



*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

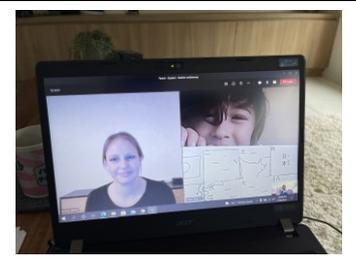
Please see the final Term 3 Calendar **draft #6** on the back page of the Newsletter.

**Parent Opinion Survey – Spencer from P/1D and his family were the winners of the family dinner voucher! (National Hotel) Congratulations! AND ENJOY!**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you all for your incredible commitment to our 3 Way Conference process on Tuesday. Our staff thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to speak with you and your child/ren via MS Teams or on the phone. Wonderful feedback was received about your child's progress and learning goals and also about ways that we can better support the learning of your child/children. Almost all families in our *entire school* were able to participate in the 3 Way Conference opportunity on Tuesday. A credit to you all! THANK YOU!

**You all definitely deserve a 'Take a Break' Day on Friday! Hoping that you enjoyed your thank you treat! Don't forget to take the opportunity to log into MS Teams on Friday at 10am to actively engage in the Performing Arts Workshop led by Luke O'C, our resident Creative Worker in Schools, Performing Artist (until the beginning of Term 4).**



**3 Way Conferences in action.**

Best wishes to you all for a positive last week of Term 3. Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊

I will be taking the last week of this term away from school as Long Service Leave. Mr. Shane Hoffmann will enjoy the role of Acting Principal for next week. Take care everyone! See you in Term 4. Thank you for your phenomenal efforts this term! Sonia 😊

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 3



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

<b>P/1D- Whole class!</b>	<b>1 /2H- Whole class!</b>
<b>3 /4L- Whole class!</b>	<b>4 /5A- Whole class!</b>
<b>5 /6B- Whole class!</b>	<b>Principal's Awards- Anthony &amp; Isaac</b>
<b>Specialists Award/s- PE- Jay, Archie &amp; Riley Art – Griff &amp; Ben T</b>	<b>Bus Traveller's Award- Killian, Chayse</b>

Dear students, parents and families,

First of all, I'd like to share how wonderful it is to be back at Clunes PS after four months at Ararat Primary School as the Acting Assistant Principal. Although the current lockdown has prevented me from seeing everyone's lovely faces, I've been made to feel exceptionally re-welcomed back into the Clunes community. I missed everyone very much and am very much looking forward to catching up again in person (hopefully sooner rather than later!).

I have learned an incredible amount during my time away at a large school where I didn't know many people. While I won't go into every detail of my experiences, I am truly excited to bring my learnings back to the Clunes PS community.

I want to thank everyone for your well-wishes back in late April when I left this amazing school. As excited as I was, I was naturally feeling a little nervous, having never performed the role of Assistant Principal before. The understanding and support of the entire Clunes community was greatly appreciated.

As for my role for the remainder of 2021, I am extremely excited to continue my learning journey as Acting Principal here at Clunes PS next week, for our last week of term. I know that the experience will put me to the test, but I am feeling confident and am grateful for the support of Ms Jardine, our lovely staff and the wider community. I know that I will have plenty of wonderful and highly knowledgeable students onsite next week to remind me of what I should be doing! Moving forward into next term I will be stepping back into my roles as Literacy and Numeracy Tutor from Monday to Thursdays, as well as the Japanese Language teacher on Fridays. In addition to this I look forward to supporting and learning from Ms Jardine about the operation and management of the school.

Thanks again everyone – it's great to be back!

Mr Hoffmann.



By Griff

# Why the school should get rid of their Maccas Wi-Fi

Have you ever been to Maccas and tried to use their Wi-Fi? Well, its complete garbage! And it's a lot similar to our school's Wi-Fi and it's nearly impossible to do anything on the Wi-Fi. Today I'm going to convince to you why the school should get better Wi-Fi.

Reason 1: It is necessary to do some of our school work. At school we have tried to log on to Microsoft Teams but it just doesn't load. It is so annoying when your teacher gives you a Teams assignment and you try to view it and it just doesn't load!

