



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

Thursday 2nd May, 2019

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see **Term 2 #draft 2** Calendar on back page

updates across the Term will be highlighted in yellow

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Wishing you all a positive & safe fortnight ahead. Kind regards, Sonia & Staff



Our School Captains attending the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Fed Uni on Tuesday.

In Term 2 our school's You Can Do It key to success is **Organisation!**

In our class, the yard and when out in the community at our own level of learning, we will focus on:

- Trying to do our best and Setting Goals – it means thinking that “It is good to want to do my best”
- Listening carefully to our teacher’s instructions- it means thinking that “I know how to be ready to look and listen carefully to learn”.
- Planning our time to get things done – it means thinking that “It is good to be on time for things and good not to waste time”
- Taking care of our things – it means thinking that “I need to put things in their proper places. I need to clean up and be neat.”
- Being organised for our play outside- this means thinking that “I need to remove my food wrappers and place them in the bin (to respect and have pride in our school) and when I hear the bell MUSIC to go to the toilet, have a drink and line up to be ready to learn”.
- In the wider community representing ourselves and our school with Pride. – it means thinking, “ I will speak with manners, play and move about to consider others and look after my rubbish to keep our town looking great and our platypus in the creek safe!

We will also continue to try to be successful with all keys to success!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 2



**Our Term 2 You Can Do It focus is:
Organisation**

Prep B - Charlie	1/2B –
Year 2/ 3LM- Nevaeh	3/ 4L- Ella
5/ 6 A- Reece	5/ 6 D- Kara
Chaplain's Award-	School Captains Award-

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Joy and sadness are not mutually exclusive...they can co-exist!

You do not need to 'toughen up' if you're sensitive...it's tough enough being sensitive!

You do not have to be fearless to be brave...brave is being fearful and showing up anyway!

You do not have to love yourself before someone else will...you can still be loved when you're mad and sad!

You are not wallowing if you're grieving over loss or abuse...you don't have to 'get over it' to be able to get on with your life.

Joy and sadness are not mutually exclusive...they can, and do, co-exist!!!

Have a great week! Blessings,

Julie McDowell...School Chaplain

BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We run a School Breakfast Club to ensure our students can have a healthy and happy start to their school day. All students at our school are invited to attend our warm and welcoming Breakfast Club.

We are currently seeking 2-3 parent/community volunteers to assist with:

- setting up our breakfast area
- helping prepare and serve breakfast to students
- providing valuable social interaction for students
- cleaning up at the conclusion of breakfast.

DETAILS... DAYS: Thursday TIME: 8am – 9am CONTACT: Julie (School Chaplain)



ANZAC Day

Thursday 25 April:

ANZAC Day public holiday optional student attendance at the ceremony

All students were invited to participate. Many students and ex- and future students assembled in front of the RSL Hall at 10.30am for our march towards the Cenotaph. We lined the street as a guard of honour for the formal March ably supported by our School Captains Olivia and Rowan and Vice Captains Ameeah and Hamish. Our School Captains participated in the formal ceremony. Rowan read the Ode and Olivia and Rowan raised the flag. Rowan, Olivia, Hamish and Ammekah placed a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the school community. 60+ students stood respectfully for the entire ceremony even though it went for a long time. **I was so proud of everyone!**

Reece and Kara had their pieces of writing about ANZAC Day selected to be read at the Town Hall ceremony. Again, I was so very proud of their incredible presentations. We received a great deal of positive feedback from the wider Clunes community.

Our Student Leaders have been selling RSL Badges at school this week and at the end of last term. All proceeds go directly to the RSL.

Reece and Kara's ANZAC pieces of writing have been included in this Newsletter. Thank you both!



Reece and Kara reading their pieces of writing at the formal ANZAC Day Town Hall ceremony.



ANZAC Day by Kara

In 1914, the Great War began after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, who was a minor royal of Hungary. Word of the start of the war got out, and people rolled in to enlist. From young daring men to fit old blokes. Some wanting a meal a day, others wanting to travel and see another country. After four long months of training in Egypt they were ready to leave for Gallipoli. There was 40 ships with 30,000 troops and nearly 8000 horses. After many days on the water the ANZACS finally reached the beach that is now known as ANZAC Cove. After they realised it was the wrong beach they started to climb the dangerous cliff with the Turkish troops gunfire raining down on them. Of the 60,000 who went to Gallipoli, 26,000 were casualties and more than 8000 never returned home.

Another battle, the battle of Fromelles, didn't go for long yet it had a very big impact. The battle began at 6pm on the 19th of July 1916 and ended at 8am the next morning. In that time there was 7000 Australian casualties including 2400 killed.

One of the reasons for this battle was to draw German troops away from the Somme Offensive. During the first day of the offensive, the British army had 60,000 casualties, with nearly a third of those dead.

Now we remember them on this day, ANZAC Day. It is a day to look back on the sacrifice made by our ancestors. The service men and women who served for our country. We have gained so much from these people. If it wasn't for them, Australia wouldn't be as great as it is today. They left home for a new experience and returned home with bravery, courage and resilience. I am happy and grateful to be standing here in Australia, in peace.

