



Thursday 26th October 2023 Term 4 Week 4

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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We learn. We show respect.

We are safe.

Clunes Primary School Newsletter



Planning to move away from Clunes Primary School in 2024? Please let us know as soon as possible as we consider workforce planning and class groupings for 2024. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our [Term 4 Draft 2](#) Calendar is on Page 12 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,

Book Fair 2023

Thank you sincerely Jan for running our 2023 Book Fair fundraiser!

Congratulations to Declen and to Charlie F for winning the senior school and junior school Book Fair Raffle prizes.



Ga Ga Pit - official opening this Monday, after Assembly ~ 9am



\$1, \$2,
\$3, \$5.

Remembrance
Day poppies and
badges available.

School Sores

We have had a further reported case of Impetigo (School Sores) in the school. Students should be excluded from school only until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces should be covered with a watertight dressing.

COVID- 19

We have had one positive COVID-19 case reported for a student in the senior school. Thank you all for letting us know so that we can keep our school community informed.

Best wishes for the fortnight ahead!

Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. 😊

We've had another unwelcome visitor in the past week! (near the MP Hall)



Please be aware!

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 D – Deni, Dexton, Gabe	1/2MJ – Otto
2 /3KL – Campbell, Tahlee	4 /5A – Matt, Jayda
5/6B – Declen, James W, Mia	Principal’s Award- Izzy, Gabe, Charlie R, Dyllan, Duncan, Benji, Zoe A, Lucy, Evie C, Sadie C, Billy C, Matt, Zarah
Performing Arts- Alexander, Duke T, Tex, Dexton, Evie E Visual Arts- Zach, Cruz, Isla Physical Education- 4 /5A	Japanese LOTE Award- Isla Bus Travel- multiple caring students supporting and settling a junior student on to the school bus. Thank you.

NAPLAN Survey

As you know, NAPLAN moved from May to March this year, and changes were made to reporting in order to provide simpler, clearer, and more meaningful results.

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is keen to hear from principals and teachers, as well as parents and carers, on these changes. Feedback is currently being captured via a survey, which will be open until early December 2023.

You can access a link to the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRTZCHN>.

Please note that the survey is managed by ACARA, and the VCAA will not collect or have access to any of the survey responses or results. Participation is voluntary; however, the VCAA encourages you to provide your feedback and to distribute the survey within your school community to support the ongoing evaluation of NAPLAN testing.

Regards,

VCAA NAPLAN Helpdesk

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2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey results

Our Parent Opinion Survey data results and Staff Opinion Survey data results have not been released by the Department of Education just yet but our Student Attitudes to School Survey (Years 4-6) data has.

Our senior students in Years 4-6 have clearly indicated that in the majority of areas, they are satisfied, above and well above, their peers at 'Similar' schools, 'Network' schools and at 'State' level.

The factors **highlighted below** are those that we are measured against for our 4- year School Strategic Plan and for each Annual Implementation Plan.

	Clunes PS	Similar Schools	Network	State
Differentiated learning challenge	95%	84%	82%	84%
Effective classroom behaviour	87%	78%	76%	77%
Effective teaching time	92%	83%	81%	83%
Stimulating learning	96%	75%	73%	77%
Emotional awareness and regulation	77%	69%	68%	72%
Help seeking	77%	67%	67%	67%
Peer relationships	91%	83%	83%	84%
Life satisfaction	82%	71%	70%	74%
Community Connections	73%	69%	66%	73%
Percentage of students using electronic devices for 1 hour or less p/day in 2023	22%	31%	38%	31%
Resilience	67%	66%	69%	69%
Sense of Confidence	88%	73%	72%	76%
Motivation and interest	88%	74%	75%	77%
Perseverance	84%	72%	71%	75%
Self-regulation and Goal Setting	98%	82%	81%	83%
Sense of Inclusion	94%	88%	86%	88%
Effort	91%	75%	74%	78%
Student Voice & Agency	83%	65%	61%	66%

Our most outstanding results are 98% for Self-regulation and goal setting, 97% High expectations for Success, 96% for Stimulating learning, 95% for Differentiated learning challenge, and 94% for Advocate at school and Sense of Inclusion.

