



Thursday 14th September 2023 Term 3 Week 10

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We learn. We show respect.

We are safe.

Clunes Primary School Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our [Term 4 Draft 1](#) Calendar is on the back of this Newsletter. Each Fortnightly Newsletter will have new events added so please check regularly. Thank you!

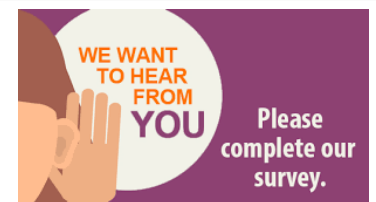


There are lots of lost unnamed uniform items in the Lost Property Basket! Please regularly rename all items including plastic containers! **Thank you!**

***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.**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was our senior school's Market Day yesterday and student bank balances were flush with Clunes PS dollars, earned after a busy term of deposits linked to learning, wellbeing and following our Values. There was much to buy and do at the Market and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Well done everyone!



In 2023 the Department of Education received a 28% response rate to the Clunes PS Parent, Carer, Guardian Opinion Survey!

Thank you! (we are judged on the response rate)

We will draw the winner of the \$50 Voucher at Assembly on the first day of Term 4.

Again, thank you sincerely! Sonia 😊



Our Japanese Day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Please see the page inside and photos on display at school.



**Best wishes to you all for a safe and enjoyable School Holidays!
Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊**



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 3

Our School Values Awards focus on:

We Learn

We Show Respect

We are Safe

Our Term 3 You Can Do It focus is:

Persistence

Our Term 4 You Can Do It focus will be:

Confidence

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| Prep D – Touns, Gabe | 1/2MJ – Gracie, Otto |
| 2 /3KL – Charlie E | 4 /5A – Lacey, All of 4 /5A |
| 5/6B – Taya | Principal’s Award- Georgia, Dexton, Working Bee – all participating students |
| Performing Arts- Visual Arts- | Japanese LOTE Award- Whole School Bus Travel- |

Term 3 summary:

Our third term of the 2023 school year has been an incredibly busy and productive one!

Thank you all for your commitment to our wonderful school and to the ongoing learning successes for our students.

This term began on Monday 10th July. Our students began the week with a NAIDOC Week focus. Our Term 3 will finish tomorrow, Friday 15th September, at 2.30pm. We will have thoroughly enjoyed a Junior School Council led fundraiser for Footy Day (Sports dress or Casual Dress is also okay!)

Across Term 3 we also:

- Celebrated weekly Students of the Week!
- Conducted weekly Student Leadership Meetings with our School Captains and Vice School Captains. (where possible) We all enjoyed having Ayla as our Student Principal for a Day.
- Ms Dargaville and Mr James visited Canadian Lead PS to observe literacy in action, as part of our staff visits to other schools commitment. Staff have engaged in further Literacy and Numeracy based in-house and external online professional learning. We continue to lead the way within the Central Highlands as a pilot school in the implementation of the Marrung indigenous education Strategy.
- Three staff completed their annual refresher CPR Training and the rest of us will complete our refresher training after school on Monday 2nd October. Have you yet noticed that we now have a Defibulator in place in the foyer of the Office? Thank you Deb Bright for your efforts to action this.
- Mr James has continued with EMU and QuickSmart and Mrs. B has supported students via the Tutor Learning Initiative in Literacy.
- We continued to use fundraising money to support our very successful ‘home grown’ Kitchen Garden & Cooking program with Mrs Mitchell.
- Mr Lewis supported his Term 3 group with the very successful and highly valued DRUMBEAT program. There will be a whole school Assembly performance at the beginning of Term 4.
- Mr Lewis and dedicated helpers continued with a very positive weekly Breakfast Program on both Thursdays and Fridays.- thanks Mr. Lewis & Helpers!
- Eligible families continued to receive support from the ‘CSEF’ funding- supporting (Camps- not in 2023), Excursion and Incursion opportunities for our students. Multiple Grants/ Donations success has also meant that there have been significantly less costs for these extra-curricular events for all

families in 2023. Additional funding from the Education Dept will see a reduced cost of Swimming for every participating child in Term 4.

