



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

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 Week 2

*"Golden Past, Bright Futures"*

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# Clunes Primary School

## Mini Newsletter (first Newsletter for the year)

### 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 2023 Asthma Management Plans to school asap.**

Our 2023 Prep/ Foundation D students have a Rest/ Assessment Day- each Wednesday for the first 7 Weeks (TBC) of Term 1, 2023. Miss Dargaville will confirm the exact end date at the end of Feb. An Assessment schedule has already been forwarded to parents.

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Welcome to Term 1, 2023!

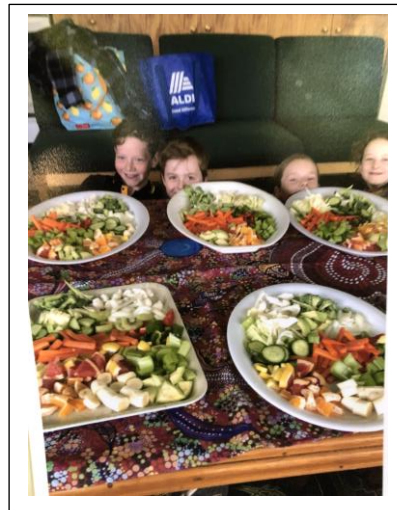
It gives me great pleasure to welcome our new Prep (Foundation Year) students and their families to Clunes PS!

For 10 + years our students P-6 have benefitted from and thoroughly enjoyed weekly Friday Free Fruit (& Vegie) Platters. These were provided by the Webb family. With Dahli Webb now in Year 7 we are seeking a volunteer/s to take over this **highly valued** service. Please see Sonia asap if interested.

Help please!



A First Day Prep photos collage is included in this Newsletter. 😊



**\*In 2023 we have a 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.

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 week ahead! There will be a full Newsletter next week.

Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊





**Mrs Kristin O'Brien**  
Business Manager  
(Monday- Tuesday)



**Mr Jesse Parker**  
Business Manager  
Daily



**Miss Jordyn Dargaville**  
Year Prep teacher  
IT leader



**Mrs Vicki Anderson**  
Year 4/5 Teacher/  
Literacy Learning



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

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**Mrs Ash-Leigh Keating**  
Year 2/3 teacher/ Perform' Arts



**Mr. Ross Adams**  
Visual Arts



**Mrs Liz Garth**  
Aide- Mon-Wed, (00HC)



**Mr. Ash Burke**  
Year 5 /6 teacher



**Mr Jamie Stevens**  
IT Tech -Mondays (fortnight)



**Mrs Felicity Longmire**  
Year 2/3 teacher  
Assessment & Reporting



**Mrs Val McNeight**  
Aide- Wed, Fri (Thurs)



**Mrs Jan Miles**  
Aide-Tues, Thurs, Fri



**Mrs Cassie Mitchell**  
Year 1 /2 teacher/  
Kitchen Garden



**Mr Tim McKenzie**  
Aide- daily



**Mrs Tomomi Mori**  
Japanese Specialist



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

## Clunes PS 2023 Staff



**Ms Sonia Jardine**  
Principal



**Mrs Di Bongiorno**  
Tutor Learning Initiative (6hrs weekly)



**Mr. Jon Paley**

Gardener/ Maintenance



**Mr. Ron Boshuizen**

Bus Driver



**Rhonda Rumney**

Cleaner

# Class/classroom and teaching structure in 2023

## 2023 Teaching Staff and Teaching Staff Class/ Specialist Allocations

Our 2023 Teaching Staff and Class/ Specialist allocations are:

Prep D- Jordyn Dargaville

1/2MJ – Cassie Mitchell & Paul James

2/3KL- Felicity Longmire & Ash-Leigh Keating

4/5A- Vicki Anderson

5/6 B- Ash Burke

Physical Education Specialist P- 6 & 1/2MJ Classroom Teacher & Extending Mathematical Understanding- EMU- Paul James

Performing Arts Specialist- Ash-Leigh Keating

Visual Arts Specialist- Ross Adams

Environmental Education & Kitchen Garden Program Specialist – Cassie Mitchell

Japanese Specialist teacher- Sensei Mrs Tomomi Mori

Mrs Di Bongiorno will return to Clunes Primary School, officially, for 6 hours per week in the Tutor Learning Initiative role.

