



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

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021

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# Clunes Primary School Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see Term 2 Calendar draft #1 on the back page of the Newsletter

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
ANZAC Day**

Thank you all for your active engagement in our Athletics Sports Day yesterday! Sincere thanks to our Parent Helpers!



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Mid- morning Service- 10.30am. All students are invited to participate. Please assemble in front of the RSL Hall for our march towards the Cenotaph. We will line the street as a guard of honour for the formal march.

Our School Captains and Vice-Captains will participate in the formal ceremony.

There is no formal Town Hall ceremony this year.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Best wishes to you all for a happy and safe school holiday period.  
Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. ☺



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 1



Our Term 1 You Can Do It focus is:  
**Getting Along**

Prep / 1D – Spencer	1/2H – Duncan
3/4L – Sam	4 /5A –Year 5 NAPLAN participants
5/6B – Chayse	Principal's Award – Daniel, Cameron, Callum, Year 6B! Charlie R, Lexi, Audrey
LOTE – Japanese -	PE -
Art -	Bus Award – Matt C, Chloe C, Akir



## ANZAC Day

**SUNDAY** 25th April: ANZAC Day **optional** student attendance at ceremony

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Our School Captains and Vice-Captains will participate in the formal ceremony-read the Ode and all four Captains will lay a wreath on behalf of the school community.

Selected pieces of student writing (senior school) may also be read at the ceremony by the authors. Our representative students will be chosen in the first week of Term 2.

**ANZAC Day Badges are available for sale at School. All proceeds go directly to the RSL.**

**Term 1 summary:** Our first term of the 2021 school year has been a very busy and productive one! (So very different to Lockdown in Term 1 2020!) We needed to make a few necessary alternations due to the COVID ‘circuit breaker’ and the follow up rules and restrictions, however our term was ‘almost’ back to a ‘new normal’.

Thank you all for your incredible commitment to our wonderful school, your positivity and to the ongoing learning successes for our students.

This term we have among other achievements:

- Celebrated a very positive start to the year with 104 students enrolled at our school on Census Day. Currently we have 105 students.
- Welcomed Lilly and Ryan as School Captains and Kodah and Zeb as Vice Captains.
- Settled 13 Preps into primary education, all Preps now attending full time!
- Elected House Captains and Junior School Council representatives and conducted weekly Student Leadership Meetings.
- Sought Eco-Crew and Sustainability representatives from across the Senior Unit and we commenced our Kitchen Garden (outdoors) Program. (not the cooking component of the program just yet)
- Registered for Energy Breakthrough 2021!
- Celebrated weekly Students of the Week!
- Established our class and yard rules in line with our School Values and Positive Behaviours approaches.
- Celebrated a Beckworth win in the Senior Swimming Sports but were very proud of all participants! Students also excelled at the Eureka Swimming event and James represented the school in Horsham at the Regional event. 50 metres Butterfly! Go James!
- Completed the 2021 School Council election process. We welcomed for a second term of office; Andy Campbell (Treasurer) as well as new SC representatives: Deb Bright, Zoe Handley, Jaqui Featherston, Shane Hoffmann, Kristin O’Brien and Gill Jedwab (Community representative). We welcomed returning school councillors Steve Kinnersly (President), Jo Henderson-Drife (Vice-President), Vicki Anderson and Malcolm Hull (Community representative).

Rob Anderson will begin his term of office in April.

- All teaching staff members attended multiple professional learning sessions (in-house & external via online platforms), particularly focussed on Professional Learning Communities training outcomes and also including preparing for the NAPLAN online practice session. On the national NAPLAN co-ordinated practice day all students were able to complete their task.
- Our Story Dogs program commenced and we welcomed ‘Indie’ and her handler Kim weekly to school.
- The Tutor Learning Initiative commenced for identified students (currently across Senior School).
- Mrs B, Mrs Anderson and Miss Dargaville conducted Literacy Partnerships training for new & returning parents.
- 10 students were allocated places for the upcoming Somers Camp 18-26<sup>th</sup> May.
- Sadly we were unable to fundraise due to the cancelled Historic Vehicle Show! However we have applied for Grants with the Waubra Wind Farm and Rural Arts Victoria. (outcomes unknown as yet)
- Building and Grounds work linked to rectifying drainage and cracking issues were completed. These were managed by the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) and conducted by Searle Bros.
- 9 families gave their all at a Working Bee! Almost all listed tasks were completed. (leaf matter in guttering our next challenge)
- Completed draft #1 of the 2021-2025 School Strategic Plan, Annual Implementation Plan and Annual Report documents in line with Department of Education compliance requirements. All documents are currently being revised by the Department and School Council and will be made public early in Term 2.
- We danced away at our Term 1 Disco! (Thank you to our parent helpers for completing all of the pre-work required for food at the Disco.) Our Student Leaders led magnificently on the night!
- Engaged in ‘Harmony Day’ focussed activities within mixed ability groupings Prep- Year 6. 12 families visited on the day and actively participated in the activities.
- Ran, jumped and threw our way into success on our P-6 Athletics Sports Day. Thank you to Hepburn Shire, the Clunes Netball and Football Club helpers for enabling us to utilise the Clunes Football Oval for our running events. Thank you to our many volunteers on the day! Remind me please... which House won? 😊 (display next term)