- 2 x Junior School Council Meetings were conducted incorporating Student Voice and Student Agency into decision making within the school.
- Raw results of the annual Dept of Education (DE) Student Attitudes to School Survey (ATSS) were returned after the years 4, 5 and 6 students were surveyed earlier in the year. Overall, our school has very positive data once again! Our student leaders will now analyse the data at the beginning of next term and our students within their classes will further analyse the results and then will make a small presentation to their class on the findings. Following class feedback, the school will take action to ensure ongoing improvement.
- The Attitudes to School data (ATToS) will also be presented to staff and will be presented to School Council at the October Meeting. It will then be made public via the My School website and in our Newsletter.
- Staff actively participated in OH & S components of Staff Meetings, keeping the safety and wellbeing of all, foremost in our minds. On behalf of the OH & S Committee, the school completed an OH & S 'Intruder' drill with all students. We are formally recognised as being Grass Fire 'at risk'. This will be an ongoing focus leading into our Bush Fire season. Our school will close on CODE RED days. We also practised a 'Relocation Drill' to Collins Place as required by DE.
- National NAPLAN Online assessment results were returned with some pleasing growth results in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy. The data will be presented to student leaders and staff, and will be presented to school council and parents via the Newsletter early in Term 4. The data is also available via the My School website.
- All parents and carers were invited to participate in the annual Parent, Carers, Guardians Opinion Survey. 28% of our parent community completed the Survey.
- We enjoyed the "Making Friends" incursion at school, supported by Regional Arts Victoria.
- Our Prep students celebrated 100 Days at School!
- The Wesley Music Performance, held this term up at the Bluestone, was very engaging! Thank you Wesley @ Clunes! Wesley students also supported our literacy lessons on Fridays in PD and 1/2MJ.
- 2 x engaging and proactive School Council Meetings were conducted. Our Term 3 Working Bee achieved much and we already have a list of tasks to achieve at the early in Term 4 Working Bee, in readiness for bush fire season.
- Our School Performance 'Boys Can't Dance' was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and staff.
- Eight of our students did extremely well in the District Athletics.
- Our whole school participated in a Children's Book Week Focus Day with a delightful Book Parade showcasing the efforts of our parents to dress up their children as their favourite book character. As usual our own Clunes Library supported us with engaging activities, this year, for three classes.
- Schools Tree Day was celebrated with extra trees planted in the school yard by a small group of interested students.
- Our Parent/ Fundraising Group once again provided incredible fundraising support with the Tree Drive, delightful Father's Day gift arrangement, and very popular canteen at the Term 3 Disco.
- The Term 3 Disco was, (as usual), a delightful event for both the Juniors and the Seniors as a combined event! Well organised JSC!
- At the beginning of the term all classes reviewed and re-affirmed our class and yard rules with our students in line with our School Values and Positive Behaviours approaches, linking Respectful Relationships curriculum. Next term we will seek feedback from the school community in regards to our Student Code of Conduct.
- We sincerely thanked Kim for her Story Dogs support and commitment and Cushla arranged and implemented a Story Dogs fundraiser. We welcomed 'Sniff' as our new Therapy Dog, and her Handler, Scott. Four students will be supported weekly.
- In this last week of term: Our Years 4-6 students have participated in the Major Games activity day at Daylesford. A gloriously sunny day!
 - Students will adorn their favourite footy colours for tomorrow's parade and will bring in 'coins' to line up for their footy team as a fundraiser and fun way to end the term. We will let you know of the result next term.

We practised our Values daily - We learn, We show respect, We are safe. 😊

Story Dogs Day- wear orange

Thank you Kim for your years of voluntary service, with, and sadly later, without 'Indi'. We will keep in touch with you and 'Eddie'. Enjoy your new job!



Thank you Cushla for your brilliant idea to conduct a Story Dogs Day fundraiser. The school was able to raise \$125! This will be forwarded to Story Dogs Australia.

Thank you all for your support!



Welcome 'Sniff' to our Clunes Primary School family. We love your weekly visit!



Orange fundraiser

Japanese Day 2023



Sensei Mori prepared a phenomenal Japanese Focus Day for us last Friday. Thank you Sensei! Special Guest; Ruri Sensei engaged the students with a calligraphy session and all students actively participated in Hachimaki Making, Paper Sumo, a Japanese based Scavenger Hunt and Japanese Sports.



Our seven large platters of Sushi, as a taste test, were readily devoured by the students. The Prep Platter and 5 /6B Platter were eaten very quickly!





Term 3 Disco

More photos of this fun night are on display at school. Thank you JSC and Parents Group!

Disney & Superheroes theme



Term 3 Working Bee

Thank you to our many helpers! As you can see much was achieved! We will have another Working Bee in early Term 4 to ensure that we are fully fire season ready. We hope to see you there.



