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We are safe.*

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"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School

Newsletter (1page version for Wk 1.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see Term 1 #draft 2 Calendar on back page

Full Newsletter next week!

2018 Prep/ Foundation students Rest/ Assessment Day- Week 1 is Friday 2nd February and then each Wednesday after that for the first 6-7 Weeks of Term 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 1, 2018!

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our 15 new Prep (Foundation Year) students! (and welcome their families) ... a smiling Mrs B, Liz and our Year 1s are behind the camera of course! ☺



Christy and Luke, our local 'Asking For Trouble' performers, have rung to let us know that there is a free workshop this Saturday morning at the Community Centre next to the Footy Oval, 10-11am. The workshop is for people of all ages- parents as well as kids, to learn the flashmob dance that they are directing for the Macedon Ranges Shire at Hanging Rock (the event is on the 24th Feb called "Too Many Mirandas"). Please come along and enjoy! **Christy and Luke will implement an exciting Year 6 program here in Term 3 thanks to a Creative Victoria – Creative Learning Partnerships Grant.**

Your child may also bring a **Milo Cricket flyer home with them today**. There will be 2 after -school programs available in Clunes, organised and implemented by Cricket Victoria, if we get enough takers! ☺

Our first **Working Bee** is scheduled for next Saturday! Please attend and support our wonderful school!

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

Swinging Summertime- Clunes PS Musical 2017

The DVD is still available to Order from the Office. Cost \$22 (as in 2015) Pre-payment is necessary.

Concert Photos are also still available to Order from the Office.

 <h3 style="text-align: center;">STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Term 4 You Can Do It foci are: Confidence and Resilience</p> 	
Prep/ 1B - Matilda	1/2H – Callan
Year 2/ 3D- Cloe M	3/ 4LM- Django
5/ 6 A- nominees for School Captain 2018	5/ 6 T- nominees for School Captain 2018
Chaplain's Award- Summer	EMU Awards- Anthony, Tom & Blake

Bus Traveller's Awards- To all bus travellers! To Blayze and Koby for their dedication and efforts to the Bus Captain role over 2017!

Special thanks is given to Kaleb and Jamie our Newsletter monitors to 2017!

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

My kids told me this year that even though they are not 'children' as such anymore they still expected me to buy them chocolate Advent Calendars...even going so far as threatening to put me in an Aged Care facility early if I didn't!! So, of course, I bought one for each of them...and I must confess that I love them giving me a daily countdown of how many days are left until Christmas. Having just last week celebrated the wedding of one of my daughters I haven't been as prepared for Christmas this year as I usually am. So now all I can think about is how many presents I still have to buy, the family gathering I still need to organise, the food I will need to prepare and the list of jobs I want my husband to do before Christmas! And, let's face it, not everything about Christmas is great – family is not always what you want it to be, shopping in December is exhausting and expensive, eating until you feel like you're going to explode seems wasteful and the busyness of end of year break-ups can be relentless. It can feel like you just want to get off the merry-go-round!

But watching children's enthusiasm about Christmas is infectious and the sparkle in their eyes reminds me of the wonder of Christmas and the simple pleasures that make this time of year so special. So...I choose to share in the excitement of Christmas because I want to focus on the love, grace and peace that we find in the traditional Christmas story, and in the simple pleasures of the Christmas season.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year...see ya in 2018!

Blessings, *Julie McDowell* Chaplain

Merry Christmas Everyone  **Happy & safe holiday period!**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This is our final newsletter for the 2017 school year and we are all very, very proud of our students and the effort they have given throughout what has been an outstanding year for us.

As the very proud Principal of Clunes Primary School for 5 years now, I have relished the opportunity to work closely with all students, staff and school community members with a core focus always in mind- to improve the learning opportunities and outcomes for all of our students.

Opportunities and Success – This year we have continued Professional Development for staff with the focus on improved student learning outcomes focus in Numeracy -delivery and Literacy – Writing right across the school.

DET ‘Equity’ funding facilitated our continued commitment on this very successful teaching and learning journey and focus for students and staff. We also saw incredibly positive survey and learning growth data gains; above Region and State means. We will continue to build upon our already very successful Whole School Positive Behaviour Support and You Can Do It systems and processes in 2018 with a continued focus targeting building resilience and also ‘bystander behaviours’ and ‘putdowns’ as key areas.

2017 was our School Review year for our 2013-2016 Strategic Plan. It was an intense process and involved all Clunes Primary School stakeholders. Our new Strategic Plan 2017-2020 focuses on:

- Strengthening teacher capacity and high quality practice.
- Planning and delivering differentiated curriculum making teaching and learning rigorous, strategic and explicit for every student.
- Providing personalised learning opportunities that purposefully engage and challenge all students with a wellbeing focus.

Our very positive school survey results and student achievement data reflect the success we have experienced this year. Our students have also enthusiastically accessed a range of extra- curricular opportunities offered to them by our dedicated staff and community members.

My sincere thanks is extended to all of our staff, our families and our community for your continued support, communication and involvement in our school. I value your contribution, ideas, support and presence in our school and the benefits to our students have been significant. The smiles on the faces of our students say it all!

As the proud Principal of this wonderful school I can’t ask for more! Thank you. Take care, **Sonia**

2017 School Captains

I would sincerely like to thank our 2017 School Captains – Jordon and Lalla and our School Vice - Captains – Jake and Lexi, for their strong and engaging leadership throughout the 2017 school year. Thank you for the very fine role models you have been and the effort you have each put into your roles. We wish you all the very best for the future!





2018 School Captains

On Friday 15th December, 13 nominees for the School Captain role for 2018 delivered their prepared speeches to their fellow Years 3-6 students, the senior staff, parents and friends.

