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We are safe.*

Thursday 12th December 2019

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tonight! Year 6 'Casting Off' Resilience Project Performance. 5.30pm MP Hall



Tonight! See you here at 6.30!

Christmas BBQ and Carols Evening at Clunes Primary School

Members of the Clunes Community are most welcome to attend. **Free BBQ – 6:30 – 7:20pm Carols – 7:20 – 8:00pm**

Hampers- Winners drawn out Visit from Santa & Elf

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Photos of our School Captains 2020 voting process.

We were very impressed by the calibre of the speeches. Well done to all nominees!



2020 School Captains

On Friday 6th December, **20** nominees for the School Captain role for 2020 delivered their prepared speeches to their fellow Years 3-6 students, the senior staff, parents and family members and friends.

Students and staff voted following the speeches.

It gives me immense pleasure to be able to announce:

Our 2020 School Captains are:

Reece Henderson-Drife and Benji Featherston

Our 2020 School Vice-Captains are:

Sienna McLure and Charlie Day

Congratulations to all of our nominees.

Best wishes to you all for a positive last week of Term 4!

Term 4 Summary of the Term Newsletter next week. ☺

Kind regards, Sonia & CPS staff.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4



Our Term 4 You Can Do It focus is:
Confidence

Prep B – All Preps, Oliver	1/2B – Miley, Killian, Cruz, Isaac
2/3LM – Callan,	3/4L – Tom
5/6A – Reece,	5/6D – Jayde
Chaplain's Award –	

Chaplain's message...

Hi everyone,

A big thankyou for your warm welcome into this wonderful community! I'm quickly seeing why your previous Chaplain Julie McDowell loved working here at Clunes PS. She is without doubt a special lady who we all will miss. However I'm sure the effect of her support and words of encouragement will continue on ☺.

A little about myself: my wife Cherine and I live in Wendouree and have been married for 18 incredible years! We have three beautiful primary aged kids, with our eldest about to start Secondary School next year. Some of my hobbies and interests include music, motorsport, rubiks cube, and bike riding. Mr Burke and I enjoyed a ride to work and back home last Friday. Well more to the point he towed me along in his draft ☺! It was good fun and great exercise!

My initial wellbeing focus for the rest of this year and into 2020, is to continue building relationships with the amazing staff, make lots of classroom visits, and enjoy the company of students out in the playground during recess and lunch. I also enjoy meeting a number of parents and carers during drop off and pickup.

There have already been a few highlights for me in this short time. Some of which are:

- Drumbeat session with Julie before she left
- Witnessing students eat raw broccoli and cauliflower with their fruit and vegie platter ☺
- The clowning / resilience work of Luke O'Connor and Christy Flaws
- And who can forget those incredible Captaincy speeches! Every candidate can hold their head up high, well done ☺!!!

I wish you all the very best and more for Christmas and the New Year. May it be full of grace and peace ☺!

Michael Lewis - Chaplain

Congratulations!

Charlie Day with Cr. Neil Newitt receiving the
**2019 Hepburn Shire
Clunes PS Student Citizenship Award**





2 2020 Preps & Yr 6 'Buddies' Transition Day



Class/ classroom and teaching structure in 2020

2020 Teaching Staff and Teaching Staff Class/ Specialist Allocations

I am pleased to be able to announce to the school community that our 2020 Teaching Staff and Class/ Specialist allocations are:

Prep B- & Reading Recovery- Mrs B (Di Bongiorno)

1/ 2B – Mr Ash Burke

2/ 3LM- Mrs Cassie Mitchell & Mrs Wendy Laurie

3/ 4L- Mrs Felicity Longmire

5 /6D- Miss Jordyn Dargaville

5/ 6 AT- Mrs Vicki Anderson & Mrs Sarah Tuddenham

Physical Education Teacher P- 6 & Support Teacher (across the School, Extending Mathematical Understanding- EMU, Literacy Support, PE & Magic Maths 3 /4 & Seniors Friday) – Mr. Paul James

Visual Arts Specialist- Mr. Ross Adams

Environmental Education & Kitchen Garden Program Specialist - Mrs. Wendy Laurie

Japanese Specialist teacher- Sensei Kirrily Urquhart

Blu Earth, Respectful Relationships & Values Specialists – integrated into our regular learning programs

Classroom Teachers will remain in their 2019 classrooms. Please see the map below.

