



Thursday 23rd November 2023 Term 4 Week 8

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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We learn. We show respect.

We are safe.

Clunes Primary School Newsletter



Planning to move away from Clunes Primary School in 2024? Please let us know as soon as possible as we consider workforce planning and class groupings for 2024. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our [Term 4 Draft 4 Calendar](#) is on the back page of this Newsletter. Each Fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you!



There are lots of lost unnamed uniform items in the Lost Property Basket! Please regularly rename all items including plastic containers! **Thank you!**

**In 2023 we have a 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 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.*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our 2023 Parent/ Carer Opinion Survey data results have been released by the Department of Education.

Our Parents/ Carers have clearly indicated, that in the majority of areas, they are satisfied, above and well above data for 'Similar' Schools, our local 'Network' schools and at the 'State' level.

The factors **highlighted below** are those that we are measured against for our 4 year School Strategic Plan and for each Annual Implementation Plan. 2024 is our School Performance Review year.

		Clunes PS	Similar Schools	Network	State
Connection and progression	All	96%	85%	88%	86%
Positive Transitions		94%	81%	87%	82%
Student Connectedness		89%	84%	83%	83%
Parent Community Engagement	All	84%	79%	82%	78%
Parent participation & involvement		86%	79%	82%	78%
School Communication		92%	83%	86%	82%
Teacher Communication		71%	72%	75%	72%
Safety	All	91%	80%	83%	81%
Managing bullying		90%	77%	79%	77%
Not experiencing bullying		71%	59%	64%	64%
Promoting positive behaviour		94%	85%	86%	85%
Respect for diversity		96%	87%	89%	87%

Our most outstanding results are 97% for Student Connectedness and 96% for Stimulating Learning Environment and School Pride and Confidence.

Whilst our Parent / Carer data was overall very pleasing there are areas that we will particularly focus on in 2024. These include the introduction of a new Data Management and Communication System "Sentral" (similar to Compass) and a review of our reporting system and processes to address, in particular, Teacher Communication. Please contact school if you would like to peruse all data.

Best wishes for the 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 D – Memphis	1/2MJ – Meg, Otto
2 /3KL – Arnya	4 /5A – Riley
5/6B – Whole Class!	Principal’s Award- Sophia, Whole School
Performing Arts- Jacus, Isla Visual Arts- Danielle, Ben T, Dyllan Physical Education-	Japanese LOTE Award- Dex H, Charlie R

NAPLAN Survey

As you know, NAPLAN moved from May to March this year, and changes were made to reporting in order to provide simpler, clearer, and more meaningful results.

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is keen to hear from principals and teachers, as well as parents and carers, on these changes. Feedback is currently being captured via a survey, which will be open until early December 2023.

You can access a link to the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRTZCHN>.

Please note that the survey is managed by ACARA, and the VCAA will not collect or have access to any of the survey responses or results. Participation is voluntary; however, the VCAA encourages you to provide your feedback and to distribute the survey within your school community to support the ongoing evaluation of NAPLAN testing. Regards, [VCAA NAPLAN Helpdesk](#) Assessment Programs | Assessment and Reporting **T:** 1800 648 637 **E:** vcaa.naplan.help@education.vic.gov.au

2024

Staff officially begin- Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th January 2024

ALL Students begin- Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 8.45am.

Prep/ Foundation students have a Rest/Assessment Day each Wednesday for the first 7 Weeks of Term 1, 2024, however **the Week 1 Prep/ Foundation Rest Assessment Day is Friday 2nd February 2024.** Wednesday 7th February is the first designated Wednesday Rest/ Assessment Day.

Remembrance Day 2023

Our School Captains recently attended and actively participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph.

Our captains placed the school's commemorative wreath at the Cenotaph and Ben T proudly recited the Ode to members of the Clunes community. Ben spoke with a clear, loud and confident voice despite gusting winds. Well done Ben! Ben was ably supported by Zarah at the lectern.

We could not have been more proud of the way in which our school leaders represented the school. Thank you!

Leading up to Remembrance day poppies were available for purchase at the school and all proceeds were forwarded directly to our Clunes RS & L Branch. Members of the Clunes RS & L have once again thanked all Clunes PS families and staff for our annual dedicated commitment to Remembrance Day.

