



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

Thursday 10th March 2022 Week 7

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see **Term 1 Calendar draft #3-** each fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you! 😊

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you all sincerely for your incredible voting efforts in our 2022 School Council elections!

I formally declare that Jo Henderson-Drife and Jesse Clowes have been elected as Parent Representatives for the 2022- 2024 School Council.

Thank you again to all our Nominees for your commitment to our school’s improvement. Please nominate again in the future!

Last night our School Council conducted the Annual General Meeting. At the meeting new Office Bearers were decided.

President: Jo Henderson-Drife

Vice-President: Deb Bright

Secretary: Kristin O’Brien

Treasurer: Andy Campbell

Three Clunes PS School Council Sub-Committees were formed:

Finance: led by Andy Campbell

Buildings and Grounds: led by Jesse Clowes

Fundraising: led by Deb Bright

If you would like to be involved in any of the School Council Sub-Committees please see Sonia as our school’s Executive Officer.

Thank you again to all nominees and to our retiring

President: Steve Kinnersly.

Historic Vehicle Show- School Fundraiser- this Sunday 13th March (Long Weekend) HELP Please!

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are catering at this usually (pre-COVID) well-attended event at the Clunes Show Grounds this 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. This year our focus is to update all of the tired looking painted games and activity markings in the Courtyard! Please help at the stall on the day or by baking scones! 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



Best wishes to you, Luke, and Harvey Mrs. Tuddenham! Thank you for this term.

We will be thinking of you and will miss you!

See you in Term 4!



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!

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

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 – Ava	1/2MJ – Tahlee
3/4LA – Matt	4 /5R - Grace
5/6B – Alexander, Miley	Principal's Award – Taya, Lily, Otto, Jacus, Noah, Eyden
Performing Arts – Logan,	PE – Riley, Taya, Brock T,
Visual Arts – Oliver, Dakota	Bus Award - Zarah, Charlie Mc, Archer Mc



Congratulations Taya and Riley!

Fabulous swimming efforts at the Sovereign/ Eureka Division Swimming Event last Friday.

We are very proud of you!

Taya will now compete at the Region event in Horsham on Fri 18th March.



***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!**



Giant 4.5kg Toblerone Chocolate Block

RAFFLE

\$1 per ticket OR \$3 for 5 tickets

WIN! (for Easter!) Tickets at the Office!

Drawn at school - Last day of Term 1

Fri 8th April 2022

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts! ☐ Students of Clunes PS 2022

Kitchen Garden & Cooking Program

Our next Newsletter will feature our Kitchen Garden and Cooking Program. We have recommenced the highly valued program, in a COVID Safe manner, within our own individual classrooms. Thank you Mrs. Mitchell, Catherine and students! Our Wesley at Clunes Friends are attending our school each Wednesday and are busily weeding and re-establishing our Kitchen Garden. Thanks to Yonke, Kris, Christy and Catherine for your support !



Working Bee



School Working Bee

Please note that our next School Community Working Bee is to be held on

Saturday 19th March 8.30-11am

We welcome everyone of all abilities – from weeders to sweepers to painters, all help is gratefully accepted and required to keep our School looking at its best. Our major focus is to prepare for the Autumn/ Winter season. This means gutters and storm water drains cleared, weeds removed, leaves collected, branches and vines trimmed and wooden cubbies, blue cubes and the stage painted.

Thank you for your support!

Grade 5/6 Students Get Lost at School.



Tuesday 8th March 2022— Eyewitnesses spotted Grade 5/6B students seemingly wandering around the school grounds during class time. No, they were not cutting class, but gaining new skills. Grade 5/6B have been combining Location Mathematics and Outdoor Education by learning to use compasses.

Students were given instruction on how to use orienteering compasses, and given a trail to follow that used bearings (measured in degrees) or Cardinal Points (North, South East and West), where they had to find mystery letters that formed words.

