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We are safe.*

Thursday 28th November 2019

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School

Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see **Term 4 # draft 3** Calendar on back page ☺

Clunes Newsagency BBQ has been postponed until further notice.

Prep 2020 enrolments completed before Monday 9th December please!

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I would like to thank you all for the very positive feedback and helpful hints received following our Grass Fire Emergency last Thursday.

At a time of heightened and significant concern for students, families and staff, the staff, in my absence at Energy Breakthrough, acted in a calm, reassuring and professional manner, following Emergency Services and Department of Education rules and processes at all times.

Thankfully, all of our school community members remain safe, even though some of our current and past members have lost property and fencing. We are fully aware that until we receive significant rain we will remain under some threat, particularly on days of high winds (for the school from the north) and dry weather conditions.

The Department of Education continues to offer counselling support in regards to this event. Please make contact with me to discuss this need further at any time. The Department of Education has regularly checked in to ensure that all at school are okay.

Following the Emergency, I have made contact with students, staff, the Emergency Services and the Department of Education to discuss the event and relay our thoughts and reflections to refine and possibly improve processes in the future.

The Department of Education has also updated and changed the New Emergency SMS option to enable schools at risk of Bush Fire to effectively communicate with parents during the Fire Danger periods. As of Friday 22/11/19 new messages can be relayed via the Office CASES21 management system, similar to how absences are relayed at present. This, of course, is dependent on electricity, so mobile phones will continue to be a critical back-up for school.

Please ensure that your emergency contact details are consistently kept up to date.

Thank you, Sonia

Wishing you all a terrific fortnight ahead. Kind regards, Sonia & Staff ☺

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4



Our Term 4 You Can Do It focus is:
Confidence

Prep B – Charlie, Sophia	1/2B – Corina, whole class 1 /2B
2/3LM – Blake, Sigh	3/4L – Jay, Bethany
5/6A – Tara, Quinton	5/6D – Rowan,
Chaplain's Award – Clunes PS Community	

Daylesford College Year 7 2020 Info Night

When: Monday 2nd Dec

Time: 6 – 7pm

Place: Daylesford College B wing

This is an important evening for all students starting in year 7 in 2020. All students who will be in year 7 in 2020 should attend the evening with a parent or guardian.



Clunes Football Netball Club

Under 12's and Auskick

Football clinics are being held for all boys and girls 12 and under.

Sunday 27th October

Sunday 17th November

Sunday 8th December

Each session will commence at 10.00am and conclude no later than 11.15am.

The clinics will be at the football ground.

The aim of the sessions is to have fun whilst learning and practicing ball skills

Bookings are not required. Turn up on the day

Further details contact Lindsay Pritchard 0427 028 556



A huge congratulations to our Energy Breakthrough Team – DYNAMITE for a fantastic effort at Maryborough on the weekend!

Our Placings were:

HPV A1 Category Trial (race) – 2nd

HPV A1 Overall placing (design, display and race) – 3rd

HPV A1 & A2 combined – 27th out of 93 schools.



A massive thankyou to our families for their help and support leading up to and during the event.

Also to our sponsors:

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- O'Hara's Bakery



Liz's After School Care Gang **WON** a First and a Second at the Clunes Show last weekend. Well done to all the amazingly talented children who contributed to our win Scare Crows, they look amazing. We won a meat voucher for our **AWESOME** Scare Crows and plan on celebrating with a BBQ at Queens Park.



We are taking bookings for the January SCHOOL HOLIDAYS and the 2020 New School Year.

Come see Liz in the Hall or call Shirlene on 5348 3272

In Art this term, we have focused on the amazing images from the classic 'Alice in Wonderland' and the range of styles and interpretations by artists since 1865.

The Queen of Hearts, Alice, the Cheshire Cat and all of the rest have been created in 2D form in the Art Room and then brought to life on the stage of our 2019 school Musical, "Wonder in Alice land".

