



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

Thursday 2nd December 2021

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

Mask wearing INDOORS for adults and Years 3-6 students is compulsory. Student masks are to be provided by families.
Thank you for helping to keep our school safe.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Swimming Program- All Juniors- Preps -Year 2s to bring a pair of thongs or wet shoes to school for travel to/ from the pool. This will greatly ease changing arrangements. Thank you 😊

A Mini Week 10 Newsletter will be forwarded home next Thursday 9th December.

A Week 11 (last week of term) Newsletter will also be forwarded home on Thursday 16th December.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are thrilled to be able to announce that our annual Christmas Concert will return this year! Last year, COVID restrictions prevented our much-loved whole school Concert. This year, (as long as you are fully vaccinated and have proof of vaccination), you will be able to enjoy this wonderful event! Each class will perform a song and our Choir group will be performing many songs! Our Term 4 DRUMBEAT Team will also be demonstrating their rhythms! Sadly, we will not be able to enjoy an annual free BBQ, due to the complexities of food handling within our DET COVID restrictions, however you may decide to bring your own picnic for your family. Raffle Tickets to win the GIANT 10kg block of Cadbury Chocolate will be on sale! The Winner will be drawn on the night! The winner will be grinning all the way home, full of good cheer and maybe with a mouthful of chocolate!



Thursday 9th December 2021

Christmas Concert Evening at Clunes Primary School

Concert – 6:30pm until approximately 7:30pm

Fully vaccinated members of the Clunes Community are most welcome to attend. Members of our School Council will assist with supporting QR Code check ins and proof of vaccinations requirements at entry points to the school.



Win the Giant Block of Chocolate! Buy a Raffle Ticket

Santa plans to visit!

Please consider supporting the Reverse Advent Calendar. Details inside. Boxes will be available at the Concert. Thank you 😊

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4



Our Term 4 You Can Do It focus is:
Confidence & Resilience

P/1D- Akir, Arnya	1 /2H- Max, Tahlee
3 /4L- Corina, Isaac	4 /5A- Ben T, Cushla
5 /6B- Jay, Jesse	Principal's Award-
Specialists Award/s- Japanese- RJ TLI Award- Tobias	Bus Traveller's Awards- Branden, Killian, James W

CAWT- Whole School – end of year Raffle Ticket Award process. For following our School Values and our You Can Do It Keys to Success! Drawn at Assembly for the second half of this term.
Awardees: Week 6- Ella, Week 7- Arlo, Week 8- Lexi, Week 9- Killian
(three more weeks to go! 😊)

Class/ classroom and teaching structure in 2022

2022 Teaching Staff and Teaching Staff Class/ Specialist Allocations will be announced as per usual in Week 10. (next week)

With 19 Year 6s exiting Clunes PS at the end of the year and with 15 Preps currently enrolled, we expect to have an enrolment base of between 95-100 students.

We will have 5 classes:

Prep/ 1D- Miss Jordyn Dargaville (previously announced)
1 /2
3 /4
4 /5
5 /6

Prep 2022 enrolments completed before Monday 6th December please!

2022

Staff officially begin- Friday 28th & Monday 31st January 2022

ALL Students begin- Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 8.45am.

Prep/ Foundation students have a Rest/Assessment Day each Wednesday for the first 7 Weeks of Term 1, 2022. Wednesday 2nd February is the 1st designated Rest/ Assessment Day.



I saw an alligator. - Akir

I saw a rhino. It was playing in the mud.— Spencer

I saw a deer and they got out.—Dakoda

We saw a dingo. I loved it. It was fun.—Izzy



I saw a snake. It was lazy and big and long. And I was happy.— Indy

I saw a rhino.—Jaikob

I saw a red panda and a cheetah and a giraffe and a lemur and a snake and an alligator. — Max

I saw a crocodile. It was small. My favourite thing was the rhino.—Arlo



Our Prep/1D students had a great time at the Halls Gap Zoo last week!

I saw a red panda.— Jordan



We went to the Halls Gap Zoo. I liked the meerkats. They were cute. —Tully



A deer followed us around. I saw a giraffe and a crocodile.—Jake

I saw a giraffe eating leaves off the ground. They crouched to get the leaves. The giraffe was so so big! I saw a red panda. There was one in the pen on the branch. I saw a snake in a cage, slithering on the rock. I saw a bird on a stick.—Chloe



I saw a snake. It was lazy and big and long, and I was happy. I had the best day.—Aria



I fed a deer. I had fun. I saw a longhorn and a bison and rhinos.—RJ



P-6 Swimming Program
BALC Term 4 2021

CIRCUS & PERFORMANCE - VIDEO FOOTAGE

I have now finished my time at Clunes Primary School as Artist in Residence as part of the Creative Workers in Schools Program. I have had such a great time working with all the classes and wanted to thank all the students and staff for having me.

