



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

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

*“Golden Past, Bright Futures”*

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# Clunes Primary School Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see **Term 3 # draft 3** Calendar on back page  
Following parent feedback and support we are trialling a  
different Calendar format. Please let us know if you prefer it.  
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**updates across the Term will be highlighted in  
yellow**

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

### 2019 Parent Opinion Survey

**COMPLETE THIS SURVEY & YOUR NAME WILL GO INTO THE DRAW FOR A HAMPER RAFFLE PRIZE! PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP BELOW ☺**

**Did you receive a letter last week with an invitation to participate in the 2019 Parent Opinion Survey? Please complete it! (The Department of Education tells me that as of today only 29 have! ☹)**

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey amongst an electronically selected sample of the school community. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement **and our school is judged by the participation rate.**

Parents are asked to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

- ◆ The survey will be conducted **online** and should take **10-15 minutes** to complete.
- ◆ The survey **has been extended** by DET from **Monday 22 July** to **Sunday 18 August 2019**.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended question will be provided back to the school.

Please follow the **individual** instructions **in your own letter** to complete the survey. **NOTE: Only one parent** from your family is invited to complete the survey.  
Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

Thank you for taking the time to participate, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

- ◆ Should you have any participation or survey-related queries, (or need access to a computer), please contact the School, or the Department by email: [parentopinion.survey@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:parentopinion.survey@edumail.vic.gov.au)

(The Raffle will now be drawn on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August. The Office will notify the winning family.)

✂.....

### Parent Opinion Survey 2019 Hamper Raffle Prize

**Family Name**.....Our family has completed the online Survey and would like to have our name placed in the Hamper Raffle Box at the Office.  
Thanks. ☺

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 3



Our Term 3 You Can Do It focus is:  
**Persistence**

Prep B - Oliver, Grace	1/2B – Meghan, whole class!
Year 2/ 3LM- Blake, Ben S-B	3/ 4L- Kodah, Ayva
5/ 6 A- Benji	5/ 6 D- Rowan, Sebastian
Chaplain's Award- Roman, Summer	School Captains Award

### CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

**A new way of looking at things...**

*Anything that annoys you is teaching you patience.*

*Anyone who abandons you is teaching you how to stand up on your own two feet.*

*Anything that angers you is teaching you forgiveness and compassion.*

*Anything that has power over you is teaching you how to take power back.*

*Anything you hate is teaching you unconditional love.*

*Anything you fear is teaching you courage to overcome your fear.*

*Anything you can't control is teaching you how to let go.*

Have a great week!

Blessings,

Julie McDowell...School Chaplain

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

## ABSENCES

Student attendance is an essential element of a student's intellectual, emotional, physical, social and cultural development. Progressive absence from school disrupts development with adverse long-term consequences for the student. **Every day absent counts.**



## Clunes Walkability Plan

Last Tuesday our Year 5/6 classes and teachers, together with Wesley students and staff, Hepburn Shire Council staff and volunteers from the Clunes community, conducted an engaging and energetic Walkability Audit of our Clunes Township.

The Walkability Audit rated how easy and pleasant it was to walk within a certain location or between locations within the town. We assessed the footpaths and their condition, accessibility, and facilities associated with walk, including shade, seating and signage.

Our student input was sought as the Plan seeks to improve walkability between key destinations for both the community and visitors. The aim is to create a linear park or corridor, outlining improvements to encourage greater pedestrian activity.

The day remained dry and we wore warm, comfortable clothing and walking appropriate footwear. The Hepburn Shire Council representatives and volunteers provided us with a yummy lunch.

Our audit began at Collins Place at 10.15am and we all finished the day back up at school.

Wesley students and staff have since collated all of the data that we collected and we eagerly await the outcome! Thank you Wesley, Hepburn Shire and Clunes volunteers for such an enjoyable day!

### Sample of Questions: Ratings & Observations made for each section

**Safety- Issue** Does the area feel safe during the day to walk around? Does the area feel safe in the evening to walk around? Is there enough street lighting? Are you aware that other people can see you as you walk around- like drivers and residents?



**Pozières Battle 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary- Commemoration –Ballarat Arch of Victory,  
Ballarat. 11am 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.**

Yesterday we; (the School Captains of Clunes Primary School), attended the 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the World War 1 Pozières Battle, in France. We participated in the ceremony and left a floral tribute on behalf of our school, and the Clunes community.

We went because we wanted to honour the memory of Private Clarence Gerald Parkinson, who attended this school as a student. His name is on the Honour Roll in our Gallery.

