



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

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 Week 4

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# Clunes Primary School Newsletter

**NO BREAKFAST CLUB ON THURSDAYS until further notice**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see Term 1 Calendar draft #3- each fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you! 😊

**Students with Asthma. Please bring your clearly labelled, up to date 2024 Asthma Management Plans and medication to school asap.**

Our 2024 Prep/ Foundation D students have a Rest/ Assessment Day- each Wednesday for the first 7 Weeks (TBC) of Term 1, 2024. Year 1D students will learn with Miss Dargaville until Recess and then 1D and Ms Jardine will join 1 /2MJ for the remainder of the day. Miss Dargaville will confirm the exact end date at the end of Feb. An Assessment schedule has already been forwarded to parents.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



### School Council election process 2024

**Resilient House Captains** despite the fact that our seniors Swimming House Carnival was postponed on Tuesday.

Due to a chemical spill at the Clunes Pool on Monday night, Hepburn Shire representatives made the safe and responsible decision to close the pool on Tuesday to complete necessary safety checks and audits. Safety is priority No. 1 when it comes to our students, staff, our school community and wider Clunes community.

Hepburn Shire representatives will inform us when the Clunes Pool will be open again for use and hopefully we'll be able to schedule a second try at conducting the 2024 swimming sports.

2 parents have self-nominated and 2 parents have been nominated by another school community member (4), for 3 vacancies in the Parent member category for the Clunes PS School Council 2024. An election process is now underway. You will have received Ballot papers, forwarded home with your child yesterday. **Close of Ballot is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 4pm.**

Candidates nominated for election to the Parent member category are: (order determined by the drawing of lots. Witnessed by school council members Jesse Parker & Ash Burke)

- Hannah Castles
- Jo Henderson-Drife
- Jesse Clowes
- Ellen Moroney

**Would the opportunity of **Before School Care**, at school, two days per week, possibly interest you? Hours- 7am - 8.45am. Mondays & Tuesdays TBC. Please see the Office. asap.**

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

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 1

Our School Values Awards focus on:

We Learn

We Show Respect

We are Safe

Our Term 1 You Can Do It focus is:

**Getting Along**

Prep /1D – Dexter, Evie C	1/2MJ – Aoife, Benji
2 /3P – Indy, River	4 /5S – Brax A. Olivia
5/6B – James, Jayda, Year 6 Buddies	Principal's Award – Prep/ 1D students
Performing Arts- Alexa, Evie D, Pepper Visual Arts- Duke W, Isaac, Heidi, Otto	<i>*In 2024 we have a student who is anaphylactic to NUTS! We will need to be a <b>NO NUTS</b> 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.</i>
Bus Travel- Riley B	LOTE- Japanese- Dakota, Elara, Max K
Physical Education- Heidi, Brock B	SRA Award- Brock B

### Introducing our wonderful House Captains of 2024

**Bolton** Captains- James and Lacey Vice-Captains Matt and Jayda

**Cameron** Captains- Pepper and Duke T Vice-Captains Isla and Cruz

**Beckworth** Captains- Riley & Chloe C Vice-Captains Jacus and Feather





## Learning in 4/5S

4/5S have dedicated a significant amount of time exploring Indigenous culture over the past two weeks.



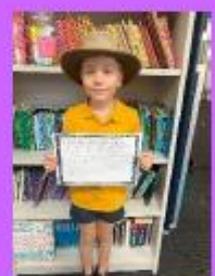
The students have worked incredibly hard to create their own personal Acknowledgement of Country. By engaging in this activity, the students demonstrated their respect for the Indigenous people and the Dja Dja Wurrung land (the land Clunes Primary School sits on).



On rotation, students will read aloud their Acknowledgement of Country to the class at the beginning of each day.

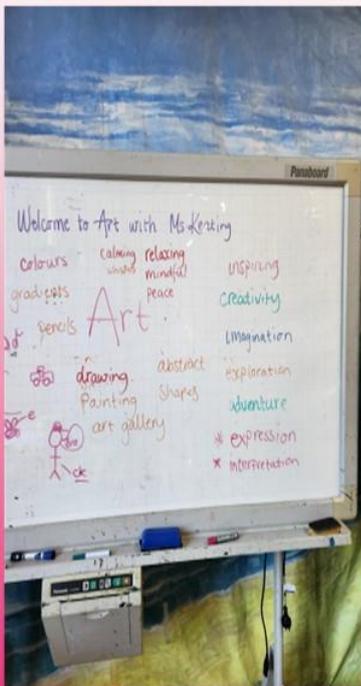


Through the use of storybooks, we have also begun looking at Indigenous language. The students have been extremely invested in learning and pronouncing various Indigenous terms! We are all quite intrigued and will continue to explore the Indigenous language throughout Term 1 and beyond.





