



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

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"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Mini Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

*important Return to School information detailed below. All staff return to work at school from Monday 25th May- Student Free Day (exemptions apply)

P/1/2s return Tuesday 26th May. 3/4/5/6s return Tuesday 9th June.

Further information from DET to follow. 😊

Please contact the school/ Sonia with any questions or concerns.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school community has managed all that has happened since the end of Term 1, linked to COVID-19 absolutely brilliantly! **Thank you!** The information detailed below is now designed to help all students, parents and staff to successfully **return to school** in a safe and respectful manner. There will be some changes to the way we will interact with each other. If and when you have a question or concern please make contact with us.

CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN- Term 2, 2020



Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you will be aware following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer and as announced by the Victorian Government, schools will begin a transition back to on-site schooling for students beginning next week.

- **MONDAY 25TH MAY – no students at school.**
All available staff on-site (State-wide) to prepare for transition back to school.
- **TUESDAY 26TH MAY –** Years Prep, 1 & 2 return to school –regular school hours for Clunes PS
Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 remain engaged with Remote Learning at Home. (Learning Packs collected Thursdays)
- **MONDAY 8TH JUNE- PUBLIC HOLIDAY- QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND**
- **TUESDAY 9TH JUNE –** Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 return to school –regular school hours for Clunes PS

We have developed the following plan to ensure that we are adhering to the government guidelines in regards to social distancing and safe hygiene practices. **Please note that the social distancing measures relate to adults, not the students.** The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has advised that a 'venue density rule' of no more than one person per four square metres is not appropriate or practical in classrooms or corridors, nor maintaining 1.5 metres between students during classroom activities. Therefore, the previous established ratio of 10 students per class is no longer required in schools.

- **SCHOOL TIMES- regular school times for Clunes Primary School- NOT Staggered**
- **School Bus – regular times**

All students will start at 8.45am as usual and will finish school at 3:00 pm. These times will apply from the first day back 26th May.

- **SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICK UP- multiple entry and exit points- please choose one and then try to set up a routine to use that one spot to meet your child/ children.**
- **The Student Entrance Gate, The School Oval Gate, The Front of School Gate & The Staff Car Park Gate will all be available for entry/ exit. Staff will monitor the Front of school and Staff Car Park.**

As the main risk of introducing coronavirus to the school environment is from adults, close proximity between adult members of the school community should be avoided, particularly during school drop off and pick up. We encourage staff and parents to maintain physical distancing measures by not congregating in areas inside or outside the school.

All parents are required to stay outside the school grounds when dropping off and picking up their children, **with the exception of Prep parents and those with children with an ongoing heightened anxiety about returning to school.** When doing so please ensure that appropriate 1.5 metre social distancing is adhered to between adults. If you need to enter the school grounds for exceptional circumstances we ask that you minimise your time in and around the school grounds.

We request that Prep parents drop off and pick up their child/ren via the Prep Main Building Door. We understand that the return to school may be quite emotional for some of our junior students. Mrs B will be attending school.

We ask that parents not enter the school grounds or buildings unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If your child is able to come into and leave school with a sibling or is comfortable walking into school on their own, then this is also an option for you.

Parents are encouraged to only enter the school grounds when ESSENTIAL to do so and can contact the school by either phone or email.

• SCHOOL LEARNING PROGRAM

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you elect to keep your child/ren home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, the school will be no longer expected to support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health/medical reasons. For those families, please contact Ms Jardine so that we can make an appropriate plan. Teachers will be planning a start-up program of activities for students when they return to school as they transition back to face-face teaching. **For our students, this is the longest time that they have ever been away from school. For our Prep students, some may not even remember the beginning of the school year. Our school year will be effectively beginning again.** Our focus will be on re-establishing connections, getting to know each other again, establishing school expectations and routines.

We acknowledge it is going to be extremely important for us to support students to return to a normal routine, acknowledge the situation, provide developmentally suitable information about what is occurring, as well as providing a safe space for students to raise their concerns and feelings.

We ask that all families that have school/ DET ICT equipment – iPads and internet dongles, to return these to school on the first day your child returns back to school.

• LATE ATTENDANCE

If your child has arrived late to school we ask that you drop them off at the Main Front Gate and call the Office (53453182) so office staff are aware. Office staff will sign the student into school and walk them to their classroom. Once again, we ask that adults do not enter the school buildings or grounds if at all possible.

• EARLY LEAVERS

Please call the Office if you need to collect your child early from school. Exit at this time will only be through the **front main gate**. Your child will be delivered to the Office and escorted out to you by a staff member.

• CONTACT WITH SCHOOL

If, for any reason, you need to contact school, please continue to call/email the Office or Ms Jardine. Teams can be used for Senior students while they are continuing remote learning.

