



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 Week 10

*"Golden Past, Bright Futures"*

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*We learn. We show respect.*

*We are safe.*

# Clunes Primary School Newsletter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see Term 2 Calendar draft #1- each fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you! 😊

**Students with Asthma. We are missing six 2025 Asthma Management Plans! To school asap please.**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



**Thank you** to all of the wonderful Helpers that supported our school, and other events this term, within the town, especially for the Working Bee and for the Truck Show and Book Town fundraisers. It's a huge ask and we sincerely appreciate it! Our next fundraiser is the Federal Election Democracy Sausage Sizzle! Let us know if you can help.

Apply Week 1 Term 2 2025 to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2026

The Department of Education released a new state-wide timeline and process in 2023 for students enrolling in Foundation (Prep). This process will continue for the 2026 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2026, an enrolment application will need to be completed by **late June 2025**.

Information Packs including the Enrolment process and Application Form will be delivered to the Clunes Pre-School at the beginning of next term. You will also be able to collect it from our School Office.

It is important to follow the state-wide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep). Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

**For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at [vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](http://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep).**

### Year 7 2026 enrolment process begins Week 1 Term 2 2025

The Year 7 2026 transition process begins in Week 1 of next term also. Individual Year 6 Transition Enrolment Packs will be delivered home to all Year 6 students and their families in Week 1. The transition timeline for the Year 6-7 process is much shorter than the Pre-School- Prep process. Please check the dates on the Calendar on the back of this Newsletter. Thank you.

**Best wishes to you all for a safe and positive Autumn school holidays.**

**Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊**

**\*In 2025 we have a student who has a severe allergy 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.**

## 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 /1P- Dakota V, Logan, Henry	2 /3AK – Benji
3 /4MJ – Charlie E, Gracie	5/6B – Duncan, Tahlee
Principal Award- Isla, Elsie, Evie	Principal Award- Arnya, Bella, Audrey
Performing Arts Award- Luke E, Brax A	Physical Education Award- Logan, Dusty
Visual Arts Award – Pricilla, Dakota J	LOTE- Japanese Award- Zachary, Willow

# ANZAC Day 2025



**FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April optional** student attendance at the ceremony.

**(The FIRST FRIDAY of Term 2)**

Mid-morning Service - 10.30am. All students are invited to participate. **Please assemble in front of the RSL Hall at 10.30am in school uniform** for our march towards the Cenotaph. We will line the street as a guard of honour for the formal march. We will then stand as a school group on the north side of the cenotaph.

Our School Captains and Vice-Captains will participate in the formal ceremony. School Captain, Isla will read Stanza Three of the Ode and all four School Captains will lay a wreath on behalf of the school community.

Selected pieces of student writing (senior school) will be read at the ceremony by the authors. The chosen pieces for 2025 will be determined by the staff at the end of this week. Their parents/ guardians will be contacted before the end of this week. Selected pieces will be placed in the Term 2 Week 3 Newsletter.

A range of ANZAC Day Badges (\$1, \$3, \$5, and \$10, and \$3 bracelets and \$5 pens) arrived this week and are available for sale at School now.

All proceeds go directly to the RSL. Our School Leaders will visit all classrooms daily with the ANZAC Appeal tray. Please follow the Hepburn Shire website as the event gets closer for specific details. Thank you.

**Register & attend** the Raising Kids in a Digital World **Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents & Carers held at the Doug Lindsay Rec' Reserve in Creswick on:**

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7-8.30pm (first Wed of Term 2)*

*to have your name placed in a **Raffle to WIN an \$80 Voucher** for a meal at the Clunes National Hotel. See the flyer inside! (there is a slight extra challenge with registering. Sorry!)*

*Ms Jardine will be there. (Let's have more attendees than the other local schools! 😊)*



Hi *Clunes Primary School* families,

A huge thank you to all our students, families and the wider school community for all your amazing support of this year's Food Bank Food Fight!

