



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

Thursday 8th December 2022 - Term 4 Week 10

"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!



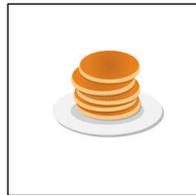
Please see Term 4 Draft 7 on the back page of this Newsletter

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

PANCAKES TOMORROW (Friday) at Breakfast Club for the end of the school volunteers!



2023! Our School Captains 2023 speeches and voting process was conducted this morning. We are incredibly proud of all the nominees! It takes effort, confidence, and resilience! Successful candidates will be presented at Monday's Assembly.



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.

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



2022 Christmas Concert
Concert begins at 2pm.
Ends 3pm.
Santa & Elf visit ✓

Our Energy Breakthrough Team & other interested helpers will participate in the Christmas @ Clunes Town Parade.



Active soccer - play on the pitch again!

We are proud of the Socceros efforts at the World Cup AND we are very proud of the inclusive way that our Year 1-6 students have engaged in sportspersonship on the pitch! Well done!



A Week 12 (last Monday of term) newsletter will be forwarded home on **Monday 19th December (to include School Captains 2023, our Kinder Transition session #4 & the Year 6 Graduation & awards).**

Celebrating our crop of small strawberries. Sadly, the birds beat us to enjoying the cherries!



Best wishes to you all for a safe and happy week + 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 – Ruby, London	1/2MJ – Jake, Max T, Dakota
3/4LA – Dyllan, Hazel	4 /5R – Duke, Feather
5/6B – Brock T	Principal's Award – Spencer, Hayden, Hazel, Jayda, Isla, Evie
Performing Arts- Isaac S, Evie E, Otto, Xavier Visual Arts- Ella, Zarah,	PE- Eyden

*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.



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 first designated Rest/ Assessment Day.

Class/classroom and teaching structure in 2023

2023 Teaching Staff and Teaching Staff Class/ Specialist Allocations

I am pleased to be able to announce to the school community that our 2023 Teaching Staff and Class/ Specialist allocations are:

Prep D- Jordyn Dargaville

1/2MJ – Cassie Mitchell & Paul James

2/3LK- Felicity Longmire & Ash-Leigh Keating

4/5A- Vicki Anderson

5/6 B- Ash Burke

Physical Education Specialist P- 6 & 1/2MJ Classroom Teacher & Extending Mathematical Understanding- EMU- Paul James

Performing Arts Specialist- Ash-Leigh Keating

Visual Arts Specialist- Ross Adams

Environmental Education & Kitchen Garden Program Specialist – Cassie Mitchell

Japanese Specialist teacher- Sensei Tomomi Mori (Sensei Miss Urquhart will farewell us in the next Newsletter)

Blu Earth, Respectful Relationships & Values & ESmart Specialists – integrated into our regular learning programs

Library- all class teachers & Jan Miles & Liz Garth as Library support Technicians

Mr Tim McKenzie, our new Aide, will fulfil an Education Support – Aide position for 5 days per week in 2023.

Liz Garth & Jan Miles will fulfil Education Support- Aide Positions for 3 days each in 2023.

Val McNeight will fulfil an Education Support- Aide Position for 5 days per fortnight in 2023.

Jesse Parker will be our new Business Manager for 5 days per week. Kristin O'Brien will be our Business Manager Monday- Thursday for 4 days per week in February, and then 2 days per week until the end of June.

Michael Lewis will return as our school Chaplain.

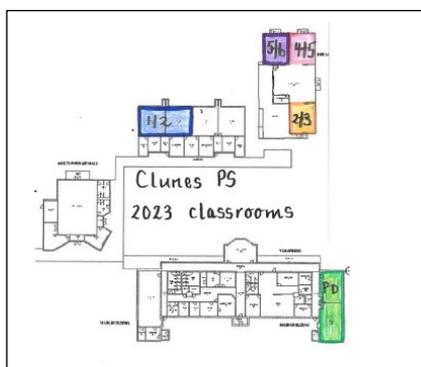
Jamie Stevens will return as our IT Technician.

We will continue to have 5 classes in 2023. (1 straight class and 4 composite classes)

You can be assured that teacher knowledge, planning, teacher curriculum delivery and assessment and reporting will remain of a very high quality.

Please make an appointment to meet with me, with your concern, in writing, should you have any issue about the structure.

2023 classrooms. Please see the map below.



Miss Ryan and her husband Connor are taking an exciting journey across the sea during Semester 1 2023. Miss Ryan will return to Clunes Primary School in Semester 2. We wish her the best at this very exciting time and look forward to hearing her stories from the adventure. Miss Ryan informed the 4/5R class earlier this week.



