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Friday 17th December 2021

“Golden Past, Bright Futures”

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter



Mask wearing INDOORS for adults and Years 3-6 students is compulsory. Student masks are to be provided by families.
Thank you for helping to keep our school safe.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Photos of your child/ children, taken with Santa and the Elf on Tuesday, have been sent home. Please see Sonia if you'd like another copy.

2022

Staff begin: Friday 28th January

ALL STUDENTS BEGIN: Tuesday 1st February

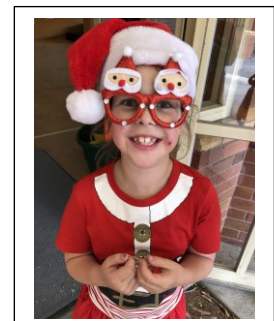
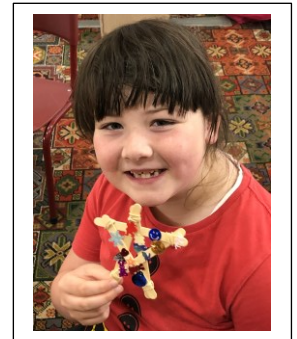
Prep students- Wednesday Rest Days for the first 7 wks

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We sincerely congratulate our Year 6 Graduating Class of 2021!

Best wishes for a successful and happy transition to your secondary settings. ☺

This year please see the back page of this Newsletter for a ‘less formal’ photo of our gorgeous graduating group! ☺



We all thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Focus Day, the JSC Disco and the Christmas Concert on Friday! Thank you Santa and Elf for your surprise visit on Tuesday too! (photos inside)

Thank you, Clunes PS families, for an incredibly successful year, especially given the extra challenges that this second COVID year has forced upon us.

Wishing you all a happy, prosperous and safe festive season and holiday period.

Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. ☺

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4



Our Term 4 You Can Do It focus is:
Confidence & Resilience

P/1D- Izzy, whole class!	1 /2H- Isla, whole class!
3 /4L- Cruz, whole class!	4 /5A- Julian, whole class!
5 /6B- Eyden, whole class!	Principal's Award- Ryan, Lilly, Kodah and Zeb
Specialists Award/s- Japanese- Archie, Amelia	Bus Traveller's Awards- all bus travellers!

**CAWT- Whole School – end of year Raffle Ticket Award process. For following our School Values and our You Can Do It Keys to Success! Drawn at Assembly for the second half of this term.
Awardee: Week 11- Jake E**

Special thanks to our many guru Newsletter monitors across 2021!

Congratulations!

Daniel with Cr. Tessa Halliday receiving the
**2021 Hepburn Shire
Clunes PS Student Citizenship Award**



Congratulations!

**Andrew Webb and Jo Kenna were awarded the
2021 Clunes PS
Hon. Catherine King
Community Volunteers Award**

The Award recognises both Andrew and Jo for their weekly tireless efforts and absolute commitment to our Friday Fruit (and Vegie) Platters as a Health Promoting School.

Andrew and Jo weekly purchased or collected, delivered, and then prepared, fruit & vegies on large platters for each of our classes.

This program has been an ongoing commitment of these two diligent community members for a significant number of years. During the COVID restrictions each child continued to receive their Friday Fruit & Vegie treat, as the fruit was prepared offsite in individually wrapped packs and then delivered to school.

Jo is retiring at the end of this year. Best wishes Jo!
Thank you both again!

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This is our final newsletter for the 2021 school year and we are all very, very proud of our students and the effort they have given throughout what has been another very challenging but also very rewarding year for us. You have supported your children magnificently and we sincerely thank you!

As the very proud Principal of Clunes Primary School for 9 years now, I have relished the opportunity to work closely with all students, staff and school community members with a core focus always in mind- to improve the learning opportunities and outcomes for all of our students.

Opportunities and Successes – We began the year with a new School Strategic Plan 2021-2025, following a year of Review in 2020. Staff professional development continued with a targeted ongoing focus to improve student learning outcomes in Numeracy and Literacy. The Tutor Learning Initiative supported students needing both catch-up and extension, following a COVID effected Remote Teaching and Learning 2020. This has now been extended into 2022 and will be led by Mrs. Vicki Anderson. Developing Student Voice and Agency within student learning, particularly supporting students to set, analyse and provide feedback linked with their own individual learning goals was a focus, and this will continue in 2022. Learning Intentions and Success Criteria will again be words and actions that you will hear a lot about!