Whilst our Attitudes to School data was overall very pleasing, there are areas that we will particularly focus on in 2024. These include: the use of electronic devices for long periods of time, students with negative online experiences, students experiencing bullying in the past year and knowing what to do if experiencing racism. Please contact school if you would like to peruse all data.

School Council News – Term 4

What an incredibly productive start to Term 4 it has been!

On behalf of School Council, I would like to thank our Clunes Primary School families and the Clunes community for supporting our recent fundraising events. It is with great pleasure that I can announce the following **profits** have been received by the School:

Tree Drive – Over \$4000 - directed to Grounds -based projects

Referendum Day BBQ – Over \$500 - directed to literacy resources

Trivia Night – Over \$1500 - directed to the refurbishment of internal student toilet facilities

The annual Tree Drive has, once again, been well supported. We thank our wonderful parent helpers for their contributions in achieving such an outstanding result for the School. A special mention must go to Kris Thomas for organising the bulk of the Tree Drive (from pre-order to post-delivery) under challenging circumstances.

I would sincerely like to thank Vicki, Warren and Ash Anderson for hosting our Trivia Night held at School last Friday. An enjoyable evening was had by all, with lots of laughs, lots of pink, and a side of Trivia. To our Parent Fundraising Group members involved, including (but not limited to) Ellen, Rachael and Deb, to the many businesses for their generous donations (a list is attached, please be sure to support them in any way you can), and to Sonia and Jesse, Vicki, Warren and Ash; I thank you for your time and commitment to ensuring that the evening was a success. The support from our community for it was overwhelming; and a clear indicator of the strong connection this School has to the town and the high value its residents place upon it.

I am sure you have all been made aware by some very excited students of the latest addition to our playground. After many, many, years of requests from our students (most now past), persuasive letters to Principals and School Council and lots of begging, we can finally tick “GA GA PIT” off our wish list! Following an incredibly generous donation from the Vintage Truck Show committee, School Council was able to purchase materials required for the “Ga Ga Pit”. A team of dedicated parents erected it at our last Working Bee (held on Sunday 22nd October), which has saved the School an additional \$2,000.00 in labour costs. A special thank you to Jesse, Rob, Andy and Darren for your time and skills, which ultimately enabled the donation to stretch even further.

Clunes Show – After three years, the Clunes Show is BACK! Clunes Primary School has a long-standing involvement in the Show, and it is one of our major annual fundraisers. The Clunes & District Agricultural Society has for many years, generously allowed the School to run the Canteen on Show Day. We are very grateful for the opportunity. Please see the Roster attached, and note the timeslots available and tasks required. If you are able to assist us on the day, please contact Jesse in the School Office. As we are aware, many families are involved in the Show in other ways and are not able to commit their time to helping the School in the canteen. If this is the case, we would be very grateful for your support in providing cakes, slices, biscuits or scones which we sell from the canteen on Show Day. If you require any further information, please contact me on 0458 434 223, or alternatively, Jesse in the Office.

Raising money for the School, and responsibly allocating the proceeds, is a core part of the School Council’s role, and it is so rewarding for me and those on School Council to see what it is achieving. **The funds we generated and receive through generous donations, grants and fundraising, is invested entirely back into our students, bringing all of them benefit.** I am proud of what we are achieving, and encourage you to attend our next Fundraiser Parent Group Meeting, to be held at 9am on Friday November 3rd in the Staffroom.

I look forward to receiving any suggestions, feedback or questions you may have.