To Clunes PS families,

I'll be extending my leave from Clunes PS until the end of 2023 and have accepted a part-time position at Buninyong PS. Working in my hometown might make things a little easier while raising a young family.

I look forward to visiting and catching up with you all again soon. I'll miss you in the meantime!

Mrs Tuddenham :)



Letters to Santa

A few weeks ago our class wrote letters to Santa.

We thought about what we could say to Santa and what we would like to ask for. There were some very creative ideas, as well as some lovely sentiments.

A photo of each child's letter has been posted to their Seesaw account so parents can see what they asked for.

Merry Christmas

From Grade 1/2

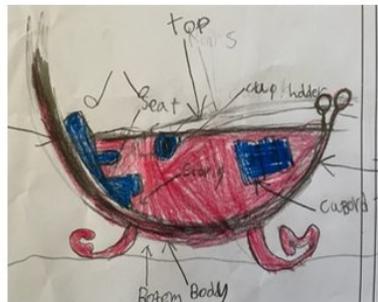
Santa's Super Sleigh

As part of our descriptive writing our class have designed their own super 'souped-up' sleighs for Santa.

Here are a few of the designs and special features.



Rocket powered



Elf seats

Echo-locator



Jet engines



Cup holders



Present launcher

Sled runners

Cupboards



Flames



Microphone

Semester 2 Student Achievement Reports and 2023 class lists will go home on Tuesday 13th December 2022. (State-wide Transition Day)

Your kids will appreciate the right focus at report time

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration...easily distracted...a pleasure to teach...

School reports can mean anxious times for children too. 'Will my parents be disappointed or proud?' is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Focus your attention on these aspects to make sense of children's reports:

Expectations

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high, then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with a child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may give you a good yardstick.

Different rates of learning

Remember there are **slow bloomers**, **late developers** and **steady-as-you-go kids** in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were young. Instead, look for individual progress.

Safeguard confidence

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Here are 5 ideas to think about before reading your child's report:

- 1. Look for strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- 2. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you can't ask any more than that.
- 3. Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future.
- 4. Take note of student's self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- 5. Discuss the report with your child talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** Ask your child how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Be mindful that no matter how good, bad or indifferent your child's report may be, he or she can wipe the slate clean and make a brand new start next year. And it's amazing the difference a summer holiday can make. Michael Grose

Golf program 2022

For the last two Wednesdays of this term our Year 4 /5R class and Year 5 /6B class will receive golfing tuition from Golf Australia instructor Tony Collier. It is terrific to have Tony back with us after a two year Covid -19 enforced break from this valued program.

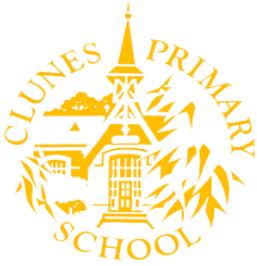
Our students are impressing Tony with their enthusiasm, commitment and skill level!

Will we have a future 'Cameron Smith' in our midst?



End of year fundraising and sincere thanks for 2022 support!





Seesaw end-of-year process

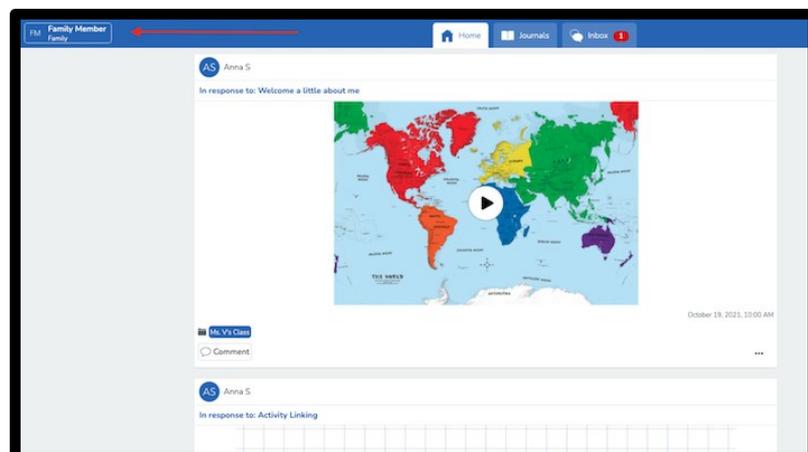
Clunes Primary School's staff thank our students and families for their interest and engagement in the Seesaw app. As we come to the end of the year, your child's schoolwork will be removed from the site as new classes are created. If you would like to keep their schoolwork, please follow the steps below, as it will NOT be available to access next year.

