



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

Thursday 24th February 2022 Week 5

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see **Term 1 Calendar draft #2**- each fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you! 😊

School Council 2022 Parent ballot papers were sent home yesterday (Wed 23rd February). Please complete and return to school by 4pm on Thursday March 3rd.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

RAT Kits will again be sent home with your child tomorrow (Friday). It is the Department of Education's intention to provide fortnightly RAT Kits to families and staff until the end of Term 1.

Thank you all for your incredible efforts at keeping the school informed. Our school is managing our COVID linked challenges exceptionally well!

Our School Council 2022 Election process is well underway and yesterday everyone should have received their yellow envelope including the voting ballot, photos and personal statements for our 5 nominees.

The parent response to nominating to be on our School Council is incredibly uplifting! I feel very proud as Principal!

Reminder Instructions

To **cast your vote**, you must:

- Make a clear mark beside the name of the candidate/s
- Place the completed ballot paper in a blank envelope and either
 - a. place the envelope in an envelope with your name and address on the back and arrange to deliver it to the principal,

before closure of the ballot at 4.00pm on:	Thursday 3rd March 2022
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or

- b. between 8.00am and 4.00pm on any school day, on or before the date of closure of the ballot, place the envelope containing the completed ballot paper in the ballot box and print the voter's name and address in the register of voters. (at the Office)



Beckworth House - Swimming Carnival Champions!

Historic Vehicle Show- School Fundraiser- Sunday 13th March (Long Weekend)

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are catering at this usually (pre-COVID) well-attended event at the Clunes Show Grounds on **Sunday 13th March**, the Labour Day weekend.

We will provide sandwiches and scones (Devonshire Teas).

It is an extremely good fundraiser for us, raising over one thousand dollars in 2020. Proceeds went immediately into programs and resources for our students. We will be looking for donations of some of your wonderful scones to help make this a successful fundraiser for us again this year.

We would also appreciate any time you can spare on the day for an hour or so. With Mrs B's retirement, and with many of our reliable helpers having moved on to secondary settings, we are actively and desperately seeking new helpers, as well as, please, our trusted regular helpers from pre COVID times. Please let the Office know if you are able to assist, even if for just a short time. There will be a **ROSTER** at the Office. **PLEASE** drop the scones in to us at the Show Grounds on the Sunday morning.

We will begin to make the sandwiches at 9am. Regards, Sonia

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 1

Our School Values Awards focus on:

We Learn

We Show Respect

We are Safe

Our Term 1 You Can Do It focus is:

Getting Along

Prep / 1D – Akir, London	1/2MJ – Duncan, Charlie Mc
3/4LA – Sophia, Dyllan	4 /5R - Cameron, Feather
5/6B – Lily, Brock	Principal’s Award - Jayda, Cameron, James, Riley, Declen, Ben T, Archie, Anabelle, Audrey, Ella, Dahli
Performing Arts - All students!	PE - Pepper, Eyden, All Swimmers!
Visual Arts - Cushla, Julian, River, Georgia	Bus Award - Diesel, Archie, Tahlee

*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 also 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!

Our Play Space materials in action! Thank you to the many families for your donations of PVC piping and joins. We need lots more please ... as well as giant boxes, hard plastic crates and smooth wooden posts. (no splinters 😊)



Archie and Declen
announcing 'Farm
Club'



Many more photos are on display at school.
Thank you all for your active participation!

4/5R Head to Swimming Sports 2022

4/5R were excited and racing to compete at the 2022 Senior Swimming Sports on Tuesday. At the pool, they showed enthusiasm, teamwork, determination and commitment to their houses as they competed in races and cheered on their peers.

All students followed the school's Behaviour Matrix exceptionally, making all the teachers proud. Well done to all students in Beckworth house for winning the cup, and to all other students for their encouragement throughout the event. The students returned to school happy but exhausted from the day at the pool.



Rubik's Cube Competition Winners !!!

We finally have been able to celebrate the great achievement of our place getters in the Rubik's Cube competition that was run in Term 4 last year. The challenge was put to the students to see who could complete the '4 Step Pattern' the fastest only using one hand! Students soon discovered it wasn't as easy as first thought, however I was very impressed with everyone's effort, they showed great determination and patience. The competition was very tight at the top with 1st and 2nd place separated by only 1.3 seconds! Each place getter received a certificate and prize. Well done and congratulations to :

1st Duncan - 3x3 Rubik's Cube

2nd Dahli - 2x2 Rubik's Cube

3rd Logan - mini 3x3 Rubik's Cube keyring

4th Matt - pack of UNO cards



For those unaware, when someone starts with a solved cube and completes the '4 Step Pattern' a total of 6 times, the cubes looks like it messes up and then is solved again. It's also the main pattern used when solving a cube from scratch.

All the best

Mr Lewis

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

Your child's third 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 may not be issued another box of kits at this stage.



GROW YOUR OWN FRUIT AND SUMMER SHADE TREES



CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL TREE DRIVE 2022

It's that time of year to start thinking about what trees you want to plant this winter as the **Clunes Primary School Tree Drive** is back and happening again this April / May. As part of the school's fundraising program we are offering you the chance to purchase a variety of affordable fruiting and ornamental trees supplied by Valley Tree Nursery, Ardmona. All proceeds go to the school.

The Tree List and order forms will be available in **April** and located at the school office, Clunes Newsagency, the Top Shop and Post Office. Please place your order and payment with the School prior to **Friday 13 May**. Trees will be available for pick up from the school at the end of **July**. We will contact you when they are available. Please contact the Primary School (03) 5345 3182 if you have any queries.