Blu Earth, Respectful Relationships & Values & ESmart Specialists – integrated into our regular learning programs

Library- all class teachers & Jan Miles & Liz Garth as Library support Technicians

Mr Tim McKenzie, our new Aide, will fulfil an Education Support – Aide position for 5 days per week in 2023.

Liz Garth & Jan Miles will fulfil Education Support- Aide Positions for 3 days each in 2023.

Val McNeight will fulfil an Education Support- Aide Position for 5 days per fortnight in 2023.

Jesse Parker will be our new Business Manager for 5 days per week. Kristin O'Brien will be our Business Manager Monday- Thursday for 4 days per week in February, and then 2 days per week until the middle of June.

Michael Lewis will return as our school Chaplain.

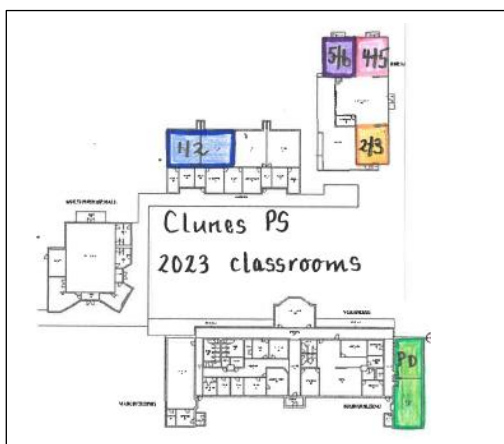
Jamie Stevens will return as our IT Technician. (full Monday per fortnight)

We will continue to have 5 classes in 2023. (1 straight class and 4 composite classes)

You can be assured that teacher knowledge, planning, teacher curriculum delivery and assessment and reporting will remain of a very high quality.

Please make an appointment to meet with me, with your concern, in writing, should you have any issue about the structure.

## 2023 classrooms. Please see the map below.



Miss Ryan and her husband Connor are taking an exciting journey across the sea during Semester 1 2023. Miss Ryan will return to Clunes Primary School in Semester 2. We wish her the best at this very exciting time and look forward to hearing her stories from the adventure.



Mrs Sarah Tuddenham will be extending her leave from Clunes PS until the end of 2023 and has accepted a part-time position at Buninyong PS. She will be working in her hometown which might make things a little easier while raising a young family. She looks forward to visiting and catching up with you all again soon and will miss you in the meantime.



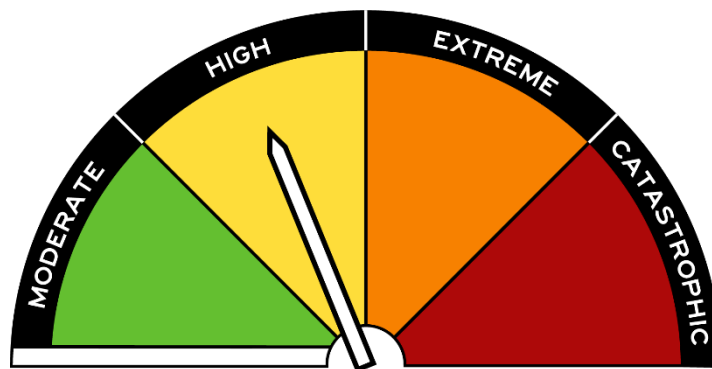
## Newsletter article: Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Schools at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4)

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](mailto: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

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## 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.



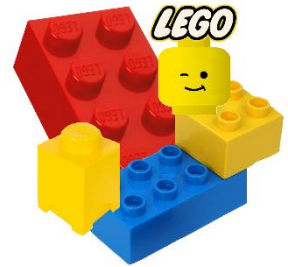
# Your privacy

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](#).

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## LEGO CLUB



We have recommenced Lego Club as of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm every week this term. Lego Club will again be held at the Clunes Library.

Anyone is welcome. Bring afternoon tea if needed.

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## Smile Squad is coming to this school

Dear Clunes Primary families,

The Smile Squad team from Dental Health Services are coming to our school soon. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>



Please complete and submit the consent form by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2023.

