



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

Thursday 27th October 2022 - Term 4 Week 4

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Each fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you!



Please see Term 4 Draft 3 on the back page of this Newsletter

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you all for managing our Clunes excessive rain events in such a calm and ordered manner! Whilst our students quite enjoyed seeing our dry creek bed in action as a running creek, the water gushing from east to west caused significant damage to our Walking & EB Training track, washing a thick granite sand layer away, exposing the blue-metal base beneath in several places. We will endeavour to repair our daily utilised Track as soon as possible.



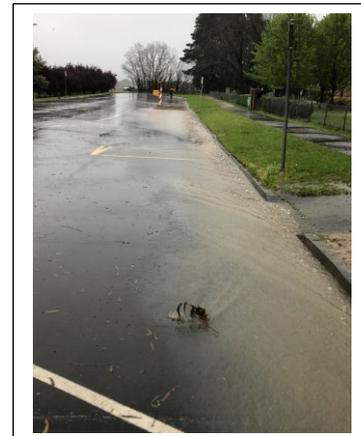
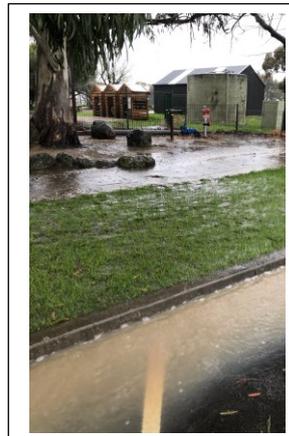
RAT Kits –

Please let us know if you need a further kit, i.e., if your child is showing COVID -19 symptoms or is a close contact. We anticipate sending all RAT Kits home before the end of term.

Please see page of this newsletter with information about changes to COVID-19 isolation requirements.

Thank you all for your incredible efforts at keeping the school informed. Our school is managing our COVID linked challenges exceptionally well!

Physically getting into school was a major challenge, but those in Gum Boots excelled! Thank you, parents and carers, for your patience as we all utilised either the School Crossing 'islands' or the west end of Canterbury St. to assist with keeping all feet dry. Should we have such a weather event again, we will use this drop off strategy again. Was your own property damaged? If yes, please make contact with the school in regard to possibly accessing Govt. support.



We also found new leaks, particularly in the Senior BER Building, and this has been reported to the Dept. of Education. We followed the Dept. of Education guidance in regards to notifying you all of the School Closure on Friday 14th October. Official approval from the Dept. Deputy Secretary was received late on the Thursday evening. The SMS system was used. Should you need to update your Mobile Phone number please contact the Office asap.

We've had our first unwelcome visitor for the warmer yet wet season.



Please be aware!

**Best wishes to you all for a safe and happy fortnight ahead.
Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS.**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4

Our School Values Awards focus on:

We Learn

We Show Respect

We are Safe

Our Term 4 You Can Do It focus is:

Confidence

Prep / 1D – Ava, Diesel	1/2MJ – Arlo, Logan, Izzy, Chloe B.
3/4LA – Tommy, Isla	4 /5R – Chloe C, Ayla
5/6B – Audrey, Blake, Griff, Angus	Principal's Award - Ruby, Lucy & family, Duncan & family, Isla & family, 5 /6B cricket superstars! Year Prep- 2s- ecolinc excursion
Performing Arts- Tommy, Branden, Brock B. Visual Arts- Anthony, Aoife	PE- Anabelle, Taya

***In 2022 we have a junior year-level student who is anaphylactic to NUTS!**

We will need to be a **NO NUTS school**, as our students mix with and play with each other across the school day. Our junior school Buddies will also meet for learning activities with our senior school Buddies. Thank you sincerely for considering the safety of our students as you choose what food is placed in your child's daily snack and lunch box. **NO NUTELLA PLEASE!**

***In 2022 we have a senior year-level student with a medical need that requires us to know immediately when there is Chicken Pox or a similar illness about. Please contact the Office as soon as you are aware. Again, thank you sincerely!**

There are still lots of lost unnamed uniform items in the Lost Property Basket!

Named items have been returned to their owners.

There are several 'puffer' type jackets in the basket.

Please regularly rename all items including plastic containers! Thank you!