- Reviewed, re-established & Practised our **Values daily - We learn, We show respect, We are safe.**

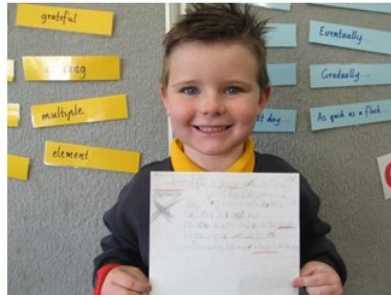
## Information Reports in 1/2H

For much of Term 1, students in 1/2H have been learning about *Our Community* in Project Play. This learning has been integrated into our Writing program, as students have been writing Information Reports about various community members. For our last Big Write students chose a "special person" to write their report about...



The person's name is Ron. He helps friends. He has grey hair and he wears a blue top. He drives a bus home.

—Hazel.

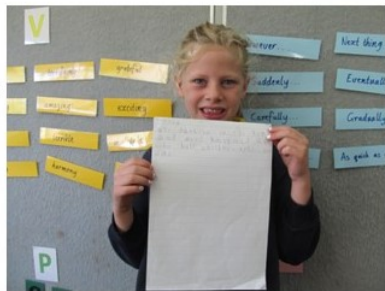


Jack is my cousin. He likes me. Jack is 10 years old. He has blue eyes and his favourite colour is red. He helps me on the buggy. He plays lego with me and he plays with me.

—Brax.

Miss Jardine is kind and works hard and is fun. She helps children.

—Tahlee.



Ron

He takes you to your house. He is kind and he is careful. He has a blue and white shirt.

—Campbell.



Miss Jardine is special because she is lovely and she is happy. She looks after people. She has brown hair and she has a watch and she has glasses and she has a necklace. She helps everyone, she even helps the teachers. She spends her time in her office.

—Tex.



My Nana

My Nana is kind. She loves me so much. She is the best Nana. We go to the shops. She broke her toe. She is 66 years old and she loves flowers. She has a pet cat named Bruce but he died. My Nana loves the news. She works at an op-shop. I love her. She has grey hair! She wears jumpers. I love her. She has bike rides. She spends all of the time outside. I love her because she is kind.

—Olivia



It was wonderful to see so many students participate in the National Ride 2 School Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> through to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> students recorded the kilometers they travelled each morning to school, hoping to beat the distance covered by a few staff competing against them. We hope students and their families not only had lots of fun, but were encouraged to maintain some form of healthy exercise. It makes a big difference to our wellbeing and readiness to learn! Early Friday morning I left home in Wendouree and rode through Hepburn Springs, Yandoit and around into Clunes. It was a beautiful morning looking at the stars and watching the sun slowly rise ☺! I wasn't so happy when with about 5km to go a bolt snapped, sliding my seat all the way down to the frame! I counted my blessings that it didn't happen any earlier! The staff total of 159 km was no match for the students who absolutely smashed it out having travelled a collective total of 611.65km!! A number of staff for various reasons weren't able to participate, but they remain physically active at other times and through various means. Well done everyone on an incredible effort!!

**A big thankyou to Oscar who was a great help in adding up all of the km by students in each class!**  
Here are the total km and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters from each Classroom:

	<b>Total KM</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Prep	37.5	Prep students walked around the large oval loop each morning		
Gr. 1 – 2	73.75	Matt 21.5	Isla 17	Archie 13.5
Gr. 3 – 4	153	Brock 13	Xavier 12	Chloe/Pepper 10.5
Gr. 4 – 5	103	Killian 12.5	Cushla 10.3	Zarah 10
Gr. 5 - 6	244.5	Brett 58	Ryan 56	Charlie 55

## **611.75                  Grand Total for all Students**

**We are very grateful for the support of Tim at My Ride Ballarat (430 Sturt St Ballarat – 5331 3185), who generously donated a voucher for first place.**

As you can see the student who travelled the furthest distance was a very close contest between three of our senior students. **Well done to Brett who repeated his great feat from last year taking out the overall 1<sup>st</sup> place.** With our top three place getters all moving onto secondary school in 2022, it will be interesting to see who steps up to the plate next year!

Happy holidays everyone!

All the best ☺

Mr Lewis – Chaplain

## Letter for parents and carers

Dear parents and carers

The Victorian Government has further relaxed its [COVIDSafe settings](#) from 6pm on Friday 26 March 2021.

Changes to the COVIDSafe settings include allowing more visitors in the home, changes to mask wearing in some settings and updates to density limits in some settings. There are limited operational changes for schools.

Visitors continue to be welcomed at our school, however face masks must be carried by individuals 12 years and over at all times and worn when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.

Individuals aged 12 years and over must continue to wear a face mask when on public transport, school buses (except primary school students) and when in taxis or ride share vehicles – unless they have a lawful exemption.

Thank you for your understanding and support throughout this term as we continue to implement COVIDSafe practices at our school.

I look forward to welcoming our students and families back to more school events in Term 2.

