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We are safe.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

*"Golden Past, Bright Futures"*

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# Clunes Primary School Newsletter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see the Term 3 Calendar **draft #4** on the back page of the Newsletter.

**REMINDER** Parent Opinion Survey – Please let us know when you have completed it in order to go into the draw for a family dinner voucher! (local venue)

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

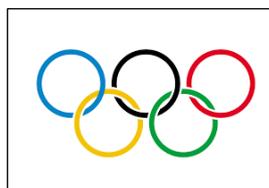


Welcome back to on-site teaching and learning everyone!

It is so good to have all students back on-site!

Thank you, families, for your incredible efforts over our recent #5 & #6 Remote Teaching and Learning- Learning from Home periods... an Olympic **GOLD** medal for you all!

Missing out on attending the P-2 Earth Education session on Monday was far from Year P/1D class members minds today as they returned to school with their friends and were able to finish off their Potato Olympics! There were huge smiles all round! Over the last week (on-site) the students have been thoroughly engaged during their Numeracy lesson time preparing their potato people for and competing in events such as Potato Weightlifting, Spinning Potato Gymnastics, Potato Ramp Sprints and my particular favourite, High Diving Splash Potatoes! As adjudicator I was very proud of the active discussion and participation of all students and look forward to the medal ceremony. 😊  
Thank you, Miss D and P/1D!



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

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 3



Our Term 3 You Can Do It focus is:  
**Persistence & Resilience**

P/1D- Whole class!	1 /2H- Charlie R, Whole class!
3 /4L- Whole class!	4 /5A- Whole class!
5 /6B- Whole class!	Principal's Awards- Care & Supervision group – Box Car Olympics. Whole school!
Specialists Award/s- PE- Isaac	Bus Traveller's Award- Duke



INDIE the STORY DOG

We will feature Indie, Honey and our Story Dog program in our next Newsletter.

Sadly, our much-loved Story Dog Indie has died. She was quite old and was with her handler Kim and a vet when she passed away peacefully. Kim will visit us soon but in the meantime coordinator Jacquie and her dog Honey visited us last week. Hopefully we will have a new Story Dog soon.



### After School Care @ Clunes Primary School

We have **vacancies** every day except Thursdays. If you're interested in childcare now, or just looking at casual childcare, please give Daylesford Childcare a call on 5348 3702 (tell them you're interested in ASC in Clunes). They will give you the link to get enrolled and answer any questions you may have. OR drop over to the hall and chat with Liz or Tanya. It **costs NOTHING** to get enrolled and it's all done online, once enrolled all you need to do is let me know when you require care. **Fees** = Less any childcare subsidy (CCS %) you are entitled to:

**After School** 3pm – 6pm (3 hours + snack)

full fee: \$34.05 50% CCS: \$17.87 85% CCS: \$6.55

**Before School** 7am-9am (2 hours)

Full fee: \$21.20 50% CCS: \$11.13 85% CCS: \$4.00

**School Holiday Care** 8am- 5.30pm (9.5 hours)

Full fee: \$98.33 50% CCS: \$51.62 85% CCS: \$18.93



# Prep Bag Survey

At the beginning of the school year, the Department of Education and Training provided every Prep student attending a Victorian government school with a red Prep bag.

The Prep bags contained 14 items, including children's storybooks, flyers, stickers, and stationery items, all designed to help Prep students and their parents and carers thrive from the start of Term 1.

The Department is now inviting families of current Prep students to participate in a short survey, closing Sunday 29 August.

Feedback will help inform what Prep students and their parents and carers like about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2022.

To have your say, complete the survey through [SurveyMonkey](#).

The survey takes about five to ten minutes to complete.

For more information on this year's Prep bags, refer to the [Prep Bags 2021 web page](#) on the Department's website.

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# Active to School Passport

Clunes Primary School is excited to be participating in the Active to School Passport, facilitated by Central Highlands Rural Health (CHRH). We will be starting this exciting program on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August after a brief delay! 😊

**How does it work?**

Over the four weeks beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August, families will be encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to school. Each day a student is active to school, they will get their passport ticked off and signed by their classroom teacher. Once a student has been active for at least 16 days, they will receive a Hepburn Shire Active to School Certificate.

**What about bus travellers or students driven to school?**

No matter how your child gets to school they can still actively participate by getting active once they arrive at school – for example, walking a lap around the school oval. (We all do this! 😊) If you drive, perhaps park a little further away and walk the rest.

**Do you know how much physical activity we should be doing each day?**

For children aged 5 – 17 years it's recommended they engage in 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day, enough to get them huffing and puffing. For adults, the guidelines recommend 30 minutes per day. Being active doesn't need to be done all at once, you could split it up throughout the day.