11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget





160th Clunes Show Luncheon Room fundraiser 2023

More Helpers than ever before! More donated scones and slices than ever before! More patrons than ever before! A huge success! \$3000+ raised! Wow!



We sincerely thank you all!

More photos to come in the next Newsletter.

2/3 KL have been working hard researching and discovering facts about Australian animals and creating an information report or booklet to share their learning with their classmates. The students have been working on their research skills through fact finding in books and on the internet.



2/3KL are now using their knowledge about their chosen animal to make a 3D habitat using a mixture of nature and man made materials to fit inside a shoe-box. The students are having fun using their imagination, knowledge and STEM skills to plan and create a realistic habitat.



The Clunes P.S. Energy Breakthrough Team thanks their generous sponsors. Please contact the school office if you would like to sponsor our team.

Ph: 5345 3182

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Rohan Saligari

Clarrie Goldsmith Fund

Shevagn Muller and Declen Stevens

The Roberts Family



Some of our 2023 team members with last year's HPV, decorated in sponsor stickers. The team's new t-shirts look brilliant. Thank you Aussie Custom Apparel and all of our 2023 sponsors!

Schools in Category 3 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and the Category 4 list.

Clunes Primary School is a Category 4 school.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



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All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will **also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.**

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **Central fire weather district.**

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and completed Fire Preparedness actions, such as reprioritising any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **Central fire district.**

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Central fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by email and by a hard copy note.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care (After School Care) will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE

2023-2024

During the Dec/Jan Holidays we are opening the following dates for holiday care, (numbers permitting)

DECEMBER

Thur 21st, Fri 22nd

JANUARY

Thur 11th, Fri 12th

Mon 15th, Tues 16th, Wed 17th, Thur 18th, Fri 19th

Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd, Wed 24th, Thur 25th

- To confirm dates, please message Liz on 0429 453 808 or Jayde on 0429 092 808.
- Please be aware of your fortnightly allowed hours (we can help you check this)
- You are required to provide two weeks notice if you no longer require the care that you have booked or you will be charged for these days

Potential external activities for these holidays, (likely won't have the bus these holidays)

Movies, Extreme Bounce, Horse Riding, Ten Pin Bowling, Lazer Force and Swimming

Activities will be confirmed closer to the date, please let Liz or Jayde know if your child/ren would like to be booked in for a specific activity.

HOT LUNCH MEAL DEALS

Thursday November 30

Meal Deal \$6

Clunes Bakery (Meat Pie, Sausage Roll, Pastie)

Salad Roll with choice of toppings

(Gluten/Dairy Free Option Available)

Dessert: Juice, Water, Jelly Cup or Cookies

Thursday December 7

Meal Deal \$6

Chicken Burger (optional lettuce, cheese, mayo)

Salad Roll with choice of toppings

(Gluten/Dairy Free Option Available)

Dessert: Water, Juice, Jelly or Kooka Cookies

Thursday December 14

Meal Deal \$6

Nuggets & Chips

Salad Roll with choice of toppings

(Gluten/Dairy Free Option Available)

Dessert: Water, Juice, Jelly or Christmas Gingerbread (Clunes Bakery)

Orders Must be Placed by 9am the Tuesday before delivery.

No Late Orders will be accepted.

Order online at www.clunesnh.org/meals

or Scan the QR Code.

Don't feel like cooking dinner Tuesday night?

Order a community dinner delivered Tuesday afternoon to your home. check our facebook page for what's on each week.

Orders to be placed Fridays for Tuesday Delivery.





CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - \$25 TICKET

Raising funds for Clunes Health
Love your local health services this Christmas!



OUR AMAZING PRIZES:



1ST: LIMITED EDITION
BLACK TM6 THERMOMIX!
2ND: \$500 FUEL VOUCHER
3RD: \$250 GROCERY VOUCHER



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Thunderstorm asthma — be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Clunes Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.

How you can prepare

During pollen season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma: talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

Remain vigilant for COVID-19

It is important for students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss or change to sense of smell or taste, which are similar to COVID-19 symptoms.

If your child experiences these symptoms in different or worse ways to their usual hay fever or asthma symptoms, medical advice should be sought.

Find out more

For more information, visit your general practitioner (GP) or visit the [Better Health Channel](#).