Clunes PS Prep Transition

2024



OUR CURRENT PLANNED PROGRAM: BEGINNING OF TERM 4, 2024

Ms. Sonia Jardine (Principal), Miss Jordyn Dargaville (Prep Teacher- 2021, 2022, 2023 & now 2024) & our School Captains (Zarah and Ben) will visit Clunes Pre-School to meet and greet students and present a Clunes Primary School Tour by virtual reality. Each child will receive a 'book' about the school.

Miss Jordyn Dargaville will visit Clunes Pre-School, multiple times, to get to know the students prior to the transition sessions at Clunes Primary School.

TRANSITION SESSIONS DATES AND TIMES

(Week 5) Thursday 2nd November-Session 1. 9-11am at Clunes PS

(Week 7) Thursday 16th November- Session 2. 9-11am at Clunes PS

(Week 9) Thursday 30th November- Session 3. 11am – 1pm at Clunes PS

(Week 11) Tuesday 12th December- Session 4. 9am-1pm at Clunes PS for the State-wide Transition Day. For all enrolled 2024 Prep students.

Students attending other Pre-school settings are very welcome to attend some/ all of the above transition sessions. Each child/ family will receive their beginning school 'book' and will have an opportunity for a pre-transition introduction to Clunes Primary School.

CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL TOURS WILL BE CONDUCTED WEEKLY IN TERMS 3 & 4

EVERY THURSDAY AT 10.00am (or at another time by arrangement)

Please contact the school on 5345 3182 to book in a tour.

Prep 2024 enrolments to be fully completed as soon as possible. (July – Dept of Education deadline)

Please contact Sonia, the Principal, at Clunes PS on 5345 3182 with any questions or concerns.

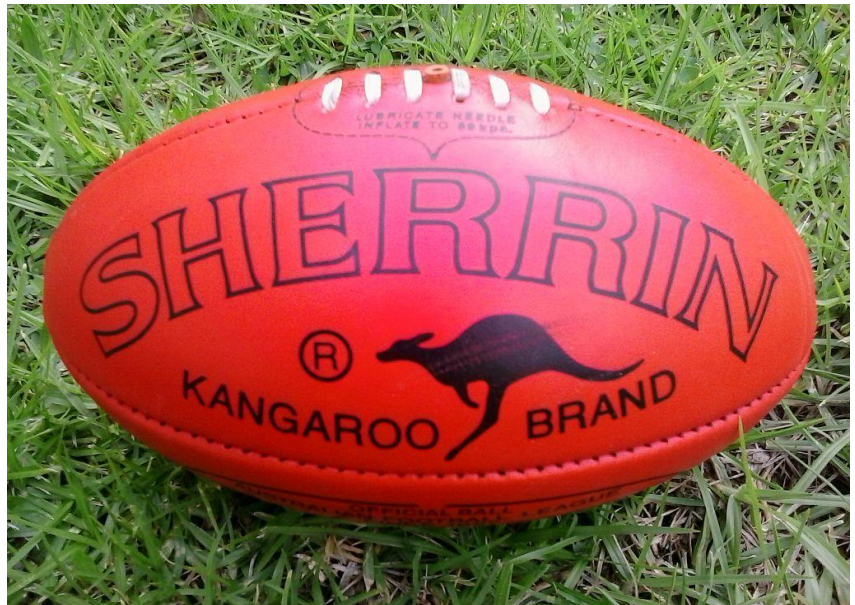
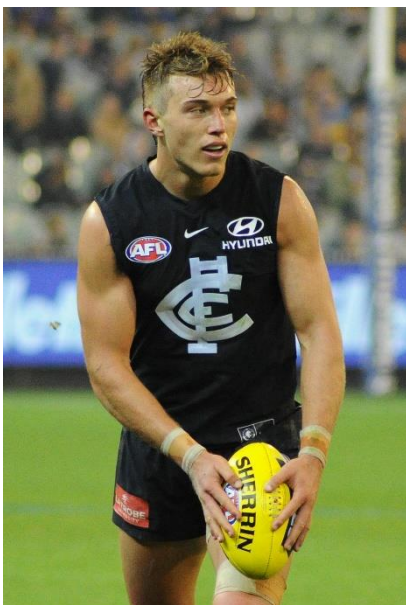
Our regular Pre-school to Primary School Transition Program may possibly be altered slightly should the Department of Education require an adjustment.