The Dental Health Services Victoria Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.



| <b>Term 1 Calendar – Draft #1 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023</b> |       |         |   |
|---|-------|---------|---|
|   | Fri   | 27- Jan | Staff Professional Learning Day Statewide Student Free Day Clunes PS Day 1  |
| <b>WEEK 2</b>   | Mon   | 30- Jan | Staff Professional Learning Day Student Free Day Clunes PS Day 2  |
|   | Tue   | 31-Jan  | Students first day of Term 1 2023 short whole school Assembly in the Multi-Purpose Hall<br>Prep & new parents to Clunes PS- welcome gathering & morning tea in the Staff Room<br>DET Attendance data collection |
|   | Wed   | 1-Feb   | Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day- each Wednesday for first 7 weeks of Term 1. Final Wednesday date TBC. Draft Assessment schedule has been forwarded to parents                               |
|   | Thurs | 2-Feb   | Mini Newsletter home to families. (Hard copy & electronically)  |
|   | Mon   | 6-Feb   | Assembly- School Captains Welcome- Induction of School Captains (badges presented)  |
| <b>WEEK 3</b>   | Tue   | 7-Feb   | Every Tuesday is Walk to school Tuesday. Meet Mr. James & Mr. Burke at the Queen's Park playground at 8.30am  |
|   | Wed   | 8-Feb   | Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day.<br>School Council Meeting 7pm (School Finance Meeting 6.30pm)   |
|   | Thu   | 9-Feb   | First FULL Newsletter home. (Newsletters home each fortnight, sent via email & placed on the school's website) Notice of School Council election  |
|   | Fri   | 10-Feb  | The Ballarat Courier- Prep D photo 11am   |
|   | Mon   | 13-Feb  | Assembly- Induction of House Captains   |
| <b>WEEK 4</b>   | Tues  | 14-Feb  | 9.30am Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony - all welcome to attend  |
|   | Wed   | 15-Feb  | Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day<br>Proposed Senior School Swimming Sports – Clunes pool – approx. 12.15pm start  |
|   | Thu   | 16-Feb  | Closing Date for School Council elections   |
|   | Mon   | 20-Feb  | Assembly- Induction of JSC representatives  |
| <b>WEEK 5</b>   | Tues  | 21-Feb  | Proposed Welcome BBQ & Parent Education activity session  |
|   | Wed   | 22-Feb  | Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm   |
|   | Thu   | 23-Feb  |   |
|   | Mon   | 27-Feb  |   |
| <b>WEEK 6</b>   | Tue   | 28-Feb  |   |
|   | Wed   | 1-Mar   | Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day  |
|   | Mon   | 6-Mar   |   |
| <b>WEEK 7</b>   | Tue   | 7-Mar   | Declaration of School Council ballot  |
|   | Wed   | 8-Mar   | School Council AGM & General Meeting  |
|   | Thu   | 9-Mar   |   |
|   | SUN   | 12-Mar  | 11 <sup>th</sup> Vintage Truck Show - 1 <sup>st</sup> Clunes school FUNDRAISER- many helpers required PLEASE see Sonia  |
| <b>WEEK 8</b>   | Mon   | 13-Mar  | Labour Day – Public Holiday   |
|   | Wed   | 15-Mar  | TBC final Prep/ Foundation students Rest Day/ Assessment Day  |
|   | Thu   | 16-Mar  | Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm  |
|   | Fri   | 17-Mar  |   |
|   | Mon   | 20-Mar  |   |
| <b>WEEK 9</b>   | Tues  | 21-Mar  |   |
|   | Thurs | 23-Mar  |   |
|   | Fri   | 24-Mar  | Proposed Harmony Day/ Focus Day-mixed groupings across the school & optional dress up theme day   |
|   | Tue   | 28-Mar  |   |
| <b>WEEK 10</b>  | Wed   | 29-Mar  |   |
|   | Thu   | 30-Mar  | Proposed Term 1 DISCO – theme decided by our Junior School Council  |
|   | Fri   | 31-Mar  |   |
|   | Mon   | 3-Apr   |   |
| <b>WEEK 11</b>  | Tues  | 4-Apr   |   |
|   | Wed   | 5-Apr   |   |
|   | Thurs | 6-Apr   | Last day of Term 1 2.30pm finish<br>(casual dress day- no gold coin donation. Each last day of Term is casual dress)  |
|   | Fri   | 7-Apr   | Good Friday- Friday 7th April   |

**To be confirmed: Fire Safety lessons 2023 Welcome BBQ & Parent Information Evening.**

**Inter- school Swimming events Other Meetings & events**

**TERM 2 begins Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. (wearing school uniform)**