



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

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"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

Term 4 Draft #6 Calendar on the back page

[Parent Opinion Online Survey](#)- family Voucher winning family- Charlie R's family. Congratulations! Enjoy your Widow Twankey's voucher. (15 families completed the Department of Education Survey.)

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now nearing the end of Week 8 of Term 4 of this very tumultuous and challenging year. I'd sincerely like to thank you all for the grit and resilience that you and your families have demonstrated, for many of you under complex, often extreme circumstances and conditions.

Who'd have thought that here in regional Clunes we'd have needed to navigate the highs and lows of a global pandemic in 2020 and as Victorians manage the health and safety implications of COVID-19 twice in lockdown; at home, at work, in the community, and also here at school.

We are a school that is committed to and enjoys strong parent, social and wider Clunes community connections. School Community connections are embedded in the 'fabric' of how this school operates. It has been really emotionally hard to have to follow the strict Department of Education (DET)

guidelines, tossing about and out some treasured routines, practices and events in order to keep us all healthy and safe. Like you at home, we've waited eagerly for each Premier's Update and then for the follow up DET Operations updates. The lag between both has sometimes been stressful and frustrating for us all, even though we understand the complex nature of the enormous task of keeping everyone healthy and safe. And whilst Victoria now takes a huge breath of relief at double zero 'doughnuts', COVID-19 restrictions and implications for our end of year school programs and events continue.

We've not been able to have parents on-site now since the beginning of Term 2. It seems like the whole year! We miss you! In Lockdown we were often able to meet weekly via our 'supermarket style' MP Hall Learning Pack collection and delivery. We were able to connect at least weekly via phone or IT. Back on-site, we've tried our best to maintain the positive Learning from Home level of communication as well as to focus fully on supporting the academic and wellbeing needs of all students. It has been very busy... but rewarding! We sorely missed the kids too! As we enter a 2021 of being COVID- cautious it is our intention to revise, refine and improve our communication systems.

We have a very different three weeks ahead- not necessarily to our liking, but we can do this as well as we are able to and we aim to be together as much as possible. We will provide programs and experiences as close to 'normal' as we can, within DET guidelines.

Our Year 6s have been able to participate in their Resilience Project and some of the Year 6 students have attended on-line transition sessions. 2021 Mt. Rowan SC students will attend a 'rural school' small group transition session tomorrow; Friday. Our Graduation ceremonial dinner will unfortunately need to be restricted to students and teachers only this year, with parents participating in the Awards ceremony via MS Teams. This is vastly different to previous years but we will meet the challenge!

Our Pre-school students are yet to attend a session up at school. Miss Dargaville has visited the Pre-school several times though and our School Captains presented a virtual school tour and a beginning school social story which has also been sent home with each child. A state-wide Transition Day remains scheduled for December 8th. Students beginning CPS in Years 1-6 will also participate in a transition program on-site on this date.

Our 2020 Swimming Program also looks very different. Because the City of Ballarat Council operates both the BALC and the Eureka pool, the BALC was able to move the learning program to an outdoor learning space in order to comply again with DET requirements. Black Hill PS, Canadian Lead PS, Blowhard PS, Waubra PS and Trawalla PS have also benefitted from this unique to 2020 and necessary learning program opportunity. Despite the cold and blustery weather this week, the students enthusiastically reported to me that they enjoyed their lessons.

Students in all year levels were able to complete the Life Education P-6 program this week. We had to rush the permission notes home, with no notice, so thank you sincerely for your understanding and prompt action!

This time last year we had just finished the School Musical, EB, the Clunes Show and we had catered for the Wesley Community dinner. Again, who'd have thought...

So back to the last 3 weeks of the 2020 school year. Please see the updated Calendar on the back page of this Newsletter. It is just as full as last year, only different! I'll mention one other event that will have a whole school impact. Yes, sadly in line with DET guidelines there will not be a Carols Concert this year...so on behalf of all staff, I'm very sorry, we all love this event... I'll need to have a quiet word with Santa ... 😊

Please complete Prep 2021 enrolments asap. Under the current Department of Education COVID-19 rules, a child must be enrolled at their future school in order to be able to actively participate on-site in the school's Prep 2021 Transition program.