Reason 2: Let's say everyone in the whole school was on the computers at once. It would not go well seeing that the Wi-Fi can barely handle one class, and it is necessary that we have good internet when we are doing Naplan! It would lag so much that it wouldn't be good at all!

Reason 3: Imagine that if the weather was just a little bit bad or windy and you needed to use internet. It would just fail immediately. Because once the weather gets bad the Wi-Fi signal fails. Not good!

In conclusion the school needs better Wi-Fi!

By Callum



## Spoonville at Clunes PS

Creating these spoon villages or “Spoonvilles” has become a lockdown craze for kids and adults alike in 2020 and 2021! The idea is to ensure that children still feel that they are part of a community despite being unable to see their friends, neighbours and community members in person.



Decorate a wooden spoon or fork with a (waterproof, if you can) design! Send it in to school to add to our ‘Clunes PS School Community’.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS – Term 3

## FUNDRAISING & COVID

With the constraints COVID-19 and lockdowns have had on fundraising opportunities this year, we are pleased with the response we have had to the fundraisers we have been able to conduct under the circumstances. For a 'normal' year, the School's fundraising calendar presents a number of chances to raise money to enhance what the school can offer, therefore minimising the need to rely on financial support from our families and possible grant application success. These annual events include catering at The Vintage Machinery Show in March, Booktown in May and the Clunes Show in November, along with our Tree Drive, Twilight Markets, Trivia Nights and any other BBQ/Catering opportunities where they arise (Bunnings, Clearing Sales, Election Day). We are very conscious not to financially fatigue our School families, and know that we have a brilliant community who supports our school to enable us to undertake projects to improve our school, better our students, and ultimately, benefit and lift our town in the short and long term.



As our Tree Drive was not able to go ahead in 2020, we were very fortunate to be able to raise a record amount of around \$2,500 this year. This project was greatly supported by Clunes and district community members, for which we are very grateful. This money will make a big difference by enabling us to support several current projects including the purchase of a new reclining chair for our sick bay.

Fundraisers undertaken during the year within the School (including Discos, Mother's and Father's Day Stalls and Hot Lunch Days) are primarily for the benefit of the students, given how they enjoyed them as events in themselves, with the raising of money a secondary benefit.

Even with COVID regulations, our students have been able to attend four out of six Term Discos and purchase items for Mother's and Father's Day. From the Stalls alone this year, we have raised a total of \$750. The Discos are Student led and money raised at these events are managed by the Junior School Council. This money has been used to support charities of their choosing, or more recently, to purchase new UNO cards and Rubiks cubes for the School for all students to use.

### **Outcomes Achieved with Fundraising Money**

Fundraising money is always put back into the School, for the direct benefit of our students.

Our fundraising efforts have significantly contributed to, or funded entirely, major projects over the past few years, including:

- installation of air conditioning in the multi-purpose hall
- full refurbishment of external male and female student toilets
- purchase of water tank & irrigation system, including plumbing
- upgrade of Soccer pitch, including new goals
- construction of gravel walking track around ovals
- new shade shed over senior playground
- planting of trees around oval, with drip-irrigation
- purchase of equipment, including: art room printing press, library trolleys, Lego, STEM equipment, tables & stools, reading chairs and headphones
- purchase of learning resources, including Reading Comprehension Sets
- upgrade of interactive whiteboards, iPads and phone system
- fit out of our new shed (storage cupboards and flooring)
- upgrade of ride-on lawn mower
- external painting projects
- purchasing of new school sports shirts
- continual upgrading of sports equipment
- upgrade of lighting to LEDs

School Council would sincerely like to thank everybody who has involved themselves in the abovementioned fundraising activities and contributed to their success, whether that be from the management of the Tree Drive to filling in and returning a pie order form, each action makes a big difference to our school.

### **Father's Day Stall - 2021**

Unfortunately, due to stock issues and lock down interruptions, we were unable to source some items to fill all our orders. We are extremely grateful to those families who were happy to allow substitution of items. We thank you very much for your understanding.

### **Pie Drive – 2021**

Although our winter Pie Drive saw only a relatively low number of orders, it has raised an additional \$360 for our school. This did not meet our intended target but is still a good outcome. We thank Matt & Wendy from **O'Haras @ Clunes Bakery & Café**, and encourage all families to support this local business, who continues to support our school.

