	
	Tues	27-Oct	SSG Meetings - new date due to Day Camp
	Wed	28-Oct	
	Thurs	29-Oct	
	Fri	30-Oct	World Teachers Day
WEEK 5	Mon	2-Nov	
	Tues	3-Nov	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – State-wide Melbourne Cup
	Wed	4-Nov	School Photo Day- method TBC
	Thurs	5-Nov	Kinder Transition session (1) 9-11am
	Fri	6-Nov	
WEEK 6	Mon	9-Nov	
	Tue	10-Nov	JSC Meeting (2)
	Wed	11-Nov	School Council Meeting –method TBC
	Thurs	12-Nov	
	Fri	13-Nov	Parent Opinion Survey closes! Thank you for completing the Online survey. Have you entered the ballot for a prize? ☺
WEEK 7	Mon	16-Nov	Swimming Program- P-6 begins. Details to follow
	Tue	17-Nov	
	Wed	18-Nov	
	Thurs	19-Nov	Kinder Transition session (2) 9-11am
	Fri	20-Nov	
WEEK 8	Mon	23-Nov	
	Tue	24-Nov	
	Wed	25-Nov	Life Education – tentative planned lessons
	Thu	26-Nov	Life Education – tentative planned lessons
	Fri	27-Nov	
WEEK 9	Mon	30-Nov	
	Tue	1-Dec	JSC Meeting (3)
	Wed	2-Dec	
	Thu	3-Dec	Kinder Transition session (3) 11- 1pm
	Fri	4-Dec	
WEEK 10	Mon	7-Dec	
	Tue	8-Dec	State-wide Transition Day – 2021 P/ K & Yr 7
	Wed	9-Dec	School Council Meeting- day/date TBC
	Thu	10-Dec	
	Fri	11-Dec	
WEEK 11	Mon	14-Dec	
	Tues	15-Dec	
	Wed	16-Dec	
	Thu	17-Dec	
	Fri	18-Dec	Last day of 2020 – 1pm finish

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE**

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults.

Please prepare your children to be collected from an external meeting point.



During drop-off and pick-up of your child remember to keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults.



Please move promptly away from the school grounds.

Everyone 12 years and over entering school grounds must wear a face covering



For detailed information visit:
<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>



Mrs. B is retiring at the end of this year!



- Many more events to add in as restrictions ease. ☺