

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



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

Thursday 5th December 2024 Term 4 Week 9

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

**BREAKFAST CLUB- 😊
THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Please see Term 4
Calendar draft #6.**

**Monday 16th December – Week 11
Final Assembly- led by 2024 School
Captains.**

**Xmas Focus 'Day' morning and
Xmas Concert after lunch (1.30-
3pm, including Santa & Elf visit)**

*In 2024 we have a student who has a severe allergy to NUTS! We will need to do our best 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 have been many cases of Slapped Cheek in the school this Term. Please refer to the slap cheek information in our previous newsletters!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our 2024 CPS Camps Program has now finished. On Tuesday the Prep to Year 2 students and staff attended a comprehensive and thoroughly engaging visit to Sovereign Hill. (Please photos inside). On return to school, the students enjoyed a BBQ and short movie. The evening finished at 6pm. In Semester 1 our 5 /6s attended Camp Wyuna, in Queenscliff and last term our 3 /4s enjoyed the Log Cabin Camp, in Creswick. Thank you to all families and staff for supporting these incredible learning and wellbeing extra-curricular activities.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

**2025! Our School Captains
2025 speeches and voting
process was conducted this
morning. We are incredibly
proud of all the nominees! It
takes effort, confidence, and
resilience! Successful
candidates will be presented
at Monday's Assembly.**

**HELP!!: Can you
house our
Chickens over the
School Holidays?**

Our lovely chickens are searching for a new temporary home over the Christmas Holidays. If you would like to take them on while some works are done to their pen please contact Sonia or Jesse at the office.

Our last Newsletter for the 2024 school year will be forwarded home to families on the last day for students: Thursday 19th December. It will include School Captains 2025, our Parent and Community Helpers Morning Tea, our Kinder- Prep Transition session #4, the Christmas Focus Day & Concert AND the Year 6 Graduation celebration & awards.

We have an exciting two weeks ahead of us! 😊

**LIBRARY IS NOW CLOSED
FOR 2024 – PLEASE
RETURN OUTSTANDING
BOOKS**



**Christmas
Focus Day
and Christmas
Concert
details inside
& above**

**SCHOOL SAVING
BONUS** – some of the emails that are being sent out by The Department of Education regarding the School Saving Bonus have been delayed. They now expecting that the families that have yet to receive their emails, will over the next few days. The school is also waiting on emails to be properly set up to assist with this program.

Wishing you a happy, resilient, safe and successful last fortnight of the 2024 school year.

Kind regards, Sonia and staff.

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

Our Resilience Project foci are:

Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness

Prep /1D – Kyeema	1/2MJ- Lucy
2 /3P – RJ, Otto	4 /5S – Evie D,
5/6B – Isaac, Dyllan	Bus travel Award-
Performing Arts- Visual Arts-	Principal's Award- 2025 Clunes PS 150 th CFA Calander 'fire safety' posters. Works selected by the CFA were: Noa, Oscar, Chase, Bella D & James W
Physical Education- River	LOTE-Japanese- Logan, Matt



Christmas Concert at Clunes Primary School

Monday 16th December Concert beginning – 1.30pm – 3pm

Members of the extended Clunes School Community are most welcome to attend.

Hampers- Winners drawn out

Visit from Santa & Elf 😊

Christmas Hamper \$1 per ticket

Christmas Hamper Raffle at our **Christmas Concert Afternoon - Monday 16th December**. We would be grateful if each family would donate one item for this hamper. (Hampers kept in the Gallery/ Staff Room) Five tickets have been sent home to every family this week so that you will have the opportunity to win one of the four excellent Christmas hampers on offer. Please write on both sections of the ticket and return to the office. The winners will be drawn towards the end of the Concert. Good luck!

Regards, CPS Staff

2025

Staff officially begin- Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th January 2025

ALL Students begin- Thursday 30th January 2025 at 8.45am.

Prep/ Foundation students have a Rest/Assessment Day each Wednesday for the first 7 Weeks of Term 1, 2025. Wednesday 5th February is the first designated Wednesday Prep Rest/ Assessment Day.

