



*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

Please see Term 1 Calendar draft #1 with added detail in next week's official first Newsletter

Students with Asthma. Please bring your clearly labelled, up to date 2021 Asthma Management Plans to school asap.

Our 2021 Prep/ Foundation students (of our Prep/ 1D class) will have a Rest/ Assessment Day- each Wednesday for the first 6-7 Weeks of Term 1, 2021. Miss Dargaville will confirm the exact date at the end of Feb. All Year 1s will attend school daily.

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Welcome to Term 1, 2021!

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our 13 new Prep (Foundation Year) students!

(and welcome their families) ...

a smiling Miss Dargaville and Liz are standing with the Year One students of course! 😊

Photo inside



*In 2021 we have a junior year-level student who is anaphylactic to NUTS!
We will need to be a NO NUTS school, as our students mix with and play with each other across the school day. Our junior school Buddies will meet for learning activities with our senior school Buddies. Thank you sincerely for considering the safety of our students as you choose what food is placed in your child's daily snack and lunch box.
*In 2021 we have a senior year-level student with a medical need that requires us to know immediately when there is Chicken Pox or a similar illness about. Please contact the Office as soon as you are aware. Again, thank you sincerely!

The Department of Education has asked all schools to forward home an Advice Sheet in regards to the **Coronavirus and current restrictions**. Please read. Should you have any questions or concerns please see Sonia at the Office. **Our 'inside' Multi- Purpose Hall Assembly time will not be able to include parents & guardians therefore we will try to conduct our Monday morning Assembly on the Basketball Court (weather permitting) until further notice.**

There has also been a Department of Education policy change linked to CODE RED days which will impact our school. Please read.

Best wishes to you all for a positive week ahead! Our first FULL Newsletter will be forwarded home next week. Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊

Victorian Chief Health Officer message to schools and their communities

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back the Victorian school community in 2021.

Following an incredible effort by students, staff, teachers, parents and carers last year, Victorian schools are well placed to safely commence the new school year. Schools will return to a largely normal program of activities, including welcoming parents and other vital members of the school community back into their grounds.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly adapted and successfully implemented measures to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in school environments. By embedding COVIDSafe principles in all its operations and reinforcing good behaviours throughout 2020, schools have created safe spaces, and are in a strong position to quickly respond to any coronavirus (COVID-19) risks that may emerge.

Given the current very low risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing, wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured that they can safely return to working and learning on site.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge over the summer break, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks. Should community cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) increase again, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases – schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness. It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant – to stay home when unwell, get tested, perform regular hand hygiene, wear a mask when required and maintain physical distancing from others when practical. Schools should consider how they can continue to pursue strategies that contribute to reduced transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Schools and parents continue to have an important role to promote and ensure testing when a child or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and then stay home. Getting tested and staying home until results are known, remains critical to limiting community transmission.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton

Victorian Chief Health Officer

The Operations Guide was last updated on Wednesday 20 January.

Face masks in schools — face masks are recommended when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school
- keep 1.5m wherever possible between yourself and other adults
- avoid handshakes and hugs
- wash your hands regularly.



For detailed information visit:
www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

Please do not enter if you have any of the following symptoms:

- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- in certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered.



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Newsletter article: Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Schools at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4)

Clunes Primary School is a rated as a School at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4) school by the Department of Education.

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and **NOW those at risk of grassfire (Category 4) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire or grassfire risk.**



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message/phone tree. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00pm on the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes that travel through the Code Red area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our annual Emergency Management Plan, prioritising any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your current mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our fortnightly newsletters, by checking our website- www.clunesps@edu.au and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



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Preps 2021 (of P/1D)

Term 1 Calendar – Draft #1 January 29th 2021

WEEK 1	Wed	27-Jan	Staff first day of Term 1 2021- Student Free Day. Staff Professional Learning Day
	Thurs	28-Jan	Staff Professional Learning Day
	Fri	29- Jan	Students first day of Term 1 2021 short whole school Assembly on the basketball court Prep & new parents to Clunes PS- welcome gathering & morning tea. DET Attendance data collection Mini Newsletter- home
WEEK 2	Mon	1-Feb	Assembly- School Captains Welcome- Induction of School Captains- (presentation of Badges TBC)
	Tue	2-Feb	Every Tuesday is Walk to school Tuesday. Meet Mr. James, Mr. Burke & Mrs. Tuddenham at the Queen's Park playground at 8.30am.
	Wed	3-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day- each Wednesday for first 6-7 weeks of Term 1. Final Wednesday date TBC. Prep Parents to add their preferred Assessment date to the Roster in the P/1D room.
	Thu	4-Feb	First FULL Newsletter home. (Newsletters home each fortnight, sent via email & placed on the school's website) Staff photo page
	Fri	5-Feb	
WEEK 3	Mon	8-Feb	Assembly- Induction of House Captains- (presentation of Badges TBC) Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm.
	Tue	9-Feb	7pm Mrs. B, Mrs. Anderson & Miss Dargaville Parent Information session- supporting your children to learn to read.
	Wed	10-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day. Prep Parents to add their preferred Assessment date to the Roster in the P/1D room. School Council Meeting 7pm (School Finance Meeting 6.30pm)
	Thu	11-Feb	Notice of School Council election
	Fri	12-Feb	
WEEK 4	Mon	15-Feb	Assembly- Induction of JSC representatives- (presentation of Badges TBC)
	Tue	16-Feb	
	Wed	17-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	18-Feb	
WEEK 5	Mon	22-Feb	Prep PSD applications due to DET
	Tues	23-Feb	
	Wed	24-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	25-Feb	
	Fri	26-Feb	Tour de Cure- cycling team visit to CPS
WEEK 6	Mon	1-Mar	
	Tue	2-Mar	
	Wed	3-Mar	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	4-Mar	
WEEK 7	Mon	8-Mar	Labour Day – Public Holiday
	Tue	9-Mar	
	Wed	10-Mar	Possible TBC final Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day School Council AGM & General Meeting
	Thu	11-Mar	
WEEK 8	Mon	15-Mar	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm.
	Wed	17-Mar	Possible TBC final Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	18-Mar	
	Fri	19-Mar	Proposed Harmony Day/ Focus Day
	Mon	22-Mar	
	Tues	23-Mar	
	Wed	24-Mar	
	Thurs	25-Mar	Proposed DISCO
WEEK 10	Mon	29-Mar	
	Tue	30-Mar	
	Wed	31-Mar	
	Thu	1-APR	Last day of Term 1 (casual dress day- no gold coin donation. Each last day of Term is casual dress)
	Fri	2-Apr	Good Friday
			To be confirmed: Fire Safety lessons- Years P/ 1-6, Harmony Day/ Focus Day- mixed groupings & optional dress up theme day. 2021 Welcome BBQ & Parent Information Evening. Other Meetings