Students have made a great start in Visual Arts this term by designing their front covers of their Visual Arts diaries. Students collaborated and brainstormed different words to describe what Art means to them. All grades agreed that Art means imagination, exploration, expression and interpretation whilst being calm, relaxing and mindful. Students will be studying colour theory, lines, shapes and texture this term.



# School Lunches

## Term 1

### February 22nd - Lasagne

Made freshly in the kitchen by our lovely Julie ingredients purchased from Clunes IGA and Long View Meats

### February 29th - Chicken Fried Rice

Kid Friendly Chicken Fried Rice made fresh by Julie. Using ingredients from Long View Meats and Clunes IGA Vegetarian Option Available

### March 7th - Pie, Pastie or Sausage Roll

Made fresh by Clunes Bakery, a range of sauces

### March 14th - Roast Chicken Rolls

Rolls baked Fresh at the Clunes Bakery with Chicken from Clunes IGA.

### March 21st - Pizza (Hawaiian/Cheese/Pepperoni)

Made from locally sourced products, supporting locals!

### March 28th - Pie, Pastie or Sausage Roll

Bakery products made fresh from Clunes Bakery.

**Available every week a range of salad rolls or wraps with your choice of fillings.**

**Vegetarian and Gluten Free option available every week.**

**Every lunch comes with a Juice, Water, Jelly Cup, Fruit Cup or Kookas Cookies.**

**Orders must be placed by 9am Tuesday prior to the delivery date.**

**NO late orders will be accepted.**



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 scan QR Code



# Welcome to The Resilience Project

## PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

### WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

### EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The [University of Adelaide](#) and [The University of Melbourne](#). Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on emotional wellbeing and behavioral changes.



### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

**The Resilience Project** is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on [TRP@HOME](#).

**The Imperfects** podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.



## **TIME LINE FOR 2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council.  
The new school year brings with it the school council election process.

Please find below the timeline for the Clunes School Council Elections 2024.

<b>Notice of election and call for nominations</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Closing date for nominations</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>The date by which the list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>The date by which the ballot papers will be prepared and distributed</b>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024
<b>Close of ballot</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Vote count</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
<b>Declaration of ballot</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Tentative first School Council meeting</b>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Tentative School Council meeting to elect office bearers</b>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **Notice of Election and Call for Nominations**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Clunes Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school **from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Number of positions</b>
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	3
DET member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026	1

### **OUR SINCERE THANKS...**

Our School Council directly influences the quality of education that our school provides our students.

We sincerely thank our existing School Council committee: President – Jo Henderson-Drife, Vice-President- Deb Bright, Secretary – Jesse Parker, Treasurer – Andy Campbell, Zoe Handley, Jaqui Featherston, Rob Anderson, Jesse Clowes, Ash Burke, Val McNeight, Gill Jedwab and Malcolm Hull.

We also take this opportunity to thank our outgoing parent committee members Jo, Jesse and Zoe & our Department of Education member, Val.

We also thank our co-opted community members Malcolm and Gill. All School Council representatives have made a significant contribution to the success of the Council and the greater school community. Thank you sincerely for your time, interest and commitment to our wonderful school.

# YEAR 7 2025 TRANSITION

## KEY DATES & INFORMATION



TUESDAY  
MARCH 5 @ 5.30PM

INFORMATION NIGHT  
& SCHOOL TOURS



TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 3

2025 PREPARATION  
EVENING



THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 17

AFTERNOON TEA  
& SCHOOL TOURS



THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 28

EARLY BIRD  
ORIENTATION DAY



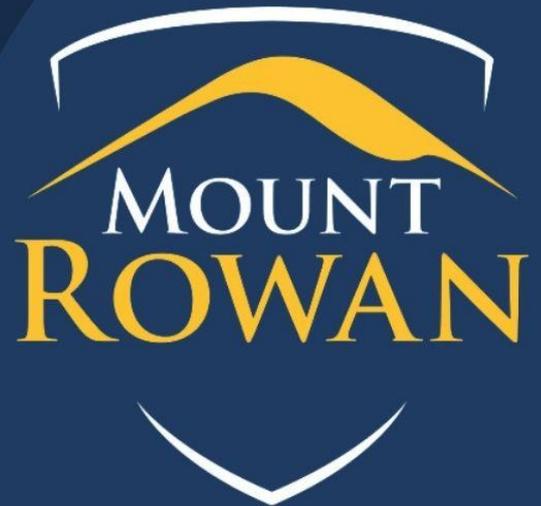
TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 10

TRANSITION DAY



FRIDAY  
JANUARY 31 2025

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



SECONDARY COLLEGE

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PLEASE ATTEND OUR  
INFORMATION NIGHT IN MARCH  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
JOINING US IN 2025!