Getting enough physical activity each day is important for our physical, social and emotional health and wellbeing and helps young people concentrate more. We encourage you to get creative in getting your heart rate up. Take a family bike ride, enjoy a kick of the football or soccer ball at the local recreation reserve or have a dance party in the comfort of your lounge room. Whatever it is, have some fun with it and get the whole family involved!



## COVID-19 vaccination update for students

Dear parents and carers,

As part of the phased COVID-19 vaccination rollout, more Victorian school students are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

From Monday 9 August, children aged between 12 to 15 years old are eligible to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine if they:

- identify as [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander](#)
- have a specified [medical condition](#).



People aged 16 years and older continue to also be eligible under these categories, to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation will provide further advice on the broader 12-to-15-year age group in coming months. As more COVID-19 vaccine doses become available more people will be able to get vaccinated.

The free and safe vaccines being used in Australia are very effective at preventing serious illness and loss of life from COVID-19.

Eligible young people and their parents or guardians should speak to their doctor if they have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and their health.

Booking an appointment

To book an appointment, visit the [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) website.

Eligible young people are encouraged to get their COVID-19 vaccine at their doctor's clinic or health care provider. They can also be vaccinated at Victoria's vaccination centres.

What to bring:

Bring a Medicare card (if you have one) that lists your child's name, and information about your child's medical history if they have an underlying medical condition. Please refer to Department Health information on [what to bring to your vaccine appointment](#).

More information

Translated advice about the vaccines is available on the [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) website.

For more information about eligibility, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or use the Australian Government's [COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker](#).

For further assistance, contact:

- the Department of Health Coronavirus hotline: 1800 675 398
- the National coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccine helpline: 1800 020 080.

## Free Sanitary Pads and Tampons in all Government Schools initiative

Dear parents and carers,

In an Australian first, the Victorian Government has committed to providing free sanitary pads and tampons in all government schools.

Dispensers providing free sanitary pads and tampons have been installed in every Victorian Government school in the state, including at Clunes Primary School.

Providing free sanitary pads and tampons in schools aims to:

- Provide students with the confidence that there will always be sanitary items available at school

- Relieve students of the stigma, anxiety and discomfort that can be associated with menstruation and its management
- Ease the cost of living for families.

Lack of easy access to sanitary items can negatively affect attitudes, behaviours and equal participation in sport and everyday school activities. Having sanitary pads and tampons available at our school will help students to manage their periods with greater ease and less embarrassment, and will help to normalise periods as a healthy part of growing up.

The use of sanitary products provided at the school is optional. Providing both sanitary pads and tampons in schools allows students to have a choice about what products they use based on preference, maturity and cultural beliefs.

To support this initiative our school will provide information to students about menstruation and safe usage of sanitary pads and tampons.

**Grades F-2:** For younger students, sanitary dispensers and items are likely to be novel. Conversations with these students will include an age appropriate conversation explaining that the sanitary products are for older students. This conversation will go some way in preventing misuse of sanitary items and ensure they remain available for students who need them.

**Grades 3-4:** Menstruation can start as young as 8 or 9. Understanding menstruation before it starts is important to help reduce anxiety and shame. With the provision of sanitary items in school bathrooms, schools must provide students with information about the safe use of sanitary items. An initial conversation will be had with students in Grades 3-4 to explain the purpose of the sanitary dispenser and to provide some basic menstrual hygiene advice. Signage providing health and hygiene information will also be displayed on the dispensing machines.

**Grades 5-12:** Menstruation commonly starts between the age of 11 – 14. The Health and Physical Education curriculum supports students to develop positive practices in relation to the physical, social and emotional changes that occur during puberty. The school will speak to students about the purpose of the sanitary dispenser and the safe and hygienic use of sanitary products. Signage providing health and hygiene information will also be displayed on the dispensing machines.

Parents and carers of students with health care needs are invited to discuss the initiative in their next student support group meeting to consider the most appropriate way your child can access to these products.

Information available from the following websites may assist you to have conversations about menstrual health and hygiene at home:

- [Periods \(suitable for 9-15 years\)](#) Raising Children - the Australian Parenting Website
- [Girls with autism spectrum disorder: periods](#) Raising Children - the Australian Parenting Website
- [Periods](#) Jean Hailes for Women's Health
- [Yarning about periods](#) Jean Hailes for Women's Health

If you have any questions about the introduction of sanitary products into our school, please discuss them with me.

Kind regards  
Sonia

# TRUCK ART COMPETITION

*Hepburn*  
SHIRE COUNCIL

Create an artwork about the theme  
**'reducing landfill for a sustainable Hepburn'**  
and you could have it printed on the side of a local kerbside collection truck and be in the running to win prizes.

