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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

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# Clunes Primary School Newsletter

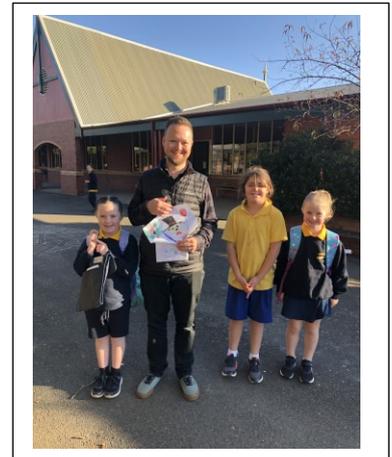


## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see Term 2 Calendar draft #2 on the back page of the Newsletter

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Mr. Shane Hoffmann has this week taken on the fixed term role of Acting Assistant Principal at Ararat Primary School. This exciting leadership opportunity will continue until the 27<sup>th</sup> August, next term.



We wish Mr. Hoffmann every success in his new role!

Mrs Cassie Mitchell and Mr. Paul James will continue to teach the 1/2H class during Mr. Hoffmann's period of absence. We will restructure (simplify) the weekly timetable and inform the parents and carers of these changes for 1/2H this week. Decisions in regards to our LOTE – Japanese program will also be made this week. It is our every intention to continue to commit to our intervention and acceleration programs including those students engaged in the Tutor Learning Initiative.



Photos: Mr. Hoffmann attending his last official school day last Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Please make contact with Ms Jardine should you have any further questions in regards to Mr. Hoffmann's absence from Clunes Primary School.

Best wishes to you all for a positive fortnight ahead.  
Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊

Meet Luke our new Clunes IT Specialist Technician. Welcome to Clunes PS Luke! 😊



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 2

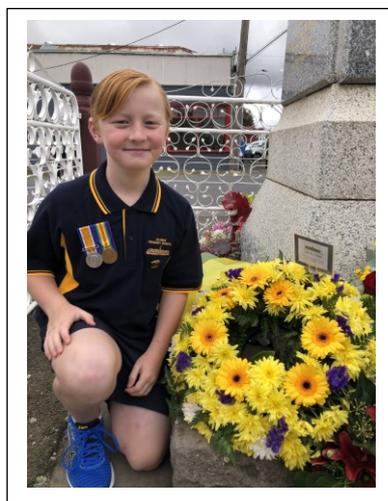


Our Term 2 You Can Do It focus is:  
**Organisation**

Prep / 1D – Diesel	1/2H – Isla, whole class!
3/4L – Meghan, Declen	4 /5A – Nevaeh, Anthony,
5/6B – Lexi, Ryan	Principal's Award –Campbell, Duncan, Chloe C, Feather, Jayda, Daniel, Brock B, Lily, Trijntje
LOTE – Japanese - Malakie	PE – Cross Country team!
Art - Trijntje, Lexi	Bus Awards- Brax, Tahlee, Brock T, Kodah, Ella.



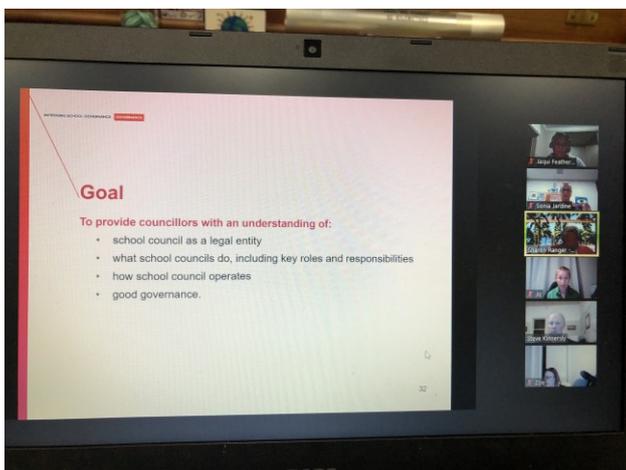
# ANZAC Day 2021



We are thankful to the families that were able to attend the ANZAC Day ceremony. Ryan, Lilly, Jay and Zeb represented our school with pride and we are so very proud of their efforts. Members of the wider Clunes Community acknowledged their skill in speech and wreath delivery on the day. 😊



Last Tuesday Catherine King; Federal Member of Parliament visited Clunes Primary School as she visited the Clunes Township. Catherine visited all classrooms but also spoke to our senior students about our parliamentary system. Our students asked and answered questions about a range of current challenges faced by government. Next week, during NAPLAN, Ms Jardine will lead our Year 6 students through a unit on Government and Voting Systems. The Year 6 students will then use this learning to prepare for, present, vote for and elect a 'Student Principal for a Day' for 2021.