Class/classroom and teaching structure in 2025

2025 Teaching Staff and Teaching Staff Class/ Specialist Allocations

I am pleased to be able to announce to the school community that our 2025 Teaching Staff and Class/ Specialist allocations are:

Prep/ 1P- Jordyn Purdie (formerly Dargaville)

2/3AK- Vicki Anderson (4 days- Mon- Thurs) & Ash-Leigh Keating (1 day- Fri)

3/4MJ-Cassie Mitchell (3 days) & Paul James (2 days)

5/6 B- Ash Burke

Physical Education Specialist P- 6 & 3/4MJ- Paul James

Performing Arts Specialist- Ash-Leigh Keating

Visual Arts Specialist- Ash-Leigh Keating

Environmental Education & Kitchen Garden Program Specialist – Cassie Mitchell

Japanese Specialist teacher- Sensei Tomomi Mori

The Resilience Project, Respectful Relationships & Values & ESmart Specialists – will be integrated into our regular learning & wellbeing programs

Disability Inclusion/ Diverse Learners coordination- Jane Thompson- for one day per week (as in Semester 2 2024)

Di Bongiorno will continue to implement the Tutor Learning Initiative in 2025. (mornings)

Jesse Parker- will continue as our Business Manager for 5 days per week.

Library- all class teachers & Jan Miles & Liz Garth will continue as Library support Technicians. Weekly borrowing.

Tanya Ingram will fulfil an Education Support – Aide position for 5 days each week in 2024.

Jan Miles will fulfil an Education Support- Aide position for 3 days each week in 2024.

Val McNeight will fulfil an Education Support- Aide Position for 3 days each week in 2024.

Liz Garth will fulfil an Education Support- Aide Position for 3 days each week in 2024.

Michelle (Shell) O'Brien will return as our School Wellbeing Officer (Chaplain) 2 days per week. (Mon & Thurs in 2025)

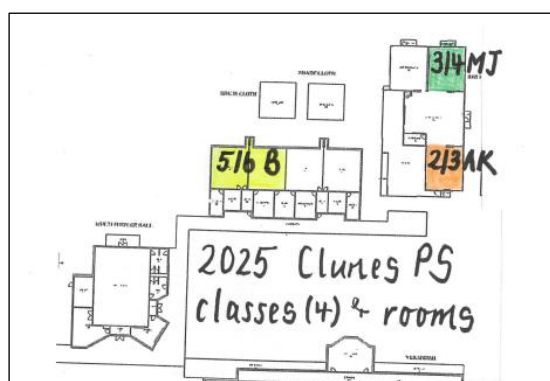
Adam Smilevski will return as our IT Technician. (Fridays am)

We will have 4 classes in 2025. (4 composite classes)

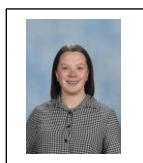
You can be assured that teacher knowledge, planning, teacher curriculum delivery and assessment and reporting will remain of a very high quality.

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

2025 classrooms. Please see the map below.



You will see above that we have moved the 5/6B class to allow for more space. Specialists' classrooms will remain as in 2024.



Mrs Vicki Anderson returns to Clunes Primary School in 2025 after 12 months Leave. Welcome back Vicki.



We sadly farewell Miss Courtney Surkitt who will be leaving Clunes Primary School and will take up a teaching position at Snake Valley Primary School in 2025. We wish Courtney absolutely every success in the future.



Mr Ross Adams has announced that he will retire at the end of this year after 12 years at Clunes Primary School. Happy Retirement Ross!

Felicity Longmire will continue with Leave for all of 2025.

Mr Tim McKenzie, Ms Alicia Brown & Ms Jayde Garth are leaving Clunes Primary School. We sincerely thank them for supporting the students at Clunes PS.

We will feature all leaving staff in our last 2024 Newsletter.

Semester 2 2024 Student Achievement Reports and 2025 class lists will go home on Tuesday 17th December 2024.

Your kids will appreciate the right focus at report time

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration...easily distracted...a pleasure to teach...