FREE RESOURCE GUIDE

We've developed a Healthy Lunch Resource Guide for Parents and Guardians!

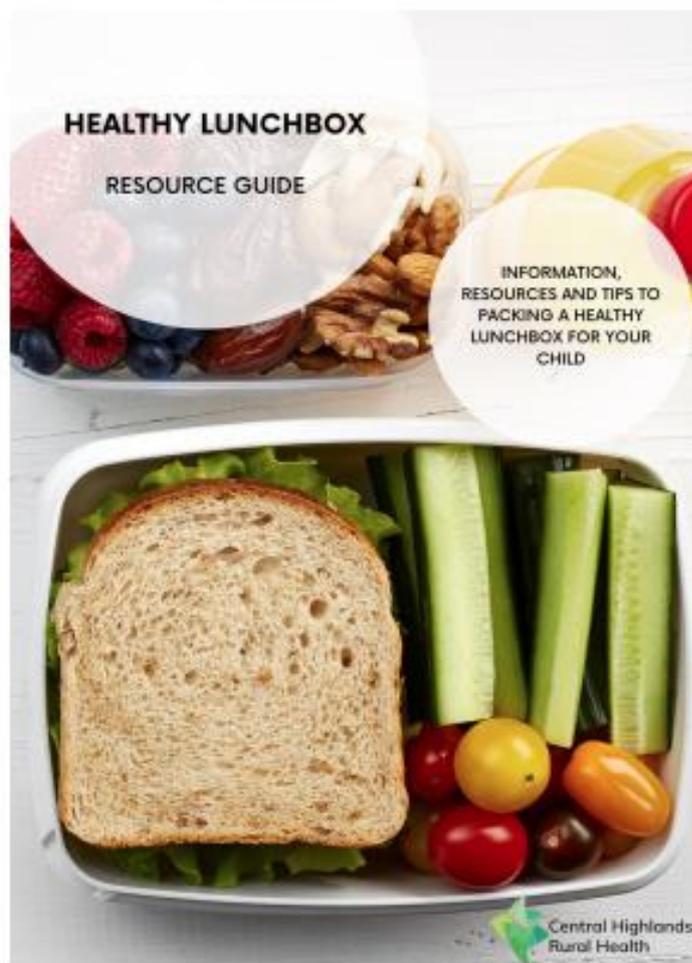
Utilising her nutrition background, Laurey from Central Highlands Rural Health has created a unique and valuable resource with helpful information, resources and tips to packing a healthy lunchbox for your child (or yourself).

Topics include:

- Australians Dietary Guidelines
- Recipe ideas
- Tips for intuitive eating - hunger scale
- Food relief guide and local initiatives
- How to become a waste warrior
- Healthy supermarket snack ideas
- Simple food swaps
- Vegan eating in children
- How to read food labels
- Food safety and storage
- Additional resources
- and more!

CHRH has partnered with Hepburn Shire Council who have created a fridge magnet, so you can continue to access the resource all year round.

Download the FREE resource [here](#) or scan the QR code on the magnet.



This resource can be used as evidence to support the criteria of the Achievement Program and Vic Kids Eat Well.

Got a question?

Email pophealth@chrh.org.au



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Clunes PS Prep Transition

2024



OUR CURRENT PLANNED PROGRAM: BEGINNING OF TERM 4, 2024

Ms. Sonia Jardine (Principal), Miss Jordyn Dargaville (Prep Teacher- 2021, 2022, 2023 & now 2024) & our School Captains (Zarah and Ben) 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 the transition sessions at Clunes Primary School.

TRANSITION SESSIONS DATES AND TIMES

(Week 5) Thursday 2nd November-Session 1. 9-11am at Clunes PS

(Week 7) Thursday 16th November- Session 2. 9-11am at Clunes PS

(Week 9) Thursday 30th November- Session 3. 11am – 1pm at Clunes PS

(Week 11) Tuesday 12th December- Session 4. 9am-1pm at Clunes PS for the State-wide Transition Day. For all enrolled 2024 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 TERMS 3 & 4

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

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

Prep 2024 enrolments to be fully completed as soon as possible. (July – Dept of Education deadline)

Please contact Sonia, the Principal, at Clunes PS on 5345 3182 with any questions or concerns.