DET ‘Equity’ funding facilitated our continued commitment to ensure successful teaching and learning for students and staff. We implemented the Department of Education Respectful Relationships program with a continued focus on understanding Self and Emotions, targeting building resilience, and also managing bullying, ‘bystander behaviours’ and ‘putdowns’ as key areas. This will continue again into 2022 as we continue as a school community and right across the state, and nation, to manage and recover from the unique challenges of 2020 and 2021.

Limited, but positive school student, staff and parent survey results and student achievement data has reflected the success we have again experienced in 2021, despite an academically, socially and emotionally demanding year for all. Extra-curricular opportunities needed to be once again reduced and / or modified significantly, sometimes at very short notice. We were however still able to utilise a Rural Arts Grant providing a six months Performing Arts program with all students P-6, by Luke. A highlight also had to be our whole school excursion to the Halls Gap Zoo! We all loved this adventure and plan to continue a whole school excursion program in 2022.

We also all look forward to a 2022 that will include a revised Camps Program and hopefully we will be able to once again enjoy all of our regular extra-curricular activities eg. Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough, Earth Education excursions and other curriculum related excursions and incursions. Eg. Sovereign Hill.

See-Saw implementation across the school to build home/ school communication relationships will be a focus in 2022.

My sincere thanks is extended to all of our staff, our families and our community for your continued support, communication and involvement in our school. I value your contribution, ideas, support and physical presence (thankfully again) in our school. (QR Code & Double Vaccinated proof of course). The benefits to having our students all back on-site have been significant.

The smiles on the faces of our students say it all!

As the proud Principal of this wonderful school I can’t ask for more! Thank you.

Take care, **Sonia**

THANK YOU!
thank you!



Our wonderful weekly (Tuesday) Walk to School group!
Thank you to participating STUDENTS, Mr. James, Mr. Burke, Ron, and families!

2021 School Captains

I would sincerely like to thank our **2021 School Captains – Ryan and Lilly** and our **School Vice - Captains – Zeb and Kodah**, for their strong and engaging leadership throughout the 2021 school year. Thank you for the very fine role models you have been and the effort you have each put into your roles. We wish you all the very best for the future!



2022 School Captains

Our 2022 School Captains are:
Noah Deane and Ella McLure

Our 2021 School Vice-Captains are:
Callan Duggan and Dahli Webb

Year 6 Graduation 2021

Every one of our Year 6 students is important to us and has brought something unique to our school. Congratulations to each of you on all of your achievements whilst you have been a student at Clunes Primary School.

Our Year 6 Graduation Dinner was a lovely evening last night and our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Our families were particularly resilient given our outdoors Awards Presentation process due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Thank you! Our heartfelt thanks is given to Jen and her team from the National Hotel for providing the delicious meal and to our volunteers, all past students, for providing table service. Sincere thanks to Mr Ash Burke and our staff support team for all of the planning and organisation that ensured the evening was such a success. Thanks to our School Council President, Mr. Steve Kinnersly for his heartfelt speech. Finally thank you to our families and friends and to all of our Year 6 students for your brilliant confidence demonstrated in running the evening.

Thanks also is extended to All Nations Masonic Lodge Clunes, Clunes RSL, Kaye & Neil Leckie, All Nations Masonic Lodge Maryborough and our district Bendigo Community Bank for supporting our students with fantastic achievement awards.

During the evening the following awards were presented:

Academic Awards- Bendigo Community Bank – [REDACTED]

Presented by Ash Burke on behalf of Ian Flynn & Graeme Mitchell

All Nations Masonic Lodge Clunes Citizenship Awards – [REDACTED]

Presented by Peter Billing

RSL Incentive Awards – [REDACTED]

Presented by President Len Harwood.

Andrea Leckie Memorial Reading Awards- [REDACTED]

Presented by Ash Burke on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Neil and Kaye Leckie.

All Nations Masonic Lodge Maryborough (special 2021 scholarship for a deserving student attending a Maryborough school in 2022) – [REDACTED]

Presented by Peter Billing

Inaugural Arts Award 2021– [REDACTED]

Presented by Vicki Anderson

Maryborough Education Centre Award (MEC) 2021 (special 2021 Book Award for a student attending MEC in 2022) – [REDACTED]

Presented by Ash Burke

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students. All the very best for the future! Enjoy Secondary School and remember that you're always welcome to come back and visit. We will miss every one of you.

Merry Christmas Everyone  Happy & safe holiday period!

2022

Staff officially begin- Friday 28th & Monday 31st January 2022

ALL Students begin- Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 8.45am.

Prep/ Foundation students have a Rest/Assessment Day each Wednesday for the first 7 Weeks of Term 1, 2022. Wednesday 2nd February is the 1st designated Rest/ Assessment Day.

