



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

Thursday 24th March 2022 Week 9

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see **Term 1 Calendar draft #4-** each fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you! 😊

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you all sincerely for your incredible efforts in RAT Kit testing your children twice weekly! COVID-19 seems to be steadily creeping into our school, mostly via secondary settings and workplaces. By using the RAT Kit tests twice weekly, it gives us all the opportunity to be forewarned and to be prepared for a possible 'positive'.

Please notify the school if you have a positive or if your child will be away for the required 7 days as recognised household close contacts. We will forward home some learning activities for your child to engage in if they are well enough.

I've started forwarding home, via email, a copy of the Exposure Notifications letter so that you are aware of infections across the school. As of today, there are ... active cases in the school.

Hard Copies of the Exposure Notifications letter will also continue be forwarded home to the classes effected, as required by the Dept. of Education. (DET)

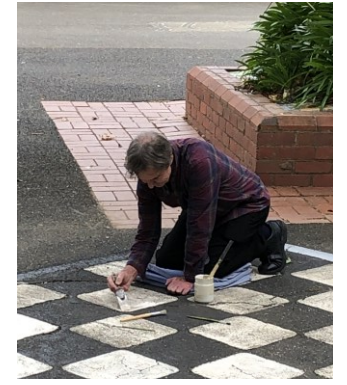
Trying to minimise cross class/ school infection by following the Dept of Education- Operations Guide has meant that some of our much-loved and effective programs and activities have been continually delayed such as Buddies and SRA

(Years 1-6). **Sadly, we've now made the unwelcome decision to NOT conduct our Families Focus Day – Harmony Day tomorrow, or the Discos next Thursday.** Indoors mixed groupings/ activities are still not allowed to be conducted. We will now commit to conduct them early next term when we get the Department of Education's okay. We will also need to delay our Welcome to school BBQ and Parent Education session.

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

\$2000 raised! (a small anonymous donation made it \$2000 even 😊) Thank you all for your assistance!

Spencer delivering scones to the Luncheon Room at the Showgrounds and Mr. Adams revamping the Chess Board.



RAT kits will again be sent home with your child tomorrow (Friday).

Those who have had COVID-19 can now wait **8 weeks** before undergoing screening.

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 last two weeks of Term 1! 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

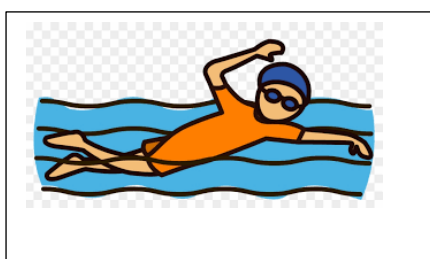
Our Term 1 You Can Do It focus is:

Getting Along

Prep / 1D – River, Otto	1/2MJ – Tahlee, Logan
3/4LA – Willow	4 /5R – Duke, James
5/6B – Julian, Killian	Principal’s Award – Duncan
Performing Arts – Lucy, Noah	PE – Taya
Visual Arts – Oliver, Dakota	Bus Award - Amelia

Congratulations Taya!

Fabulous swimming efforts at the Region event in Horsham last Fri 18th March. We are very proud of you! 2.5 seconds off your Personal Best (PB) in the Breaststroke event...wow!



There is **one case of Chicken Pox** in the school. (Junior area P/1D)

Public Health and Wellbeing Regulation 2019 -Minimum period of exclusion from primary schools and children’s services for infectious diseases cases and contacts:

Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children but may be less in previously immunised children.

Any child with an immune deficiency should be excluded for their own protection.

***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!**

ANZAC Day 2022

Monday 25th April optional student attendance at the ceremony.
(the day before Term 2 begins)

Mid-morning Service - 10.30am. All students are invited to participate.
Please assemble in front of the RSL Hall at 10.30am in school uniform for our march towards the Cenotaph. We will line the street as a guard of honour for the formal march. We will then stand as a school group on the north side of the cenotaph.

Our School Captains and Vice-Captains will participate in the formal ceremony. A School Captain will read Stanza Three of the Ode and all four School Captains will lay a wreath on behalf of the school community. Selected pieces of student writing (senior school) will be read at the ceremony by the authors. The chosen pieces for 2022 will be determined by the staff at the end of this term. Selected pieces will be placed in the Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter.



ANZAC Day Badges are available for sale at School. All proceeds go directly to the RSL.

Please follow the Hepburn Shire COVID- safe rules required for the event. Please check the Shire website as the event gets closer for specific details. Thank you.

