



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

Thursday 10th February 2022 Week 2

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see **Term 1 Calendar draft #1**- each fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you! 😊

Students with Asthma. Please bring your clearly labelled, up to date 2022 Asthma Management Plans to school asap.

Our 2022 Prep/ Foundation students (of our Prep/ 1D class) have a Rest/ Assessment Day- each Wednesday for the first 7 Weeks (TBC) of Term 1, 2022. 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, 2022!

Due to a whole school IT switch failure 'hitch' our IT systems collapsed last Wednesday afternoon and were not repaired by DET until last Friday after school. I sincerely apologise if this complicated your week. It was certainly frustrating at this end! Sadly, we were unable to access the Newsletter in order to forward it out to our families. We have now combined both into this Newsletter.



It gives me great pleasure to welcome our new Prep (Foundation Year) students and their families to Clunes PS! We also welcome several new families to Clunes Primary School across Classes Year 1-6!

***In 2022 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 2022 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 regular advice sheets in regard to keeping informed about the **Coronavirus and current restrictions**. 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 until further notice, therefore we will try to conduct our weekly Monday morning Assembly on the Basketball Court (weather permitting).** We very successfully managed the majority of our whole- school Assemblies outdoors in 2021. Everyone is welcome to attend!

There is a Department of Education policy (included in the Newsletter) linked to CODE RED days which directly impacts our school. Please read.

Best wishes to you all for a positive fortnight ahead! Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊



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As we begin the 2022 school year, Glass Primary School would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians, Pastoral and culture of the Land that school is on, welcoming our returning and new families with knowledge and understanding.

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

Hosts: Lynne Elder, Anny McGeorge, Psychiki

Date: Tuesday 8th of February

Time: 9:30am

Location: Nature Garden in the School Courtyard

We would like to request family members to check in on arrival and to support what



Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony

February 8th





Mrs Kristin O'Brien
Business Manager
(Monday- Thursday)



Miss Jordyn Dargaville
Year P/ 1 teacher
IT leader



Mrs Vicki Anderson
Year 3/ 4 Teacher/
Tutor Learning Initiative/Performing Arts



Mr. Paul James
Year 1/2 teacher / Physical
Education/EMU

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Miss Alia Ryan
Year 4/ 5 teacher



Mr. Ross Adams
Art Specialist



Mrs Liz Garth
Aide



Mr. Ash Burke
Year 5/6 teacher



Mr Luke Vermaas
IT Tech (Wednesday)



Mrs Felicity Longmire
Year 3/4 teacher
Assessment & Reporting



Mrs Val McNeight
Aide



Mrs Jan Miles
Aide/ Office Manager
(Friday)



Mrs Cassie Mitchell
Year 1/2 teacher/
Kitchen Garden



Mrs Sarah Tuddenham
Year 4/5 mentor teacher



Mr. Michael Lewis
Chaplain (Thursday full day & Friday am)

Clunes PS 2022 Staff



Ms Sonia Jardine
Principal



Mr. Jon Paley
Gardener/ Maintenance



Mr. Ron Boshuizen
Bus Driver



Rhonda Rumney

Cleaner



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

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2022 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years. Please note these activities will only take place if they meet COVIDSafe requirements.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on ph: 03 5345 3182 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.



It's been really fantastic to see such excitement around the return to school and we want to keep it that way. A crucial part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible.

Alongside ventilation and other vital COVIDSafe steps such as regular rapid antigen testing, supporting as many students as possible to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.

Bookings for children aged 5 to 11 to receive the paediatric Pfizer vaccine are open and we encourage parents and carers to get your child vaccinated, if you haven't already done so.

The [Pfizer vaccine is safe and recommended for children](#). The vaccine will help protect your child from getting sick from COVID-19, help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and help ensure kids can have more time at school and playing with their friends.

Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 years old are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart. Children with specific medical vulnerabilities can access their second dose 3 weeks after their first dose.

