



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

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"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see the Term 4 Calendar **draft #1** on the back page of the Newsletter.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

First of all, it has been incredible to welcome all of our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students back to "normal" onsite learning. Once again, our junior classrooms are abuzz with enthusiastic young voices who are clearly very excited to be back amongst their friends. Once again, our staff have done an amazing job at prioritising students' wellbeing, whilst re-establishing learning routines and classroom expectations.

Our senior students (and staff!) have continued to demonstrate a high level of resilience as they continue to navigate the demands of onsite supervision and remote learning. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and patience in this space. Our fingers, toes (and eyes!) are crossed that we can all return to our regular onsite learning programs next term.

That being said, our many students still learning from home are constantly in my thoughts. For obvious reasons it is much harder to gauge how everyone at home is going during this particularly challenging time. We very much hope that all is well and encourage anyone to reach out to classroom teachers or myself if you need any support.

Finally, I want to thank the entire school community for the encouragement, support and patience that they have given me during my week as Acting Principal of our incredible school. I am learning an extraordinary amount and consider myself very fortunate for the opportunity.



Best wishes to you all for a positive and safe September holiday period. I really hope to see all of you on the first day back in Term 4!

Kind regards,
Shane Hoffmann & the staff of CPS. 😊

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 3



**Our Term 3 You Can Do It focus is:
Persistence & Resilience**

P/1D- Whole class!	1 /2H- Whole class!
3 /4L- Whole class!	4 /5A- Whole class!
5 /6B- Whole class!	Principal's Awards-
Specialists Award/s- PE- Art –	Bus Traveller's Award-

Term 3 summary:

Our Third Term of the 2021 school year has been a very busy and productive one! Our students, their families and staff have demonstrated a strong YOU CAN DO IT and engaged attitude when 'pivoting' in and out of lockdowns and learning both on-site and from home. Our families adjusted quickly to the new expectations of QR Codes and external collection points for their children. We 'settled' quickly back into the routine of Learning Pack collection and delivery. Thank you! Our school community has managed to keep to many of the routines and structures of a typical third term at Clunes Primary School and commits to conduct activities and events missed, where possible, in Term 4.

Thank you all for your commitment to our wonderful school and to the ongoing learning success of our students.

This term began on Monday 12th July. We:

- Conducted a weekly School Assembly; on-site and online
- Celebrated weekly Students of the Week! (on-site)
- Conducted weekly Student Leadership Meetings with our School Captains and School Vice Captains
- One of our Year 3-6 students, Zarah C achieved a Hepburn Shire 'Words in Winter' writing award
- Our Choir group conducted regular lunchtime sessions at the beginning of the term
- Students led a range of lunchtime activities including: Frisbee Club, Coding Club, Footy Club, Soccer Club, Garden Club, Mining Club, Friendship Club, ... All students enjoyed having the opportunity to practice their student voice via the school's PA system. A delight to be part of!
- Mrs Cassie Mitchell and Mrs Vicki Anderson continued to extend staff professional learning in leading Professional Learning Communities (PLC)- teaching and learning across the school. Both staff and Ms Jardine undertook a coaching professional learning day as a PLC 2021 school. Mrs Vicki Anderson attended High Ability training and Mr Ash Burke attended Small Schools – Resilience Project training. Staff have engaged in further Literacy and Numeracy based in-house and external – online professional learning. Miss Jordyn Dargaville, as a steering committee member, ensures that we are leading the way within the Central Highlands Area, in the implementation of the Marrung Indigenous Education Strategy.
- Comprehensive 3 Way Conferences were held for almost all families. Thank you for your commitment to this process!