Mr Hoffmann – farewell article

To all families, students and staff of the Clunes Primary School community,

As I begin the monumental task of tidying my belongings before the end of the year, I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude and thanks to everyone who has wished me well ahead of my exciting – yet slightly daunting – challenge as Assistant Principal at Lake Bolac P-12 College next year. While I am immensely excited, I certainly have some mixed feelings about leaving such a warm and nurturing school community that I have been associated with for almost half of my life.

****Flashback to 2005!**** I am in my second year of a Bachelor of Education at the University of Ballarat (known for some time now as *Federation University* – feeling old!). In the previous year I had done a teaching placement at Learmonth Primary School (which has been closed for some time now – feeling older!). I was hoping to score my second-year placement at a school in Ballarat, because I felt like I'd "done my time" driving out to Learmonth the previous year. I must confess that my initial reaction to learning that I had to travel *even further* out – to the distant realm of Clunes – was one of disappointment. I felt a little hard done by that I might have to set a slightly earlier alarm every now and then. Poor diddums to me!

That feeling of disappointment was completely flipped on its head from the moment I entered this most incredible of schools. I was greeted with a warmth and sense of welcoming that I hadn't experienced before. I wasn't sure what it was at the time, but the culture that I was integrated into had a profound effect on me. I loved how all the teachers knew the students, and vice-versa. I loved the sense of family and togetherness that permeated every classroom and spilled out into the yard. I loved how I was made to feel valued and "part of it", despite my obvious lack of experience or expertise.

By the end of the year I had finished my placement (in Mr Doug Oswin's class), but I was thirsty for more and was desperate to continue my learning journey in such an amazing place. I asked then-principal, Mr Andrew Parry, if I could return in 2006 to volunteer and lend support in classrooms. I saw it as an opportunity to really cement my classroom management skills, as well as learning about teaching across the curriculum. Mr Parry – with a wry smirk that some of you may remember – replied to my request with, "You play guitar as well, don't you?" Flash-forward to the end of 2008, and I'd spent close to three years being paid by the school to run an instrumental music program as well as supporting particular students with additional needs in the classroom – all while still studying my degree. To add to this, rather than give me a good reference check, Mr Parry gave me my first full-time job as a classroom teacher – fresh out of university from the beginning of 2009. On one hand I couldn't

believe my luck – to ACTUALLY land a job in the school that I already loved and felt part of – but I also knew that I'd been incredibly well supported and encouraged to keep my head down, to learn, and to work as hard as I could for the students.

In the years following, I had different principals (none greater than our incredible Ms Jardine, who seems to be everywhere – always – and has an endless supply of positive energy), as well as different school leaders to learn from, but the culture remained consistent and I always felt supported to be the best teacher I could be. I started putting my hand up to take on additional responsibilities, as a means to “give back” to the school community for supporting and nurturing me. I began teaching Japanese and music in addition to my classroom duties, spent five of the best years of my career teaching Prep, and took on various leadership opportunities such as in leading Numeracy (with the support of Mrs Longmire) and implementing the Extended Mathematical Understandings (EMU) program. I mentored a pre-service teacher – Miss Maddy Rosewarne – who is now doing a fine job at Gordon Primary School, and supported a very young but eager-to-learn Miss Jordyn Dargaville. What a teacher they have both become! Both are incredibly hard-working; however I feel proud that I may have played a small role in their development, just as Mrs Karren Jennings, Mr Chris Charleson and Mrs Di Bongiorno had done for me at the beginning of my career.

That brings me to where I am today. My desire to guide and support my colleagues to be the best that they can be has led me through a stint as Education Improvement Leader across the Central Highlands Area from mid-2018-2020, and through four months as Acting Assistant Principal at Ararat Primary School earlier this year. That leadership journey will continue for me next year at Lake Bolac College and will provide a fresh array of unique challenges, however I feel that I am ready and well-prepared.

