



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

Monday 19th December 2022 - Term 4 Week 12

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

2023 Clunes PS School Bus Route, collection & delivery home times, will be confirmed end of January, once PTV approval is granted.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Photos of your child/ children, were taken with Santa, and the Elves at our Christmas Concert. These have been sent home. Please see Sonia if you'd like another copy.

2023

Staff begin: Friday 27th January

ALL STUDENTS BEGIN: Tuesday 31st January

Prep students- Wednesday Rest Days for the first 7 wks

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Superb News! There will be a direct Country Bus from Clunes to Mt. Rowan SC in 2023!

We sincerely congratulate our Year 6 Graduating Class of 2022!

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! 😊

RAT Kits –

Please let us know if you need a further kit, i.e., if your child is showing COVID -19 symptoms or is a close contact.

Thank you all for your incredible efforts at keeping the school informed in 2022. Our school has managed our 2022 COVID linked challenges exceptionally well!



We all thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Focus Day, our Christmas School Concert AND our Christmas in Clunes Concert.

Thank you Santa and Elves for your surprise visits too! (more photos inside)

Thank you, Clunes PS families, for an incredibly successful year, especially given the extra challenges that this unexpected third 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. 😊

Merry Christmas Everyone



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4

Our School Values Awards focus on:

We Learn

We Show Respect

We are Safe

**Our Term 4 You Can Do It focus is:
Confidence**

Prep / 1D – Lucy, Pip	1/2MJ – Arnya
3/4LA – Matt, Chloe V	4 /5R – Oliver
5/6B – Brock T Principal's Awards-	Charlie, Aria, Jake, RJ, Killian, Cameron
Performing Arts- Lacey, Isla, Chloe V, Miley, Spencer Visual Arts- Arlo, James, Feather	PE- Campbell, BALC Swimming Colouring Comp Awards- Ava & Oliver, Lucy DRUMBEAT Awards- Audrey, Tommy, Anabelle, Heidi, Angus, Hazel, Sophia

Special thanks to our superbly efficient Newsletter monitors Zarah and Killian across 2022!

Sincere thanks to Andrew Webb and the Webb family

for their weekly tireless efforts and absolute commitment to our Friday Fruit (and Vegie) Platters as a Health Promoting School. Andrew 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 this diligent school family for a significant number of years. The Webb family retire from this responsibility at the end of 2022, and we wish all members of the Webb family success in all future endeavours.

We require a new family to support us in 2023 if we want this highly valued weekly healthy food option to continue! Please let us know asap if you are interested and available!

Congratulations!

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Griff with Cr. Tessa Halliday
receiving the
**2022 Hepburn Shire
Clunes PS Student Citizenship
Award**



Kris Thomas with Catherine King
representative Janet Bradshaw
receiving the **2022 Catherine King
Clunes PS Community Volunteer
Award**



2022 School Captains

I would sincerely like to thank our **2022 School Captains – Ella and Noah** and our **School Vice - Captains – Dahli and Callan**, for their strong and engaging leadership throughout the 2022 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!



2023 School Captains

Our 2023 School Captains are:
Zarah Campbell and Ben Thompson

Our 2021 School Vice-Captains are:
Lily Roberts and Killian McDougall

Year 6 Graduation 2022

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 Thursday and our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Our families were particularly resilient waiting outdoors for the Awards Presentation to begin.

Thank you! Our heartfelt thanks is given to Jen and her team from the National Hotel for providing the delicious meal and to our volunteer students; Kara and Tom 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, Mrs Jo Henderson-Drife for her 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 – Noah Deane & Ella McLure

Presented by Janine Booth

All Nations Masonic Lodge Clunes Citizenship Awards – Callan Duggan & Audrey Hipwell

Presented by Gordon Cameron

RSL Incentive Awards – Amelia Thompson & Blake Duggin

Presented by Secretary Lindsay Pritchard.

Andrea Leckie Memorial Reading Awards- Anabelle Bolton & Angus Campbell

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Neil and Kaye Leckie.

All Nations Masonic Lodge Maryborough – Eyden Buckley

Presented by Anastasia Baxter-Jones

Visual and Performing Arts Awards 2022– Alexis Lamph & Anthony Dell'aera

Presented by Vicki Anderson

Maryborough Education Centre Award (MEC) 2022 (special 2022 Book Award for a student attending MEC in 2023)– Dahli Webb Presented by Ash Burke

Clunes Primary School Respectful Relationships Award – Declan Saw-Guest

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.



Year 6 Graduation 2022



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This is our final newsletter for the 2022 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 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 ready to implement year two of our School Strategic Plan 2021-2025. Staff professional development continued with a targeted ongoing focus to improve student learning outcomes in Numeracy and Literacy. The Tutor Learning Initiative, led by Mrs. Vicki Anderson, supported students needing both catch-up and extension, following a COVID effected Remote Teaching and Learning in 2020 and 2021. 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 2023. 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. The Year 5s and 6s engaged in the ‘Good Man’ Project. These wellbeing areas will continue again into 2023 as we continue as a school community and right across the state, and nation, to manage and recover from the unique challenges of the past three years.

