



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

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

***“Golden Past, Bright Futures”***

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# Clunes Primary School Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS



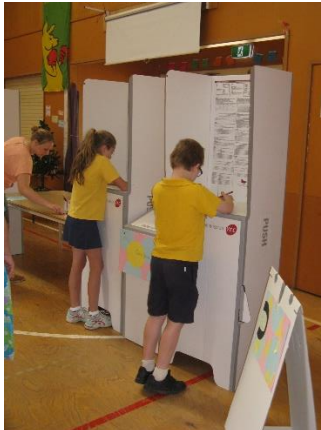
**Tonight! See you here at 6.30!**

**Christmas BBQ and Carols Evening at Clunes Primary School**  
Members of the Clunes Community are most welcome to attend. **BBQ – 6:30 – 7:15pm Carols – 7:20 – 8:00pm**  
**Hampers- Winners drawn out Visit from Santa & Elf**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Photos of our School Captains 2019 Nominees and voting process.

We were very impressed by the calibre of the speeches. Well done to all nominees! Results inside. 😊



**Best wishes to you all for a positive last week of Term 4!  
Term 4 Summary of the Term Newsletter next week. 😊  
Kind regards, Sonia & CPS staff.**



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 4



Our Term 4 You Can Do It keys are:  
**Confidence and Resilience**

<b>Prep/ 1B - Riley, whole class!</b>	<b>1/2HB- Miley</b>
<b>Year 2/ 3D – Jesse R, Jonty,</b>	<b>3/ 4LM- Tamati, Reece, Cloe</b>
<b>4 /5T– James, School Captain 2019 Nominees</b>	<b>5/ 6A – Max, School Captain 2019 Nominees</b>
<b>School Captains Award- Hannah F, Kaitlyn C, Reece, Cushla, Henry</b>	<b>Chaplain’s Award- Hannah F, Stella Mrs Laurie’s Award- Jatalia</b>

**Bus Travellers Awards:** Xaiden-Lee, Shaylee, Toby, Max, Tara, Zeb, Dahli

### CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

One of my favourite Christmas carols is *Silent Night*... “*All is calm, all is bright*”. But let’s be honest, not everything about Christmas is calm and bright, not everything about Christmas is great – family is not always what you want it to be, shopping in December is exhausting and expensive, eating until you feel like you’re going to explode seems wasteful and the busyness of end of year break-ups can be relentless. It can feel like you just want to get off the merry-go-round!

This is where ‘*choice*’ comes into it all! I *choose* to celebrate the historical reason for Christmas. I *choose* to share in the excitement of Christmas. I *choose* to focus on love, joy and peace. I *choose* the simple pleasures of the Christmas season. No matter what you believe or how and why you *choose* to celebrate, I hope that this Christmas is a time of joy, love and peace for you and your family.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year! Blessings.

*Julie McDowell Chaplain*



## 2019 School Captains

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 13 nominees for the School Captain role for 2019 delivered their prepared speeches to their fellow Years 3-6 students, the senior staff, parents and family members and friends. Students and staff voted following the speeches.

**It gives me immense pleasure to be able to announce:**

**Our 2019 School Captains are:**

Olivia Kinnersly and Rowan Thompson

**Our 2019 School Vice-Captains are:**

Ameekah Meyers and Hamish Henderson- Drife

Congratulations to all of our nominees.

# Class/ classroom and teaching structure in 2019

## 2019 Teaching Staff and Teaching Staff Class/ Specialist Allocations

I am pleased to be able to announce to the school community that our 2019 Teaching Staff and Class/ Specialist allocations are:

Prep- & Reading Recovery- Mrs B (Di Bongiorno)

1/ 2 – Mr Ash Burke

2/ 3- Mrs Cassie Mitchell & Mrs Wendy Laurie

3/ 4- Mrs Felicity Longmire

5 /6- Miss Jordyn Dargaville

5/ 6 A- Mrs Vicki Anderson

Physical Education Teacher P- 6 & Support Teacher (across the School, Extending Mathematical Understanding- EMU, Literacy Support, PE & Magic Maths 3 /4 & Seniors Friday) - Paul James

Visual Arts Specialist- Ross Adams

Environmental Education & Kitchen Garden Program Specialist - Mrs. Wendy Laurie

Japanese Specialist teacher- Kirrily Urquhart TBC

Blu Earth & Values Specialists – integrated into our regular learning programs

**Classroom Teachers will remain in their 2018 classrooms. Please see the map below.**

Mrs Val McNeight, Mrs Liz Garth & Mrs Jan Miles will fulfil Education Support- Aide Positions.

Mrs Kristin O'Brien will be our Business Manager Monday- Thursday and Mrs Jill Perrin on Fridays.