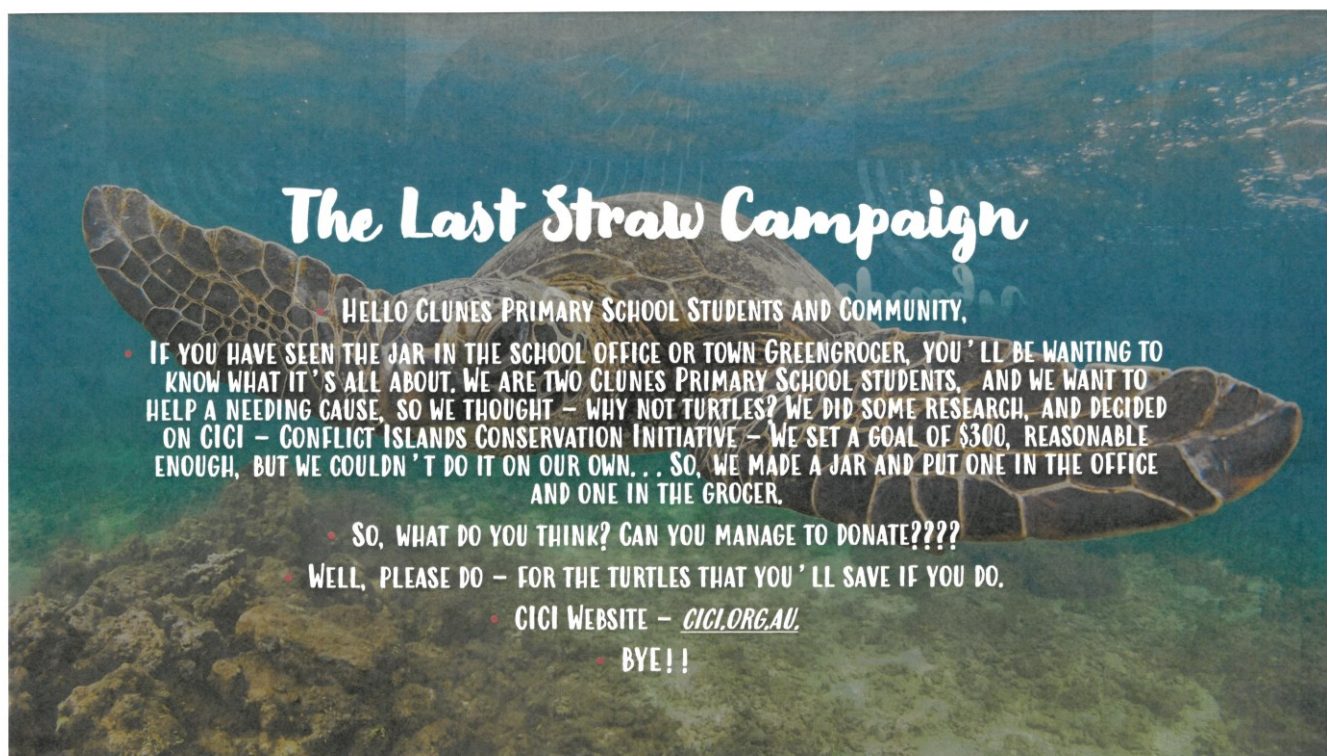
I am proud to say that the culture within the walls of Clunes Primary School is every bit as strong and supportive now as it was back in 2005. It has truly become a part of who I am as a teacher and as a person, and I am excited to bring it with me to a new school setting. Difficult though it is to be leaving, I am pleased to have half a lifetime of treasured memories and hilarious anecdotes of the hundreds of little faces that I have been very lucky to be involved with at Clunes PS over the years. I have also formed lifelong friendships with our amazing staff; I love each of you dearly and will miss you terribly, although I'd better keep getting invited to staff-functions or my crank-o-metre will be cranked up to 11!

Anyway – that's about enough from me, because the tissue box next to me is just about “cactus”. Thank you so much, Clunes Primary School – for everything. You have truly given me everything 😊

Kind regards,

Mr Shane Hoffmann.





Congratulations to Aria & Sheila and John, our winning family!

Giant – 10kg Block of Chocolate! (thanks for sharing some of it too!)

Thank you all for supporting this fundraiser! We were able to raise \$300!



Class/classroom and teaching structure in 2022

Clunes PS 2022 Teaching Staff and

Teaching Staff Class/ Specialist Allocations

I am pleased to be able to announce to the school community that our 2022 Teaching Staff and Class/ Specialist allocations are:

Prep/1D- Miss Jordyn Dargaville

1/2M – Mrs Cassie Mitchell & Mr Paul James

3/4L- Mrs Felicity Longmire & Mrs Vicki Anderson

4/5R- Miss Alia Ryan supported by Mrs Sarah Tuddenham until mid- Term 1.