Jo Henderson-Drife
School Council President

HOT LUNCH MEAL DEALS

Thursday November 2

Meal Deal \$6

Clunes Bakery Pie, Sausage Roll, Pastie

**Salad Roll with choice of toppings
(Gluten/Dairy Free Option Available)**

Dessert: Juice, Water, Jelly Cup or Cookies

Thursday November 9

Meal Deal \$6

Chicken tender wraps (lettuce, cheese, mayo)

**Salad Roll with choice of toppings
(Gluten/Dairy Free Option Available)**

Dessert: Water, Juice, Jelly or Kooka Cookies

**Orders Must be Placed by 9am the Tuesday before delivery.
No Late Orders will be accepted.**

**Order online at www.clunesnh.org/meals
or Scan the QR Code.**



Don't feel like cooking dinner Tuesday night?
Order a community dinner delivered Tuesday afternoon to your home.
check our facebook page for what's on each week.
Orders to be placed Fridays for Tuesday Delivery.



CLUNES & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. 160TH ANNUAL SPRING SHOW



**GRAND
PARADE
3PM**

160 YEARS CLUNES SHOW

**SAT 18
NOV
2023**

- Clunes Strongman Exhibition • Wicked Wildlife • Midlands Axemen Wood Chopping • Local Food & Wine Pavilion • Live Music • Bar & BBQ
- Bute Ute Comp • Dog High Jump • Pegasus Pony Rides • Vintage Engines • Kids Activities • Kids Pet Show • Shearing Demos
- VR Header Simulator • Ferret Racing (bring your ferret!) • Sandy Creek Clydesdales • Full Horse Program • Sheep • Cattle • Poultry
- Pigeons • Goats • Fleeces • Homecrafts • Cookery • Craft • Flowers • Art • Photography • Ballarat Pipe Band + much more....

**A FULL-ON DAY
OF FAMILY FUN**

clunesshow.com.au

9AM - 8PM CLUNES SHOWGROUND • 54 VICTORIA ST.



Thunderstorm asthma — be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Clunes Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater level of risk.

How you can prepare

During pollen season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma: talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect your child from the risk of thunderstorm asthma, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever: see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing: it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

Remain vigilant for COVID-19

It is important for students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss or change to sense of smell or taste, which are similar to COVID-19 symptoms.

If your child experiences these symptoms in different or worse ways to their usual hay fever or asthma symptoms, medical advice should be sought.

Find out more

For more information, visit your general practitioner (GP) or visit the [Better Health Channel](#).

Would you like to sponsor
our Energy Breakthrough
Team?

Team Dynamite 2022



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Goldfields
Trailers**

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Sales Service & Repairs
Maryborough Vic



The Scoble Family



Twankey's



City Centre Motors



Hampstead Gravel Pty Ltd



**Freemasons
Foundation Victoria**

Last year, Clunes Primary School's "Team Dynamite" was sponsored by a range of businesses, families and individuals. We would like to thank them again for their generous support!

We are now looking for sponsors to support our team for the 2023 event!

Support from businesses can come in many forms including:

- financial donations,
- clothing donations for team uniforms,
- assistance with the supply of food,
- discounted parts and accessories,
- donations of tools and labour,
- donations of goods to be raffled at our upcoming fundraising event,
- assistance with the physical preparation of the students.

Please see the next page to find out more about the Energy Breakthrough and how we reward our sponsors supporting our team! If you are interested in supporting our team, please fill out the sponsorship form, or contact Miss D or Mr Burke if you have further questions.



Walk-a-thon 3.0



Feeling energetic or feel like you don't get out enough? Well 3rd of November at 2pm is your lucky day, because we are celebrating our 3rd **annual** Walk-a-thon! Students will receive a note for sponsorships. Any donations that you make help us get to Maryborough to represent our school.

It's going to be great fun!



Feel free to dress up in your house colors for the event, or don't be afraid to show up in school uniform. There will be many events on the track such as obstacles, dance zones, running zones and more.