On the Honour Roll there is a red cross next to his name because he was killed in action at this battle on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1916, and he was only 19 years old.

Clarence Gerald Parkinson was born in Nhill in North Western Victoria. After he left our school he became a well known and highly respected member of our town. He worked at the Bakery and was also a local labourer.

Clarence Gerald Parkinson enlisted in the Army, in Ballarat, on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1915. His last Unit was the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

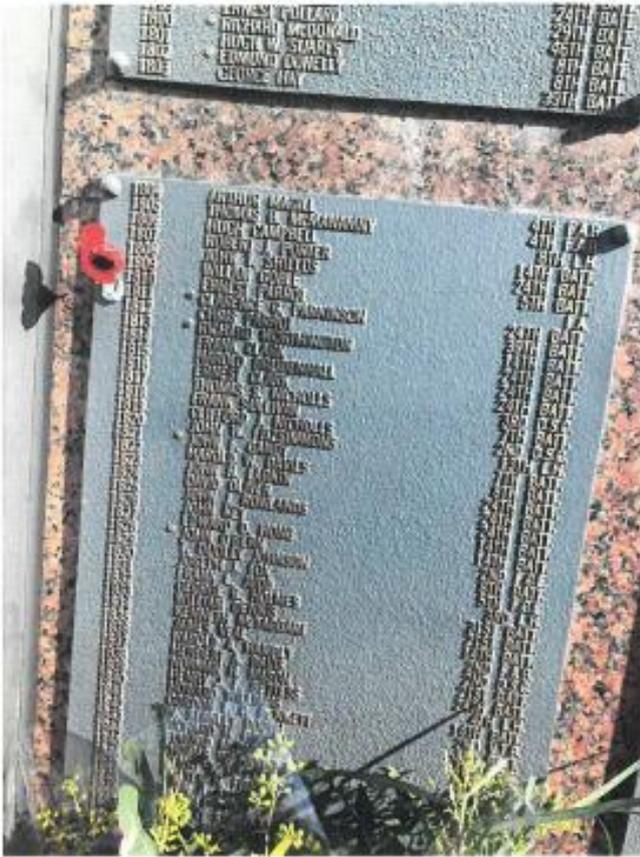
25 other local men were killed in the first week, of this one battle. There were more casualties at the Battle of Pozières, on the Somme, than in the whole Gallipoli Campaign.

Clarence Gerald Parkinson will be remembered at our school, and in our town, and there is a plaque bearing his name, and a tree planted in his honour in the Avenue of Honour, in Ballarat.

Lest We Forget.

School Captains-  
Olivia Kinnersly &  
Rowan Thompson





Pozieres Battle WW1  
Commemoration 28.7.19



## Words in Winter Children's Writing Awards

**Get Writing!**

We want to read your stories about **"Life as I know it"**.

But **HURRY**. Closing date is next **Thursday 15 August**.

Ask your teacher for details.

Free Kids Activities including TEDDY BEAR HUNT



## CLUNES MARKET

2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
9:00am – 2:00pm



**COME AND HAVE FUN WITH US**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019**

Come and have fun with us at our free family friendly event along the historic precinct of Fraser Street. Rain, hail or shine, with a variety of traders, entertainment, and free children's activities, a Sunday outing in Clunes won't disappoint.



## Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch

Seeks applications or nominations for the

## 2019 JARED TALLENT AWARD

TO BE AWARDED TO

**A JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON FROM OUR DISTRICT**

(Aged 18 or under at 31/8/18)



**A \$500 Bank Account & Trophy**

**will be awarded to the person selected**

Applications close **30<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Copies of the Criteria can be collected from the  
Creswick & District Community Bank® Branch

Fundraising Opportunity for Clunes Primary School



## CLUNES MARKET

**COME AND VOLUNTEER WITH US**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019**

Clunes Market offers an opportunity for community organisations to earn funds by making a donation to each volunteer's chosen cause or group.

The August Market has the following vacancies:

Job	Volunteers	Time
Bump In (Set Up)	4	7 am – 9:30 am
Bump Out (Tear Down)	4	1:30 pm – 3 pm

Tasks may involve some lifting/awkward tasks. Bag trolleys and flat trolleys are provided. Every helper, in addition to funds donated to the school, will receive a voucher to spend on Market day.

Please see the Office if you can assist on the day and help fundraise for the school.