### **CAR BOOT SALE AD**

We would sincerely like to thank **BELLE REAL ESTATE** and in particular, their local representative **ANGE FLOWERS**, for generously donating the advertising sign for our CAR BOOT SALE, which has been erected at the entrance to the Clunes Showgrounds.

## **CLUNES PS & COVID**

We have been plunged in and out of lockdowns, with periods of Home Learning, and each time our School has risen to the challenge and has ensured that our families and students are supported throughout.

When students have returned to 'normal' on-site learning, the school has ensured that they have offered as many opportunities to engage and enhance learning as possible, while also being considerate to their wellbeing. Last year our students were able to participate in their Swimming unit, a day camp to Log Cabin Lodge, a 'mini Energy Breakthrough' Event, Year 6 Graduation Dinner, and this year we have been able to hold both our Swimming and Athletic Sports, Cross Country, GRIP Student Leaders Convention, Discos in Terms 1 & 2, incursions, the Story Dog program, writing in Queens Park, walk to school, "welcome" afternoon, focus activities and Parent/Teacher/Student conferences. Additionally, a number of students attended Somers Camp.

These activities are crucial in maintaining a sense of normality for our students. While a lot of other students across our State are missing out on events such as these and annual school highlights, Clunes Primary School sees the importance in trying to create the balance of learning and wellbeing and extra engaging, memorable activities.

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*On behalf of the School Council, we would like to thank our Parents/Carers and Home Learning Teachers for your commitment and resilience shown through the many periods of Home Learning we have experienced this year. We also thank our teachers and support staff for their dedication and providing unwavering support to our families and students both learning remotely and those on-site.*

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Fundraising is certainly a part of the role of School Council at Clunes Primary School, but not the sole function. School Council is responsible in assisting the efficient governance of the school, to ensure that decisions affecting the students are made to the best interests of the students, to enhance the educational opportunities of the students and to ensure that the School and Council comply with Government requirements, including the review and implementation of policies.

School Council welcomes and encourage feedback from all members of our school community, including any concerns or issues, suggestions of improvement or even fundraising ideas. Please feel free to contact any one of our parent or community representatives, Principal Ms. Jardine, or one of our school representatives, any time. We are your elected representatives and value all feedback for the betterment of our School.

**Steve Kinnersly (President)**

**Rob Anderson**

**Deb Bright**

**Andy Campbell**

**Jaqui Featherston**

**Zoe Handley**

**Jo Henderson-Drife**

**Sonia Jardine (Principal)**

**Kristin O'Brien**

**Vicki Anderson**

**Shane Hoffmann**

**Malcolm Hull**

**Gill Jedwab**

# Accidental Counsellor

an online workshop, free of charge

Regardless of your profession or industry, it is highly likely you will at some point encounter challenging or emotionally distressed individuals.

The Accidental Counsellor workshop is aimed at those who would like to be able to safely and effectively support friends, family, colleagues and strangers who are in distress or experiencing a crisis.

The Accidental Counsellor workshop aims to provide people with a range of practical and effective skills to be able to provide immediate support and assistance using the 'Recognise, Respond, Refer' model.

The skills learnt in the Accidental Counsellor workshop can be applied in many contexts.

**When: Wednesday, 15 September 2021**  
1.00pm - 4.30pm (online workshop)

**Format:** Blended training model:  
90-minute eLearn, self-directed and  
3.5-hour instructor-led online workshop.

#### You will learn how to:

- Identify signs of people needing emotional support
- Improve communication and active listening skills
- Practice counselling techniques relevant to your role (eg. engagement, rapport building, questioning & summarising)
- Appropriately respond to aggressive or distressed clients, and crisis situations
- Understand mental illness and suicide intervention
- Gain helpful support options & referrals
- Develop skills to maintain own professional boundaries
- Develop self-care strategies

#### Cost:

Free of charge, funded by IAG/RACV, delivered by Lifeline Ballarat

To register by 9am, Friday 10 Sept:

Click on this [Eventbrite link](#)

For further information, please contact:

Lifeline Ballarat

E: [training.llb@vt.uniting.org](mailto:training.llb@vt.uniting.org)

P: 9051 7471

#### Cancellation Policy:

Please advise Lifeline Ballarat if you are unable to attend the workshop once registered. Your place may then be offered to someone else.