Because of all your generous efforts and support we have been able to raise:

**\$3,988.00!!**

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and support raising money for this wonderful cause!!

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## **Child safety and wellbeing at Clunes Primary School: information for families and the school community**

In 2021 the Victorian Government announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Clunes Primary School reviews and updates our child safety policies and procedures annually to ensure they meet the requirements of the standards. These are available to view on our school's website, or via request from the school's front Office.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Clunes Primary School at [clunes.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:clunes.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or by phone on 03 5345 3182.

## Term 1 summary

Our first term of the 2025 school year has been an incredibly busy and productive one! Our Term 1 in 2024 was eight and a half weeks long and this year we managed to achieve all and MORE in nine and a half weeks! You should all celebrate this terrific effort! Are you tired though? 😊

Thank you all for your incredible resilience and ongoing commitment to our wonderful school! Your positivity continues to be exemplary. We've, in partnership, continued to focus on the ongoing learning and wellbeing successes of and for our students.

This term we have among other achievements:

- Celebrated a very positive enrolment start to the year with 99 students registered at our school on Census Day. (and now we have an enrolment of 100!)
- Welcomed Jacus and Isla as School Captains and Alex and Elsie as Vice Captains.
- Settled 12 Preps into primary education, all Preps now attending full time!
- Elected House Captains and Junior School Council representatives and conducted weekly Student Leadership Meetings.
- Sought Green Team and Sustainability/ Kitchen Garden representatives from across the school and we began our 2025 Kitchen Garden and Cooking Program.
- Registered for Energy Breakthrough 2025!
- Celebrated weekly Students of the Week!
- Established our class and yard rules in line with our School Values and Positive Behaviours approaches.
- Completed the 2025 School Council election process. We welcomed back; Jo Henderson-Drife (President), Rob Anderson (Vice-President), Andy Campbell (Treasurer), Deb Bright, Jaqui Featherston, Val McNeight, Jesse Parker (Secretary), Ash Burke, Gill Jedwab (Community representative) and Malcolm Hull (Community representative). We welcomed new school councillors Amanda Dossor and Jane Thompson..
- All teaching staff members attended multiple professional learning sessions (in-house, via online platforms and as far away as Melbourne), focussed on Literacy and Numeracy outcomes and also including preparing for the NAPLAN 2025. When our national NAPLAN assessments were completed for our Year 3 & Year 5 100% of our students were able to participate!
- The Tutor Learning Initiative commenced for identified students (currently across Junior and Senior School).
- We were able to fundraise over \$1200 at the Historic Vehicle (Truck) Show and over \$4000 at Book Town!
- Four senior students were selected by the Department of Education to participate in the Victorian High Ability Program, in Term 1, in Numeracy.
- The 'Asking for Trouble' team gave us a full dress rehearsal of their Show for the Adelaide Arts Festival. How do they manage such feats?
- 10 families gave their all at a Working Bee! Several of our listed tasks were completed. (leaf matter in guttering and storm water pits an ongoing Autumnal challenge...and we located the Time Capsule only to learn that we need to wait until 2034- 35 to open it!)
- Completed our 2025 Annual Implementation Plan and draft 2024 Annual Report documents in line with Department of Education compliance requirements. The 2024 Annual Report is currently being revised by the Department and School Council and will be made public early in Term 2.
- We danced away at our Term 1 Disco led by our Junior School Council representatives.
- Our 2025 Harmony Day Mixed Groupings- Focus Day was deemed a wonderful success as was our Food Bank fundraiser "Food Fight". We will have a large display at school about the event. Over \$3900 was raised for Food Bank.
- Reviewed, re-established & Practised our **Values daily - We learn, We show respect, We are safe.**





# Book Town 2025

Phenomenal support from out school community! for the Egg and Bacon Fundraiser! Thank you! Thank you Mrs. Anderson and students for your delightful favourite book character Parade.



# Book Town 2025







This year Clunes Primary School have teamed up with Tesselaar to fundraise with a Bulb Drive!