All of the students of our school have had the opportunity to show their artistic talents at the Clunes Show. This year, our artwork was for display only: The decision was made not to award prizes, but to celebrate the students and the individual creativity and self-expression of all their art work. Congratulations to all!



Art
Term
4



Alice
in
Wonderland



Avoid doing deals with kids

- BEHAVIOUR

by Michael Grose

Have you ever said something like this to one of your kids? *“If you eat all your dinner up, I’ll let you use my iPad for five minutes.”*

Most kids under the age of ten would empty their plate in an instant with that sort of carrot dangled in their face. But it’s a tricky game you play when you start to do deals with kids to win their cooperation. For a start, you need to be prepared to raise the stakes as the novelty of five minutes of iPad use will soon wear off.

This would also mean you need to be prepared to keep dealing with your kids, as they soon learn that if they hang out long enough, Mum/Dad or whoever will offer me a juicy enticement to win my favours.

You get what you negotiate

Keep doing deals with kids enough and they learn that they get what you negotiate. That’s fine in the business-world, but hard work in families.

I’ve seen mums who deal with kids because they just want peace and quickly. I’ve also seen dads deal with their kids because they simply enjoy negotiating. They see it as a game. That’s hard work for their partner who doesn’t use those methods.

Kids who do deals

Sometimes it’s kids who do the negotiating. *“You want me to go to bed at 8.00pm do you? Well I’ll go to bed at 8 o’clock if I can have a TV in my room”* says a born negotiator.

It takes a savvy parent to say, “Actually, no. That’s not going to happen.” Sometimes we become involved in child-initiated deals before we’re even aware it’s happening. Again kids can take advantage of busy, tired or time-poor parents.

The last resort

If doing deals with kids to get cooperation is a strategy you use then it should be a strategy of last resort (*to use when your mother comes to visit; when you are dog-tired; or when you want a cosy Sunday morning in bed*), not the first one you use when you want your kids to behave well.

Here are 5 alternatives to ‘doing deals’ with kids:

1. Catch them doing the right thing: Make a bit of a fuss when your kids behave as you want. Tell your face that you are pleased with your kids so it lights up, and kids get to notice you are happy with their behaviour. This is based on the premise that parent recognition (“Mum/Dad is happy with me”) is a high driver for many kids.

2. Reward them after the behaviour you want: Avoid saying, *“If you behave well on our shopping trip I’ll buy you a matchbox car.”* This is bribery, which is tied up with the art of dealing. Instead, show your appreciation with a treat after they have behaved well. The order of events makes a huge difference!
3. Manage like a cat: There are times when a child or teen needs to know that “No means no” rather than “No is just a suggestion”. A message delivered with firm body language, a still head and a clear, flat voice without intonation indicates to a child or teen that you are serious and that no further communication is to be entered into. This non-verbal communication is quite cat-like, thus the cat metaphor for parent credibility.
4. Let consequences be your friend: Let your actions, or lack of action, do the talking. Rather than negotiating with kids to pack their toys away, put toys that are left around into the ‘mystery bin’ for a time. You may need to hold firm to a tantrum when you use this method, but hang tough so your child sees that you really mean what you say and do.
5. Focus on you, not them: Want them to go bed on time? Then start reading their bedtime story at the agreed time whether they are there or not. (This works well if your child is a reader! Not so good if your child isn’t interested in books. It’s the principle that counts). Resist calls for ‘that’s not fair!’ as not being in bed at an agreed time is not fair on you either! The simple shift from telling them what to do to telling them what you will do makes a massive difference particularly when you have a child who doesn’t like to be told what to do.

Nothing works all the time so smart parents know they need to have a number of different strategies at their disposal when they want cooperation from their kids. They also have a hierarchy of responses that places ‘making deals with kids’ their last resort, rather than their first option.

In fact, it may be best to leave doing deals out of your parenting armoury altogether and focus on using other communications methods instead.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia’s leading parenting educators. He’s the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.

2020

Staff officially begin- Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th January, 2020

ALL Students begin- Thursday 30th January, 2020 at 8.45am.