(Mrs. Tuddenham will go on Family Leave early in Term 1)

5/6 B- Mr Ash Burke

Physical Education Teacher P- 6 & 1/2M Classroom Teacher

& Extending Mathematical Understanding- EMU- Paul James

Visual Arts Specialist- Ross Adams

Environmental Education & Kitchen Garden Program Specialist – Cassie Mitchell

Japanese Specialist teacher- TBC (Beginning Term 2)

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

Library- all class teachers & Jan & Liz as Library support Technicians

Meet Miss Alia Ryan

Welcome to Clunes PS 😊







Year 5 and 6 Energy Breakthrough

By Callan Duggan

On the 8th of December 2021, the year 6s and 5s got to compete in an EB racing competition, because the year 6s didn't get to do EB this year due to Covid-19, and the year 5s might not get to do it next year due to Covid-19.

There were 4 events, the first one was called a Time Trial. What everyone had to do was 3 big laps around the footy oval and the soccer pitch. The next event was called the Hot Lap, so a few people from each team got to ride one fast lap around the footy oval.

After that, about 3 people from each team got to do an obstacle course in the cart, and there were cones you had to dodge, and if you hit one it would add an extra second to your final time. The last event was a drag race. What it was, was just a few people from each team riding in a straight line to see who could make it to the end and win.

There were 3 teams, the Mullet Marauders, The SANICS and Your Time to Fly. The Mullet Marauders came last, Your Time to Fly came second, and the SANICS won the competition. The Mullet Marauders got the Granny Cart, Your Time to Fly got the Aquila car, and the SANICS got the Dynamite cart.

I truly believe that everyone there, if given the opportunity would do it again.



Message from School Council

As the year 2021 comes to a close, we take time to reflect on what has been another positive and productive year at Clunes Primary School. Needless to say, the year has thrown up its challenges, but we have come through stronger and more focussed on what matters more than ever.

The dedication, care and compassion shown by our outstanding team of teachers and staff, under the unwavering leadership of Ms. Sonia Jardine, has allowed students and families to be well supported, both at school and during periods of home learning, and resulted in the high standard of education we have come to expect at Clunes Primary School continuing. This commitment to ensuring the best outcomes and experiences for our children has been evident in the staff providing the extra-curricular opportunities for students this year, despite the difficulties imposed by these times; a whole school trip to the Halls Gap Zoo, Swimming, Energy Breakthrough (at school), Assemblies, recognising student achievements and the Christmas Concert afternoon which again brought our school community together and are essential to the culture of our school.

On behalf of School Council, we would like to recognise and farewell a number of families from our school community this year. We extend our gratitude to the following families for all you have given to our school over your years with us:

Kinnersly, Pascoe & Coon, Erickson, Walker, Allen/Lewis, Mayne, Davis, Rogers, Stevenson, Jones, van der Knijff, Altham & Sathittanakun and Fox & HuHu-Robin.

To Mr. Shane Hoffmann, past School Council representative and valued member of the Clunes Primary School team, we farewell and sincerely thank you for your dedication to our school for fourteen of the last sixteen years. You will be remembered fondly by the many students whose lives you have brightened.

To our outgoing School Council President, Mr. Steve Kinnersly, we extend our gratitude for your commitment and passion toward our school over the past nine years. Your contribution, both on School Council, and assistance with the many other tasks you have undertaken, has enabled our school to thrive and prosper. We thank you Steve, Ruth and family and wish you well.

To our Clunes Primary School community, we thank you for your support throughout the year, wish you a very Merry Christmas, and we look forward to a healthy and productive 2022.

School Council – Clunes Primary School



Afternoon Clunes Primary School Families

Thank you to all our regular families that got back to me with their **2022 booking** preferences. We only have a few vacancies so if any new or returning families would like to enrol for next year (1 day up to 5 days or just as a casual), please give the Daylesford Childcare Centre a call 5348 3702, tell them you're interested in **ASC @ CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL** and they will give you a link to get set up, it's all online and pretty simple.

Thanks Liz 😊

Would you like some CHILD FREE SHOPPING time before Christmas?

I am offering Holiday Care for the week between **End of Term and Christmas**.

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd 8am to 5pm (let me know if you require longer hours).

Holiday Care January 2022

We are offering Holiday Care from **10th 13th Jan and then 17th to 20th Jan 2022**. Additional dates **may** be available if enough interest.

Children return to school on Tuesday 1st Feb 2022.

Please send me a message as soon as you can so I can start booking your children in and planning some exciting excursions/activities.

The sooner I have names the sooner I can confirm care. I will get back to everyone as soon as I can confirm.

Holiday Care - **Care can only operate IF...** We have the numbers, a carer is available to offer care and Covid doesn't stop us.

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 and I'll take it from there.

Fees = Less any child care 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

Thanks

Liz Garth 😊

ASC @ Clunes PS

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