- For a short time we were able to implement a small group 'home grown' Kitchen Garden & Cooking program with Mrs Mitchell.
- Mr. Lewis supported another very successful and highly valued DRUMBEAT program. Hopefully there will be a whole school Assembly performance early in Term 4.
- Eligible families continued to receive support from the CSEF funding- supporting 'potential' Excursion and Incursion opportunities for our students. Extra funding from the Education Dept (DET) will see a reduced cost of Swimming for every participating child in Term 4. \$80.00 (TBC) per child in 2021.
- 2 x Junior School Council Meetings were conducted incorporating Student Voice and Student Agency into decision making within the school.
- A Pie Drive fundraiser, the Father's Day Gift orders and the Tree Drive fundraiser all raised valued funds to support ongoing resourcing projects at the school.
- Results of the annual DET Student Attitudes to School Survey (ATSS) were returned after the years 4, 5 and 6 students were surveyed online earlier in the year. Overall very positive data was received once again! Our student leaders will analyse the data when (hopefully) everyone is back on-site next term. Next term our students will assist with further analysis and then will make a small presentation to their class on the findings. Following class feedback, we will then take action to make ongoing improvements.
- The ATSS data will be presented to staff and to School Council at the beginning of next term and will be made public via the My School website and in our Newsletter.
- Staff actively participated in OH & S components of Staff Meetings, keeping the safety and wellbeing of all, foremost in our minds. On behalf of the OH & S Committee and school Mr. James completed an Annual Emergency Management Plan. Our school is formally recognised as a Category 4 Grass Fire 'at risk' school and will close on 'Code Red' days. This will be an ongoing focus leading into our Bush/ Grass Fire season.
- National NAPLAN Online assessment results have been recently returned. The data will be presented to student leaders and staff, and will be presented to school council and parents via the Newsletter early in Term 4. The data is also available via the My School website.
- Parents were randomly selected (computer generated sample) to participate in the annual, online, Parent Opinion Survey. Results will be made public once received by the school;
- 2 x engaging and proactive School Council Meetings were conducted. Training modules were completed for Finance and School Council President.
- Our students competed extremely well in the District Athletics and Xavier F competed at the Regional Cross Country event.
- Our annual whole school Children's Book Week Focus Day was postponed due to lockdown, however we will have a Book Parade, showcasing the efforts of our parents to dress up their children as their favourite book character early in Term 4. Our Clunes Library also had to postpone their planned activities with us.
- The Term 3 Disco will be postponed until the beginning of Term 4!
- We reviewed and re- affirmed our class and yard rules with our students in line with our School Values and Positive Behaviours approaches. Next term we will seek feedback from the school community with regards to our Student Code of Conduct, particularly with a focus to review the wording of our Behaviour Management Form.
- In this last week of term:
 - Our Year P-2 students are back on-site!
 - Our Year 3s- 6s are Learning from Home following our Learning Pack system and doing a brilliant job at committing to this process. Phenomenal efforts everyone!
 - Our last day of term "Footy Day" will look very different in 2021, with no parade or coin line fundraiser, however we hope that students will adorn their favourite footy colours, at home or at school, as a fun way to end the term.

We practised our Values daily - We learn, We show respect, We are safe. 😊



**'Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.'**

Arthur Ashe



Over the last few days we have been very lucky to have Luke running the special FoRT performing arts session with our students. By projecting the presentation and activities via MS Teams, students in both onsite and home settings were able to access the opportunity. It was amazing to see such high levels of creativity from all of the students involved. Thanks again for your hard work, preparation and flexibility, Luke! Our students had an amazing experience and gained lots of innovative ideas to explore further at home.



Exercise 1 : Dress up relay

What you will need

Lots of clothes...

- A pile of clothing and costumes, try to grab as many different items as possible. Different sizes are great. Weird and strange items such as cricket pads and helmets, scuba gear, hats, safety goggles, old glasses and jewellery are also really fun.



Exercise 3 : Build a space

What you will need

- A space to build in.
- Lots of stuff for building forts, cubbies, dens etc. Anything you think could be useful.

Furniture (beds, tables, chairs, couches etc.), cushions, pillows, blankets, sheets, rope or thick string, brooms, buckets. You may also want some localised lighting such as torches, lamps and bike lights. You could also use cardboard boxes.



I like getting to see my friends and play outside with them.
Max

WE'RE BACK!
Welcome back on site Grades Prep, One and Two. Its great to have all your smiling faces back in the classrooms.



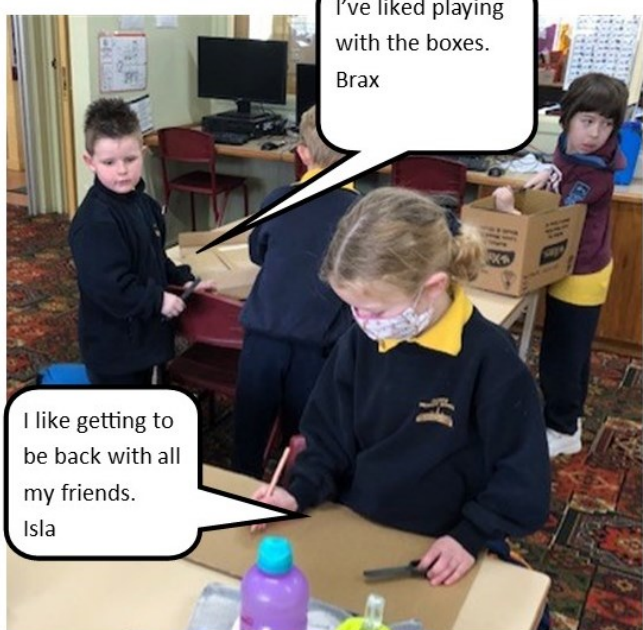
I like coming back and playing footy with friends.
Tommy