Prep/ Foundation students have a Rest/Assessment Day each Wednesday for the first 6-7 Weeks of Term 1, 2020

This term 2/3LM have been busy writing narratives, learning the skills of telling a story with an orientation, complication and resolution. Here are a few of our students Big Write stories.

One bright and sunny day I was at the park trying out my new super suit.

I pressed a button when suddenly I went flying into the air. I went spinning really quickly. I tried to press the button but it would not turn off.

So I undid the zip and took it off.

It was a really scary trying to take off the super suit.

By Zarah

Grade 2

One dark day Branden and I decided to go to a haunted house in the woods.

Then we saw the haunted house. Branden and I walked inside. Suddenly the doors slammed shut, at this point we knew it was a bad idea.

All of a sudden we started to get attacked by zombies and skeletons. With a blink of an eye skeletons started attacking Branden.

I destroyed all of the zombies, Branden took care of all the skeletons.

All of a sudden the skeleton king arose from the ground and said "You'll never defeat me!" suddenly I felt power in me, with a blink of an eye a giant boat fell on the skeleton king.

I made a hole through the haunted house and Branden and I never went back there ever again.

By Callan

Grade 3





**ON
TONIGHT!**

Wonder in Aliceland

Performances 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm

Dear Parents,

These are the arrangements for Thursday 28th of November performances.

Main Cast only need to arrive at the hall at 3.30 for makeup as there are over 25 children involved. We need time with them alone to get organised.

All other children can arrive at the side door to the supper room at 4pm for makeup. They will need to sit in their class groups. Their teacher will take charge of them at this stage as it can be a bit chaotic trying to dress and make-up so many children. If your child is able to wear foundation, eye shadow, blush and face paint could you please put foundation on them before they arrive. All product is applied with cotton buds and cotton balls so that the procedures are hygienic and individual.

Between performances we will provide the children with sandwiches, fruit and a drink.

The sandwich fillers will be ham, chicken meat, cheese and vegemite.

The fruit will be –apples and bananas.

Children with special dietary requirements can of course bring their own food.

The drink will be water and cordial.

All children can wear their performance clothes on the night. Main cast and children with costumes provided will need a named plastic bag to put their other clothes in. All other children have costumes that go over or are added to their recommended performance clothes.

Children will need to be picked up at the side entrance at approximately 8.45pm.

Please wait outside the supper room door that is on the east side of the building and the class teachers will ensure that your child/children are brought to you. No child will be allowed to leave without parents.

As it is a big night for the children, particularly the young ones, if a little sleep-in is needed on Friday morning we understand!!! We have a more relaxed day after such a big night.

Kind regards.

Di Bongiorno

Please return this note to the office as soon as possible if you are able to assist.

We will also need some help Thursday afternoon the 28th November at 1.30 to make sandwiches for the evening meal. I _____ will be able to assist in making sandwiches on Thursday afternoon.