Part of commemorating the ANZACs is to look back and remember our ancestors and the sacrifices they made. I will remember:

Henry Rankin, who was a driver.

Ella Redman, who was a nurse.

Her belongings are displayed in the Creswick museum.

It is difficult for me to imagine myself in their shoes. Digging trenches taller than a man. Being a nurse, caring for wounded men, unsure if they will survive. Living as a family member back home, paying one penny for a telegram, not knowing if it's going to be good news.

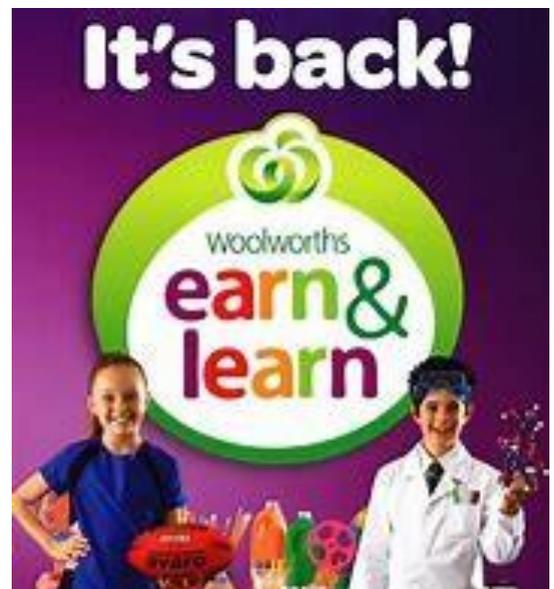
Today we thank all those who risked their lives to protect and fight for our country. We thank the families and mothers for their hope and support from home. We thank the nurses for mending the soldiers and helping more of them return home. We thank "man's best friend" during the war, the light horses. And we thank those who are still serving today.

Earn & Learn is back for 2019. All you need to do to help the Junior School Council is collect your stickers from Woolworths and either bring them in and place them in the collection box, fill in your sheet at home (with the sheet provided) and post it into the collection box. You can also place your stickers in the collection box at Lucas Woolworths. It's that easy.

Last year we were able to order new Lego kits for each learning area in the school!

Runs from May 1st to June 25th 2019

JSC



What ANZAC Day means to me: Reece H-D.

Heroes: they come in many different shapes and sizes. In World War 1, heroes were all around. From diggers to pilots, from doctors to nurses, from soldiers, fighting out on the front lines, to volunteers wrapping bandages and knitting socks to send to hospitals and army camps, all around the battle zones. They are all heroes. Heroes to be remembered.

Everyone who came back from war had a story. Some of these stories are familiar to many, they are told in schools and in the community and become legendary. Such stories may include Simpson and his Donkey or the bravery of the ANZACS during the landing at Gallipoli.

The ANZACS also played a vital role in many other significant campaigns during World War 1. There is one battle in particular which I believe showed great courage from both man and beast.

It was the 31st of October 1917. The ANZACS were preparing for the Battle of Beersheba. 800 horsemen had trained for 5 months and were ready to test their skills. The men had ridden throughout the night, positioning themselves, ready to charge.

Beersheba was a desert town held by Turks. The town was protected by a system of trenches on three sides, leaving the east side open. The Turks thought there was no way the enemy would approach through the desert. But they had another thing coming.

The horsemen galloped into the town, with bayonets on the end of their rifles. They met with heavy fire from the enemy. Records show the Turkish army had 28 artillery guns, 9 machine guns, 2 aircraft and 4,400 men. The Turkish lost 500 of these men that day and the ANZAC's captured 1,500. It seemed like a big victory.

The 4th and 12th Light Horse Brigades were made up of ordinary stockmen, ringers, jackaroos, Bushmen and many of them were riding their own horses. About 100 of these men were Indigenous Australians and were not even considered to be Australian citizens yet. They rode together, fought together, succeeded together and unfortunately, 32 ANZAC soldiers and 70 horses, died together.

The horses went over to Beersheba with their army. The horses were referred to as *Walers*, since the majority of them were from New South Wales. For two long days, they went without water as they rode through the harsh desert.

Man and horse, together conquering Beersheba. This battle is not as celebrated as more famous battles, such as the landing at Gallipoli, but it is one that shows great courage and strength from both horse and man, displaying great ANZAC spirit. I would like to read you a poem that I have written about this battle.

The Battle of Beersheba

They stood

They waited

They rode towards danger and looked it in the eye

With gunshots left, right and centre

They rode

For the victory of Australia

And to all those men

I stand and salute

There are two types of days: days you want to hold on to and remember forever and the ones you want to forget. Days to cherish and days to put at the back of your mind. But no matter who you are, wherever throughout Australia you live, there is one day of the year that makes our nation stand still in silence. The day, although sad, when you must remember and never forget.

What does ANZAC Day mean to me? It means courage, bravery, adversity and hardship but more than that, it means standing together, resilience and mateship; it means remembering all those who fought and were lost.

Lest we forget.