Mrs Val McNeight, Mrs Liz Garth & Mrs Jan Miles will fulfil Education Support- Aide Positions for 1 day each in 2020.

Mrs Kristin O'Brien will be our Business Manager Monday- Thursday and Mrs Jan Miles will support the Office on Fridays.

Mr. Michael Lewis will return as our school Chaplain.

Mr Damian Meade will return as our IT Technician role.

Ms Antoinette Dillon will once again be conducting private Instrumental Music lessons at our school in 2020.

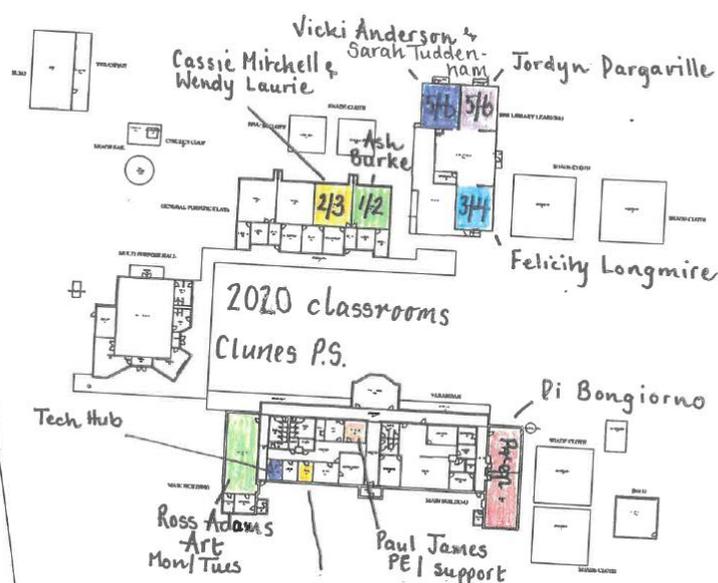
Since the beginning of 2013 our enrolment number has fluctuated by up to 30 students. In an action to continue to retain smaller class sizes across the school and to ensure equity (as much as possible) across the school, we have decided to retain our 2019 class structures across the school.

You can be assured that teacher knowledge, planning, teacher curriculum delivery and assessment and reporting will remain of a very high quality.

Clunes Primary School will undertake a School Review in Term 2 2020.

Please make an appointment to meet with me, with your concern, in writing, should you have any issue about the structure.

Kind regards, Sonia



Semester 2 Student Achievement Reports and 2020 class lists will go home on Tuesday 17th December 2019.

Your kids will appreciate the right focus at report time

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration...easily distracted...a pleasure to teach...

School reports can mean anxious times for children too. 'Will my parents be disappointed or proud?' is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Focus your attention on these aspects to make sense of children's reports:

Expectations

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high, then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with a child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may give you a good yardstick.

Different rates of learning

Remember there are **slow bloomers**, **late developers** and **steady-as-you-go kids** in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were young. Instead, look for individual progress.

Safeguard confidence

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible

Here are 5 ideas to pass to think about before reading your child's report:

- 1. Look for strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- 2. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you can't ask any more than that.
- 3. Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future.
- 4. Take note of student's self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- 5. Discuss the report with your child talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** Ask your child how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Be mindful that no matter how good, bad or indifferent your child's report may be, he or she can wipe the slate clean and make a brand new start next year. And it's amazing the difference a summer holiday can make. Michael Grose



Yr 6 Resilience Project Production – ‘Casting Off’ - 5.30pm – Multi-Purpose Hall

Join the grade 6 class of 2019 as they prepare for a voyage into uncharted waters. A playful and moving exploration of what you need to plan for and take with you as you head on to the next big adventure.