- The School will receive 40% of all bulb fundraising money
- Growing instructions provided with your order
- Orders will be received early May, just in time for Mother's Day!
- Online Ordering is Easy

Order your bulbs using the unique code

<http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/CLUNESPS>

Pay safely online

Bulbs are delivered directly to your door

\* Get together with a group of friends or family to place an order to save on postage



SCAN ME!

**Orders close 11 APRIL 2025**

**Please note products are available to order until 11 April, unless sold out prior. We encourage you to order as early as possible to avoid disappointment.**

**If you require any further information, or need some assistance with online ordering, please contact the School Office on 5345 3182.**

# Your privacy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website

<https://www.clunesps.vic.edu.au/school-profile/privacy-policy/>. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).



**A mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of the Clunes Primary School policy, “mobile phone” refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.

### **Personal student mobile phone use**

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal student mobile phones, including Smart Watches must not be used at Clunes Primary School during school hours, including school bus travel, lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

**POLICY** Clunes Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school or wear a smart watch, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At Clunes Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours at the Office.
- Smart watches worn must have network functionality disabled during school hours
- School Bus travel is considered ‘school hours’ – network functionality turned off.
- Exceptions to this policy may be applied if certain conditions are met (see the full CPS Policy)
- When emergencies occur, parents or guardians should reach their child by calling the school's office.

Links to information for parents on DET website:

- [Mobile Phones in Schools](#)
- [FAQs for Parents - Mobile Phones in Schools](#)



Tahlee F with the Under 11 – Girls Star award for Maryborough Little Athletics.  
Congratulations Tahlee!

Hepburn  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# Autumn SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Hepburn  
LIBRARIES

## Coffee Filter Flowers

Daylesford Library -  
Tuesday 8 April  
10.30-11.30am

Dye and make your own flowers using coffee filters dyed  
with watercolours

Bookings: 5348 2800 - [library@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:library@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

## Beading Craft

The Mechanics Trentham -  
Wednesday 9 April  
11am-12pm

Bookings: 5424 1326  
[library@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:library@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

The Warehouse - Clunes -  
Friday 11 April  
11am-12pm

Bookings: 5345 3359  
[library@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:library@hepburn.vic.gov.au)

## Face Painting

Creswick Hub  
Thursday 10 April  
10.30-11.30am

Face painting 101 hosted by Maya  
Bookings: 53452145  
[library@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:library@hepburn.vic.gov.au)



ALL  
EVENTS  
FREE



**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

[playhq.com/afl/register/8ea6c4](http://playhq.com/afl/register/8ea6c4)

**CLUNES AUSKICK**

**Bull Milgate Oval - Clunes**

**Thursdays 4:30pm  
Commencing 24th April**



**PLAY**

# RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

## Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents & Carers

Social media  
Online gaming  
Strengthening Family communication  
Impacts of screen time  
Cyberbullying  
Managing devices at home  
Child & tween online trends  
Explicit/adult content

**Doug Lindsay Recreation Reserve  
Multipurpose Facility**

Wednesday 23 April | 7.00 - 8.30 pm



Register to attend:  
[bit.ly/CreswickCommunity](https://bit.ly/CreswickCommunity)

\*This session is strictly for parents and carers only as the content is not suitable for children.

**They've left our name off the schools list!  
When you register place – Clunes P.S after your  
surname and tick any other school name.**

presented by  
Martin McGauran,  
primary teacher and  
digital safety educator  
and Carley McGauran,  
psychologist and mum  
to 3 school-aged kids.