Phone: 5345 3182

Email: clunes.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au jardine.sonia.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

- **LUNCH ORDERS- NO LUNCH ORDERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE- Term 3 restart TBC**
- **No Lunches heated/toasted at school. Term 3 restart TBC**

We will keep you informed via the Newsletter.

• PARENT HELPERS

Unfortunately there will be no parent helpers permitted on-site this term.

- **BREAKFAST CLUB- NO BREAKFAST CLUB THIS TERM- Term 3 restart TBC**

As our Breakfast Club is managed by Community and Parent Volunteers we unfortunately will need to postpone it until further notice.

• SAFE HYGIENE PRACTICES

Hand sanitiser and hand soap will be available throughout the school. Teachers will also implement regular hand washing routines throughout the day. Students can bring their own hand sanitiser from home to use in the classroom, particularly if they are sensitive to specific ingredients. We will also have additional cleaning throughout the day, focusing on cleaning high traffic areas, door handles and the like.

We would ask you to talk with your children about how to wash their hands thoroughly and why we are doing this so that the process is not a difficult one for your child.

- **SPECIALIST PROGRAMS**

The Visual Arts, Physical Education and LOTE Japanese programs will resume as usual for the remainder of the term as per the timetable. Each year level team will notify you of the days that your child's class has a particular specialist lesson. (if it has changed)

- **ASSEMBLIES /CAMPS /EXCURSIONS**

Current Department advice is that school Assemblies, Excursions, Camps and other non-essential large gatherings must be postponed. Once all students have returned to school we will investigate the option of using technology to conduct online assemblies. We will keep you informed about other possible changes/ inclusions once school begins again.

- **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

After School Care onsite will continue to operate with the relevant risk mitigation measures in place.

- **PLAYGROUND- NEW PLAYGROUND NOT QUITE READY – hopefully beginning of Term 3**
- **RECESS & LUNCH BREAKS AT REGULAR TIMES- not staggered**

Students will have Recess and Lunch Breaks at the regular time. We will monitor this however as we move from P-2s attending only, to then having all students on-site. Should we believe there is the need to stagger times we will let you know.

Students will be allowed to use the playground equipment as usual. Extra cleaning will be completed daily. Once all students are back to on-site we will assess whether we need to introduce different zones for play. We are thankfully blessed with an extensive playing site.

- **WATER BOTTLES**

Students will be expected to bring their own water bottles for use at school as students will not be permitted to drink directly from the bubble taps at this time. Taps will be used to refill water bottles.

- **STUDENT & STAFF HEALTH**

If your child is unwell in any way, they must be kept at home and seek medical advice. At this time, we cannot compromise the health and safety of other students and staff. Please ensure your contact details are up to date so that we can call you if your child is sick or injured.

Please speak with Ms Jardine should you have concerns about this area. We fully understand that as we come into Winter that we will be faced with this extra challenge (coughs/ colds etc.), but we will all work together to keep our students, families and staff safe and well. As you know, we already have students and staff at Clunes Primary School with immuno- suppressed systems, that will be returning to school and we ask that you seriously consider this and make contact with school immediately with any potential illness concerns.

We are so very excited about seeing and working with your children again. We need your help to ensure that we are all safe in the coming weeks. Please read over these items carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please make contact with us so that we can work together to have the best outcomes for you and your child as well as all other children and staff.

Thank you **Sonia Jardine** Principal **Clunes Primary School**

Same but Different

Remember your first trip to a supermarket when restrictions eased? You were excited but the whole experience was actually a little bit weird and unsettling? School might be like that. Talk to your kids in the lead up to school starting – and keep doing it in the weeks that follow.

Here are some simple questions you can ask: What are they looking forward to? Do they think that might happen in the same way – or might it need to happen differently now? What else do they think might be different? What might be the same? How does that make them feel? What's good or bad about that?

Clunes PS students have been exploring this with their teachers in the MS Teams sessions since the announcement was made about schools coming back, but having this conversation with your kids (in the car, as you walk, when they want to avoid going to bed) helps normalise the changes around us and lets you know how they are feeling.

Best wishes to you all for a healthy, safe and positive week ahead. A regular Newsletter will be forwarded home to all families again next Thursday. Thinking of you! Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. ☺

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 2



Our current Term 2 You Can Do It focus is:
Resilience! Getting Along! Persistence! Organisation!

Prep B – All students! All families!	1/2B – All students! All families!
2/3LM – All students! All families!	3/4L – All students! All families!
5/6AT – All students! All families!	5/6D – All students! All families!
Science- Ben S-B Literacy- Cruz, Jayda, Ben T	LOTE Japanese – Ayva, Isabell W



Ayva- Origami task



James dK- Machine Educable Hexpaw Engine
– made from matchboxes and quixels. 😊



SCIENCE PROJECT WEEK 2 by Ben Spark-Brown 3/4U

Last week our science project was to investigate if shadows change throughout the day.