## CATEGORIES

### JUNIOR

Kindergarten - Year 6

### SECONDARY

Year 7 - Year 12



## PRIZES

**First prize in each category:**  
\$150 voucher

**Runner-up in each category:**  
\$50 voucher

### Schools:

Each first prize winner's school will receive \$200 voucher for a sustainability project at their school.

### Please note:

Images may also be used in other promotion settings across the Shire.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- How well the picture conveys the theme **reducing landfill for a sustainable Hepburn** - exploring items going in the correct bins, or other options for items (i.e. soft plastics, reusable items)
- How well the picture can be reproduced for truck art
- Appearance: use of colour and how it looks from a distance
- Size: Poster must be A3 and LANDSCAPE
- Effective use of art materials

Closing date extended, entries due to Council by:

## Tuesday 31 August 2021

Please ensure entry form is completed in full and attached to back of poster or emailed as a PDF.

DELIVER TO:  
Environment and Waste Team  
Hepburn Shire Council  
via your local Council Customer  
Service office

POST TO:  
Environment and Waste Team  
Hepburn Shire Council  
PO Box 21  
Daylesford 3460

EMAIL TO: Sophie, Waste Education Officer at  
[spritchard@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:spritchard@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

## Conditions of entry

- Entrants must attend a school or kindergarten in Hepburn Shire.
- Entries may be in hard copy or high resolution digital.
- Entries can be submitted individually or as a class.

For a full list of conditions and entry form visit [hepburn.vic.gov.au/waste-news](http://hepburn.vic.gov.au/waste-news)

T: 03 5348 2306

[shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

[hepburn.vic.gov.au](http://hepburn.vic.gov.au)

## Entry Form 2021

*Please complete this form by printing & completion by hand, then attach a printed copy to each poster entry OR create a PDF and attach to digital poster.*

**Student name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Category:** (please select)  
JUNIOR OR SECONDARY

**Contact Person (Teacher/Parent/Legal Guardian) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read, and accept, the terms and conditions of entry.*  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (mobile):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY OF TRUCK ART COMPETITION

1. Only one entry per student, or per group (for example class). An entry form must be attached.
2. Entry is open to Kindergarten and school children attending schools in the Hepburn Shire Council.
3. Entries close Friday 31 August 2021. No responsibility for late, lost or misdirected entries. **ENTRY DATE EXTENDED.**
4. Entries must be A3 (hard copy & digital entries accepted) and depict the theme 'reducing waste'.
5. The schools of first prize student in each category will receive \$200 towards a sustainable resource recovery project.
6. The winning student in each category will receive a \$150 voucher. And runners up (second and third) in each category will receive a \$50 voucher.
7. The prize cannot be transferred.
8. Hepburn Shire Council (HSC) will collect personal information to facilitate the running of the competition. We may use any personal information (first name, school and entry category) that an entrant has provided for the purpose of running the Competition and in advertisements, publications, media statements and other promotional material associated with the Competition. HSC is bound by the National Privacy Principles contained in Privacy Act 1988.
9. By submitting the entry form, entrants will assign a limited copyright of the image to the competition organisers enabling reproduction of the image for public displays and publications (both printed and digital), in conjunction with the competition AND for the purpose of publication in printed and digital material promoting resource recovery in future years for Hepburn Shire Council. Artists will be credited whenever the posters are used. Entries from students under the age of 18 must have adult consent. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.
10. Hepburn Shire Council is committed to protecting information provided in accordance with the principles of the Information Privacy Act 2000. Information contained in your entry form/s may be stored and used by HSC for administering and managing the Competition. Failure to provide contact details for entry into the Truck Art Competition will constitute an invalid entry.
11. Winners will be notified in September, 2021.
12. Posters received may not be returned.
13. Artwork must be the entrant's own work.
14. By entering this competition, the entrant grants HSC a non-exclusive, fee-free licence to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, edit, publish, and communicate the Artwork to the public.
15. Entries will be judged based on the selection criteria on the promotional poster. The HSC decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. HSC reserve the right to cancel the competition if no suitable entries are received.

**Resourceful Hepburn**  
6 August 2021

**Contact:**  
Sebastian Klein, 0428 331 173

## Resourceful Hepburn's survey results and strategic planning

### Great response to our survey

Thanks to the 102 people who completed our recent survey. We've started posting results, one question at a time, on our [Facebook page](#). Some great insights and plenty of community interest about improving how we reuse, repair, repurpose and recycle. Also, many fantastic ideas about how to go about it.

Overall respondents indicated they rated the council's performance in various resource recovery categories rather poorly and overwhelmingly indicated that a community resource recovery enterprise in Hepburn Shire would be an improvement compared with the current situation.

The results also showed that the areas of reuse and repair would be the most beneficial categories of reform for the community to prioritise. It's so great to know our community sees the importance of taking accountability for our own waste! Keep visiting our [Facebook page](#) for the full survey results.