Should this happen, we will endeavour to keep families fully informed of program changes as soon as possible. Thank you. Sonia

Footy Day 2023

By Matt.C

Friday the 15th of September is Clunes Primary School's Footy Day. You can wear your football jersey or free dress and bring a gold coin for a coin line. A coin line is where your coin is put in the line of your favourite footy team and we see which team gets the biggest line.



Clunes Football Netball Club Season 2023 has finished up with our presentation night on Friday Night. Congratulations and thank you to all our players, families and supporters. We've had many successes throughout the year including the Lightning Premiership Day over at Waubra.

Well done and we hope to see you all back for Season 2024

Under 12 Football / Under 13b & Under 13a Netball



Hey Barbie

lets go trivia

Sure ken

Let's go!

Friday 20th
October

7pm - approx.. 10pm

Hosted by the
**Clunes Primary
School**

General knowledge Trivia

\$20 p/p - tables up to 10 (Adults only)

Tickets for purchase at the school office

BYO food and drinks (alcohol permitted)

Prizes for best dressed

Raffle tickets & gold coin answers available for
purchase on the night

KIDS ART DAY



at

Evansford HALL

WED

Gold coin donation

27th

SEPT

11am till 4pm

Art stuff supplied or can B.Y.O.

— Don't forget to bring your lunch —

— Adults also welcome to play —



School Holidays

There are still a few vacancies on all of these days.

Week 1 - Running every day, Monday 18th to Friday 22nd.

- Lots of spaces left in Week 1.

Week 2 - Thurs 28th is the ONLY day we are running this week.

We are only doing a few excursions these holidays, but we have planned LOTS of fun and exciting activities based at school and around Clunes.

Feel free to give Liz a call/text on 0429 453 808

OR just pop over to the hall and have a chat.



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School Holidays

At Hepburn Libraries

Backyard Bugs Habitat Hunt:

Listen to the book *Backyard Bugs*, by Aboriginal Author Helen Milroy, then join Hepburn Shire Council Biodiversity Officer Brian Bainbridge on a Habitat Hunt, looking for bugs in nature.

Monday 18th Sept

10.30am - Daylesford Library

Marvelous Moths:

Enjoy learning all about the local species of moths found in the Hepburn Shire region. Create a Marvelous Moth of your own to take home.

Tuesday 19th Sept

11am - The Warehouse Clunes

2pm - Creswick Hub

Tuesday 26th Sept

11am - Daylesford Library

Wednesday 27th Sept

11am - Trentham Hub

Critters in the Creek:

In this immersive and interactive activity, children will learn about the ecosystem surrounding the local creek, the delicate balance that exists between animals and the environment, food webs and the important conservation of these amazing landscapes.

Wednesday 20th Sept

11am - Daylesford Library

2pm - Trentham Hub

Tuesday 26th Sept

11am - Creswick Hub

Wednesday 27th Sept

11am - The Warehouse Clunes

September
is
Biodiversity
month!

For Adults and Families:

Butterfly Picnic & Origami Making

Learn all about local butterflies and butterfly attracting plants, with this informative talk by Hepburn Shire Council Biodiversity Officer, Brian Bainbridge. After the talk, make an origami butterfly, printed with the markings of local butterflies.

Thursday 21st Sept 2pm - Creswick Hub



Bookings Required-

contact your local Hepburn Libraries branch to book:

Creswick Hub: 5345 2145 The Warehouse Clunes: 5345 3359

Daylesford Library: 5348 2800 Trentham Library: 5424 1326

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Hepburn
LIBRARIES

ALL ABOARD SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS

Creswick Skate Park Monday 26th September
10am - 12pm

Clunes Skate Park Friday 29th September
10am - 12pm



FREE
for ALL people +
equipment
provided



12-18 YEAR OLDS

Spring/September SCHOOL HOLIDAYS HEPBURN SHIRE COUNCIL



<https://forms.office.com/r/Rh45NH49Mb>

Saturday 16 September

PopCon Convention
BALLARAT -

FREE

Book via QR or link above

Thursday 21 September

Level Up
Creswick Neighborhood
Centre

FREE

BOOK VIA

levelupgamingevents.com/rsvp



<https://forms.office.com/r/tD1aQzxWX4>

Tuesday 26 September

Song Writing Workshop
"The Business of performing
live."

Radius Art Space

FREE

Book via QR or link above

**Thursday 28
September**

FReeZA
All Ages Gig
PALAIS THEATRE HEPBURN

FREE

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Screen time for your child – 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers

to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.

1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.

2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.