I have made a short video of each class to show some of what we got up to, these videos were filmed in the second half of my time when we we focussed on Performance and Circus Skills.

To see the films go to:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9049919>

Password is **ClunesPS**

ABOUT THE RESIDENCY & VIDEOS

I began working at Clunes Primary School this year in Term 2 starting with one session a week with each class. In Term 3 this increased to a full day for the Grade 6's.

We began by exploring the question 'what would we do if the school was an entire planet, how would we design it to be a great place to live?'. This was intended to be the core question for a live performance where the students would get to showcase their skills to their friends, family and community.

Through this concept we looked at:

- WHERE ARE WE? Where is Clunes, what is great or special about where we live
- OBSERVATION. What are we looking for? How do observe the environment around us.
- WATER. How we use it. How much we use. How we catch and store it. How much water lands on Clunes Primary School in an average year?
- FOOD. How we'd grow it and the menus we'd create. What is in our favourite dishes.

After the lockdown at the end of term 2 it became apparent that planning for a public outcome was optimistic at best and I shifted the focus to learning Performance and Circus Skills for rest of the program rather than try to achieve a performance as this was better suited to ongoing interruption.

The **PERFORMANCE SKILLS** we covered were:

IMPROVISATION - Making things up as you go.
 ENSEMBLE - Working together as a group.
 PLAYFULNESS - Important when performing
 SHAPE MAKING and exploring PHYSICALITY in movement.
 CHARACTER and STORIES to spark imagination.

And the Grade 6's also learnt
 CLOWNING - Pure silliness!

The **CIRCUS SKILLS** we covered were:

WARMUP and STRETCHING
 ROLA BOLA - A board and tube that you balance on
 BALANCE BEAM - A beam that you balance on
 MINI TRAMP - Including jumping, landing, rolls and flips.

And for the grade 6's they also learnt...

ACRO - Partner and Group Balances
 JUGGLING - One ball skills and began learning to juggle 3 balls.

Dear Clunes school community,

The Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017 require the Minister for Education to determine the days on which a government school is required to be open for attendance by students.

The Minister for Education has set the term dates for 2026-2030.

Setting school dates well in advance assists with school planning and ensures the school community knows the days Victorian government schools are open for student instruction.

The 2026-2030 term dates are based on these criteria:

- there are four school terms
- the school year is 200 days
- the Australia Day holiday occurs before students return to school
- the first term vacation is to coincide with Easter
- that, as far as possible, a consistent pattern be maintained from one five-year block to the next.

More information is on the Department's website: [School term dates and holidays in Victoria \(education.vic.gov.au\)](http://education.vic.gov.au)

Kind regards,

Sonia Jardine



Reverse Advent Calendar

Holidays for many can be difficult especially those living on a tight budget.

This year Clunes Primary School is participating in Reverse Advent Calendar program.

We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items such as canned goods, cereal, biscuits, pasta.

The team at Clunes Neighbourhood House along with Clunes Football and Netball Club will deliver food hampers to local families in time for Christmas.

Please make your donation by 17th December.



Clunes
Neighbourhood House

Afternoon Clunes Primary School Families

Thank you to all our regular families that got back to me with their **2022 booking** preferences. We only have a few vacancies so if any new or returning families would like to enrol for next year (1 day up to 5 days or just as a casual), please give the Daylesford Childcare Centre a call 5348 3702, tell them you're interested in **ASC @ CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL** and they will give you a link to get set up, it's all online and pretty simple.

Thanks Liz 😊

Would you like some CHILD FREE SHOPPING time before Christmas?

I am offering Holiday Care for the week between **End of Term and Christmas**.

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd 8am to 5pm (let me know if you require longer hours).

Holiday Care January 2022

We are offering Holiday Care from **10th 13th Jan and then 17th to 20th Jan 2022**. Additional dates **may** be available if enough interest.

Children return to school on Tuesday 1st Feb 2022.

Please send me a message as soon as you can so I can start booking your children in and planning some exciting excursions/activities.

The sooner I have names the sooner I can confirm care. I will get back to everyone as soon as I can confirm.

Holiday Care - **Care can only operate IF...** We have the numbers, a carer is available to offer care and Covid doesn't stop us.

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 and I'll take it from there.