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

#### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

#### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



## Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
  - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

#### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

## Payment amounts

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

**For ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

**Foundation and Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

## How to complete the application form

### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

**Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.**

## Term 1 Calendar – Draft #3 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<b>WEEK 1</b>	Mon	29- Jan	Staff Professional Learning Day Statewide Student Free Day Clunes PS
	Tue	30-Jan	Staff Professional Learning Day Student Free Day Clunes PS Day 2
	Wed	31-Jan	Students first day of Term 1 2024 short whole school Assembly in the Multi-Purpose Hall Prep/ 1 & new parents to Clunes PS- welcome gathering, information & morning tea in the Staff Room Department of Education (DE) Attendance data collection
	Thurs	1-Feb	Mini Newsletter home to families. (Hard copy & electronically)
	Fri	2-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day- From today, each Wednesday for first 7 weeks of Term 1. Final Wednesday date TBC. Draft Assessment schedule has been forwarded to parents
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Mon	6-Feb	Assembly- School Captains Welcome- Induction of School Captains & Vice-Captains (badges presented)
	Tue	7-Feb	Every Tuesday is Walk to school Tuesday. Meet Mr. James & Jan at the Queen's Park playground at 8.30am
	Wed	7-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	8-Feb	First FULL Newsletter home. (Newsletters home each fortnight, sent via email & placed on the school's website) Notice of School Council election <b>NO BREAKFAST CLUB ON THURSDAYS until further notice.</b>
	Fri	9-Feb	The Ballarat Courier- Prep D photo 11am
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Mon	12-Feb	Assembly- Induction of House Captains & House Vice-Captains (badges presented)
	Tues	13-Feb	Student Support Group meetings begin today
	Wed	14-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day (Clunes PS School Performance Review Term 3 2024-DE overview & structure process session) School Council Meeting 7pm (School Finance Meeting 6.30pm)
	Thu	15-Feb	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm <span style="float: right;">Closing Date for School Council elections</span>
	Fri	16-Feb	
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Mon	19-Feb	Assembly- Induction of Junior School Council (JSC) representatives (badges presented) <b>Clunes PS – Senior school Swimming Sports- Clunes Pool – approx. 11.30am start 2024 POSTPONED NEW DATE TBC</b>
	Tues	20-Feb	Clunes PS Welcome BBQ & Parent Education activity session
	Wed	21-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day (Clunes PS School Performance Review Term 3 2024-DE induction / information/ planning session)
	Thu	22-Feb	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Fri	23-Feb	
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Mon	26-Feb	
	Tue	27-Feb	
	Wed	28-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thurs	29-Feb	School Council elections - Close of Ballot
	Fri	1-Mar	
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Mon	4-Mar	
	Tue	5-Mar	School Council elections- Declaration of School Council Ballot
	Wed	6-Mar	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	7-Mar	
<b>WEEK 7</b>	SUN	10-Mar	12 <sup>th</sup> Vintage Truck Show - 1 <sup>st</sup> Clunes school FUNDRAISER- many helpers required PLEASE see Sonia
	Mon	11-Mar	Labour Day – Public Holiday
	Tues	12-Mar	
	Wed	13-Mar	TBC final Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day NAPLAN School Council Meeting AGM
	Thu	14-Mar	NAPLAN Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Fri	15-Mar	NAPLAN
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Mon	18-Mar	
	Tues	19-Mar	
	Wed	20-Mar	
	Thurs	21-Mar	Proposed Term 1 DISCO – theme decided by our Junior School Council
	Fri	22-Mar	Harmony Day/ Focus Day-mixed groupings across the school & optional dress up theme day
	SAT	23-Mar	BOOK TOWN 2 <sup>ND</sup> Clunes school FUNDRAISER- many helpers required PLEASE see Office or Sonia
	SUN	24-Mar	BOOK TOWN
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Mon	25-Mar	
	Tue	26-Mar	
	Wed	27-Mar	
	Thu	28-Mar	Last day of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish (casual dress day-no gold coin donation. Each last day of Term is casual dress)
	Fri	29-Mar	Good Friday- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March



**To be confirmed: Fire Safety lessons 2024 Inter- school Swimming events Other Meetings & events**  
**TERM 2 begins Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**