I chose a sunny day and placed a cricket stump in the driveway. My Mum and I measured the shadow it created four times during the day. We found that it was long in the morning and got shorter towards the middle of the day. However surprisingly it became longer again by the end of the day. This was because the earth is rotating and spinning.

My guess that it would get shorter as the day went on wasn't quite correct but I had fun doing it.

Here are the photos I took at the different times of day



8.45am



10.45am



12.45pm



3.45pm

Senses

i see the dry creek bed.

i hear the rocks making

across the water.

i smell the cold fresh

wind.

i taste the salt from

the water.

i feel the breeze on my

face.

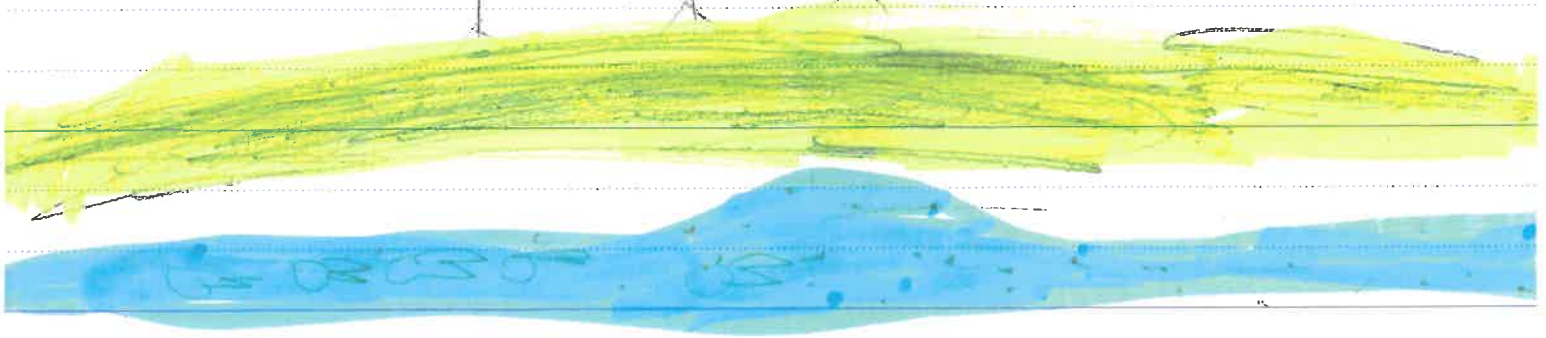
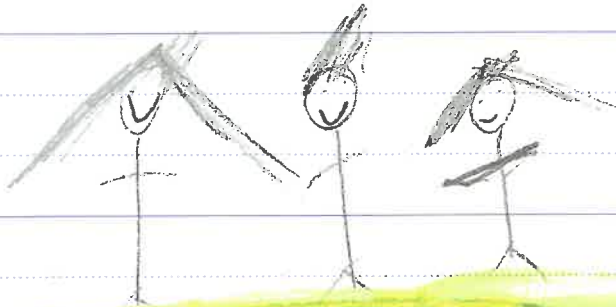
by Cerus

feelings.

I see bumpy rocks.

I hear water washing up and
down. I smell the fish.

I taste yucky fish. I feel the
hard rocks. by Jayda



The Creek's Secret

I see adventure coursing in the sap of the trees.
I hear the crickets speak to one another secretly .
I smell the wet Labrador rush through the creek.
I taste the excitement through the forest.
I feel danger at every turn.
What is out there?

Benjamin Thompson 11/5/2020



Simple Tips – for the Whole Family



Next week our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be returning to school. It's a two-edge sword for everyone. There is lots of information about how school will work. Lots of new information to remember.

But if your brain is exploding and you just want 5 top tips to help you and your child navigate back into the school environment – here they are:

1. Ease Back into a Routine

Times have been uncertain, and to a degree, they remain uncertain. Unfortunately COVID-19 is going to be with us for a while to come. But we are creatures of habit and there is comfort in routines – so start phasing them back in:

- Sleep times
- Meals – especially breakfast
- Pack your bag – especially your drink bottle
- Take a walk and pick which entrance your kids might like to use... stuff like that!

Routines will help the day become a little more predictable. So when there is a blowout (and there will be), you'll be just that little bit more robust and able to handle it.

2. Practice – and Talk Again

Washing hands, coughing into your elbow, using your own drink bottle. Practicing safe practices at home makes them an everyday habit – and that isn't a bad thing. It also gives you a chance to talk. All this emphasis on being 'safe' can actually make kids feel the opposite. So explain that these are precautions. That we can't control everything, but we can try to prevent them.