# CREATING RESILIENT FAMILIES

MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2019 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
MT ROWAN SECONDARY COLLEGE

*We invite families of current Mt Rowan students and those commencing Year 7 in 2020, to join us for this fun, informative talk by Andrew Fuller.*

ANDREW FULLER IS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST WHO HAS DEVELOPED THE RESILIENCE OF OVER 193,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AND WORKS IN OVER 600 COMMUNITIES NATIONALLY.

The talk will include:

- The active ingredients of resilience and how parents can develop these in their children
- Friendship skills
- Parenting tricky kids
- Creating happy, confident and empowered young people
- Building self esteem and dealing with set backs
- The essential conversations to have with your child

**REGISTER:** [www.creating-resilient-families-talk-mtrowan.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.creating-resilient-families-talk-mtrowan.eventbrite.com.au)  
**OR contact Fiona Bullen at Ballarat Community Health Ph 5338 4561 [fionab@bchc.org.au](mailto:fionab@bchc.org.au)**



### Term 3 Calendar - Draft 3 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019

WEEK 1	Mon	15-Jul	Mrs Anderson on Leave= Mrs Maguire
	Tue	16-Jul	Walk to School Program <b>on hold until weather conditions improve</b>
	Wed	17-Jul	School Council Meeting
	Thu	18-Jul	Breakfast program begins again
	Fri	19-Jul	
WEEK 2	Mon	22-Jul	Parent Opinion Survey letters forwarded to randomly selected parents
	Tue	23-Jul	
	Wed	24-Jul	
	Thu	25-Jul	3 /4L Parent Teacher Student 3 Way Conferences. 3 /4L attending school as per usual
	Fri	26-Jul	National Schools Tree Day planting session with 3 /4L- 10am <b>Sunday 11am- Pozieres Ceremony- Arch- Ballarat</b>
WEEK 3	Mon	29-Jul	<b>PowerCor- assisted 'generator' power across the school 9-3pm. Power off between 8-9am &amp; 3-4pm. Please dress to be warm! We will do our best to keep the day as routine as possible!</b>
	Tue	30-Jul	Year 5 /6s Hepburn Shire- conducting Walkability audit with Wesley students in township
	Wed	31-Jul	Junior School Council Meeting
	Thu	01-Aug	Koorie SSGs
	Fri	02-Aug	
WEEK 4	Mon	05-Aug	Mrs Anderson returns from Leave
	Tue	06-Aug	Koorie SSGs School Captains & Vice Captains attending the Parliamentary Convention- Melb
	Wed	07-Aug	Year 6-7 Transition placement letters home to Year 6 families
	Thu	08-Aug	
	Fri	09-Aug	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August- Young Vinnies Activity Day- 10 students attending. Parent Opinion Survey extended!</b>
WEEK 5	Mon	12-Aug	Miss Lee- Principal Intern- supporting Ms Jardine and school for several weeks. 😊
	Tue	13-Aug	Indoor Soccer Championship Years 3/4
	Wed	14-Aug	Indoor Soccer Championship Years 5/6 School Council Meeting
	Thu	15-Aug	Words in Winter – selected pieces collected today
	Fri	16-Aug	Fire Drill- during break time practice <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>- Parent Opinion Survey now closes!</b>
WEEK 6			<b>Australian Children's Book Week – theme= Reading is my secret power! Inclusion in Clunes Library activities!</b>
	Mon	19-Aug	<b>Hamper Raffle drawn out! Hard rubbish collection across the town- including school</b>
	Tue	20-Aug	
	Wed	21-Aug	
	Fri	23-Aug	Book Week- Dress Up Parade & Focus Day
WEEK 7	Mon	26-Aug	
	Tue	27-Aug	
	Wed	28-Aug	
	Thu	29-Aug	
	Fri	30-Aug	<b>Wesley Concert @ Clunes PS</b>
WEEK 8	Mon	02-Sep	
	Tue	03-Sep	
	Wed	04-Sep	Junior School Council Meeting
	Thu	05-Sep	
	Fri	06-Sep	
WEEK 9	Mon	09-Sep	
	Tue	10-Sep	<b>Student Free Day-Staff full day CPR &amp; First Aid Training</b>
	Wed	11-Sep	School Council meeting
	Thu	12-Sep	School Disco
	Fri	13-Sep	
WEEK 10	Mon	16-Sep	
	Tue	17-Sep	Major Games - Daylesford TBC
	Wed	18-Sep	
	Thu	19-Sep	
	Fri	20-Sep	Last Day of Term 3 Footy Parade/ Coin fundraiser 1pm finish