Our Pre -Loved School Uniform items, for Gold Coin Donation, are now found at the west end of the Gallery. Look for the sign. (we needed to move it due to Building leaks.



Prep 2023 enrolments completed by Tuesday 29th November please!

2023

Staff officially begin- Friday 27th & Monday 30th January 2023

ALL Students begin- Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 8.45am.

Prep/ Foundation students have a Rest/Assessment Day each Wednesday for the first 7 Weeks of Term 1, 2023. Wednesday 1st February is the 1st designated Rest/ Assessment Day.

4/5 Drumming at Wesley

On Friday 21st October, Grade 4/5 ventured down the hill to Wesley College to have a drumming lesson. Our teacher, Jen, and the Wesley students taught us about how to play 'bass' and 'tone' notes on drums called Djembes.

The students learnt a song consisting of 3 parts and a break (or chorus). The students learnt and practiced all 4 parts of the song! At the end of the session we were able to choose one part of the song that we wanted to play and we performed the entire song altogether. It sounded fantastic!!





Monster Madness in Japanese!

Students in grades 3-6 have finished their books about a monster they had imagined. Here are some of the fantastic results! Now, in both Performing Arts and Japanese classes, they are in full swing producing a Japanese style monster movie. Stay tuned for their premiere!

Snail races 2022

Beginning at Recess -11am, Monday 31st October.

(may be carried over into Lunch break)

Each class will have their own Snail Race. Trophies will be awarded to the winning trainer, and to the Champion of Champions!

Bring a snail to race in a snail- proof disposable container! Think of a name for your snail. Please ensure that your snail is kept in the secure container until racing begins. (no escapees in classrooms 😞)

Snails will be collected and kept at school at the end of the event.

All welcome to attend. 5 /6B and P/1D Buddies will be racing first.

Thank you. Ms Jardine 😊





CLUNES SHOW



It is almost time for the annual Clunes Show!!!



Saturday 19th November!!!

School Council, together with help from parents and staff, is again running the Luncheon Pavilion, where Morning and Afternoon Tea and Lunch will be provided to show patrons.

This has been a very successful fundraiser for the school in recent years.

HELP!! HELP!!

Parents are asked to help the school in this community and fundraising venture for the school!!!!

If you are able to help on the day – preparing food and serving our customers, please leave your name and the time of day for which you would be available at the school office.

We need helpers to make sandwiches from **8.30am** onwards.

Further assistance on the day in the kitchen, plating lunches, making teas and coffees together with selling scones (Devonshire Teas), cake, slices and sandwiches, would be greatly appreciated.

The day usually finishes about 4.00pm.

We particularly need helpers from 8:30am to make sandwiches and prepare plates and then again between 11.00am and 1.30pm to cope with the lunch time rush.

CAN YOU HELP WITH FOOD DONATIONS?

School Council is also seeking support from our parents and carers with a request for the donation of small cakes (no cream, please) or slices or scones on the day. Please list the ingredients.

These cakes, slices, scones can be left at the school office on the Friday, or delivered to the pavilion at the show grounds in Service Street on the Saturday morning.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so that we can put our helper roster together. Please add your name to the Election Day Sausage Sizzle Roster too!

Thanks everyone in anticipation of your support.



Please see the Office with your Preferred Time:- 8:30am – 10:30am, 10:30am – 12:30pm,

12:30pm – 2:30pm or 2:30pm – 4:30pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

WORKING BEE REVIEW – TERM 4

Term 4 Working Bee was held last Sunday, 23rd of October. Although we had spent the week anticipating yet another major rain event for the weekend, we woke to beautiful sunshine and pleasant weather.

FUN FACTS (you all should know):

- Clunes Primary School is set on 9.5 acres
- Clunes Primary School grounds boast:
 - o 1 x Volleyball Court
 - o 1 x Soccer Pitch
 - o 1 x Football/Cricket Oval
 - o 500 metres of Walking Track
 - o 1 x half-size Netball/Basketball Court
 - o 1 x Four Square (Ball Game) Court
 - o 2 x Play (Equipment) Spaces
 - o 1 x Sensory Garden
 - o 1 x Rebound Wall
 - o 1 x Outdoor Learning Space
 - o 1 x Vegetable Patch
 - o 1 x ANZAC Memorial Garden
 - o Garden beds, including indigenous plantings
 - o Fruit Trees

So, you may be surprised to learn that Clunes Primary School's budget allows us to employ a Gardener for a mere 5-7 hours per week, to maintain the entire Grounds of the School. Needless to say, this is an incredible task, made, at times, quite difficult to achieve given weather and seasonal challenges. It is therefore vital that the School Council conduct regular Working Bees to support our Gardener, to not just maintain our school grounds, but to enhance them.