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 – Izzy, Brax, Aria	1/2B – Sophia, Isla
2/3LM – Grace, whole class!	3/4L – Alexander, Angus
5/6AT –Sienna, Charlie D, Reece	5/6D – Hannah, Zeb
Principal's Award – Yard Helpers- Matt, Chloe C, Charlie R, Isla, Jacus, Zarah	PE & Health-

Class/ classroom and teaching structure in 2021

2021 Teaching Staff and Teaching Staff Class/ Specialist Allocations will be announced as per usual in Week 10.

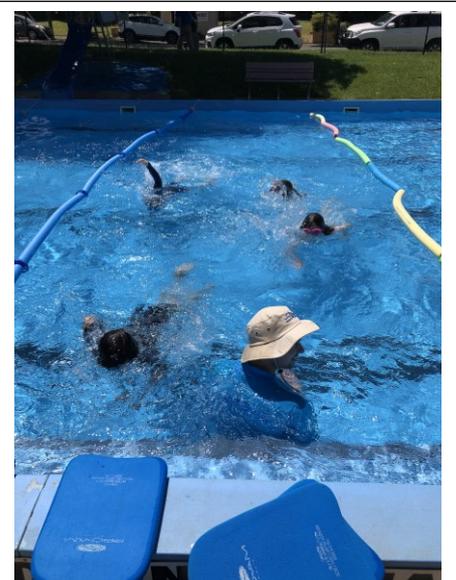
With 25 Year 6s exiting Clunes PS at the end of the year we expect to have an enrolment base of between 95-100 students.

We will have 5 classes –

- Prep/ 1
- 1 /2
- 3 /4
- 4 /5
- 5 /6

Swimming lessons

2020 Eureka Pool - Ballarat



P- 2 program

A reminder that children NOT attending the swimming program must be picked up from school 15 minutes before the other students leave school.
Departure times: P-2 10:45am, 3/4 11:45am, 5/6 12:45pm

26 NOVEMBER TO 16 DECEMBER 2020

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

HEPBURN SHIRE

A Reverse Advent Calendar begins as an empty box. For 20 days in the lead up to Christmas you place one item into the box. After 20 days your filled Reverse Advent Calendar is distributed by the Good Grub Club to people in the Hepburn Shire community who are experiencing food insecurity.

A COVID safe activity to give back this festive season.



Each class is filling a box with goodies. Please send donations to school with your child.

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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

HEPBURN SHIRE

20 days of giving

Ideas might include:

1. Canned fruit
2. Canned Vege
3. Canned Tuna
4. Canned Meals
5. Baked Beans
6. Soups
7. Dried Fruit
8. Biscuits
9. Long Life Milk
10. Juices
11. Coffee, Tea, Milo
12. Rice, Pasta, Noodles
13. Pasta Sauce
14. Spreads, Vegemite, Jam, Honey
15. Cereal
16. Soap, Deodorant
17. Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
18. Tissues, Toilet Paper
19. Christmas Food Treat
20. Christmas decoration, bon-bons

Sincere thanks to our Working Bee and daily student helpers!
Every little bit helps! (only 3 families were able to attend the Working Bee)



Hot days ahead! Watering our precious infant trees!



Fallen tree limbs removed from school boundaries. Thanks Zarah, Matt and Andy!
Rubbish collection too Chloe & Matt!



Fire Extinguishers repositioned & gutters cleared!
Thanks Karl!



Great weeders!

Needed please!

Skilled volunteer to position large Clunes applique on brick wall in the Gallery.
BYO tools. Please see the Office. Thanks!

Big effort wheelbarrow work!





Help support local Scouts with our 2020 Christmas tree fundraiser!

3rd Ballarat Scout Group are again joining forces with 7th Ballarat-Sebastopol to sell live Christmas trees. Please help us raise much needed funds for our group by sharing this information in person and on social media. Below are the dates and prices along with a QR code which directs you straight to our Facebook tree sales page.

Pop over to the Facebook page to pre-order your tree today!

<https://www.facebook.com/3rdand7thballaratchristmastreesales>

Tree sizes and prices

4ft	\$45
6ft	\$55
8ft	\$70
Home delivery	\$10
Post-Christmas pick-up	\$10
Tree stands	\$35

Dates

Special Pre-paid date:
Sunday November 29th

Standard dates:

December 4th, 5th, 6th

December 11th, 12th, 13th



Scan me to jump to our
Facebook page

Clunes Library is open 8.30-5.00 Thursday and Fridays and 9-12 Saturdays

We've got some fun take home activities
for kids planned for the summer so keep
an eye on our Facebook page!