Voluntary Survey for Families of Prep Children

Families of children who have started their foundation year of school in 2022 can complete a short voluntary survey to share their recent experiences of starting school.

The short [5-minute survey](#) is now open and will close on Monday 14 March 2022.

The survey will help the Department of Education and Training better understand the experience of children and their families as they transition from early childhood settings to school.

The survey is confidential. This means information about you, your child, and school will not be shared with the Department of Education and Training. Only general findings will be shared, and you will not be identified.



COVIDSafe measures extension

17 February 2022

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored, and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modelling indicates, assuming a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- around 400 hospital admissions.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use.

Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16 to 17 year olds are now available.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
- by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

In addition, schools provide a trusted place among the community to access vaccination, particularly for families who may experience language or social barriers.

Following successful implementation of school pop-up clinics at the commencement of Term 1, more than 230 schools across Victoria are currently hosting mini-vaccination clinics led by GPs and pharmacists. Many of these clinics will also make vaccinations available the broader school community, inclusive of families of students and school staff.

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

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.



JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING

Thursday 3rd March

13&Under B	4.00pm – 5.00pm
13&Under A	4.30pm – 5.30pm
15U, 17U	5.00pm – 6.00pm

13B TBC
13A NIKOL FEATHERSTON
0429 405 898

15U CHRISTINE HILL
0420 780 588

17U MATILDA HILL
0474 033 696



- NEW PLAYERS & FAMILIES WELCOMED
- REGISTRATION & PLAYER SPONSOR INFO PROVIDED ON THE NIGHT
- R1 - SAT 9TH APRIL @ CRESWICK

JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

<https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/login>

Under 13s (A&B) Players must be born on or after Jan 1st 2009
Players must have turned 8 in order to register and play.

Please contact and Christine Hill 0420 780 588
for any netball registration issues.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING



Wednesday 2nd March

U12s 4:30pm - 5:30pm
U15s & U18s 5:00pm - 6:00pm

U12 - LINDSAY 0427 028 556

U15 - FEV 0407 515 319
MAYOR 0417 303 566

U18 - SPOOKS 0427 041 188
ZAMPS 0439 807 711

- NEW PLAYERS & FAMILIES WELCOMED
 - REGISTRATION & PLAYER SPONSOR INFO PROVIDED ON THE NIGHT
 - R1 - SAT 9TH APRIL @ CRESWICK
- *TRAINING WILL CHANGE TO THURSDAYS LATE MARCH - DATE TBC



JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
All Junior Grades are \$120

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/c168fb>

Under 12s Football Players must be born on or after Jan 1st 2010
Players must have turned 8 in order to register and play.

Please contact Jaqui Featherston 0418 515 708
for any football registration issues



Creswick Soccer Club

It's nearly that time of year again... time to strap the boots on and get down to Doug Lindsay Reserve for some soccer!

The Creswick Soccer Club will be commencing junior training from Wednesday March 2nd at 4:30pm for ages 5 and up! We look forward to seeing some new and returning faces ready to get back into the sport we love!

If you have any questions please email us at; creswicksoccerclub@gmail.com, reach out on Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/CreswickSoccerClub> or call Samuel Hazeldine on 0402 204 4644

For any parents interested in getting involved our seniors train (Men and Women) Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:30pm. We are always in need of volunteers to help out around the club as well!



Creswick Soccer Club

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS!

The Creswick Soccer Club invites all women and girls to come and learn how to play soccer. No previous experience necessary.

With the addition of a second senior women's team this year in the local Ballarat competition we are looking to continue growing our women's teams and also expanding with junior girls' teams from age 5 years and upwards.

Junior training commences Wednesday 2nd March at 4:30pm

Senior training has commenced on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:30pm.

All at Doug Lindsay Reserve, Creswick.

For further information contact; **Raylene Knowles on 0409 021 300**

Term 1 Calendar – Draft #2 Thursday 23rd February 2022

Wk	Day	Date	Event
1	Fri	28- Jan	
WK 2	Mon	31- Jan	
	Tue	1-Feb	
WEEK 3	Mon	7-Feb	
	Tue	8-Feb	
	Fri	11-Feb	
WEEK 4	Mon	14-Feb	
	Wed	16-Feb	
	Thu	17-Feb	
WEEK 5	Mon	21-Feb	Assembly- Induction of House Vice- Captains
	Tues	22-Feb	Senior School Swimming Sports – Clunes pool - 12.15pm start School Council 2022 elections- nominator and seconder displayed
	Wed	23-Feb	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day School Council 2022 elections- Ballot papers prepared and distributed
	Thu	24-Feb	
	Fri	25-Feb	RAT Kits to be forwarded home with students in their bags
WEEK 6	Mon	28-Feb	Assembly - Induction of JSC representatives First Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Tue	1-Mar	
	Wed	2-Mar	Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day
	Thurs	3-Mar	School Council 2022 elections- Close of Ballot 4pm
	Fri	4-Mar	Sovereign Eureka Swimming Event- Ballarat School Council 2022 elections- Vote Count Mrs Tuddenham' s proposed last day
WEEK 7	Mon	7-Mar	
	Tue	8-Mar	School Council 2022 elections- Declaration of Ballot
	Wed	9-Mar	Final Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day School Council AGM & General Meeting- First School Council meeting & elect office bearers
	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	
	Thu	17-Mar	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Sat	19- Mar	SCHOOL WORKING BEE – 8.30- 11am Please come along and help!
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	Goldfields Cross Country
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

Saturday 19th March – 8.30am- 11am. Working Bee  Help please! ☺ Any amount of time is gr8!