What was achieved at this Working Bee?

We had a very small group of workers: One staff member, 7 parents (from 4 families), 4 students and 5 pre-schoolers: working from 8.30am to 12.30pm (extended by 2 hours due to the work required to be finished); completing:

- Clearing of garden beds for indigenous planting and seasonal vegetable planting
- Whipper-snipping of long grass (a haven for snakes in the coming warmer weather)
- General weeding and tidying of flower garden beds
- Filling-in of trip hazards
- Repairs to external doors and locks
- Installation of flag poles

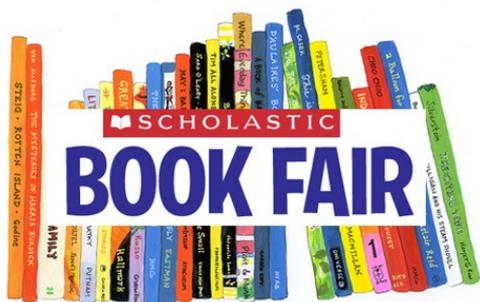
I would strongly encourage every family to consider attending at least one Working Bee per year. We have outstanding resources and a beautiful environment here at Clunes Primary School, but this does not just happen on its own. It comes down to the dedicated families that are willing to give their time and effort to the school. Everyone is welcome, and you do not need to be trade qualified. If you are able to pull a few weeds or rake some mulch, you are more than qualified. There is always a broad range of tasks that will suit every age and ability.

Attending a Working Bee doesn't just directly benefit students (and school family members) by improving the school's environment - it shows your appreciation to the school, sets an example to our children, strengthens our school's community and creates a strong foundation of pride within the school's families.

We should all be proud of what we have here, and be willing to give back to a place that offers so much.

A special thank you must go to Rob Anderson for fabricating our new flag poles.

J Henderson-Drife
School Council President



Our Scholastic Book Fair is done and dusted for another year!

An enormous thank you to the families that purchased beautiful books and specialty items from the Book Fair.

Your support has meant that the school has received nearly **\$600.00** worth of rewards which translates into books for our classroom libraries for our students to enjoy. This is magnificent news as it means that our students can engage with new and interesting books which further spark a love of reading.

A huge thank you to Jan who volunteered her time to set up and staff the Book Fair. Without her dedication and passion for books our school would lose a little bit of sparkle.

Next Monday 31st October, at morning assembly, we will draw the **door prize raffle**. Every student who made a purchase is automatically in the raffle and we will draw a junior and senior prize.

Changes to COVID-19 isolation requirements

Dear parents and carers

You may be aware that the Victorian Government has announced changes to the COVID-19 isolation requirements.

This means that from 11.59pm on Wednesday 12 October, the mandatory orders around isolation for people with COVID-19 have ended and instead we move to health advice and recommendations for people with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms.

Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students.

The Department of Health **strongly recommends** that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health.

We will, however, no longer report occurrences of positive cases to the school community.

We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases.

Free rapid antigen tests are available at the school for those who need them.

Parents and carers will be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school.

Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so.

To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures.

Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well.

Sonia Jardine

Don't miss the Sustainable Hepburn Expo this Saturday 29 October

10am – 3pm, Trentham Railway Station.

Stalls, Food, Free Workshops & Activities for the whole family.

10am – Traditional Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

Presenters include: David Holmgren – Permaculture, Mara Ripani – Sustainable Homes, Repair Café, Enviro Shop, Nesting Boxes, Hepburn Energy.

- Local sustainable products, services & community groups
- Local produce Food by SHIFT – Sustainable Healthy Food Towns for healthy school lunches

<https://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/Council/News/Latest-news/Sustainable-Hepburn-Expo>



29 October 2022

10AM – 3PM

Trentham Railway Station

Stalls, information,
workshops, food and
activities for the whole
family



**Showcasing local businesses and community organisations
improving the sustainability of Hepburn Shire**

**Remembrance Day
11 November**



Poppies are available to purchase from school until Thursday 10th November. Our School Captains will bring the box around to classrooms daily. \$1, \$2, & \$5 Poppies are available. ALL proceeds are returned directly to our Clunes RS & L branch. We will have representatives at the 10.50am Service.