Comments were made about how precise they needed to be with the compass, otherwise they would veer off course; and students enjoyed the challenge.

Further improvements were offered by students, including one suggestion of creating Mathematics number sentences in order to work out what the right bearing might be.

Well done Grade 5/6B for your efforts.





National Ride 2 School Day is quickly approaching (25th March) and staff are again encouraging the whole school community to join us in a friendly exercise challenge:

Clunes PS Staff V The Whole School Community

Mr Burke and Mr Lewis will ride an extended route from Ballarat to Clunes Primary school on Friday 25th, with other staff participating in various ways. Your challenge as students, parents, grandparents, carers or friends is to **walk, run, ride, scoot, or skate** to and from school over five days (Mon 21st, Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th & Fri 25th) and beat the total kilometres of all school staff involved. Each morning your kilometres will be recorded by our Sports House Captains. So join in the fun and invest in you health and wellbeing!

There is a Prize for the student who travels the most kilometres.

'Walk to School' on Tuesday morning counts for $\frac{1}{2}$ of a kilometre (500meters) for those that come along. Join us at Queens Park at 8.25am and walk up to school. Students may also like to walk multiple laps around the oval loop each morning before school starts.

1 lap of the large oval loop = .5 of a kilometre (500metres)

1 lap of the small oval loop = .3 of a kilometre (300metres)

If you want to know how many kilometres from your house to school, open Google and type in: Distance from (your address) to Clunes PS.

Healthy Bodies - Healthy Minds - Ready To Learn

NAPLAN – information for parents and carers



2022

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit in May each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students do.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools are transitioning from paper-based to computer-based assessments. Most schools will complete NAPLAN tests online in 2022. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students can participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experience of using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN.

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN online test window is nine days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN online test window starts on Tuesday 10 May and finishes on Friday 20 May 2022. Tests must be scheduled as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Online NAPLAN test scheduling requirements are detailed in the table below.

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only) • Year 5 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only) • Years 7 and 9 writing must start on day 2 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 2 and 3 only) 	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 42 min. Year 7: 42 min. Year 9: 42 min.	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure online schools are able to complete NAPLAN tests within the nine-day testing window, Year 7 and 9 students can start with reading on day 1; however, writing must start on day 2 • To be completed before the conventions of language test 	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be completed after the reading test 	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be completed after the conventions of language test 	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

CRESWICK PS CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 17th March @ 7pm sharp 90 minute session

Mt Rowan Secondary College Theatre
cnr of Giot Dve & Forest Street

Open to all parents of Hepburn Shire

NO ENTRY FEE



SUSAN MCLEAN

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought-after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments.

An educational & entertaining session for Parents and carers, Susan's unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked at the reality of the online world. It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach. The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of.

Cyberspace 101. The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if - rather than when.

What are kids doing online. Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, House Party & more.



vaccine certificate required for entry



Online Grooming. What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.

Cyberbullying. What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.

Exposure to damaging content. Including online pornography & sites that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.

Top Tips- how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.



THE SESSION WILL CONCLUDE WITH TIME FOR QUESTIONS

Positive Start in 2022: FREE holiday camps

Dear parents and carers

During the past 2 years, the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many students have missed out on the opportunity to experience outdoor activities in an organised, social and supportive environment.

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all children and young people, and is offering the chance for eligible students to attend a free camp program as part of the Positive Start in 2022 initiative, during the 2022 school holiday periods.

Free camps for eligible students

Camps are a great way for young people to build confidence, experience new activities, learn leadership skills, connect socially and make new friends.

Holiday camp programs can range from single overnight experiences to spending several nights away.

While on camp, your child may enjoy a range of social and adventure activities which could include team challenges, bush walks, orienteering, hut building, cooking, bush walks, painting with nature, rope courses, abseiling and canoeing. Camp providers will make every effort to ensure they are accessible to all students and will list their facilities and supports available on the Positive Start website.