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

Term 4 Calendar – draft 2 (26/10)

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 viewing School Council Meeting 7pm
	Thurs	12-Oct	Book Fair viewing
	Fri	13-Oct	Wesley @ Clunes Community Service (WCS) begins Book Fair sales begin
	Sat	14- Oct	Referendum Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Book Fair open for sales- 10am- 12pm
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 school Trivia Night fundraiser – 7pm MP Hall. Theme- "Barbie"
WEEK 4	Mon	23-Oct	Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings continue this week Book Fair is collected
	Tues	24-Oct	Emergency Drill today
	Fri	27-Oct	No WCS 5 /6B have a Zoom catch up session with students in Japan World Teacher's Day
WEEK 5	Mon	30- Oct	
	Thurs	2-Nov	Kinder Transition Session 1 9-11am
	Fri	3-Nov	WCS. Energy Breakthrough Walk-a-thon Fundraiser 2pm
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	Energy Breakthrough set up in Maryborough – after last training session.
	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 Parent/ Carer/ Guardian/ Helper Thank you Morning Tea
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	School Captains 2024 Speeches & Voting
	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
	Thurs	14-Dec	Year 6 Graduation evening
	Fri	15-Dec	Christmas Focus Day. Annual school Christmas Concert (Carols) after lunch, during school time.
WEEK 12	Mon	18-Dec	Whole school excursion to the Melbourne Zoo
	Tues	19-Dec	CONFIRMED last day of Term 4 & the 2023 school year- 3pm finish- Each last day of Term is casual dress
	Wed	20-Dec	CONFIRMED Student Free Day – To be confirmed

Dates to be confirmed: Class Parties, Year 6 2024 School Captains. Newly confirmed dates have red font.

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CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WALK-A-THON!



- Date:** Friday 3rd of November
Time: 2pm - 3 pm
Who: Years Prep - 6 (and any families who would like to participate)
Where: Clunes Primary School Walking Track

Join in or make a pledge for someone.

Proceeds go to the Clunes Primary School Energy Breakthrough Team!

Students are encouraged to run or walk as many laps as they can in 45 minutes.

Families are welcome to attend.

Dress up in your **house colours** to support your team.

Party through our dance zone!

Get a Zooper Dooper and cheer on friends and family!

Prizes will be up for grabs on the day!



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To the Manager,

Clunes Primary School is a vibrant educational setting with one hundred and ten students. The school is committed to providing a quality curriculum for children in the district. In order to fund initiatives and programs running at Clunes Primary School, a huge number of resources are required, a portion of which are raised locally.



This year our school has entered one team in the 2023 Energy Breakthrough. Our students will compete in the Human Powered Vehicle Endurance Race. The team has commenced training for this year's event, which will take place in Maryborough on November 22nd-24th, 2023.

Details of the event can be found at: www.eb.org.au.

This year we invite your business to support the students of Clunes Primary School with their preparation for the 2023 Energy Breakthrough.

Support from businesses can come in many forms including:

- financial donations,
- clothing donations for team uniforms,
- assistance with the supply of food,
- discounted parts and accessories,
- donations of tools and labour,
- donations of goods to be raffled,
- assistance with the physical preparation of the students.

In return for businesses' generous support, we will display their business names on our team vehicle and in our fortnightly school newsletter. Please note that all businesses who make a donation in excess of \$100.00 will be acknowledged with sign writing on our school trailer.

Please feel free to contact myself on the above number to discuss your involvement with our team. Any donation you are able to make would be greatly appreciated by the school community and will help us to ensure we provide the opportunity for our students to be the best that they can be.

Yours sincerely,

Sonia Jardine
Principal

Jordyn Dargaville and Ash Burke
Energy Breakthrough Coaches

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Clunes Primary School

2023 Energy Breakthrough Sponsorship Form

Name of person/ business/ organisation / other			
Address			
Phone number			
Person/s responsible for donation			
Date	Type of donation (eg. food for event, money, supplies, expertise etc.)	EFTPOS / Direct Deposit / Cheque / Cash (if donation is monetary)	Value Amount
Total:			
Signed by person/s responsible for donation:		Accepted by: Date:	