**BOOKCLUB
2019
ISSUE 3
IS DUE BACK BY
WEDNESDAY
8th MAY**

**ORDER AND PAYMENT TO BE LEFT AT
OFFICE OR GIVEN TO CLASSROOM
TEACHER BY THIS DATE.**

**ON-LINE LOOP ORDERS USING
CREDIT CARD AVAILABLE, ALSO DUE
BY THIS DATE.**

NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED



My Child and Autism
A workshop for parents

Date: Monday 6th May 2019
Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm
Venue: Pinarc ECIS,
1828 Sturt St, Ballarat

REGISTER TODAY!

To register:
www.amaze.org.au/earlydays

How Early Days can help:

Early Days provides workshops for parents and other family members of children 0-6 who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis or are going through the assessment and diagnosis process.

What this workshop offers:

- Learn about ASD and what it means for your child and your family
- Learn practical strategies that can make a difference to your child's development
- Learn how to navigate early intervention

More about Early Days workshops

- Free to attend
- Held in small groups of 4-15 and gives you an opportunity to meet other parents
- Lunch & light refreshments provided
- Childcare is NOT provided


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www.earlydays.com.au
promoting development of
young children on the autism spectrum

It is highly recommended you attend this workshop prior to attending any other Early Days workshops



**Term 2
Drum Beat
Program**



Free!

Items available to be collected from under the Red Shed verandah- some in various stages of disrepair- teacher desk & drawers, concertina door, 2 x wooden bookshelves, metal adult chairs & a storage shelf. Will go to Hard Rubbish if not taken soon. Please see Sonia ☺

Clunes PS Athletics Sports 7/5/2019

(Third Tuesday after the school holidays)

Beckworth **Blue**

Bolton **Yellow**

Cameron **Red**

Running events start down at the Clunes football oval at 9:30am with the junior running events starting at approximately 10:40am. Junior & senior field events will be held back at school after 11:30.

Wear your team colours and be ready for some serious fun!

HELPERS NEEDED TO RUN FIELD EVENTS: If you're interested please see Mr James ASAP. Thanks!



TERM 2 CALENDAR 2019 draft #2 Thursday 2nd May 2019**PARENTS****SCHOOL EVENTS SCHEDULE**Newsletter- every 2nd week**Week 1** Tuesday 23 – Friday 26 April**TRANSITION BOOKLETS** home to Yr 6 families at the beginning of Term 2- Friday 26th April**Thursday 25 April: ANZAC Day- Clunes PS ceremony participation- guard of honour + PUBLIC HOLIDAY****Week 2:** 29 April - 3May Attitudes to School Survey begins this week for 6 week online participation period. We will conduct our after the NAPLAN assessment periodTuesday 30 April: **GRIP Leadership Conference- Student Leaders**

Wednesday 1 May: Junior School Council Meeting

Thursday 2 May: Student Support Group Meetings

Friday 3 May: CROSS COUNTRY Clunes Golf Club

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May: Book Town Helpers required please. ☺ Please see the Office. Thank you to those families that have already offered assistance... even a short period of time will be sincerely appreciated!**Week 3:** 6-10 MayTuesday 7 May **Athletics Sports- whole school**Wednesday 8 May **School Council 7pm**

Friday 10 May: Mother's Day gifts delivered to families that placed an Order. TBC

Mother's Day –Sunday 12th May**Week 4:** 13-17 May**Education Week 13-17 May**Tuesday 14 May: **NAPLAN Online begins (Yr 3 & 5 Lang Conventions & Writing)**Wednesday 15 May: **NAPLAN Online (Yr 3 & 5 Reading)**Thursday 16 May: **NAPLAN Online (Yr 3 & 5 Numeracy)**Friday 17 May: **NAPLAN catch up Division Cross Country****Saturday 18 May:****Federal Election – Polling Station at Clunes PS.****Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle. Helpers appreciated! ☺****Week 5:** 20-24 MayTuesday 21 May: **Mt Rowan Maths Challenge Years 4 & 5**Friday 24 May: **Tree Drive Orders Close****Week 6:** 27- 31 MayTuesday 28 May: **Art Gallery of Ballarat- whole school visit****Week 7:** 3-7 JuneWednesday 5 June: **Junior School Council Meeting**Friday 7 June: **Earth Ed Yr 5 /6 Wesley Concert- to the Bluestone 1.30 – 2.30pm TBC****Week 8:** 10-14 June**Monday Public Holiday****Monday 10 June: Queen's Birthday Holiday**Wednesday 12 June: **School Council 7pm****Week 9:** 17-21 JuneThursday 20 June: **School Disco**Friday 21 June: **Focus Day- Indigenous Curriculum focus****Week 10:** 24-28 June**Monday 25 June: Semester 1 Reports home to parents/ guardians****Tuesday 26 June: Parent Teacher 3 Way Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews)**Wednesday 27 June: **Earth Ed Year 3 /4**Friday 29 June: **Last Day of Term 2 1pm finish Casual Dress Day****Dates to be confirmed: Hot Lunch Day, Transition distribution/ collection completed**