Thank you for contributing to our Christmas Hamper raffle once again at our **Carols Night TONIGHT Thursday 12th December. GOOD LUCK!**

Regards, Di Bongiorno.



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Visit from Santa & his Elf 😊

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

School Library – end of year requirements

As the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, it is time for our school Library to close. I would like all of our books to be returned as soon as possible, so that end of year records can be finalised.

When returning books, they can be placed in the black tub near the Library desk or can be handed to Jan. If for some reason you cannot find the book or the book has been damaged please come and see me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Jan Miles.



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



Cyberbullying Tips for parents



Stay calm & open - listen to your child to understand how they are feeling before deciding what to do

Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens

Help your child to block unfriendly users & manage their contact with others

Collect evidence such as screenshots & **report cyberbullying** to the social media service - see eSafety for help

Contact the school & talk about what's happening

Get professional help & support if you notice any changes in your child that concern you



Cyberbullying Extra information & support



Parentline
13 22 89
Kids helpline
1800 55 1800



eSafety Commissioner
Bully Stoppers
Bullying. No Way!
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As you have read and seen our School Musical was held last week on Thursday 28th November. There were 2 Shows- 5pm & 7.30pm. We hope that you enjoyed the Musical! Our students certainly did ... and we've since received very positive feedback! Thank you Mrs. B our Musical Director and all staff and parent helpers!

The DVD is now available to Order from the Office. Cost \$22 (as in 2015 & 2017) Pre-payment is necessary. Thank you.

Tole - Images

Tole - Images is a boutique photography business specialising in children's portraiture. It has been my pleasure to photograph the students at the Clunes Primary Musicals for several years.

Photographs from this year's Musical will be displayed at the Office and available to order as a 6x4 colour print.

Please use the numbers as displayed at the top right hand corner of the display photos when ordering prints.

Numbers will not be displayed on purchased prints.

Photo orders taken: December 9 - December 17.

An order form will be provided for your convenience.

Prints will be delivered to Clunes P.S. on December 19.

Payment is required at the time of ordering - \$4 per photo or 3 for \$10.

Please note: all photographs taken by Tole-Images are subject to copyright.

Wonder in Alice Land Photo Order Form

Name

Contact No.

Child's Name

Photo No.(s)

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Term 4 Calendar – Draft 4 4 th December 2019			
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	
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 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
	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
	Thu	21-Nov	Kinder Transition 2 9-11am
WEEK 8	Mon	25-Nov	
	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	
	Fri	29-Nov	Musical Clean Up Saturday 30- Nov
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 School Captains 2020- EOI to Ms Jardine
	Thu	5-Dec	Kinder Transition session 3 11am -1pm
	Fri	6-Dec	School Captains 2020- Speeches 9am. Voting for selection Yrs 3-5 after the speeches. Calls to families Christmas in Clunes 2019 – parade 7pm. Float participants meet Ms. Jardine at 6.30pm as per note
WEEK 10	Mon	9-Dec	Formal School Captains 2020 announcement & welcome at Assembly. Hepburn Shire – Student Citizenship Award 2019.
	Tue	10-Dec	State-Wide Transition Day 2 /3 & 3/4 students Swimming Program S4 Kinder Transition 4 9am -1pm
	Wed	11-Dec	P & 1 /2 students Swimming Program S4 School Council -4 .30 Finance meeting 5pm School Council Meeting 6.30pm School Council dinner
	Thu	12-Dec	Year 6 Resilience Project Production 5.30pm- Multi- Purpose Hall. Community Carols- BBQ= 6.30- 7.15pm, Carols 7.20- 8pm (including Hampers drawn) & Santa!
	Fri	13-Dec	11am Parent Helper End of Year THANK YOU MORNING TEA SSG Meeting
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	2020 Years 1- 6 Transition experience 2.30pm Year 6 Graduation
	Fri	20-Dec	Last day of Term 4 & 2019 School Year 1pm finish FREE DRESS