3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The Raising Children Network provides some useful tools and advice

4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- all family members switch off at dinner time
- charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access

5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.

6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are robust products and device functions which allow you to see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child. Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with Google Family Link for Android devices or parental controls and Screen Time for iPhone/iPad.

7. Lead by example

Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device too.



Term 4 Calendar – draft 1 (12th Sept)

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|---------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WEEK 1 | Mon | 2-Oct | FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 ☺ Welcome back from Long Service Leave Jan! Staff after- school CPR Training |
| | Tues | 3-Oct | Walk to School returns |
| | Wed | 4-Oct | 'Sniff' our Therapy Dog visiting every Wednesday |
| | Thurs | 5-Oct | Breakfast Club - Every Thurs & Fri before school Lunch Orders begin- Lunch Orders every Thursday |
| | Fri | 6-Oct | Breakfast Club- Every Thurs & Fri before school |
| WEEK 2 | Mon | 9-Oct | Happy Long Service Leave Mrs. Anderson! Book Fair arrives |
| | Wed | 11-Oct | Book Fair begins School Council Meeting 7pm |
| | Thurs | 12-Oct | |
| | Fri | 13-Oct | Wesley @ Clunes Community Service (WCS) begins |
| | Sat | 14-Oct | Referendum Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Book Fair open – times TBC |
| WEEK 3 | Mon | 16-Oct | Mr. Adams begins 5 weeks Long Service Leave- Mr Adams = Jane T |
| | Tue | 17-Oct | SSG Meetings |
| | Wed | 18-Oct | SSG Meetings Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm |
| | Thurs | 19-Oct | Book Fair ends |
| | Fri | 20-Oct | WCS |
| WEEK 4 | Mon | 23-Oct | Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings continue this week Book Fair is collected |
| | Tues | 24-Oct | Emergency Drill today |
| | Wed | 25-Oct | |
| | Fri | 27-Oct | No WCS World Teacher's Day |
| WEEK 5 | Mon | 30-Oct | |
| | Thurs | 2-Nov | Kinder Transition Session 1 9-11am |
| | Fri | 3-Nov | WCS |
| WEEK 6 | Mon | 6-Nov | Annual Snail Races P-6 |
| | Tues | 7-Nov | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
| | Wed | 8-Nov | School Council Meeting 7pm |
| | Fri | 10-Nov | WCS Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 1 |
| | Sat | 11-Nov | Remembrance Day- optional School Captain commitment |
| WEEK 7 | Mon | 13-Nov | |
| | Wed | 15-Nov | Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 1 |
| | Thu | 16-Nov | Kinder Transition Session 2 9-11am |
| | Fri | 17-Nov | WCS Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 2 |
| | SAT | 18-Nov | CLUNES SHOW - Luncheon Room annual school Fundraiser |
| WEEK 8 | Mon | 20-Nov | Welcome back form LSL Mr. Adams |
| | Tues | 21-Nov | |
| | Wed | 22-Nov | Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 2 Energy Breakthrough |
| | Thu | 23-Nov | Energy Breakthrough |
| | Fri | 24-Nov | Last WCS session for the year Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 3 Energy Breakthrough |
| WEEK 9 | Mon | 27-Nov | |
| | Wed | 29-Nov | Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 3 |
| | Thurs | 30-Nov | Kinder Transition Session 3 11am- 1pm |
| | Fri | 1-Dec | Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 4 |
| WEEK 10 | Mon | 4-Dec | |
| | Tues | 5-Dec | Highview Transition Day |
| | Wed | 6-Dec | Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 4 |
| | Thurs | 7-Dec | |
| | Fri | 8-Dec | WCS Swimming Program begins- Yrs 4-6 Session 5- final session |
| WEEK 11 | Mon | 11-Dec | |
| | Tues | 12-Dec | Statewide Government Schools Transition Day – Kinder to Prep and Yr. 6 to Year 7 |
| | Wed | 13-Dec | Swimming Program begins Yrs P-3 Session 5- final session School Council Meeting 7pm |
| | Fri | 15-Dec | |
| WEEK 12 | Mon | 18-Dec | |
| | Tues | 19-Dec | Proposed last day of Term 4 & the 2023 school year- 3pm finish- Each last day of Term is casual dress |
| | Wed | 20-Dec | Proposed Student Free Day – To be confirmed |

Dates to be confirmed: Year 6 Graduation, Class Parties, Christmas Focus Day, School Carols Concert, Year 6 2024 School Captains, Parent/ Carer/ Guardian Helper Thank you Morning Tea, whole school excursion.