We get to see our friends again!
Charlie

I like that we can spy on more people when we are playing.
Campbell

I like to meet everyone and play with them again.
Tahlee



I've liked playing with the boxes.
Brax

I like getting to be back with all my friends.
Isla



I like playing Cops and Robbers outside with my friends. - Chloe



I like playing with my friends. We play with the LEGO.
- River



I have fun building forts with my friends! - Arnya

I like that we are together. And we can learn at school.
- Jordan



I like playing with my friends Max and Jordan. We play with the connectors.
- Jaikob



"Thank you for finding me P/1 students! I was stuck in a chimney in the library, where you spotted me through the vent. Ms Jardine rescued me and set me free. Quack!" - Wild Duck

WE CAN'T MASK
HOW EXCITED WE ARE TO
welcome
YOU BACK!



100 Days of School

A few weeks ago our Prep/1D students celebrated 100 Days of School. They had a brilliant time dressing like 100 year olds, making "100" biscuits using 100s and 1000s, making "100" glasses, and participated in activities that built on their understanding of numbers up to 100. Their Grade 6 Buddies made them feel young again when they





Queen or King for a day

During that week, the students were also focusing on the letter "Q" and were excited to become Queen or King for a day. We wrote letters with quills to our subjects who were celebrating their 100th birthdays, "painted" portraits of ourselves in our royal finery, and donned crowns fit for royalty!



CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER

9AM - 1PM

CLUNES SHOWGROUNDS

\$20 PER SITE

CAR BOOT SALE



**Spring Clean Out – Car Boot Sale
Gold Coin Entry**

**For site bookings and additional information:
Jaqui Featherston 0418 515 708**



After School Care @ Clunes Primary School

We have **vacancies** every day except Thursdays. If you're interested in childcare now, or just looking at casual childcare, please give Daylesford Childcare a call on 5348 3702 (tell them you're interested in ASC in Clunes). They will give you the link to get enrolled and answer any questions you may have. OR drop over to the hall and chat with Liz or Tanya. It **costs NOTHING** to get enrolled and it's all done online, once enrolled all you need to do is let me know when you require care. **Fees** = Less any childcare subsidy (CCS %) you are entitled to:

After School 3pm – 6pm (3 hours + snack)
full fee: \$34.05 50% CCS: \$17.87 85% CCS: \$6.55

Before School 7am-9am (2 hours)
Full fee: \$21.20 50% CCS: \$11.13 85% CCS: \$4.00

School Holiday Care 8am- 5.30pm (9.5 hours)
Full fee: \$98.33 50% CCS: \$51.62 85% CCS: \$18.93



Over the school holidays please be sure to look for any books you have borrowed from the school library. The books are all due back this week or early next term.

Student Scholarship Information

Scholarships are available for Year 4-11 students, Year 12 students planning to undertake tertiary studies in 2022, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students planning on completing Years 11 and 12.

Year 4-12 student scholarships

The Department of Education and Training manages a number of scholarships which are available to students who are currently enrolled in Years 4-12.

Applicants for these scholarships are evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic record for the current year.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or for the duration of the student's course/study annually.

Applications for these scholarships, number of which have specific eligibility criteria, will open on 1 October 2021 and close on 28 February 2022.

For more information and a list of available scholarships visit the 2021 Student Scholarships for Years 4-12 Factsheet.

How to apply

For information on how to apply visit the [student scholarships](#) web page.

2021 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEARS 4 -12

Principals, teachers, and careers advisors are encouraged to promote scholarships to their students

SCHOLARSHIPS' OVERVIEW

The Department of Education and Training (DET) manages a range of scholarships on behalf of various trusts.

Scholarships are available to students currently enrolled in Years 4-11 and for students enrolled in Year 12 who plan on undertaking tertiary studies in 2022.

Applicants for the scholarships are evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic record for the 2021 school year.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or available for the duration of the student's course/study.

Scholarships may be targeted for students experiencing financial hardship and trusts may have particular eligibility criteria.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students must be enrolled in Victorian schools and must be Australian citizens or permanent residents. Some scholarships are available specifically to Victorian government school students while others are available to students across all sectors.

CAN STUDENTS APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?

Students are encouraged to carefully identify and apply for all scholarships where they meet the criteria.

HOW MUCH ARE THE SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH?