Last Wednesday evening all Clunes PS School Council members engaged in School Council – Governance Training.

The 2.5 hours Zoom session was an engaging forum providing participants with an understanding of:

- The framework within which school councils operate
- What school councils do
- School council operations
- Important features of the school

I'd sincerely like to thank all SC members for undertaking this extra commitment, which is further to the scheduled monthly meeting commitment of a school council representative. Three SC members will engage in SC President Training this week. This module serves to provide school council with a better understanding of:

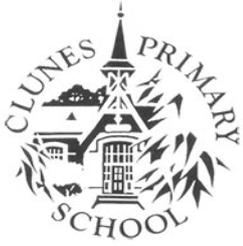
- Their roles and responsibilities as a SC President
- What makes a school council effective
- How to lead school council meetings
- How to engage the community in the school and its objectives

Our next School Council meeting will be held next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Our 2020 Annual Report to the Community is available on our Website or in hard copy at the Office as is our 2021- 2025 School Strategic Plan.



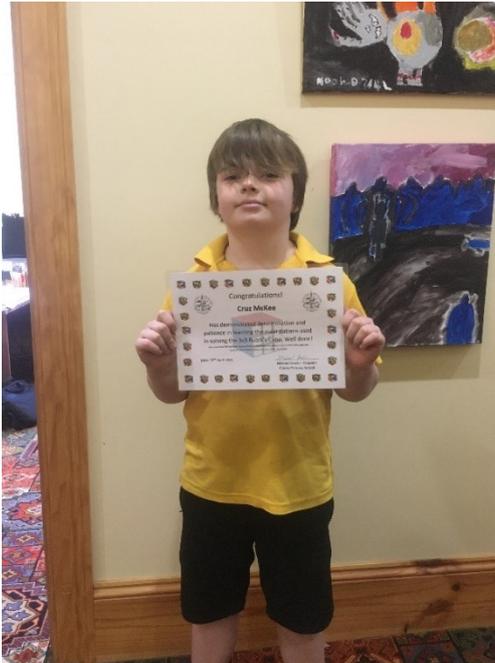
Meet our newest Clunes Primary School feathered friends! Thank you Mrs Mitchell for collecting them and delivering them to us! **They both need names!** We have received some wonderful suggestions so far but you may have a terrific idea too. Please let Ms Jardine know as soon as possible. 😊



# Clunes P.S. Rubik's Cube Club.



**Congratulations to Cruz for recently receiving his first RCC Certificate. A great effort 😊!**



If you would like to learn more about the 3x3 Rubik's Cube and the benefits of learning to solve it, you're welcome to speak with Mr. Lewis or have a look at the many tutorials on YouTube. Either click on this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ron6MN45LY&t=108s>

or type in your YouTube search bar: **Learn How To Solve A Rubik's Cube in 10 Minutes (Beginner Tutorial).**

Happy Cubing 😊!

Mr Lewis – Chaplain



We have just released another edition of our Population Health & Wellbeing Newsletter -  
<https://mailchi.mp/6b058765f352/chrh-population-health-newsletter-issue-10031196?>

Topics featured include:

- Vaccinations
- Virtual Reality
- Your Natter Matters
- Psychological First Aid Training
- Hepburn Shire Men's Health Gathering
- Good Oral Health for Young Children
- The Cook, The Chef & Us
- Rainbow Active
- Healthy Lunchbox Sessions
- Small Talk – Free Supported Playgroups
- Food relief Resource
- Healthy Recipe



Liam's game controller.

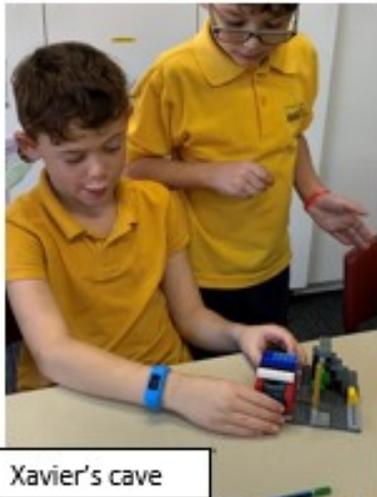


Chloe's cubby house.



Feather's bedroom.

# 3/4LY STEM LEGO MASTERS



Xavier's cave



Lacey and Meghan's house.

Make something that you might see or use every day.

Declan's tree chopper.



Oliver's bed and lounge.