Express your interest today

Places are limited, so if you are interested in this opportunity for your child or children, register your interest as soon as possible. Registrations close Friday 25 March 2022.

For further information, including how to register, visit:
<https://vacsddata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>
or scan the QR code.



Please also refer to the Holiday Camp Information below.

Once you register your interest, the Department of Education and Training will send you more information about available programs and how you can secure a booking.

Find out more

For further enquiries about the Positive Start holiday camps or to register your interest, contact positivestart@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards

Stephen Fraser
Deputy Secretary
School Education Programs and Support
Department of Education and Training

HOLIDAY CAMP INFORMATION

Which students are eligible for free holiday camps?

Students who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to attend a free holiday camp:

- attend a school that experienced closures of 5 days or more due to COVID-19 in 2021
- have an approved [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#) application for 2022
- have a parent who holds a valid means-tested concession card (for example a Health Care Card, Job Seeker, Newstart Allowance, Disability Support Pension)
- are in out-of-home care (temporary or permanent)
- have a disability
- are from a refugee background
- are indigenous students
- are in the [Navigator program](#).

When are the holiday camps?

The holiday camps will run in the 2022 school holidays — Term 1 (April), Term 2 (June/July) and Term 3 (September) 2022.

How much does it cost?

These camps are completely free of charge to eligible families. It will not cost you anything for your child to attend the camp. Most of the camps can organise transport from central locations however, for some camps, parents may need to provide transport for their child. Specific information regarding transport will be supplied by the individual camp providers.

How old does my child need to be?

Students in years 3 to 12 from the start of 2022 school year can attend holiday camp programs.

Will my child get to go with their friends?

Your child may be able to go on camp with their friends if they book to go to the same camp and there are places available. However, please note that your child's friends may not be eligible for the Positive Start free holiday camp funding. Only eligible families may book through Positive Start. Remember, your child will also have the chance to make new friends and build relationships with students from other schools.

What types of camps are there?

There will be a list of camps from which that you can choose. Each camp will have a brief description including where it is, the length of the camp (number of days), the dates it is running, how to get there; as well as a list of activities to help you decide which camp would best suit your child.

What general safety measures are in place to ensure camps are safe for students?

Camp facilities and sites are reviewed each year and are accredited by an independent national accreditation scheme to ensure they meet best practice standards and that all students receive the best care. All camp activities are compliant with national safety standards. All staff members have working with children checks and undergo a thorough induction and checking process as part of working with the camp.

What COVIDSafe strategies are in place at camps?

All Positive Start in 2022 camps must put into place a CovidSafe plan that aligns with Department of Health and Department of Education and Training advice. This includes operating under up-to-date CovidSafe practices such as appropriate cleaning, activity design, food service and accommodation density and layouts.

How do I register my interest?

It's easy to register your interest. Simply go to the link below or scan the QR code on the right and complete the registration details. Once you have provided your email address, the Positive Start team will be in touch with more information.

<https://vacodata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>

What happens next?

Within two weeks of registering your child's interest, you will be provided with more information including a list of available holiday camps and how to book.

If you need further information about the free holiday camps before you feel comfortable to register your interest please visit the

www.vic.gov.au/positivestart



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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.

Term 1 Calendar – Draft #3 Thursday 10th March 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
	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
	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' 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	
	Fri	11-Mar	RAT Kits to be forwarded home with students in their bags
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	Prep students attend school for their first Wednesday!
	Thu	17-Mar	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm FRI 18 th – Taya swims in Horsham at the Region event
	Sat	19-Mar	SCHOOL WORKING BEE – 8.30- 11am Please come along and help!
WEEK 9	Mon	21-Mar	Ride 2 School Week!
	Tues	22-Mar	
	Thurs	24-Mar	NAPLAN Online – Years 3 & 5 National Practice Day 11.30am Indigenous Cultural Education Event in Creswick 12-3pm (5 students)
	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 TBC - theme- Past and Future 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!