HEAD LICE



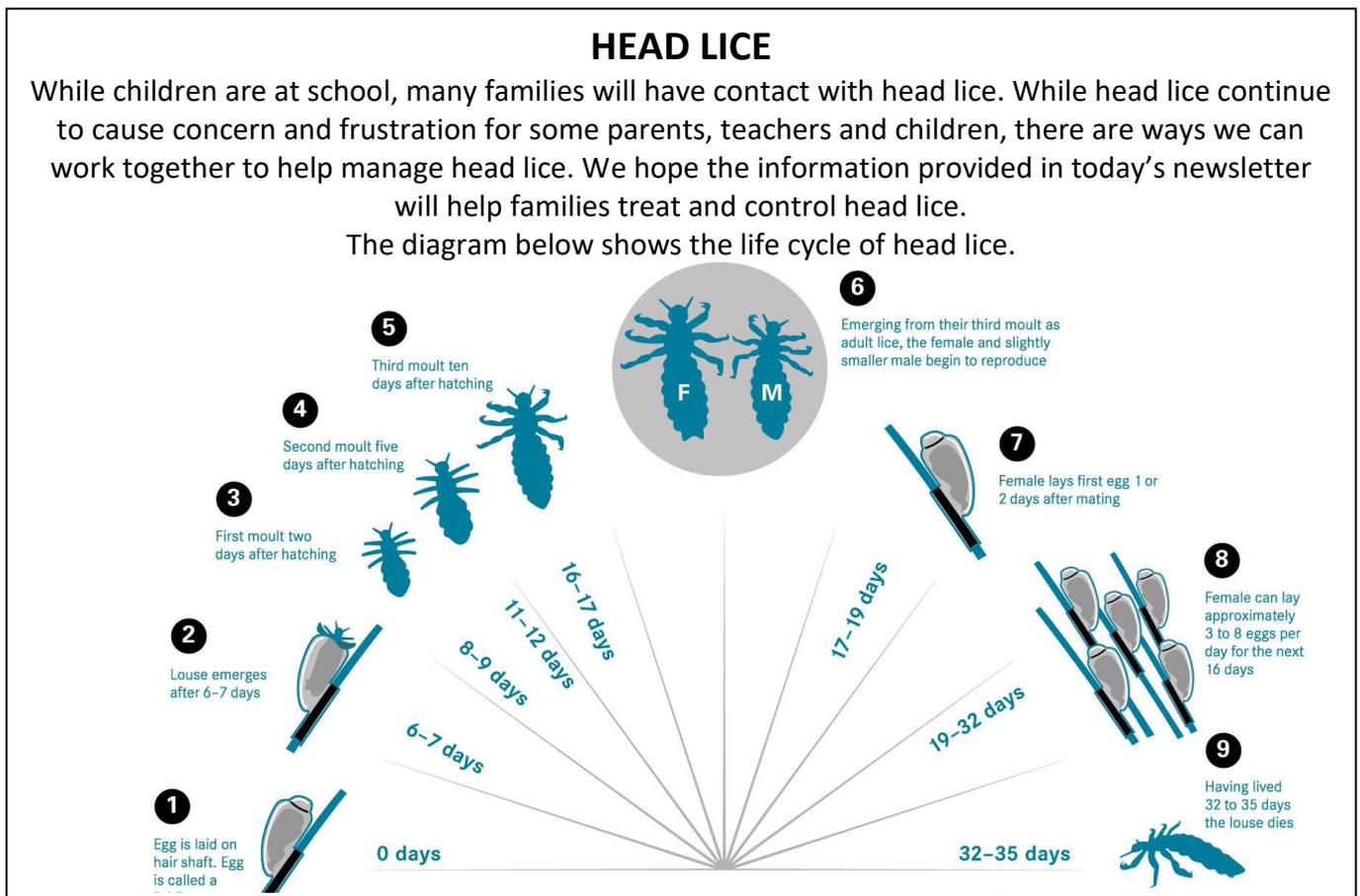
While children are at school, many families will have contact with head lice. While head lice continue to cause concern and frustration for some parents, teachers and children, there are ways we can work together to help manage head lice.

Our school policy for managing head lice is outlined below:

- When head lice have been noticed in your child's class, a note is sent home with all children in the class letting parents know and requesting parents check their child's hair and if necessary, commence treatment.
- Children who have head lice are excluded from school until treatment has commenced. If head lice are noticed when your child is at school, families will receive a phone call from the school asking you to collect your child so he/she can be treated at home.
- Our school conducts head lice checks from time to time for those children who have permission

The diagram below shows the life cycle of head lice and just how long head lice will be present.