School reports can mean anxious times for children too. 'Will my parents be disappointed or proud?' is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Focus your attention on these aspects to make sense of children's reports:

Expectations

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high, then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with a child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may give you a good yardstick.

Different rates of learning

Remember there are **slow bloomers**, **late developers** and **steady-as-you-go kids** in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were young. Instead, look for individual progress.

Safeguard confidence

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Here are 5 ideas to think about before reading your child's report:

- 1. Look for strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- 2. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you can't ask any more than that.
- 3. Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future.
- 4. Take note of student's self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- 5. Discuss the report with your child talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** Ask your child how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Be mindful that no matter how good, bad or indifferent your child's report may be, he, she or they can wipe the slate clean and make a brand new start next year. And it's amazing the difference a summer holiday can make. Michael Grose



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What did you see when you visited Sovereign Hill?

P/1/2 Excursion



A Blacksmith working in his workshop



Old toys



Gold panning



The "Redcoats" and Policemen



A pirate ship playground

Shops selling lollies, toys, medicine, candles, horse saddles, carriages and much more



Gold being heated and poured into a mold



Candle making and dying



Old objects



Bowling



People dressed in costumes



Amazing views



Raspberry Drops being made





P-2 Day Camp 2024 at Sovereign Hill

COOKING

TERM 3 & TERM 4

Bacon and egg breakfast muffins

taste.com.au

Ingredients (7)

- 2 short-cut bacon rashers, chopped
- 2 button mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 2 florets finely chopped broccoli
- 20g baby spinach leaves, shredded
- 6 Eggs
- 1/4 cup (60ml) milk
- 1/2 cup (60g) grated light tasty cheddar

Step 1

Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease 6 holes of a non-stick muffin pan.

Step 2

Chop bacon, mushroom, broccoli and spinach. Mix together in a bowl. Divide bacon and vegetable mixture evenly among muffin pan holes.

Step 3

Whisk eggs, milk and cheddar in a jug. Pour egg mixture over bacon mixture, sharing evenly amongst muffin pan holes again.

Step 4

Bake for 15-20 mins or until just set. Set aside to cool slightly before serving.



Strawberry & yoghurt 'trifle'

Makes approx. 6 serves

200g punnet of strawberries

1 Tablespoon sugar

1 pack scotch finger biscuits (2 per serve)

1 tub vanilla yoghurt (2-3 large spoonful's of yoghurt per serve)

Short glasses or cups to serve.

Wash strawberries and remove tops.

Cut strawberries into quarters or smaller and place in a bowl.

Stir sugar through strawberries and leave for sugar to soak in.

For each serve:

Crumble 1 scotch finger biscuit in bottom of cup.

Spoon a large spoonful of yoghurt over the top.

Layer a spoonful of strawberries over the top.

Repeat each layer once more; biscuit, yoghurt, strawberries.

Drizzle any leftover syrup from the strawberries over the top.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAM



We will be offering the Holiday Program for the below dates. We are unable to confirm the excursion dates at this stage as we are still awaiting confirmation on the bus hire during this period.

Please let us know what days you require we can book you in. Days will NOT run if we don't get enough interest.

DECEMBER DATES

Friday 20th December		SHORT DAY		8.30am to 1pm	
MON 23RD	TUES 24TH	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	FRI 27TH	

NEW YEAR DATES

MON 30TH	NOT RUNNING	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	THUR 2ND	FRI 3RD
MON 6TH	TUES 7TH	WED 8TH	THUR 9TH	FRI 10TH
MON 13TH	TUES 14TH	WED 15TH	THUR 16TH	FRI 17TH
MON 20TH	TUES 21ST	WED 22ND	THUR 23RD	FRI 24TH

- ALL accounts MUST to be up to date or on an approved payment plan.
- 8.30am to 6pm (9.5hrs), in the MP Hall. (with the exception of Fri 20th Nov).
- Don't forget to pack, lunch, snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat. (we have generic sunscreen).
- Care is charged at your usual hourly rate, x9.5hrs. (Excursions incur additional fees, updated calendar will show fees).
- Please check your allocated fortnightly hours. (I can help you find this out).
- Happy for you to bring your bikes, scooters and any other toys or games you would like.
- On excursion days, please don't pack food that will need to be heated.