Clunes PS Prep Transition 2023



OUR CURRENT PLANNED PROGRAM: BEGINNING OF TERM 4, 2022

Ms. Sonia Jardine (Principal), Miss Jordyn Dargaville (Prep Teacher- 2021, 2022 & 2023) & our School Captains (Ella and Noah) will visit Clunes Pre-School to meet and greet students and present a Clunes Primary School Tour by virtual reality. Each child will receive a 'book' about the school.

Miss Jordyn Dargaville will visit Clunes Pre-School, multiple times, to get to know the students prior to and between the transition sessions at Clunes Primary School.

TRANSITION SESSIONS DATES AND TIMES

(Week 5) Thursday 3rd November-Session 1. 9-11am at Clunes PS

(Week 7) Tuesday 15th November- Session 2. 9-11am at Clunes PS

(Week 9) Tuesday 29th November- Session 3. 11am – 1pm at Clunes PS

(Week 11) Tuesday 13th December- Session 4. 9am-1pm at Clunes PS for the State-wide Transition Day. For all enrolled 2023 Prep students.

Students attending other Pre-school settings are very welcome to attend some/ all of the above transition sessions. Each child/ family will receive their beginning school 'book' and will have an opportunity for a pre-transition introduction to Clunes Primary School.

CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL TOURS WILL BE CONDUCTED WEEKLY IN TERM 3

EVERY THURSDAY AT 10.00am (or at another time by arrangement)

Please contact the school on 5345 3182 to book in a tour.

Prep 2023 enrolments to be fully completed as soon as possible. (End of November at the latest.)

Please contact Sonia at Clunes PS 5345 3182 with any questions or concerns.

Our regular Pre-school to Primary School Transition Program may possibly be altered slightly in order to meet Department of Education guidelines regarding possible COVID-19 restrictions (for both Pre-School and Primary School settings).

Should this happen, we will endeavour to keep families fully informed of program changes as soon as possible. Thank you. Sonia



World Teachers' Day

28 October 2022

Celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact on your life.

Use the hashtag **#thankvicteachers** on social media to say 'thank you' to your favourite teacher/s.

Visit www.vic.gov.au/world-teachers-day for a digital thank you card and more information.



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FOSTER CARE

Information Session

Presented by Cafs & BADAC

Are you considering providing care to children?

There is a real need for carers in our Community that can provide Emergency Care, Respite Care, Short & Long-Term Care.

If you have been wanting to know more about what is involved and what type of support is offered to carers, we invite you to join us for our **FREE** information session, followed by Q & A with BADAC, Cafs representatives and current Foster Carers.

When: Wednesday, November 23rd - 11am

Where: BADAC Tree Room, 108 Armstrong St N, Ballarat
Tea, Coffee and light lunch provided.

RSVP: Cafs - tarryn.neil@cafs.org.au or 042704 4114
BADAC - 5331 5344

Let BADAC & Cafs support you on your
Foster Care journey.



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FREE IMMUNISATION SERVICE AT TALBOT ANA HALL

(CORNER OF HEALES & BALLARAT STREET, TALBOT)

**Bookings are preferred using the QR code above
or calling 0428 894 724**

Walk in appointments also welcome

Please note: NO Covid19 vaccinations available

8:00am - 10:00am	Thursday 22nd September
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Wednesday 26th October
8:00am - 10:00am	Thursday 24th November
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Wednesday 14th December

Immunisation Services
0428 894 724
immunisation@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Term 4 Calendar – Draft #2 Thursday 27th October 2022