Signed _____

Term 4 Calendar – Draft 3 - 28th November 2019

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WEEK 1	Mon	7-Oct	First day of Term 4 BOOK FAIR BEGINS LATER THIS WEEK
	Tue	8-Oct	Walk to School Program begins (Hepburn Shire Challenge until Nov 1)
	Wed	9-Oct	School Council Meeting
	Thu	10-Oct	Breakfast program begins again BOOK FAIR BEGINS TODAY
	Fri	11-Oct	Young Vinnies Camp – 11 th -13 th Oct Pax Hill Camp (9 students)
WEEK 2	Mon	14-Oct	EB = Energy Breakthrough- Clunes 'Team Dynamite' 2019 16 Yr 5 & Yr 6 representatives
	Tue	15-Oct	5 /6 students begin 5 week Swimming Program Session 1
	Wed	16-Oct	EB after school training
	Thu	17-Oct	Energy Breakthrough fundraiser- Walkathon- House Competition
	Fri	18-Oct	Book Fair- 3-4pm Saturday 19 th Oct- school Working Bee- 8am Book Fair 10am-4pm
WEEK 3	Mon	21-Oct	Werribee Zoo excursion- Yrs 3,4,5,6
	Tue	22-Oct	Somers Camp 22 nd - 30 th Oct (12 students attending) 5 /6 students Swimming Prog S2 Koorie SSG meetings
	Wed	23-Oct	Junior School Council Meeting EB after school training
	Thu	24-Oct	
	Fri	25-Oct	World Teachers Day Waubra Wind Farm 10 yr Anniversary
WEEK 4	Mon	28-Oct	
	Tue	29-Oct	5 /6 students Swimming Program S3
	Thu	31-Oct	
	Fri	1-Nov	
WEEK 5	Mon	4-Nov	
	Tue	5-Nov	5 /6 students Swimming Program S4 Snail Races- bring a snail to school to race 😊
	Wed	6-Nov	
	Thu	7-Nov	Kinder Transition 1 9-11am
	Fri	8-Nov	BALLARAT SHOW –PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEEK 6	Mon	11-Nov	Remembrance Day (School Captains & Sonia & Julie to attend 11am Service) 1 minute silence at school
	Tue	12-Nov	5 /6 students Swimming Program- last session S5
	Wed	13-Nov	Parents Club – Hot Lunch Picnic Day TBC EB after school training School Council EB presentation at SC- 8pm
	Thu	14-Nov	
	Fri	15-Nov	Saturday 16 th Nov: CLUNES SHOW- helpers please
WEEK 7	Mon	18-Nov	Julie's last day School Musical – Town Hall rehearsal am
	Tue	19-Nov	2 /3 & 3/4 students begin 5 week Swimming Program Session 1
	Wed	20-Nov	P & 1 /2 students begin 5 week Swimming Program Session 1 EB after school training EB set up Maryb'
	Thu	21-Nov	Kinder Transition 2 9-11am Musical – Town Hall rehearsal pm EB event- most of the day
	Fri	22-Nov	EB event – all day Saturday 23 rd Nov- EB event- until 1pm ish Sunday 24 th Nov- Town Hall Musical set-up
WEEK 8	Mon	25-Nov	Musical – Town Hall Full Dress rehearsal am
	Tue	26-Nov	2 /3 & 3/4 students Swimming Program S2
	Wed	27-Nov	P & 1 /2 students Swimming Program S2 Junior School Council Meeting
	Thu	28-Nov	SCHOOL MUSICAL- 2 performances
	Fri	29-Nov	Musical Clean Up Saturday 30- Nov The Clunes Newsagency reopening BBQ has been POSTPONED- new date to be confirmed!
WEEK 9	Mon	2-Dec	School fundraiser- Donated slices & cakes for the Wesley farewell dinner. To Wesley for 5pm.
	Tue	3-Dec	2 /3 & 3/4 students Swimming Program S3
	Wed	4-Dec	P & 1 /2 students Swimming Program S3
	Thu	5-Dec	Kinder Transition 3 11am -1pm
	Fri	6-Dec	Christmas in Clunes 2019 – parade 7pm
WEEK 10	Mon	9-Dec	
	Tue	10-Dec	2 /3 & 3/4 students Swimming Program S4 Kinder Transition 4 9am -1pm State-Wide Transition Day
	Wed	11-Dec	P & 1 /2 students Swimming Program S4 5pm School Council Meeting 6.30pm School Council dinner
	Thu	12-Dec	Community Carols & Yr 6 Resilience Project Production
	Fri	13-Dec	Parent Helper End of Year THANK YOU MORNING TEA
WEEK 11	Mon	16-Dec	Focus Day- Christmas Theme TBC
	Tue	17-Dec	2 /3 & 3/4 students Swimming Program last session Semester 2 Reports & 2020 Class Lists home TBC
	Wed	18-Dec	P & 1 /2 students Swimming Program last session 9am Instrumental Music Concert- MP Hall
	Thu	19-Dec	Year 6 Graduation
	Fri	20-Dec	Last day of Term 4 & 2019 School Year 1pm finish FREE DRESS