If you'd like more information about this, you can read a recent statement from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI): <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022>

To book an appointment

You can book at your local GP or pharmacy: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking>

You can also book at a family-friendly vaccination centre by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

You can also make vaccination centre bookings for your children online, though you will need to use an email address that has not been used in the system before: <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/>

Helping children to get their vaccination

Vaccination centres understand that children may feel anxious about vaccination or have other support needs. A range of options are available to help children get vaccinated. Please discuss your child's needs with the vaccination centre when you book an appointment.

Appointments are also available at Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations.

📖 Find out more about vaccination for kids: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers>

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

Your child's second box of RATS will be sent home with them tomorrow (Friday). Please ask your child for the RATS or check their school bag. Students who have had COVID-19 do not need to test for 30 days so they will not be issued a second box of kits at this stage.



AmbulanceVictoria

WANT TO KNOW MORE???
MEET THE AMBULANCE MEMBERS
AT CLUNES MARKET FEB 13



We are recruiting for Ambulance Community Officers in Clunes!

Your care, compassion and first aid skills could make a difference in someone's life in an emergency.

Ambulance Victoria is looking for bright, community-minded people with an interest in patient care to join our team of volunteers in Edenhope.

Eligibility

To become a first responder, you need to:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Be available for at least 20 hours of on call work per month
- Have a current driver's licence (probationary is fine)

- Willing to undergo a driver's check and police check
- Required to pass a basic literacy assessment. Communication is a huge part of the role
- Participate in ongoing continual vocational training

For more information on becoming a first responder please visit our careers website

ambulance.vic.gov.au



Farm Safety Briefing in Creswick

Tuesday 8th February

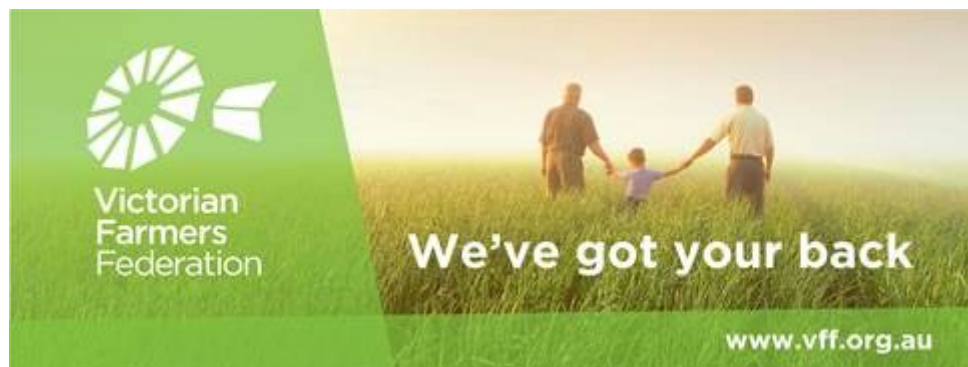
The Victorian Farmers Federation Making Our Farms Safer (MOFS) project are holding a farm safety briefing event in **Creswick on Tuesday 8th Feb** (next week). Our school community is invited, in particular any farming parents of students at our school, or farmers and farm workers within our networks who feel they would benefit from the event.

Topics for discussion at the Creswick Farm Safety Briefing are, Child Safety on Farms and Responding to workplace accidents.

If you are interested in attending the Creswick Farm Safety Briefing you can reserve your place [here](#) via Eventbrite.

If you would like to learn more about the MOFS project you can check out their newly launched website, which launched on Monday Jan 31st, 2022. Their newly developed website acts as a one-stop platform for access to guidebooks, industry news, booking their free, safety advisor consultations and the latest information on all things farm safety and OHS.

To find out more, or to connect with MOFS staff, checkout their new website at www.makingourfarmssafer.org.au



Your privacy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://www.clunesps.vic.edu.au/school-profile/privacy-policy/>. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Turkish

- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese

POSITIVE START IN 2022

Clunes Primary School is very pleased to let you know about the Victorian Government's Positive Start in 2022 initiative which provides Victorian students more opportunities to participate in fun and engaging camps and experiences in 2022.

Over the past two years, kids have missed many of those extra-curricular activities that are such an important part of their whole education.