Hi everyone,

Parenting is one of the most rewarding journeys through life!, but it is not easy and it requires a lot of hard work. Over the coming Newsletters I'd like to share some parenting tips from the website called: Parenting for Brain – Healthy Brains Happy Kids. Here is an introduction and the first of 10 tips. If you'd like to read all 10 of them now, go to

<https://www.parentingforbrain.com/how-to-be-a-good-parent-10-parenting-tips/>

What makes a good parent?

- A good parent is someone who strives to make decisions in the best interest of the child.
- A good parent doesn't have to be perfect. No one is perfect. No child is perfect either ... keeping this in mind is important when we set our expectations.
- Successful parenting is not about achieving perfection. But it doesn't mean that we shouldn't work towards that goal. Set high standards for ourselves first and then our children second. We serve as role models for them.
- Here are 10 tips on learning good parenting skills. Many of them are not quick nor easy. And probably no one can do all of them all of the time. But if you can keep working on the tips in this parenting guide, even though you may only do part of these some of the time, you will still be moving in the right direction.

## Tips On Improving Parenting Skills

### #1 Modelling



*Walk the walk. Don't just tell your child what you want them to do. Show them.*

*Human is a special species in part because we can learn by imitation. We are programmed to copy other's actions to understand them and to incorporate them into our own. Children in particular watch everything their parents do very carefully.*

*So, be the person you want your child to be — respect your child, show them positive behaviour and attitude, have empathy towards your child's emotion — and your child will follow suit.*

If you would like to discuss your child's wellbeing needs, you may wish to make an appointment or catch me at pick-up and drop-off times. I'm at Clunes PS every Thursday and Friday morning.

All the best

Michael Lewis – Chaplain

# PUNCTUATION BLITZ CONTINUES!

We will be continuing our whole school focus on punctuation for another two weeks. To extend our focus beyond just the classroom, students and families are invited to participate in activities focused on finding, editing or correctly using punctuation.

## PUNCTUATION IN THE WILD

Your job is to be a 'Punctuation Hunter'. We know that there is punctuation out there in the wilds of Clunes and we would like you to find it and capture it (in a photo)!

Take a photo of a sign, display, poster or any other piece of writing that has good punctuation and upload it to the Clunes Primary School Teams page or bring a hard copy into school.

All photos sent in will be placed in a draw for a special prize.

The second activity is...

## Find the mistake

Somewhere in this newsletter we have made a mistake!

We may have forgotten a piece of punctuation or used the wrong type of punctuation in the sentence.

Your job is to find the error and edit the sentence to correct it. You can write down the sentence correctly or send in the page with editing. Send this in to your teacher and your name will be placed in the draw for prize.

**Congratulations to our first prize winner –Brock B!  
Our next winner will be drawn at assembly next Monday.**

# Easter Holiday Program Fun!



## **\*NEW\* Contact tracing**

***Some excursion venues are required to collect contact details and are responsible for managing record keeping for contact-tracing in line with current public health directives.***

Most venues are required to use electronic record keeping that connects with an Application Programming Interface (API) linked provider or a digital system provided by Services Victoria.

The Department of Health has ***strongly recommended*** that a contact number for each individual student is provided. A school phone number alone is not considered sufficient. Providing contact details for individual students will expedite contact tracing so that individuals can be contacted by the Department of Health if required.

**Parents/carers/guardians are advised that, when required, the school will be providing excursion venues with contact details for students. The phone number on school file for the student will be provided as the nominated contact number.**

Venues will be collecting student names and contact phone numbers for a legitimate purpose and are subject to Victorian privacy laws so will handle the information securely and only retain it for the required 28-day period.

# say cheese!



**School Photo Day is fast approaching.  
Have your child's school memories captured forever  
on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021****

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.  
**All payments are due by photo day.**
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.  
**Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.**
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS***
  - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their **correct school uniform.**

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

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## Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, teachers, parents and carers for ensuring a safe and successful start to the 2021 school year and to thank you for your cooperation during the short period of remote learning in February during the circuit breaker restrictions.

As Term 2 commences, schools continue to be able to operate with a largely normal program of activity, enabling important on-site activities to return, such as school open days and working bees, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly and successfully adapted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, embedding COVIDSafe principles by reinforcing good behaviours, creating safe spaces, adapting activities, and responding quickly to COVID-19 risk.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge in Victoria, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks.

Given the current very low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing and wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured to continue to safely work and learn on school sites, and enjoy the benefits of doing so.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant by staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, wearing a mask when required and maintaining physical distancing from others when practical.

Should cases of COVID-19 increase again in the community, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases, schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

The school community continues to have an important role to promote COVID-19 testing when a student or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and ensuring they remain home until they are well. Getting tested and staying home until results are known is critical to limiting community transmission.

**Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton**

Victorian Chief Health Officer

## Volunteers Needed for Wildlife Shelter

Volunteers are needed to help with a volunteer run and community funded wildlife shelter.

SOS Wildlife Shelter provides 24 hour rescue and care services for injured and orphaned wildlife in Clunes and the surrounding region.

For more information about how you can help please call Shelley Hyndman on 0431 689 720.



# Phys Ed News!

The Goldfield's Cross Country was held at the Clunes Golf Club last Friday with over 100 athletes competing from 4 schools. Runners from Daylesford PS, St Michael's, St Augustines and our very own Clunes students displayed some impressive running styles!

Of the students from Clunes who competed 6 have qualified to compete at the Sovereign/Eureka event next Friday. Good luck to Chayse, Ryan, Lily, Taya, Xavier & Brock B!

Special thanks to the Clunes Golf Club for allowing us to use their facilities free of charge, Christians Bus Lines for transporting us for free, Ron our bus driver volunteering his time to drive the bus and help on the day, Mrs Tuddenham, Mr Kinnersly, Mr Webb, Sage Webb, Riley James and Bethany Kenna for their amazing help on the day. Thanks also to the parents, supporters and staff from other schools for helping out!

In almost all grades over the last two weeks we have been working on fitness and core strength. Some of the exercises we have been doing are featured below.



Lunges, planking & star jumps are some of the fun activities!



# THIS IS WHERE WE LEARN.

## PLEASE DON'T SMOKE HERE.



In Victoria, smoking is banned on the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all childcare centres, kindergartens and schools.



Penalties may apply under the Tobacco Act 1987. Effective from 13 April 2015. For more information visit [www.health.vic.gov.au/tobacco/forms](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobacco/forms)

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**Term 2 Calendar – Draft #2      6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

<b>WEEK 1</b>	Mon	19-Apr	
	Tues	20-Apr	
	Wed	21-Apr	
	Thurs	22-Apr	
	Fri	23-Apr	<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day –Town ceremony- School Captain participation. Optional student participation</b>
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Mon	26-Apr	
	Tue	27-Apr	
	Wed	28-Apr	<b>School Council – Governance Training 6pm. Training 6.15-8.15pm</b>
	Thu	29-Apr	
	Fri	30-Apr	<b>District Cross Country event held at Clunes Golf Club</b>
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Mon	3-May	
	Tue	4-May	
	Wed	5-May	<b>School Council – President Training 6.15pm- 8.30pm</b>
	Thu	6-May	<b>Mother’s Day stall</b>
	Fri	7-May	
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Mon	10-May	
	Tue	11-May	<b>NAPLAN Years 3 &amp; 5 Assessments begin</b>
	Wed	12-May	<b>NAPLAN Years 3 &amp; 5 Assessments      School Council Meeting 7pm</b>
	Thu	13-May	<b>NAPLAN Years 3 &amp; 5 Assessments      Last Somers Camp installment due</b>
	Fri	14-May	<b>Sovereign/ Eureka Cross Country event</b>
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Mon	17-May	<b>Year 6- 7 Transition Forms due back today</b>
	Tues	18-May	<b>Somers begins- (18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>) 10 students attending</b>
	Wed	19-May	
	Thurs	20-May	<b>GRIP –Student Leadership Conference</b>
	Fri	21-May	<b>Tree Drive Orders Due</b>
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Mon	24-May	<b>Goldfields Athletics</b>
	Tue	25-May	
	Wed	26-May	<b>Somers students return</b>
	Thu	27-May	
	Fri	28-May	
<b>WEEK 7</b>	Mon	31-May	
	Tue	1-Jun	<b>School Photos</b>
	Wed	2-Jun	
	Thurs	3-Jun	
	Fri	4-Jun	
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Mon	7-Jun	
	Tues	8-Jun	
	Wed	9-Jun	
	Thu	10-Jun	
	Fri	11-Jun	
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Mon	14-Jun	<b>Queen’s Birthday- public holiday</b>
	Tues	15-Jun	
	Wed	16-Jun	
	Thurs	17-Jun	<b>School Disco</b>
	FRI	18-Jun	
<b>WEEK 10</b>	Mon	21-Jun	
	Tue	22-Jun	
	Wed	23-Jun	
	Thu	24-Jun	
	Fri	25-Jun	<b>Last day of Term 2- 2.30pm finish</b>



It’s Rubber Boots season!  
Please bring slippers or ‘inside’ shoes to change into. This will keep feet warm and dry. **Please** name them all. 😊

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

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school
- keep 1.5m wherever possible between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs
- wash your hands regularly.



For detailed information visit:  
[www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)



- School resumes Term 3 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021