Kind regards,

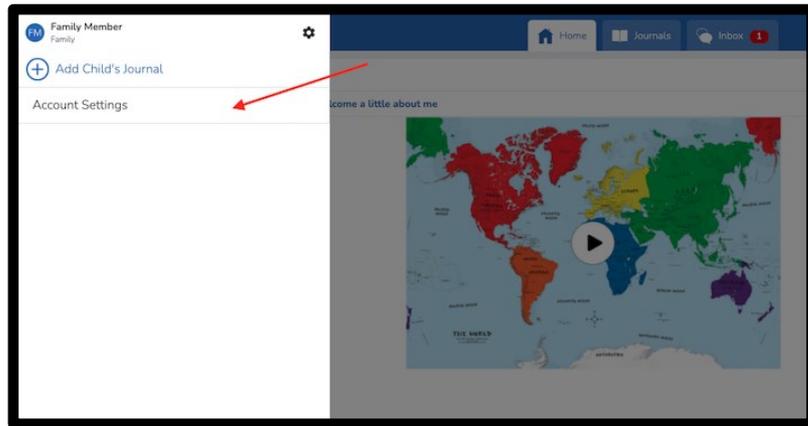
Clunes PS Staff

Here's how to download a .zip archive of a Seesaw journal, including images, videos, audio recordings, and text notes or captions. Please use a computer and a Chrome or Firefox browser only. The .zip file will not download on a mobile or tablet device.

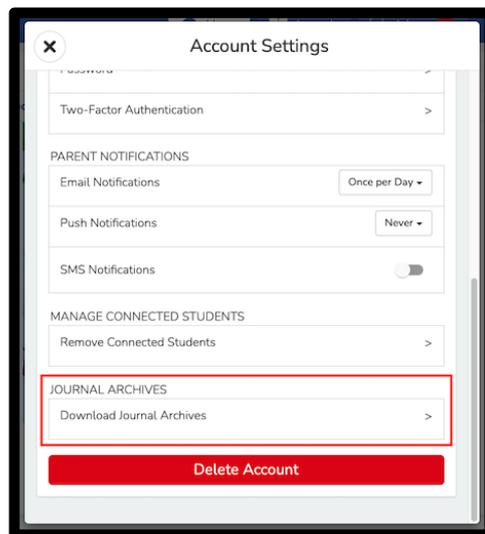
1. Sign into your Student account at <https://app.seesaw.me>.
If you need a copy of the login, please speak with your child's teacher/s.
2. Tap your Profile Icon on the top left.



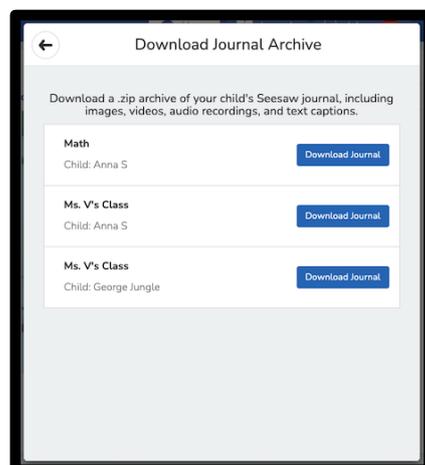
3. Tap Account Settings.



4. Scroll down and tap Download Journal Archives.



5. Tap the 'Download Journal' button for the journal you want to download. This might take a while depending on your Internet speed and how many posts your child has in Seesaw.



If you have any questions, please contact your classroom teacher/s.

TREATY COMMUNITY FORUM

SOUTH WEST REGION

Join us for a chance to yarn about Treaty, ask questions and help us shape the next steps on the journey. We'll also have a free feed!

Open to all mob and allies in the South West.

What:
Community Forum
yarning about Treaty

Where:
Art Gallery of Ballarat,
Ballarat VIC

When:
Monday 12 December
6pm – 7:30pm



REGISTER TO ATTEND

firstpeoplesvic.org/events



**FIRST PEOPLES'
ASSEMBLY OF
VICTORIA**

Clunes PS Prep Transition 2023

REMAINING TRANSITION SESSION DATE AND TIME

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



Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) has received a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

Visit the Smile Squad website at: www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au to learn more.

Staying safe from mosquitoes

After floods and heavy rainfall, mosquitoes can grow and spread in the pools of water left behind.

While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that are spread through mosquito bites. Mosquitoes are more active at dusk and dawn, but some will also bite during the day.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Further information

- Better Health Channel [information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases](#)
- A [handy checklist](#) for at home to help reduce mosquito breeding sites
- Department of Health [safety advice for flood-affected areas](#) in a range of languages.