WEEK 1	Mon	3-Oct	NO school day. STUDENT FREE DAY of Term 4 STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – ONSITE Mrs Mitchell -2 weeks Long Service Leave
	Tues	4-Oct	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 FOR STUDENTS Walk to School WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK
	Wed	5-Oct	EB Team Meeting 3-4.30pm, Sunsmart appropriate hats to be worn in Term 4
WEEK 2	Mon	10-Oct	Book Fair delivery
	Tues	11-Oct	Walk to School Begins today. Every Tuesday for the term (weather depending)
	Wed	12-Oct	Preparation for Puberty sessions School Council Meeting 7pm
	Thurs	13-Oct	
	Fri	14-Oct	Wesley @ Clunes Community Service (WCS) begins Year 6 Principal for a Day session with Ms Jardine
WEEK 3			SOG Meetings this week Mrs Anderson Literacy Leaders Professional Learning (PL) Ms Jardine supporting Lethbridge PS with their School Review Day 1 Verena Doyle -Native Plants- small group session with Mrs Mitchell & Ms Dargaville
	Mon	17-Oct	
	Tue	18-Oct	
	Wed	19-Oct	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm Val- 2 weeks Long Service Leave EB Team Meeting 3-4.30pm
	Thurs	20-Oct	P-2 ecolinc excursion
	Fri	21-Oct	WCS
	SUN	23 -Oct	School Working Bee- 8.30-10am Free Lending Library- Market and activity day 11am -3pm
WK 4	Mon	24-Oct	Book Fair -pack up and collection
	Tues	25-Oct	
	Wed	26-Oct	MEC- Yr 6-7 2023 transition 10am-1pm
	Fri	28-Oct	WCS WORLD TEACHERS DAY celebrated at Clunes PS
WEEK 5	Mon	31-Oct	Annual Snail Races event
	Tues	1-Nov	Melbourne Cup Holiday
	Wed	2-Nov	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm EB Team Meeting 3-4.30pm
	Thurs	3-Nov	2023 K-P Transition program session 1 9-11am, School Sport Victoria Games Day session 1 (round net)
	Fri	4-Nov	No WCS today
WEEK 6	Mon	7-Nov	
	Tues	8-Nov	Ms Jardine supporting Lethbridge PS with their School Review (Day 2)
	Wed	9-Nov	Mrs Anderson Literacy Leaders (PL) School Council Meeting 7pm & possible EB night ride demo' Ms Jardine supporting Lethbridge PS with their School Review- Final Day
	Thurs	10-Nov	
	Fri	11-Nov	Remembrance Day- student leaders commitment
WEEK 7	Tue	15-Nov	2023 K-P Transition program session 2 9-11am, Swimming Lessons begin P-6
	Wed	16-Nov	EB Team Meeting 3-4.30pm Set up for EB in Maryborough
	Thu	17-Nov	EB in Maryborough, School Sports Victoria Games Day session 2 (kick ball)
	Fri	18-Nov	EB in Maryborough, Year 4 & 5 students visiting EB
	Sat	19-Nov	EB in Maryborough CLUNES SHOW
WEEK 8	Mon	21-Nov	
	Tues	22-Nov	Swimming Lessons- Wk2
	Thurs	24-Nov	NEW DATE ** Year 6 only Bike Ed' ½ day with Vic Pol -Simon & Jim
	Fri	25-Nov	
	Sat	26-Nov	Victoria- Election Day- Sausage Sizzle BBQ - School Fundraiser
WK 9	Mon	28-Nov	
	Tues	29-Nov	2023 K-P Transition program session 3 11am- 1pm, Swimming Lessons Wk3
	Thurs	1-Dec	
	Fri	2-Dec	Parent/carer/guardian helper morning tea
WEEK 10	Mon	5-Dec	
	Tues	6-Dec	Swimming Lessons Wk4
	Wed	7-Dec	
	Thurs	8-Dec	Year 6 2023 School Captain speeches and voting
	Fri	9-Dec	Christmas Focus Day, School Carols at 2pm, (Christmas in Clunes- after school town event)
WEEK 11	Mon	12-Dec	
	Tues	13-Dec	State-wide Transition Day Years 6-7 & K-P School Reports and class lists for 2023 home today, Swimming Lessons -final week
	Wed	14-Dec	School Council Dinner and Meeting 7pm (incorrect placement last Newsletter)
	Thurs	15-Dec	Year 6 Graduation, P-5 transition afternoon for 2023
	Fri	16-Dec	Class parties
12	Mon	19-Dec	Last day of Term 4 & the 2022 school year - 3pm finish - Each last day of Term is casual dress.
	Tues	20-Dec	Student Free Day