It is very important that treatment is commenced straight away and that daily checks are conducted and all eggs removed. Talk with your chemist or health centre about effective treatments.



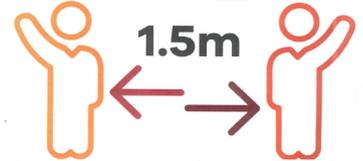
Term 4 Calendar – Draft #6 26th November, 2020 **new information highlighted ☺**

WEEK 1	Mon	5-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			Walk to School begins again! 8.30am at Queen's Park playground
	Mon	13-Oct	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			Book Week! Theme - Curious Creatures/ Wild Minds
	Mon	19-Oct	Years 3-6 Day Camp- Log Cabin Camp- Creswick
	Tue	20-Oct	School Review- Panel Day
	Wed	21-Oct	Book Week- Favourite character dress up, Parade & Focus Day!
	Thu	22-Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY- State-wide pre AFL Grand Final (Sat 24 th Oct)
	Fri	23-Oct	
WEEK 4			SSG Meetings - new date due to Day Camp
	Tues	27-Oct	
	Thurs	29-Oct	
	Fri	30-Oct	World Teacher's Day
WEEK 5			PUBLIC HOLIDAY – State-wide Melbourne Cup
	Mon	2-Nov	
	Tues	3-Nov	School Photo Day-regular photo day process may be followed. School Captains & Ms. Jardine visit to the Clunes Pre-School 1pm to meet and greet and present a virtual Clunes PS School Tour.
	Wed	4-Nov	Kinder Transition session (1) 9am Clunes PS staff visit <u>TO</u> the Kinder
	Thurs	5-Nov	Annual Snail Races- lunchtime (12.30pm- Prep B)
	Fri	6-Nov	
WEEK 6			Year 6 – Resilience & Transition sessions this week
	Mon	9-Nov	
	Tue	10-Nov	JSC Meeting (2)
	Wed	11-Nov	School Council Meeting –online
WEEK 7			Swimming Program- P-6 begins. Details have been forwarded to all Families. If NOT Swimming please collect your child 15 mins before scheduled bus departing school time.
	Mon	16-Nov	
	Wed	18-Nov	
	Thurs	19-Nov	Kinder Transition session (2) 9-11am
	Fri	20-Nov	
WEEK 8			Swimming Session 2
	Mon	23-Nov	
	Tue	24-Nov	
	Wed	25-Nov	Life Education –PB, 5 /6D, 2 /3LM
	Thu	26-Nov	Life Education – 3 /4L, 5 /6AT, 1 /2B
	Fri	27-Nov	Mt. Rowan SC – Yr 6 Transition session- 10 students
WEEK 9			Swimming session 3
	Mon	30-Nov	
	Tue	1-Dec	JSC Meeting (3)
	Wed	2-Dec	School Captains 2020- EOI to Ms Jardine or Mrs. Anderson
	Thu	3-Dec	Kinder Transition session (3) 11- 1pm - small group on-site session (if possible) TBC
	Fri	4-Dec	School Captains 2021- Speeches 9am. Voting for selection Yrs 3-5 after the speeches. Calls to families. Parent Helper End of Year thank you Morning Tea TBC
WEEK 10			Formal School Captains 2021 announcement & welcome at Assembly. (method TBC) SSG Meetings this wk
	Mon	7-Dec	Hepburn Shire – Student Citizenship Award 2020 (method TBC) Swimming session 4
	Tue	8-Dec	State-wide Transition Day – 2021 P/ K & Yr 7
	Wed	9-Dec	School Council -4 .50pm Finance meeting 5pm School Council Meeting 6.30pm School Council dinner
	Thu	10-Dec	No Community Carols Concert (COVID-19 restrictions) Please give to the Reverse
	Fri	11-Dec	Focus Day- Xmas theme Advent Calendar
WEEK 11			Swimming last session Catherine King Community Award- Method TBC
	Mon	14-Dec	
	Tues	15-Dec	Semester 2 Reports & 2021 Class Lists home today
	Wed	16-Dec	NO Instrumental Music Concert this year
	Thu	17-Dec	2.30- 3pm 2021 Years 1-6 School Transition experience Year 6 Graduation- students and staff dinner. Parents viewing Awards via MS Teams
	Fri	18-Dec	Last day of 2020 – Class Parties - 1pm finish Free Dress

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.dhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>



2021- Staff begin: Wednesday 27th January, 2021. Students begin: Friday 29th January, 2021.