An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week! - Parent

Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year. - Principal

Incredible session... Should be essential for all parents!  
- Parent



# **CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**TRACK EVENTS (Seniors to start 9:30am Juniors to start 10:30am)**

**9:30am - 11:45am**

**@ CLUNES FOOTBALL OVAL**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL & LUNCH**

**11:45am - 12:20pm**

**FIELD EVENTS**

**12:30pm - 3:00pm**

**@ CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**Term 2 - Draft #1 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**

WEEK 1	Mon	21-Apr	<b>TERM 2 begins Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Prep Enrolment forms for 2026 available from the Office or on Sentral</b>
	Tue	22-Apr	
	Wed	23-Apr	
	Thu	24-Apr	Newsletter- (Newsletters home each fortnight, sent via email & placed on the school's website) Primary schools <b>distribute the Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack 2025-26</b> to all families of Year 6 students. (from 21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> Apr)
	Fri	25-Apr	<i>ANZAC DAY- Public Holiday- School Captains commitment &amp; optional attendance for all.</i>
WEEK 2	Mon	28-Apr	
	Tues	29-Apr	
	Wed	30-Apr	<i>GRIP- School Captains Leadership Conference- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May</i>
	Thu	1-May	<i>Local schools Cross Country Yrs 3-6 Clunes Golf Club- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May Helpers required please</i>
	Fri	2-May	
	SAT	3-May	<i>Federal Election – Democracy Sausage school fundraiser</i>
WEEK 3	Mon	5-May	Whole school Athletics Sports- begins at Town Oval then moves to school ovals. Helpers required please
	Tues	6-May	Student Support Group meetings begin today
	Wed	7-May	
	Thu	8-May	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Fri	9-May	<b>Parents/carers submit the Application for Year 7 Placement 2026 to primary schools no later than this date. Applications must be returned to the Office at Clunes PS.</b>
WEEK 4	Mon	12-May	<i>Sovereign Eureka Cross Country Ballarat-Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May</i>
	Tue	13-May	<i>From May 12<sup>th</sup> – Annual Yrs 4-6 Attitudes to School Survey completed</i>
	Wed	14-May	School Council Meeting 7pm
	Thurs	15-May	
	Fri	16-May	
WEEK 5	Mon	19-May	3 Way Conferences
	Tue	20-May	
	Wed	21-May	
	Thu	22-May	
	Fri	23-May	
WEEK 6	Mon	26-May	
	Tues	27-May	
	Wed	28-May	
	Thu	29-May	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Fri	30-May	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS Goldfields Athletics Sports- Ballarat Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>
WEEK 7	Mon	2-Jun	
	Tues	3-Jun	
	Wed	4-Jun	
	Thurs	5-Jun	
	Fri	6-Jun	
WEEK 8	Mon	9-Jun	<b>King's Birthday – Public Holiday</b>
	Tue	10-Jun	
	Wed	11-Jun	School Council Meeting
	Thu	12-Jun	
	Fri	13-Jun	
WEEK 9	Mon	16-Jun	
	Tues	17-Jun	
	Wed	18-Jun	
	Thurs	19-Jun	
	Fri	20-Jun	
WEEK 10	Mon	23-Jun	
	Tue	24-Jun	<b>Proposed Semester 1 Student Achievement Reports home.</b>
	Wed	25-Jun	
	Thu	26-Jun	School Disco
	Fri	27-Jun	<b>Prep 2026 enrolment documentation due to Clunes PS by this date.</b>

Book Town- Children's Parade- for the love of all that is books and reading



WEEK 11	Mon	30-Jun	
	Tue	1-Jul	<b>150<sup>th</sup> OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY! Official ceremony- SPEECHES 11.30am CAKE, CANDLES, Burying a Time Capsule</b>
	Wed	2-Jul	
	Thu	3-Jul	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Birthday- Whole School Performances-1.30pm &amp; 5.30pm. 1552- 150 years!</b>
			<b>Last day of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish (150<sup>th</sup> Themed Focus Day – dress in theme or in casual dress day-no gold coin donation. Each last day of Term is usually a casual dress day)</b>
	Fri	4-Jul	<b>Evening ticketed event- 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration dinner in the Gallery (Main Building)</b>
	Sat	5-Jul	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Open Day 10am-4pm</b>
	Sun	6-Jul	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Open Morning 10am- 12pm</b>

**Term 2: Matt C- Student Principal for a Day. Day TBC**