3. Be Kind – and Calm

To yourself and others. Everyone's circumstances are different. Not all of your child's friends might come back to school. Days won't always go to plan. Your child might forget their water bottle. Explain to your child (and yourself) that these are not 10's on the rictal scale. Your friend might not be at school, but maybe you want to stay in touch out of school? That would be kind, and keep them feeling connected. You might be stressed.

4. Don't be in a Rush

While school might be phasing back, our lives aren't the same. Some of us don't have the jobs we had before. Others aren't in the same financial situation. Don't rush or feel you need to conform to some sort of society expectation of what parents do when their kids are back at school. Don't feel that your kids have to as well. They are used to spending more time with you. While they'll enjoy school, they'll be missing you. A simple walk after school rather than trying to re-establish after-school activities might be just the ticket!

5. Stay in Touch

Parents won't be picking up kids from the classroom, but teachers are only a phone call away. The weekly calls from teachers during learning at home were invaluable and eased so many people's concerns. It also showed our kids how we all worked together to problem solve. So if you have questions or worries – stay in touch and simply call the school.

At the beginning of all of this Clunes PS said one thing – your family's health and wellbeing is the first and foremost priority. That message still applies.

**Learning from Home: a partnership project with Clunes PS, Clunes Neighbourhood House and Diversity Wise Educational Services*

Term 2 Calendar – Draft #5 21st May 2020 new information highlighted ☺

WEEK 1	Mon	13-Apr	Easter Monday Easter Newsletter- email Saturday 11/4
	Tue	14-Apr	Staff professional learning- STUDENT FREE DAY Telephone calls from staff to families (pm)
	Wed	15-Apr	Antoinette- Private Music Lessons CANCELLED At school UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Antoinette will make personal contact with participants. School Council Meeting – date & method TBC
	Thu	16-Apr	First Term 2 Newsletter home. (Newsletters home each fortnight & placed on the school's website) Please forward to school articles for the Newsletter. Learning Pack collection
	Fri	17-Apr	NO Breakfast Club or LUNCH ORDERS in Term 2 Student Leadership meetings will continue in Term 2 each Friday - via Teams
WEEK 2	Mon	20-Apr	
	Tue	21-Apr	
	Wed	22-Apr	School Council Meeting- online
	Thurs	23-Apr	Learning Pack collection 3-6pm
WEEK 3	Mon	27-Apr	
	Tue	28-Apr	SSG Meetings x 2
	Wed	29-Apr	
	Thu	30-Apr	Learning Pack collection- 3-6pm
	Fri	1-May	
WEEK 4	Mon	4-May	
	Wed	6-May	
	Thurs	7-May	Learning Pack collection 3-6pm. Ms Jardine supervising ONLY as all staff will be at Flu Vaccination session (DET suggestion- linked to COVID-19) ** Year 6- Year 7 Transition 2021 – documents home TODAY in Learning Pack
WEEK 5	SUN	10-MAY	MOTHER'S DAY
	Mon	11-May	
	Wed	13-May	School Council Meeting 7pm online
	Thurs	14-May	Learning Pack collection 3-6pm (last Yrs P-2 Pack) NEWSLETTER
WEEK 6	Tue	19-May	
	Wed	20-May	
	Thurs	21-May	Learning Pack collection 3-6pm (Yrs 3-6 only) - new details about our Return To School
	Fri	22-May	• Years P-2 'finishing incomplete work' / rest day
WEEK 7	Mon	25-May	STUDENT FREE DAY
	Tue	26-May	Year Prep, One & Two students return to school Multiple entry/ exits points to school. Please see details.
	Wed	27-May	
	Thurs	28-May	Learning Pack collection 3-6pm (Yrs 3-6 only) (last Yrs 3-6 Pack) NEWSLETTER
	Fri	29-May	Yr 7 2021 Transition docs FINAL DATE TO BE RETURNED TO CPS!
WEEK 8	Tue	2-Jun	
	Wed	3-Jun	
	Thu	4-Jun	
	Fri	5-Jun	• Yrs 3-6 'finishing incomplete work' / rest day
WEEK 9	Mon	8-Jun	Queen's Birthday- Long Weekend
	Tue	9-Jun	Year Three, Four, Five & Six students return to school
	Wed	10-Jun	School Council Meeting 7pm online
	Thu	11-Jun	
	Fri	12-Jun	
WEEK 10	Mon	15-Jun	
	Tue	16-Jun	
	Wed	17-Jun	
	Thu	18-Jun	
	Fri	19-Jun	
WEEK 11	Mon	22-Jun	
	Tue	23-Jun	
	Wed	24-Jun	
	Thu	25-Jun	
	Fri	26-Jun	Last day of Term 2

Term 3 begins Monday 13th July