SAFE BUS TRAVEL



Welcome on board. Enjoy. Be aware.

- Leave home with plenty of time to get to the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.
- Always walk as far away from the road edge as possible.
- Do not push others when the bus is approaching the stop.
- If you are using headphones these **MUST** be removed before leaving the bus as they distract you from being fully aware of danger.
- Make sure you always treat the driver with respect. They have the important job of getting me, you and others to school and home safely.



ROAD USERS - Please slow down and be aware around bus stops. Look out for the lights flashing on the outside of the bus, which means children are leaving or boarding the bus.

Do stand well back when at the bus stop and wait until the bus has completely stopped.



Never cross in front of the bus. Never cross the road until the bus has moved away.

Do wait until the bus moves well away and you can see clearly in both directions, before crossing the road.



Do sit down on your seat quietly and quickly. If there are no seats, move to the back of the bus and use the handgrips on the side.

PARENTS & CARERS - Parking or waiting opposite the bus stop is dangerous and is one of the most frequent causes of accidents at bus stops. All children, especially little ones, are excited to see you after a day at school and are likely to run across the road to meet you.



After School Care (ASC) and School Holiday Program



ASC

At this stage ASC has a few vacancies for the remainder of the year. If you are interested, please give me a call. I'm in the process of finalising ASC list for **2023**, I'll let you know if there will be any spaces.

If I get enough interest, I will be running ASC/Holiday Program for the few days between when school finishes and Christmas Day, **Wed 21st Thurs 22nd Fri 23rd Dec**. At this stage we will stay in Clunes this week as I don't think I'll be able to get the bus. Please let me know if you require care (you don't need to be a working family to use this service, but working families have priority over care).

Holiday Program

I'm offering a few days of care each week during these 2 weeks of the January School Holidays, **9th to 12th** and **16th to 19th of January** (if I get the numbers). We are hoping to go Ten Pin Bowling in Ballarat, Movies in Maryborough, Horse Riding in Daylesford and Extreme Bounce in Ballarat.

Hours of operation will be 8am to 5.30pm, no part days. Excursions usually take place between 10am and 4pm, remainder of the time we are back at the school doing crafts, cooking, playing games, riding scooters, or just hanging out in the playground. Charges are your usual hourly rate x 9.5 hours care plus excursion costs. We use the Daylesford FDC Bus, it fitted with appropriate seatbelts and booster seats as required.

Liz 0429 453 808 OR Drop over and see us between 3pm – 6pm Mon – Thurs.

Hip Hop ** FREE ** Hip Hop



**Thursday afternoons
3.15 to 4pm in the Hall**



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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
	Fri	14-Oct	Wesley @ Clunes Community Service (WCS) begins Year 6 Principal for a Day session with Ms Jardine
WEEK 3	Mon	17-Oct	SSG 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
	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	Tues	8-Nov	Ms Jardine supporting Lethbridge PS with their School Review (Day 2) Mrs Anderson Literacy Leaders (PL) School Council Meeting 7pm & possible EB night ride demo'
	Wed	9-Nov	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- sadly cancelled due to grounds safety concerns
WEEK 8	Tues	22-Nov	Swimming Lessons- Wk2
	Thurs	24-Nov	Year 6 only Bike Ed' ½ day with Vic Pol -Simon & Jim- Sadly cancelled- Equipment supply issue
	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	Tues	6-Dec	Swimming Lessons Wk4
	Wed	7-Dec	4/5 and 5/6 Golf Workshop
	Thurs	8-Dec	Year 6 2023 School Captain speeches and voting 9am
	Fri	9-Dec	Christmas Focus Day (Christmas/concert/casual clothes day), School Carols at 2pm, (Christmas in Clunes - after school town event) Wanting to participate in the Town Parade? (Parent permission only) meet Ms J at 6.30pm in Purcell St
WEEK 11	Mon	12-Dec	
	Tues	13-Dec	State-wide Transition Day Years 6-7 & K-P
	Wed	14-Dec	School Reports and class lists for 2023 home today, Swimming Lessons -final week
	Thurs	15-Dec	4/5 and 5/6 Golf Workshop School Council Dinner and Meeting 7pm
	Fri	16-Dec	Year 6 Graduation, P-5 transition afternoon for 2023 Class parties
12	Mon	19-Dec	Last day of Term 4 & the 2022 school year - 3pm finish
	Tues	20-Dec	Each last day of Term is casual dress. Student Free Day - Staff planning 2023