Students and staff voted following the speeches.

Our 2018 School Captains are:

Lizzy Day and Max Henderson-Drife

Our 2018 School Vice-Captains are:

Charlotte Goodie and Flynn Thomas

Congratulations to all of our nominees.

Year 6 Graduation 2017

Every one of our Year 6 students is important to us and has brought something unique to our school.

Congratulations to each of you on all of your achievements whilst you have been a student at Clunes Primary School.

Our Year 6 Graduation Dinner was a lovely evening last night (& considerably cooler than past years) and our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Our thanks to the volunteers from our Parents Group and past students, and volunteers for providing table service, to Mrs Sarah Tuddenham, Mrs Vicki Anderson and Mrs Felicity Longmire for all of the planning and organisation that ensured the evening was such a success, to our families and friends and to all of our Year 6 students for your brilliant confidence demonstrated in running the evening.

Thanks also go to All Nations Masonic Lodge Clunes, Clunes RSL, Kaye & Neil Leckie, and Clunes Primary School Council for supporting our students with fantastic achievement awards

During the evening the following awards were presented:

Academic Awards- School Council – Ashlynn Thompson and Jamie Sardo

presented by President Richard Howell.

All Nations Masonic Lodge Clunes Citizenship Awards – Lexi Vagg and Kaleb Webb

presented by Mr. Peter Billing.

RSL Incentive Awards – Kodi Wilson and Blayze Morey

presented by President Norm Sherer.

Andrea Leckie Memorial Reading Awards- Lalla Wilhelms and Nick Sardo

presented by Mr. Neil Leckie.

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students. All the very best for the future! Enjoy Secondary School and remember that you're always welcome to come back and visit. We will miss every one of you.





Our private Instrumental Music student group during our whole school End of Year Concert! Well done everyone! Very impressive talent! Thank you Antoinette. (and Sachin)



Mr. Hoffmann playing 'Nothing Else Matters' by Metallica with Kendal, and then Kendal mentoring Tyler with while he plays 'Seven Nation Army' by The White Stripes. Thank you Mr. Hoffmann!



Bailey with Cr. Neil Newitt receiving the 2017 Hepburn Shire Clunes PS Student Citizenship Award.



Mr. Steve Kinnerlsly receiving the inaugural Ripon Electorate Clunes Primary School Volunteers Award for 2017 from Louise Staley MLA Ripon. State of Victoria.

Bow Club

Every Thursday at lunchtime Summer and Kyrah hosted a Bow Club. It's was for Grade 1 to Gade 5 students and it was held in the Multi- Purpose Hall. Mrs Mitchell was the 'teacher helper/ supervisor'. At the end of each session the students participated in a thing called 'Gymnastics child of the Day'. Here are the names of the students who got it. Ella, Zahra K, Kodah, Ayva and Shaylee. The person who has been a great help has been Olivia K.

Summer & Kyrah
(photos in 2018)

A final HUGE thank you to the families and organisations below for supporting our 2017 Energy Breakthrough commitment!



Clunes Social Netball Club

CycleScape

our Drewer family,

our Smith family



Hamper Raffle Winners: Jacob DeKort, Katrina Impey, Karen Vagg

Christmas Cake Winner: Belinda O'Neil



Hepburn Pools will again be running the
VICSWIM Learn to Swim Program

15th - 19th January, 2018 from 10am to 12.50pm

Sessions are available at Clunes, Daylesford and Trentham.

Registration is open online now through VICSWIM,
<http://vicswim.com.au/>

Cost is \$30 per participant payable to VICSWIM.

Hepburn

SHIRE COUNCIL

[www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/
swimming-pools/](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools/)
PH: 5348 2306

After School Care

If you're looking for a bit of extra child free Christmas Shopping time we have a few vacancies in ASC, please call or drop over to see Liz or Marnie in the Multi Purpose Hall if you require full time or casual care this term.

Bookings for Care in 2018 are being taken now (and filling quickly). Please contact Shirlene on 5348 3272 Monday's, Tuesday's or Friday's (other days you can leave a message) or via email on fdc@daylesford.org.au. Shirlene will be able to get the paperwork organised and give you an idea of how much it would cost you.

We also offer School Holidays Care (8.30am to 6pm) at Creswick Primary School throughout ALL School Holidays, January 8th through to 31st excluding public holidays.

There will be NO ASC offered on the last day of school this term, Friday 22nd Dec. (Care can not operate without the head office in the Daylesford open in case there is an emergency).

Liz 0429 453808

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2018

Week 1: Teachers officially begin: Planning, Professional Development & Administration duties
Monday 29th January & Tuesday 30th January

All students begin: Wednesday 31st January 2018 (Preps also!)

Preps will then have Friday 2nd February as their first 'Rest/ Assessment' Day



2018 Junior Ranger Holiday Program, Creswick

DATES	TIME	DETAILS
Thursday 11 th Jan Sunday 14 th Jan Tuesday 16 th Jan Thursday 18 th Jan Tuesday 23 rd Jan	3pm - 4.30pm	Wildlife Detective, La Gerche Gully Who digs the holes along the side of walking tracks? The plants and animals of the bush are often secretive and clever. Junior Rangers will learn to unravel some of the secrets of the bush and have fun while being in the great outdoors.
Thursday 11 th Jan Tuesday 16 th Jan Thursday 18 th Jan Tuesday 23 rd Jan	10.30am - 11.30am	Minibeast Discovery, St Georges Lake Have fun exploring St Georges Lake with a park ranger and discover which little beasties make it their home. Dip your nets into the water, see what critters you can find and what part they play in the world of wetlands.

All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years. Bookings are essential. Please visit www.juniorrangers.com.au