Year 4 to 11 scholarships are one-off payments between \$300 and \$1,000.

Some **Year 12** scholarships are one-off payments while others are paid for the duration of the course and range from \$600 to \$15,000 annually.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

John and Maud Askew Primary Scholarships

- Year 4 and 5 students valued at \$500
- Year 6 students valued at \$1,000

George Wilson Robertson Scholarships

- Year 6 students valued at \$1,225

Victoria Police Scholarships

Only students who have a parent/guardian who is a member of the Victoria Police, a retired member or a Police widow or widower are eligible for these scholarships:

- One **Graham Davidson Memorial Scholarship** for a Year 6 student at \$800
- Two **Angela Taylor Memorial Scholarships** will be awarded for Year 8 students, valued at \$350 each
- One **E C James Memorial Scholarship** for a Year 9 student valued at \$900
- One **Tynan-Eyre Memorial Scholarship** for a Year 10 student at \$400, and one for a Year 10 Koorie student \$400

FURTHER INFORMATION

- For information on how to apply click [here](#)
- For additional information or queries, please contact Student Scholarships on 7022 0099 or email at studentscholarships@education.vic.gov.au

Term 4 Calendar – Draft #1 16th September 2021

WEEK 1	Mon	4 Oct	School resumes- Welcome to Term 4 ☺
	Tue	5 Oct	
	Wed	6 Oct	
	Sun	10 Oct	Fundraiser: Car Boot Sale
WEEK 2	Mon	11 Oct	Swimming Program begins (P/1D, 1/2HMJ, 3/4LT). Bus leaves school 11:30am, returns at 2:45pm.
	Wed	13 Oct	School Council
	Thu	14 Oct	Preparation for Puberty (All Year 5s and 6s)
	Sat	16 Oct	Working Bee 9-11:30am
WEEK 3	Mon	18 Oct	Swimming Program (P/1D, 1/2HMJ, 3/4LT)
	Wed	20 Oct	School Photos
	Thur	21 Oct	Parliamentary Convention
WEEK 4	Mon	25 Oct	Swimming Program (P/1D, 1/2HMJ, 3/4LT)
	Thur	28 Oct	Preparation for Puberty (All Year 5s and 6s)
	Fri	29 Oct	
WEEK 5	Mon	1 Nov	Swimming Program (P/1D, 1/2HMJ, 3/4LT)
	Tue	2 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Wed	3 Nov	Kinder-Prep Transition Session 1 (9-11am)
	Thur	4 Nov	Preparation for Puberty (All Year 5s and 6s)
WEEK 6	Mon	8 Nov	FINAL Swimming Program (P/1D, 1/2HMJ, 3/4LT)
	Wed	10 Nov	School Council
	Thur	11 Nov	Preparation for Puberty (All Year 5s and 6s)
WEEK 7	Mon	15 Nov	Swimming Program begins for (4/5A and 5/6B)
	Tue	16 Nov	Kinder-Prep Transition Session 2 (9-11am)
WEEK 8	Mon	22 Nov	Swimming Program (4/5A and 5/6B)
	Tues	23 Nov	Whole School Excursion: Halls Gap Zoo (TBC)
	Wed	24 Nov	
	Thu	25 Nov	
	Fri	26 Nov	
WEEK 9	Mon	29 Nov	Swimming Program (4/5A and 5/6B)
	Tues	30 Nov	Kinder-Prep Transition Session 3 (11am-1pm)
	Wed	1 Dec	
	Thurs	2 Dec	
	Fri	3 Dec	Parent Helper Thankyou Morning Tea (TBC)
WEEK 10	Mon	6 Dec	Swimming Program (4/5A and 5/6B) 2022 School Captains announcement + assembly (TBC)
	Tue	7 Dec	Statewide Transition Day: Kinder-Prep (9am-1pm), Year 6-7 (all day)
	Wed	8 Dec	School Council
	Thu	9 Dec	School Community Carols (TBC)
	Fri	10 Dec	Christmas Focus Day (TBC)
WEEK 11	Mon	13 Dec	FINAL Swimming Program (4/5A and 5/6B)
	Tue	14 Dec	Semester 2 Reports + 2022 class list distribution
	Wed	15 Dec	
	Thu	16 Dec	
	Fri	17 Dec	Last day of Term 4 - 2.30pm finish Casual Dress Day (no gold coin donation required)



This is a COVIDSafe school

This school has a COVIDSafe Plan to maintain the safety of all staff and students.
The four pillars of the COVIDSafe Plan are:



For detailed information visit: www.covid19.vic.gov.au