That's why the Victorian Government is investing \$112.9 million in the Positive Start in 2022 initiative to help students bounce back into the world and experience the richness of Victorian life and culture.

Not only will students get more opportunities to visit museums, zoos, art galleries and take part in sporting programs and extra swimming lessons, they can also go on camps with their school friends and enjoy adventure activities such as abseiling, canoeing, rope courses, bush walks, hut building, cooking and orienteering.

They can go to performances, tours and music workshops at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl and take part in visual arts, music production and drama workshops. Students can also learn to skateboard, breakdance, or brush up on their footy or netball skills.

The Positive Start in 2022 initiative will provide more than 81,000 students to attend fully subsidised camps, 325,000 fully subsidised places for students in sporting and cultural programs, and 690,000 additional swimming lessons. These will boost kids' motivation and help them rebuild their connections with friends, teachers and communities.

For more information on the Positive Start in 2022 initiative, please visit [Positive Start \(education.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/positive-start).

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.



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



Scouts have fun youth-led adventures discovering new things and experiences they wouldn't discover elsewhere. It's the perfect place for kids to be kids, immersed in nature while developing leadership and critical thinking skills. Along the way, they develop into capable, confident individuals, better prepared for success in the world.

For our youngest members, the **Joey Scout** program nurtures a deeper understanding of the world around them, with a growing awareness of their surroundings and nature, by getting out and about in the community.

Hikes, weekend camps and water activities (like canoeing and kayaking) are just a few of the fun outdoor adventures that **Cub Scouts** enjoy. With the Cub motto 'Create the Path', Cubs are encouraged to try new and exciting activities, including STEM projects and cultural experiences.

Scouts is about having fun while gaining valuable leadership skills and self-confidence. They enjoy outdoor adventures like mountain biking, rock climbing and lots of camping. Scout Units also work together with other young people to contribute to their communities.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to any of your students who may be interested in getting involved and to join in the adventures at 1st Creswick Scout Group.

For your convenience, I have included an example below of some text which may be used as a template. I have also attached a picture.

2022 is the year that you can do anything and everything! It's time to unleash those experiences of a lifetime! So why not give Scouting a go?! Start term one off with adventure, now is the time to [#beascout!](#) www.scoutsvictoria.com.au [#anythingandeverything](#)

Joeys (5 - 8 yo) Wednesday's 4:30pm
 Cubs (8 - 11yo) Thursday's 5:00pm
 Scouts (11 - 14yo) Monday's 6:00pm
 Venturers (15 - 18yo) Wednesday's 7pm

Email your enquiries to Simon: gl.1stcreswick@scoutsvictoria.com.au
 7A North Parade, Creswick



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SPORTS DAYS

A FREE, FUN & INCLUSIVE DAY OF ACTIVITIES TO TRY!



FOR PHYSICAL, SENSORY &
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Wednesday, 4th May 2022

10:00am - 1:00pm

Ballarat Sports Event Centre

989 Norman St, Wendouree VIC 3355

Limited places available.
To register attendance [CLICK HERE](#)

Hosted by:

CITY OF
BALLARAT 

Delivered by:



Contact:

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EMPOWERING U

GROUP WORKSHOP

Have you ever wanted to learn how to manage problems and cope with setbacks?

The Empowering U group workshop is a free series of online workshops that will provide an opportunity for you to explore:

- A healthy lifestyle and how to manage nutrition
- What causes depression or anxiety, and coping strategies
- What is confidence and how to improve it
- Stress management and building on your strengths
- Communication skills and how to be assertive
- Patterns of procrastination and strategies to tackle it
- Improving and maintaining motivation



DURATION

One session per week for 4 weeks



LOCATION

Online Via Zoom
Time TBA



DATE/TIME

Dates TBA

NOTE: This workshop is only available to participants living in Western Victoria:

Geelong-Otway | Ballarat-Goldfields |
Wimmera-Grampians | South Coast Victoria

To register, contact genU by limhs@genu.org.au



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contact@genu.org.au

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FEELING
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**OUT OF
SORTS?**

ANXIOUS?

**OR JUST
NOT
YOURSELF?**

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ACCESS genU'S FREE LOW
INTENSITY MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT SERVICE TO HELP
GET YOU BACK ON TRACK.