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MEET CLUNES PS LATEST VISITOR



Clunes Primary School has received an unexpected guest for the Christmas period.

There is one problem. . . they don't seem to know their name.

Do you think you could help name them?

Drop your name ideas to the front office by Thursday the 12th of December.

Our guest will then select the name that feels right to them.

FREE RESOURCE GUIDE

Healthy Lunch Resource Guide for Parents and Guardians Feedback Survey

CHRH has partnered with the Hepburn Shire Council to create a fridge magnet to access the resource guide.

Laurey from CHRH and George from Hepburn Shire Council, have delivered a total of 567 magnets to 9 local primary schools in the Hepburn Shire.

Recent reporting data revealed that the resource had 258 page views, 177 users and 802 event counts since its release in June 2023.

We invite parents, guardians and carers of students who attend the following schools to participate in the survey, to improve, evolve and promote the resource guide.

- Bullarto Primary School
- Clunes Primary School
- Creswick Primary School
- Creswick North Primary School
- Daylesford Primary School
- Dharma Primary School
- Newlyn Primary School
- Trentham Primary School
- Yandoit Primary School

Download the resource [here](#).



Scan the QR code
to have your say.

Schools in Category 3 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and the Category 4 list.

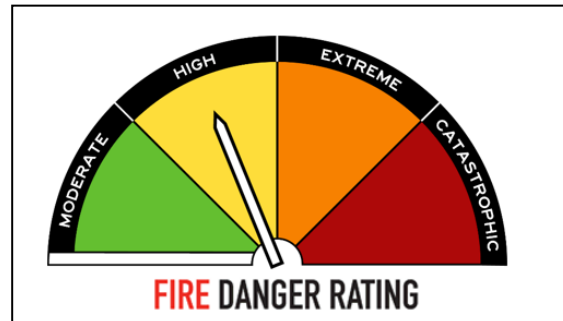
Clunes Primary School is a Category 4 school.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services.

They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will **also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.**

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **Central fire weather district.**

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and completed Fire Preparedness actions, such as reprioritising any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **Central fire district.**

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Central fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by email and by a hard copy note.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care (After School Care) will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **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 Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- 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 due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- 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

School Lunches

Term 4

October 10th - Hot Dogs

October 17th - Clunes Bakery

October 24th - Nuggets & Chips - Clunes Top Shop

October 31st - Chicken Burgers

November 7th - Clunes Bakery

November 14th - Fish Bites & Chips or Salad Clunes Top Shop

November 21st - Spaghetti

December 5th - Hamburgers (Lettuce, Cheese) Clunes Top Shop

December 12th - Hot Dogs

December 19th - Clunes Bakery

Available every week a range of salad rolls or wraps with
your choice of fillings.

Vegetarian and Gluten Free option available every week.

**Every lunch comes with a Juice, Water, Jelly Cup or
Fruit Cup.**

**Orders must be placed by 9am Tuesday prior to the delivery
date.**

NO late orders will be accepted.

Orders cannot be refunded in the event of student absences.



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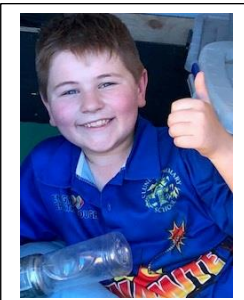