School Raffle Fundraiser

Giant 4.5kg Toblerone Chocolate Block
\$1 per ticket OR \$3 for 5 tickets

Win! (for Easter) Tickets at the Office

Drawn at school on the last day of Term 1.

Friday 8th April 2022

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



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Recommend \$305 in 2022

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Recommend \$50 in 2022

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



Performing Arts:

This term in Performing Arts, we are focusing on singing and drama games and role play. In the junior classes, the Learning Intention is for the students to learn and practise call and response songs as well as fun actions to go along with their lyrics. The drama games revolve around developing listening and responding skills and of course, fun! We begin each session with special breathing exercises to get our bodies and voices ready for singing. The juniors have special 'breathing buddies' to help them know when their lungs are expanding and to help them feel calm and focussed. They are practising singing as a group and their voices sound amazing!

In the senior grades, the Learning Intention is for the students to develop their capacity to sing songs which include harmonies as well as songs from different cultures. They also begin each session with breathing exercises and have learned the physical ways in which singing can be beneficial to our health and wellbeing. They sound incredible when they sing their songs and are practising performing as a choir in readiness for a performance, hopefully sometime next term! The seniors are also engaging in drama games, including improvisation role play and other theatre sports. Ask them to demonstrate some of their activities and be prepared to be astonished at their confidence, talent and enthusiasm!



Ask your Performing Arts expert to play 'Artists and Blobs' or 'Conversations on a Park Bench' with you!



Kitchen Garden News

This term students and volunteers have worked on re-invigorating our garden beds while utilising our abundance of fresh fruit for cooking. Students across the school have enjoyed sampling fresh picked peaches, pears, nectarines, nashis, grapes, apples and tomatoes from the garden.

Students have assisted our parent volunteers in planting out the front two garden beds and working on improving the soil. We are looking into some new ideas to help us better compost our food scraps and have submitted an application for a Woolworths-Landcare grant. If successful, this will go towards vermin proof compost bins.

Christy and Kris held a very popular Seed bomb making workshop at lunch time with each participant making their own clay seed bomb to take home once dry. We can't wait to hear about the flowers that grow from them later in the year!

A **huge** thank you to the Wesley volunteers plus our fantastic parent volunteers who have been working exceptionally hard clearing weeds, preparing garden beds and donating seedlings, manure, straw and most importantly, enthusiasm!



Nashi Salad

Salad

- 2 small oak lettuces -Leaves torn
- ½ cup spinach leaves
- 1 large cucumber -thinly sliced
- 2-3 Nashis -thinly sliced
- ½ block feta -chopped into cubes
- ½ cup croutons

Dressing

- 1/2 Tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 Tablespoons Maple syrup
- 1 Tablespoons mustard
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil

Shake ingredients together in a sealed jar or container.

Drizzle over salad and toss through.





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

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At the last meeting of the School Council, a **Fundraising Sub-Committee** was appointed to manage the many fundraising events the School is involved in each year. From this it was decided that a Parent Fundraising Group is established to come together, to share ideas, to be involved in not only supporting fundraising for the school, but to build connections and a solid foundation of involvement within the school community.

Given the restrictions Covid has imposed on us all over the past two years, it is time for us to once again (safely) come together and re-connect with each other and with the school.

The group will conduct monthly meetings on the first Friday of each month, and invite all parents and interested School community members to come along. In the event that you are unable to make the monthly meetings, but still want to be included in the information shared at meetings and are willing and able to assist with any of the fundraising projects, please see Kristin or Sonia in the Office to have your name added to the list, so that information can be forwarded to you.

We look forward to sharing with you in the many wonderful opportunities 2022 will bring.

FIRST MEETING of the Parent Fundraising Group will be held:

FRIDAY 1 APRIL, 2022 at 9am

In the MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, Clunes Primary School

ALL WELCOME!



**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 #4 Thursday 24 th March 2022			
Wk 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 (7 students)
	Fri	25-Mar	<i>Proposed Harmony Day/ Focus Day-mixed groupings across the school & optional dress up theme day- POSTPONED until early Term 2 Due to DET COVID (indoors) mixed groupings restrictions</i>
WEEK 10	Tue	29-Mar	
	Wed	30-Mar	
	Thu	31-Mar	<i>Proposed Term 1 DISCO - theme- Past and Future decided by our Junior School Council POSTPONED until early Term 2 Due to DET COVID (indoors) mixed groupings restrictions</i>
	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- Will be postponed until Term 3

Welcome BBQ & Parent Information Evening- *POSTPONED until early Term 2 Due to DET COVID (indoors) mixed groupings restrictions*

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