## Designed **for** Parents **by** Parents

We are doing it again! Are you registered? The line up of speakers is AMAZING!!

The Parenting for Resilience, Confidence & Independence Online Summit is **FREE** and being held Online on Friday 8th -10th October 2021.

3 days and 3 themes with 24 international and national speakers including Maggie Dent, Dr Justin Coulson, Mona Delahooke, Kim Hopkins, Nicole Telfer, Stephanie Pinto, PLUS some of your favs from last year including Cat Levine, Megan Gallagher, Seth Perler, Sue O'Callahan & Jo Webb and so many more...



Hosted by Karen Tui Boyes from Spectrum Education, this is the educational event of the year for parents. If you are looking for a heart centred, uplifting and fun-filled learning event - this is it!

[Find out more here](https://www.spectrumparentsummit.com/)

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Term 3 Calendar – Draft #6 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 (Term 4 Calendar in next week's Newsletter)				
WEEK 1	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	
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WEEK 2	Mon	19-Jul	Parent Opinion Survey begins- let us know when you have completed it to go into the draw for a family dinner voucher	
	Tue	20-Jul		
	Thu	22-Jul	Central Highlands Rural Health dentist visit 1.	
WEEK 3	Mon	26-Jul	CFA- evening equipment drill on-site 7pm- postponed	
	Tue	27-Jul	Emergency Lockdown Drill- postponed	
	Wed	28-Jul	Parliamentary Convention postponed NEW DATE – Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> 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		
WEEK 4	Mon	2-Aug		
	Wed	4-Aug	Year 7 2022 Placement Letters home to families	
	Thu	5-Aug		
	Fri	6-Aug		
WEEK 5	Mon	9-Aug	P-2 Earth Ed excursion- postponed Active to School Passport month begins next week	
	Wed	11-Aug	Year 4/5A High Ability – STEM incursion 9-11am- postponed School Council Meeting 6.30pm Finance 7pm General Meeting Format- online	
	Thurs	12-Aug		
	Fri	13-Aug		
	Mon	16-Aug	Active to School Passport month begins	
WEEK 6	Mon	16-Aug	Active to School Passport month begins	
	Tue	17-Aug		
	Mon	23-Aug		
WEEK 7	Tue	24-Aug	School Photos-now Wednesday October 20 <sup>th</sup>	
	Wed	25-Aug		
	Fri	27-Aug	Learning from Home- Book Week dress up Theme 2021- "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds" Father's Day Gifts Order forms due to school	
WEEK 8	Mon	30-Aug	Yrs 4/5A & 5/6B Earth Ed incursion via Web Ex- Mapping focus - postpone Learning Pack collection 3-5pm. Father's Day orders collected.	
	Tues	31-Aug		
	Wed	1-Sep	JSC Meeting- MS Teams 1pm	
	Thu	2-Sep	Proposed last day of Lockdown- Lockdown extended	
	Fri	3-Sep	Parent Opinion Survey ends (extended date)	
WEEK 9	Mon	6-Sep	Learning Pack collection 3-5pm.	
	Tues	7-Sep	New date for 3 Way Conferences	
	Wed	8-Sep	School Council Meeting 6.30pm Finance 7pm General Meeting Format- online	
	Thurs	9-Sep	RU Okay Day School Disco - postponed	
	Fri	10-Sep	'Take a Break' Day Performing Arts workshop for all - MS Teams 10am- 11.15am led by Luke O'C our Creative Worker In Schools Performing Artist	
WEEK 10	Mon	13-Sep	Mr. Hoffmann is Acting Principal for this week. Learning Pack collection 3-5pm. NEW DATE for the Pie Drive Order collection	
	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)	

- Fabulous "How to build a bird" creations. Well done students ... and parents/carers too!

### 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:



For detailed information visit: [www.covid19.gov.au](http://www.covid19.gov.au)