Term 4 - Draft #5 Thursday 5th December 2024

WEEK 1	Mon	7-Oct	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 😊 <i>TERM 4 begins Monday 7th October Book Fair arrives. See the flyer inside re dates for sales</i>
	Tue	8-Oct	Walk to School extra-curricular weekly activity begins again. Meet 8.30am at Queen's Park
	Wed	9-Oct	Sonia – Early Learning Centre meeting 3.15pm staff CPR update School Council Meeting 7pm
	Thurs	10-Oct	Newsletter- (Newsletters home each fortnight, sent via email & placed on the school's website)
	Fri	11-Oct	Zone Athletics Sports Book Fair begins today. Trading tomorrow (Saturday also from 10-12pm)
WEEK 2	Mon	14-Oct	
	Tue	15-Oct	
	Wed	16-Oct	K-P transition support meeting
	Thurs	17-Oct	Val begins Long Service Leave
	Fri	18-Oct	BINGO Night – school fundraiser CANCELLED!
WEEK 3	Mon	21-Oct	School Captains visit to the Kinder
	Tues	22-Oct	Student Support Group meetings begin
	Wed	23-Oct	Student Support Group meetings continue
	Thu	24-Oct	
	Fri	25-Oct	
WEEK 4	Mon	28-Oct	5 /6 students MAV Mathematics challenge
	Tues	29-Oct	K-P transition visit to school #1- 9-11am
	Wed	30-Oct	Student Support Group meetings continue Val returns from Long Service Leave
	Thu	31-Oct	Junior School Council Meeting 1.10pm
	Fri	1-Nov	Japanese Focus Day
WEEK 5	Mon	4-Nov	CONFIRMED - Student Free Day- staff professional practice day- Writing & Sentral- Reporting foci
	Tue	5-Nov	Melbourne Cup- Public Holiday
	Wed	6-Nov	Finance Professional Learning 9.00-11.00am – Jesse & Sonia Annual Snail Races event EB TABLOID SPORTS
	Thurs	7-Nov	Miss D begins Long Service Leave
	Fri	8-Nov	
WEEK 6	Mon	11-Nov	
	Tue	12-Nov	K-P transition visit to school #2- 9-11am
	Wed	13-Nov	P-2 Earth Ed excursion Miss D returns School Council Meeting 7pm
	Thu	14-Nov	
	Fri	15-Nov	Swimming- whole school program begins #1
	Sat	16-Nov	CLUNES SHOW- helpers required please
WEEK 7	Mon	18-Nov	Pack EB trailer
	Tues	19-Nov	Energy Breakthrough Training & gear set up in Maryborough
	Wed	20-Nov	Energy Breakthrough
	Thu	21-Nov	Energy Breakthrough 4 /5/6 excursion to EB Glasses 4 Kids P-3
	Fri	22-Nov	Energy Breakthrough Swimming #2
WEEK 8	Mon	25-Nov	
	Tues	26-Nov	K-P transition to school #3 - 11am-1pm
	Wed	27-Nov	
	Thurs	28-Nov	
	Fri	29-Nov	Swimming #3
WEEK 9	Mon	2-Dec	
	Tue	3-Dec	P-2 Camps Program - Sovereign Hill, dinner at school & short movie
	Wed	4-Dec	
	Thu	5-Dec	School Captains 2025 Speeches and voting 9am in the MP Hall
	Fri	6-Dec	Parent & Community Helpers End of Year thank you Morning Tea 11am Swimming #4
WEEK 10	Mon	9-Dec	Introduction of 2025 School Captains at Assembly
	Tues	10-Dec	State-wide Transition Day K-P 9-1pm & Yr 6-7 + Highview Transition Day
	Wed	11-Dec	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
	Thurs	12-Dec	Year 6 Graduation evening
	Fri	13-Dec	Swimming #5 (last swimming session)
Week 11	Mon	16-Dec	Final Assembly led by 2024 School Captains, Awards, Xmas Focus Day (am), Concert 1.30-3pm (+ Santa)
	Tues	17-Dec	Semester 2 Achievement Reports home & 2025 Class Lists home.
	Wed	18-Dec	Class parties
	Thurs	19-Dec	CONFIRMED Final day for <u>students</u> for the 2024 school year. 3.00pm finish Casual Dress Day
	Fri	20-Dec	CONFIRMED Final day for <u>staff</u> for the 2024 school year. Student Free Day – Admin / Prof' Learning day



Photos from Team 'Dynamite'- feature in the Newsletter



Sovereign Hill Day Camp