Positive school student and staff survey results (no parent survey results released by DET yet) and student achievement data has reflected the success we have again experienced in 2022, despite an academically, socially and emotionally demanding year for all. We were able to utilise a Positive Schools Grant providing a whole school excursion to the Arts Centre in the City to see Girls with Altitude, a Flying Fruit Flies performance! We all loved this adventure and plan to continue a whole school excursion program in 2023. We thoroughly enjoyed being able to conduct our P-6 Camps Program and were once again able to enjoy all of our regular extra-curricular activities eg. Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough, an Earth Education incursion, Ecolinc Excursion and other curriculum related excursions and incursions. Eg. Sovereign Hill. See-Saw implementation across the school to build home/ school communication relationships began in earnest and will again be a focus in 2023.

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 beginning physical presence (thankfully again) in our school.

The benefits to having our students all back on-site, when well, for a entire year has 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!



Swimming P-6 2022



K-P Transition day #4

State-wide Transition day for 2023



But wait... there's more! Please see more photos of our Prep D 2023 class over the page!



Christmas celebrations 2022





SCHOOL COUNCIL REVIEW



As the 2022 School year comes to a close, it is an excellent opportunity to reflect and be thankful for the year that was. Although, at times throughout the year, we were battered by illness and extreme amounts of absences, we stayed strong and completed our first full year in the classroom since 2019. This is an achievement in itself and must be celebrated! Students had many experiences offered to them throughout the year, including Camps, the introduction of a “Day Camp” for the Juniors’, a trip to Melbourne, swimming and athletic sports, cross country, Major Games, Leadership activities, excursions across all year levels, and the return of Energy Breakthrough. It has been a busy, valuable year.

Clunes Primary School Council has been working on a number of projects which had been planned for in the School Masterplan and Strategic Planning of former School Councils. Developed by PLOTLA (local landscape architects), the masterplan was designed to ensure School projects were undertaken and managed – when funds were available – by order of priority. School Council regularly consult this Masterplan. Because of this, we have been able to commence a number of projects without the constraints of Covid as finances have allowed. Over the holidays we will undertake maintenance work on the buildings and grounds, most of which has been postponed since 2019.

2022 saw the formation of a new Parents Fundraising Group. This group has worked together to organise and assist with many fundraising opportunities for the School this year. As a Government-funded school, we rely heavily on the additional money raised through fundraising to make improvements and to provide our students with the extra resources that set Clunes Primary School apart. We ensure every dollar is put back into our students and School, and are extremely grateful for the support offered by our families who assist in our fundraising, in a multitude of different ways. Meetings will recommence at the start of next year, and I would encourage all families to become involved – it is extremely rewarding and worthwhile, and even small contributions of time can greatly improve our school and your students’ outcomes.

We farewell a number of families from our school community at this time. On behalf of School Council, we pass on our gratitude to the following families for all they have contributed to the school community over their years with us:

Bolton / Jones	Dell’aera	Lukie	Thompson
Duggan / Livesley	Drewer	Lamph / Hayes	Webb
Deane / Campbell	Holmes	McLure / Kew	

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the person who leads, strengthens, encourages, organises and inspires: our Principal of nine years, Ms. Sonia Jardine. Ms. Jardine’s commitment to the School and town is evident, and we are thankful for her dedication and passion toward all that she does. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our School Councilors. I thank you and your families for your commitment and the time you give to supporting the School.

To the Graduating Class of 2022, I wish you every success as you take on new opportunities and challenges which present themselves in your next chapter of schooling, knowing that the lessons you take from Clunes Primary School will place you in good stead for all that lies ahead. Congratulations, and best of luck!

To our outstanding teachers, staff, students and families, I would like to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas and healthy and prosperous 2023.

Jo Henderson-Drife
School Council President

After School Care (ASC) and School Holiday Program



ASC

At this stage ASC has a few vacancies for the remainder of the year. If you are interested, please give me a call. I'm in the process of finalising ASC list for **2023**, I'll let you know if there will be any spaces.

If I get enough interest, I will be running ASC/Holiday Program for the few days between when school finishes and Christmas Day, **Wed 21st Thurs 22nd Fri 23rd Dec**. At this stage we will stay in Clunes this week as I don't think I'll be able to get the bus. Please let me know if you require care (you don't need to be a working family to use this service, but working families have priority over care).

Holiday Program

I'm offering a few days of care each week during these 2 weeks of the January School Holidays, **9th to 12th** and **16th to 19th of January** (if I get the numbers). We are hoping to go Ten Pin Bowling in Ballarat, Movies in Maryborough, Horse Riding in Daylesford and Extreme Bounce in Ballarat.

Hours of operation will be 8am to 5.30pm, no part days. Excursions usually take place between 10am and 4pm, remainder of the time we are back at the school doing crafts, cooking, playing games, riding scooters, or just hanging out in the playground. Charges are your usual hourly rate x 9.5 hours care plus excursion costs. We use the Daylesford FDC Bus, it fitted with appropriate seatbelts and booster seats as required.

Liz 0429 453 808 OR Drop over and see us between 3pm – 6pm Mon – Thurs.

Student Medications

Student medications are being sent home with students on Monday 19th December.

Please send all current medications to school on the first day your child attends school in 2023, along with up to date asthma plans and/or medication authority forms.

Thank you.