### Successful planning day

Many thanks to **Jane Grimwood**, Strategic Facilitator Extraordinaire, who facilitated a Resourceful Hepburn strategic planning session for us last week.

Key outcomes were an agreed approach to formalise the group, communications with the community, and two priorities for enterprise activities – repair, upcycling and sale of useful goods/materials, and, a focus on organic waste, particularly commercial food waste composting and a community chipper.

### Incorporation

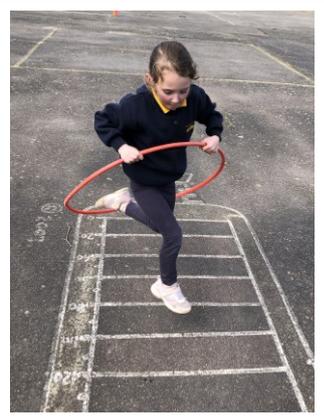
Resourceful Hepburn became an Incorporated Association on 4 August 2021, and we thank Hepburn Wind for helping us with this through a \$500 sponsorship. We plan to conduct our first public meeting soon. Stay tuned for details!

And in the meantime, let's all keep up the good work of being active resource recovery warriors in our own patch.



## Term 3 Calendar – Draft #4 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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<b>WEEK 1</b>	Mon	12-Jul	School resumes- Welcome to Term 3 😊
	Tue	13-Jul	Walk to School begins again (weather permitting)
	Wed	14-Jul	School Council - Finance Module Training (6.45pm) 7-9pm online
	Thurs	15-Jul	Xavier- Cross Country-Warrnambool Central Highlands Rural Health dentist visit
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Mon	19-Jul	<b>Parent Opinion Survey begins- let us know when you have completed it to go into the draw for a family dinner voucher</b>
	Thu	22-Jul	Central Highlands Rural Health dentist visit 1.
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Mon	26-Jul	<b>CFA- evening equipment drill on-site 7pm- postponed</b>
	Tue	27-Jul	<b>Emergency Lockdown Drill- postponed</b>
			<b>Parliamentary Convention postponed NEW DATE – Oct 21<sup>st</sup></b>
	Wed	28-Jul	Central Highlands Rural Health dentist visit 2. Tree Drive collection 3-5pm
	Thu	29-Jul	Staff Opinion Survey begins Tree Drive collection 3-5pm
	Fri	30-Jul	
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Mon	2-Aug	
	Tue	3-Aug	
	Wed	4-Aug	Year 7 2022 Placement Letters home to families
	Thu	5-Aug	
	Fri	6-Aug	
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Mon	9-Aug	<b>P-2 Earth Ed excursion- postponed</b> Active to School Passport month begins next week
	Wed	11-Aug	<b>Year 4/5A High Ability – STEM incursion 9-11am- postponed</b> School Council Meeting 6.30pm Finance 7pm General Meeting Format- online
	Thurs	12-Aug	
	Fri	13-Aug	
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Mon	16-Aug	Active to School Passport month begins
	Tue	17-Aug	
	Wed	18-Aug	
	Thu	19-Aug	
	Fri	20-Aug	<b>Staff Opinion Survey ends (extended date)</b>
<b>WEEK 7</b>	Mon	23-Aug	
	Tue	24-Aug	<b>School Photos- TBC</b>
	Wed	25-Aug	
	Thurs	26-Aug	
	Fri	27-Aug	Proposed Book Week dress up Parade and Focus Day Theme 2021- "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds"
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Mon	30-Aug	Yrs 4/5A & 5/6B Earth Ed incursion via Web Ex- Mapping focus Mr. Hoffmann due to return – role to be determined
	Tues	31-Aug	
	Wed	1-Sep	
	Thu	2-Sep	
	Fri	3-Sep	<b>Parent Opinion Survey ends (extended date)</b> <b>- let us know when you have completed it to go into the draw for a family dinner voucher at the Clunes National Hotel</b>
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Mon	6-Sep	
	Tues	7-Sep	<b>Proposed new date for 3 Way Conferences</b>
	Wed	8-Sep	School Council Meeting 6.30pm Finance 7pm General Meeting Format- TBC
	Thurs	9-Sep	School Disco
	Fri	10-Sep	
<b>WEEK 10</b>	Mon	13-Sep	
	Tue	14-Sep	
	Wed	15-Sep	
	Thu	16-Sep	
	Fri	17-Sep	Last day of Term 3- 2.30pm finish Casual Dress Day (no gold coin donation required)



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

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:

- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- in certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered.



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



### This is a COVIDSafe school

This school has a COVIDSafe Plan to maintain the safety of all staff and students.

The four pillars of the COVIDSafe Plan are:



- **New proposed date for 3 Way Conferences – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.**