Regards  
Sonia Jardine



## Clunes P.S. Rubiks Cube Club



Well done to the following students, who recently received their first RCC Certificate 😊!

**Dahli, Branden, Taya, Brock, Kodah, Julian, Cameron, Oscar and Amelia.**

A number of students are now taking up the challenge of learning to solve the 3x3 cube from scratch.





Prep/1D has also been learning about jobs in our community. On Thursday, the class wrote letters to their families and walked down the hill to post them in the post box with their Grade 6 Buddies. The students also wrote a recount about their experience. What a great day!



Absent: Jordan H and Max T

Jordan's buddy Jesse kindly posted Jordan's letter for him.

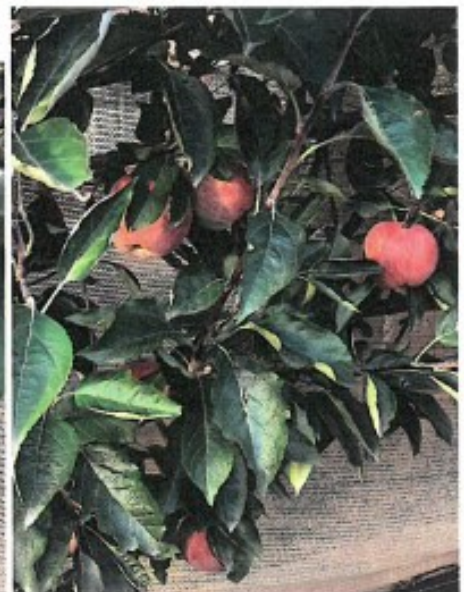
## Lost Property Tub!

There are lots of unnamed food/ drink containers with and without lids in lost property! Please check!

A reminder to please NAME all clothing items and containers. Thank you!











## Fruit Galore!

Trees laden with Apples and Peaches ready for eating! Please feel free to pick them over the holidays so that the delicious fruit does not go to waste! Trees at the back of the Outdoor Learning Area. Thank you! 😊







- circle 
- square 
- oval 
- triangle 
- rectangle 
- parallelogram 
- trapezium 
- pentagon 
- hexagon 
- heptagon 
- octagon 



*Spencer's pizza*



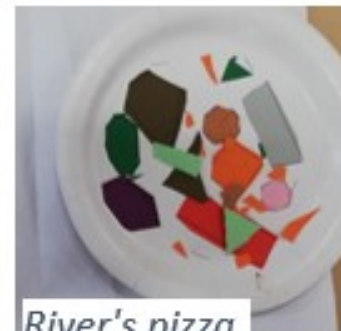
Prep/1D learned about 2D shapes last week. We played a matching game, made the shapes with play-dough and made some shape pizzas with Chef Boris.



*Jordan's pizza*



*Jaikob's pizza*



*River's pizza*



*RJ's pizza*

## Term 2 Calendar – Draft #1 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

<b>WEEK 1</b>	Mon	19-Apr	
	Tues	20-Apr	
	Wed	21-Apr	
	Thurs	22-Apr	
	Fri	23-Apr	<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day –Town ceremony- School Captain participation. Optional student participation</b>
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Mon	26-Apr	
	Tue	27-Apr	
	Wed	28-Apr	<b>School Council – Governance Training 6pm. Training 6.15-8.15pm</b>
	Thu	29-Apr	
	Fri	30-Apr	<b>Clunes Cross Country event</b>
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Mon	3-May	
	Tue	4-May	
	Wed	5-May	
	Thu	6-May	
	Fri	7-May	
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Mon	10-May	
	Tue	11-May	<b>NAPLAN Years 3 &amp; 5 Assessments begin</b>
	Wed	12-May	<b>NAPLAN Years 3 &amp; 5 Assessments</b>
	Thu	13-May	<b>NAPLAN Years 3 &amp; 5 Assessments</b>
	Fri	14-May	<b>Sovereign/ Eureka Cross Country event</b>
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Mon	17-May	
	Tues	18-May	<b>Somers begins- (18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>) 10 students attending</b>
	Wed	19-May	
	Thurs	20-May	
	Fri	21-May	
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Mon	24-May	<b>Goldfields Athletics</b>
	Tue	25-May	
	Wed	26-May	<b>Somers students return</b>
	Thu	27-May	
	Fri	28-May	
<b>WEEK 7</b>	Mon	31-May	
	Tue	1-Jun	<b>School Photos</b>
	Wed	2-Jun	
	Thurs	3-Jun	
	Fri	4-Jun	
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Mon	7-Jun	
	Tues	8-Jun	
	Wed	9-Jun	
	Thu	10-Jun	
	Fri	11-Jun	
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Mon	14-Jun	<b>Queen's Birthday- public holiday</b>
	Tues	15-Jun	
	Wed	16-Jun	
	Thurs	17-Jun	<b>School Disco</b>
	FRI	18-Jun	
<b>WEEK 10</b>	Mon	21-Jun	
	Tue	22-Jun	
	Wed	23-Jun	
	Thu	24-Jun	
	Fri	25-Jun	<b>Last day of Term 2- 2.30pm finish</b>

### 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](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)



- School resumes Term 3 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021