Our regular Pre-school to Primary School Transition Program may possibly be altered slightly should the Department of Education require an adjustment.

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

Term 4 Calendar – draft 4 (23/11)

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WEEK 1	Mon	2- Oct	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 😊 Welcome back from Long Service Leave Jan! Staff after- school CPR Training
	Tues	3-Oct	Walk to School returns
	Wed	4-Oct	'Sniff' our Therapy Dog visiting every Wednesday
	Thurs	5-Oct	Breakfast Club - Every Thurs & Fri before school Lunch Orders begin- Lunch Orders every Thursday
	Fri	6-Oct	Breakfast Club- Every Thurs & Fri before school
WEEK 2	Mon	9-Oct	Happy Long Service Leave Mrs. Anderson! Book Fair arrives
	Wed	11-Oct	Book Fair viewing School Council Meeting 7pm
	Thurs	12-Oct	Book Fair viewing
	Fri	13-Oct	Wesley @ Clunes Community Service (WCS) begins Book Fair sales begin
	Sat	14- Oct	Referendum Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Book Fair open for sales- 10am- 12pm
WEEK 3	Mon	16-Oct	Mr. Adams begins 5 weeks Long Service Leave- Mr Adams = Jane T
	Tue	17-Oct	SSG Meetings
	Wed	18-Oct	SSG Meetings Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Thurs	19-Oct	Book Fair ends
	Fri	20-Oct	WCS school Trivia Night fundraiser – 7pm MP Hall. Theme- "Barbie"
WEEK 4	Mon	23-Oct	Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings continue this week Book Fair is collected
	Tues	24-Oct	Emergency Drill today
	Fri	27-Oct	No WCS 5 /6B have a Zoom catch up session with students in Japan World Teacher's Day
WEEK 5	Mon	30- Oct	
	Thurs	2-Nov	Kinder Transition Session 1 9-11am
	Fri	3-Nov	WCS. Energy Breakthrough Walk-a-thon Fundraiser 2pm
WEEK 6	Mon	6-Nov	Annual Snail Races P-6
	Tues	7-Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
	Wed	8-Nov	School Council Meeting 7pm 7.30pm EB Night presentation to SC members
	Fri	10-Nov	WCS Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 1
	Sat	11-Nov	Remembrance Day- optional School Captain commitment
WEEK 7	Mon	13-Nov	
	Wed	15-Nov	Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 1
	Thu	16-Nov	Kinder Transition Session 2 9-11am
	Fri	17-Nov	WCS Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 2
	SAT	18-Nov	CLUNES SHOW - Luncheon Room annual school Fundraiser
WEEK 8	Mon	20-Nov	Welcome back form LSL Mr. Adams. Thank you Jane for teaching Art
	Tues	21-Nov	Energy Breakthrough set up in Maryborough – after last training session.
	Wed	22-Nov	Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 2 Energy Breakthrough
	Thu	23-Nov	Energy Breakthrough
	Fri	24-Nov	Last WCS session for the year Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 3 Energy Breakthrough ends
WEEK 9	Mon	27-Nov	
	Wed	29-Nov	Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 3
	Thurs	30-Nov	Kinder Transition Session 3 11am- 1pm
	Fri	1-Dec	Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 4 Parent/ Carer/ Guardian/ Helper Thank you Morning Tea
WEEK 10	Mon	4-Dec	
	Tues	5-Dec	Highview Transition Day
	Wed	6-Dec	Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 4
	Thurs	7-Dec	School Captains 2024 Speeches & Voting
	Fri	8-Dec	WCS Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 5- final session
WEEK 11	Mon	11-Dec	
	Tues	12-Dec	Statewide Government Schools Transition Day – Kinder to Prep and Yr. 6 to Year 7
	Wed	13-Dec	Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 5- final session School Council Meeting 7pm
	Thurs	14-Dec	Year 6 Graduation evening
	Fri	15-Dec	Christmas Focus Day. Annual school Christmas Concert (Carols) after lunch, during school time.
WEEK 12	Mon	18-Dec	Whole school excursion to the Melbourne Zoo
	Tues	19-Dec	CONFIRMED last day of Term 4 & the 2023 school year- 3pm finish- Each last day of Term is casual dress
	Wed	20-Dec	CONFIRMED Student Free Day – Staff only school day