Fees = Less any child care 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

Thanks

Liz Garth 😊

ASC @ Clunes PS

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Term 4 Calendar – Draft #5 2nd December 2021

WEEK 1	Mon	4 Oct			
	Tue	5 Oct			
	Wed	6 Oct			
	Sun	10 Oct			
WEEK 2	Mon	11 Oct		<p>Cushla and Ayla are supporting The Last Straw Campaign. More details in next week's Newsletter.</p>	
	Wed	13 Oct	School Council		
	Thu	14 Oct			
	Sat	16 Oct	Working Bee 9-11:30am		
WEEK 3	Mon	18 Oct		<p>Drop a coin or coins into their Campaign jar at the Office.</p>	
	Tues	19 Oct			
	Wed	20 Oct	School Photos- postponed until Dec 1 st ! School Council		
	Thur	21 Oct	Parliamentary Convention - cancelled		
	Fri	22 Oct	ALL STUDENTS ON-SITE! 😊		
	Sun	24 Oct	WORKING BEE- 9.00- 11.30am		
WEEK 4	Mon	25 Oct	Swimming Program (P/1D, 1/2HMJ, 3/4LT) Delayed start due to restrictions	<p>This is a COVIDSafe school</p> <p>The school has a COVIDSafe Plan to maintain the safety of all staff and students. The four pillars of the COVIDSafe Plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing COVIDSafe exposure 2. Avoiding COVIDSafe close 3. Reducing COVIDSafe proximity 4. Increasing COVIDSafe distance <p>For detailed information visit: www.covid19.govt.nz</p>	
	Tues	26 Oct	Walk to School- every week		
	Thur	28 Oct	Preparation for Puberty (All Year 5s and 6s)		
	Fri	29 Oct			
WEEK 5	Mon	1 Nov			
	Tue	2 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
	Wed	3 Nov	Kinder-Prep Transition Session 1 (9-11am)		
	Thur	4 Nov	Preparation for Puberty (All Year 5s and 6s)		
WEEK 6	Wed	10 Nov	School Council	<p>Reminder: All Years 3-6 to wear masks indoors</p>	
	Thur	11 Nov	Preparation for Puberty (All Year 5s and 6s)		
	FRI	12 Nov	Yr 6 Transition visit & session for 2021 Mt Rowan SC students		
WEEK 7	Mon	15 Nov	Swimming Program begins for whole school!		
	Tue	16 Nov	Kinder-Prep Transition Session 2 (9-11am)		
WEEK 8	Mon	22 Nov	Swimming Program P-6 session 2 MEC transition visit to school 10.15am		
	Tues	23 Nov	Whole School Excursion: Halls Gap Zoo Be at school at 7.45am!		
	Fri	26 Nov	Performing Arts (Rural Arts Victoria grant) – video share & celebration		
WEEK 9	Mon	29 Nov	Swimming Program P-6 session 3		
	Tues	30 Nov	Kinder-Prep Transition Session 3 (11am-1pm)		
	Wed	1 Dec	SCHOOL PHOTOS		
	Thurs	2 Dec			
	Fri	3 Dec	9am School Captains 2022 Speeches – Voting for selection Yrs 3-5 after the speeches. Calls to families. 11am Parent Helper Thankyou Morning Tea MP Hall Double vaccination proof required to attend both events please.		
WEEK 10	Mon	6 Dec	Swimming Program P-6 session 4 2022 School Captains announcement and welcome at Assembly Hepburn Shire- Student Citizenship Award 2021	<p>SSG Meetings this week</p>	
	Tue	7 Dec	Statewide Transition Day: Kinder-Prep (9am-1pm), Year 6-7 (all day)		
	Wed	8 Dec	Energy Breakthrough – Clunes PS Yrs 5 & 6 event School Council 5pm- Finance Meeting and 6.30 Dinner		
	Thu	9 Dec	School Community Carols including Choir and DRUMBEAT items (MUST show proof of double vaccination to attend)		
	Fri	10 Dec	Christmas theme Focus Day – Christmas Casual Dress & Christmas- JSC led lunchtime Disco (with prizes)		
WEEK 11	Mon	13 Dec	FINAL Swimming Program P-6 session Catherine King Award presented at Assembly	<p style="text-align: center;">2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff begin: Friday 28th January</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL STUDENTS BEGIN: Tuesday 1st February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prep students- Wednesday Rest Days for the first 7 wks</p>	
	Tue	14 Dec	Semester 2 Reports + 2022 class lists home today		
	Wed	15 Dec			
	Thu	16 Dec	2.30- 3pm 2022 Years 1-6 school transition experience Graduation – Year 6 2021 Students and Staff dinner Parents attending the Awards component of the evening. Family members and guests must have double vaccination proof to attend.		
	Fri	17 Dec	Last day of Term 4 – 1 pm finish Casual Dress Day (no gold coin donation required) Class Parties		