Suitable for adults of all ages and abilities, genU can provide you with mental health support via a variety of flexible service options including phone, online and face-to-face sessions.

If you live in one of the below areas, you are eligible to self-refer to genU and access low intensity mental health support:

Geelong-Otway
Ballarat-Goldfields
Wimmera-Grampians
South Coast Victoria

**To find out more or self-refer
contact genU on**

PHONE 1300 558 368
EMAIL contact@genu.org.au
WEBSITE genu.org.au

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LOW INTENSITY MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

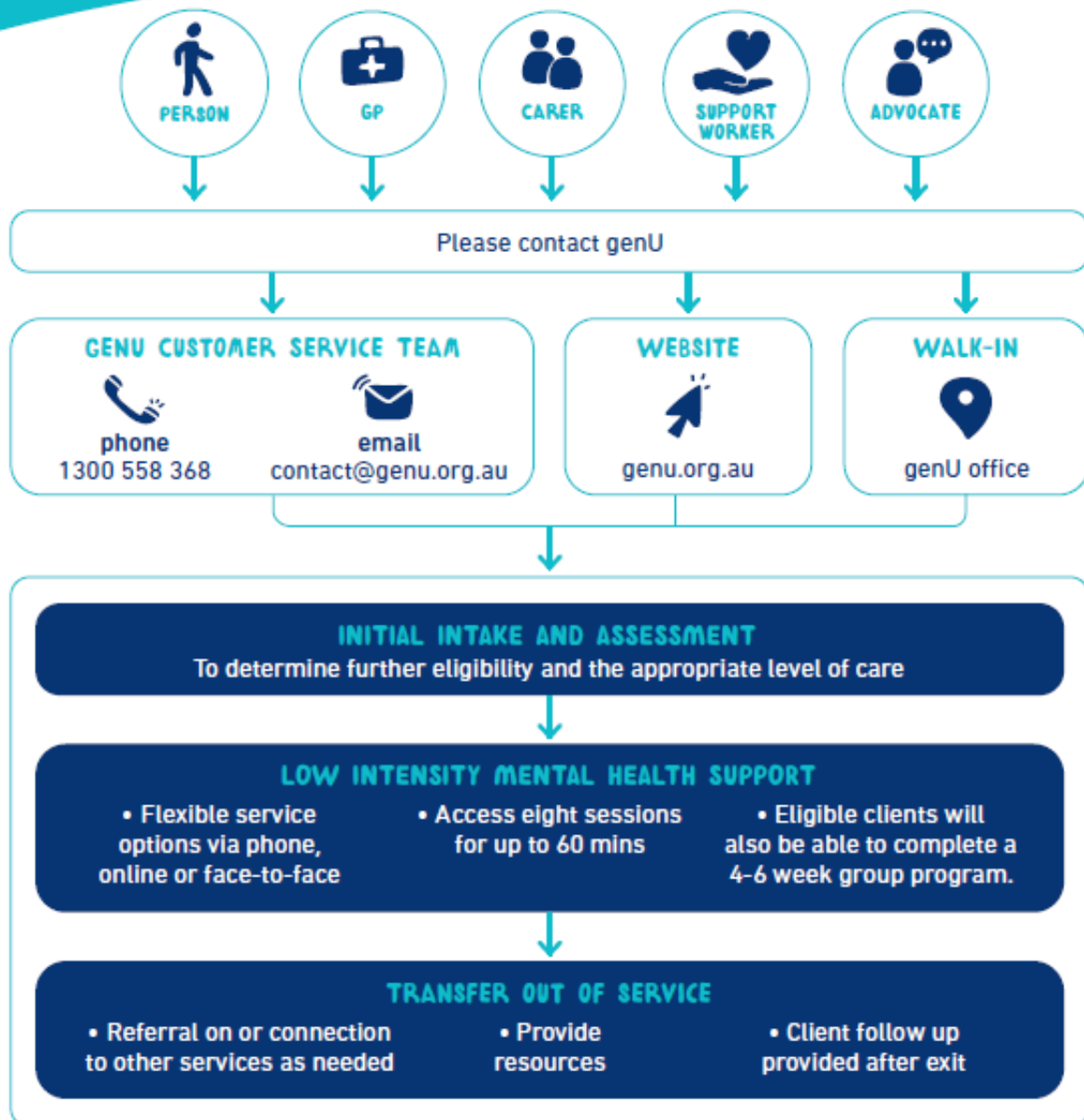


REFERRAL PROCESS

Are you looking for support to manage your mental health, or the mental health of someone you know?

genU is offering free low-intensity mental health support for people in eligible areas: Geelong-Otway, Ballarat-Goldfields, Wimmera-Grampians, South Coast Victoria

If you live an eligible area, you can self-refer to genU for mental health support.



Term 1 Calendar – Draft #1 Thursday 10th February 2022			
	Fri	28- Jan	Staff Professional Learning Day Statewide Student Free Day Clunes PS Day 1
WEEK 2	Mon	31- Jan	Staff Professional Learning Day Student Free Day Clunes PS Day 2
	Tue	1-Feb	Students first day of Term 1 2022 short whole school Assembly on the basketball court Prep & new parents to Clunes PS- welcome gathering & morning tea. (COVID Safe) DET Attendance data collection
	Wed	2-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day- each Wednesday for first 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.
WEEK 3	Mon	7-Feb	Assembly- School Captains Welcome- Induction of School Captains
	Tue	8-Feb	Every Tuesday is Walk to school Tuesday. Meet Mr. James & Mr. Burke at the Queen's Park playground at 8.30am. 9.30am Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony - all welcome to attend
	Wed	9-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) (online)
	Thu	10-Feb	First FULL Newsletter home. (Newsletters home each fortnight, sent via email & placed on the school's website) Staff photo page Junior School Council Meeting Notice of School Council election
	Fri	11-Feb	RAT Kits to be forwarded home with students in their bags
WEEK 4	Mon	14-Feb	Assembly- Induction of House Captains
	Wed	16-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	17-Feb	Closing Date for School Council elections
WEEK 5	Mon	21-Feb	Assembly- Induction of JSC representatives
	Tues	22-Feb	Senior School Swimming Sports – Clunes pool - 12.15pm start
	Wed	23-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	24-Feb	
WEEK 6	Mon	28-Feb	
	Tue	1-Mar	
	Wed	2-Mar	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
WEEK 7	Mon	7-Mar	
	Tue	8-Mar	
	Wed	9-Mar	TBC final Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day School Council AGM & General Meeting
	Thu	10-Mar	
WEEK 8	SUN	13-Mar	11 th Vintage Truck Show - 1 st Clunes school FUNDRAISER- many helpers required PLEASE see Sonia
	Mon	14-Mar	Labour Day – Public Holiday
	Wed	16-Mar	Possible TBC final Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thu	17-Mar	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Sat	19- Mar	SCHOOL WORKING BEE – 8.30- 11am Please come along and help our school to look & function
WEEK 9	Mon	21-Mar	
	Tues	22-Mar	
	Thurs	24-Mar	
	Fri	25-Mar	Proposed Harmony Day/ Focus Day-mixed groupings across the school & optional dress up theme day
WEEK 10	Tue	29-Mar	
	Wed	30-Mar	
	Thu	31-Mar	Proposed Term 1 DISCO – theme decided by our Junior School Council
	Fri	1-Apr	
WEEK 11	Mon	4-Apr	
	Tues	5-Apr	
	Wed	6-Apr	
	Thurs	7-Apr	
	Fri	8-Apr	Last day of Term 1 2.30pm finish (casual dress day- no gold coin donation. Each last day of Term is casual dress)

To be confirmed: Fire Safety lessons 2022 Welcome BBQ & Parent Information Evening.

Inter- school Swimming events Other Meetings

Good Friday- Friday 15th April

Monday 25th April- ANZAC Day Public Holiday – School Captains commitment to the Clunes township ceremony & optional participation for all students in the parade (guard of honour) & the ceremony.

Term 2 begins: Tuesday 26th April