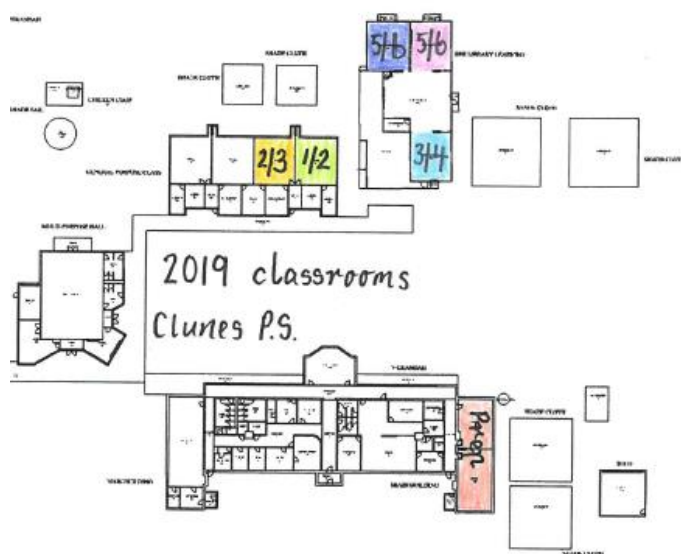
Julie McDowell will return as our school Chaplain.

We welcome new staff Member – Mr Damian Meade into our IT Technician role.

Ms Antoinette Dillon will once again be conducting private Instrumental Music lessons at our school in 2019.

Since the beginning of 2013 our enrolment number has fluctuated by up to 30 students. In an action to retain smaller class sizes across the school and to ensure equity (as much as possible) across the school, we have decided to once-again slightly re-structure the class structures across the school. 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 re-structure. Kind regards, Sonia



## Student class allocations for 2019

Student class allocations for 2019 are being confirmed this week and will be forwarded home to Parents/ Guardians with End of 2018 -Semester 2 Student Achievement Reports on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. You are most welcome to make an appointment with me with to discuss a particular request. All requests are to be made in writing.

# Semester 2 Student Achievement Reports and 2019 class lists will go home on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## 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 pass 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.

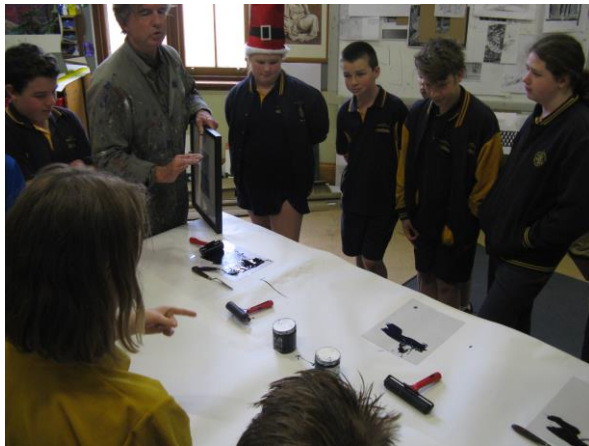
Be mindful that no matter how good, bad or indifferent your child's report may be, he or she can wipe the slate clean and make a brand new start next year. And it's amazing the difference a summer holiday can make. Michael Grose



# The new Printing Press

It is with great excitement that we have introduced the Econo 20 press to the art-room.

Grade 5 /6A have been creating wonderful (intaglio) dry-point etchings; while 3 /4LM have been producing collagraphs using a block printing method.







Children in grade 1/2 have been learning about rhythm in music and are now making musical instruments. As part of this they are learning a bit about Indigenous heritage and perspectives through creating their own ochre from locally sourced clay, and have used it to create art work that depicts the story of Bunjil. They have learned that the Indigenous people of the Kulin nation on whose land we live and learn on believe that Bunjil is an ancestral spirit who created the world, and also created us and taught us to care for it.



## Year 1 /2 HIB

Declen at 'Bushy's Cut Out' supporting the cause. Thank you to all of our school community for getting behind the Hill family! We sincerely appreciate your generosity!







Our new irrigation system and pump is now in place and ready for a couple of watering opportunities over our anticipated long, hot Summer! (we may yet see a tinge of green 😊)

The soccer pitch area has been a 'Buildings and Grounds' focus this year. Next year our Football Oval will receive a make-over ... as will our Junior Playground area. We cannot wait for the DET funded Imagination Playscape Project to begin!

## School Library – end of year requirements

As the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, it is time for our school Library to close.

I would like all of our books to be returned as soon as possible, so that end of year records can be finalised.

When returning books, they can be placed in the black tub near the Library desk or can be handed to Jan.

If for some reason you cannot find the book or the book has been damaged please come and see me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Jan Miles.

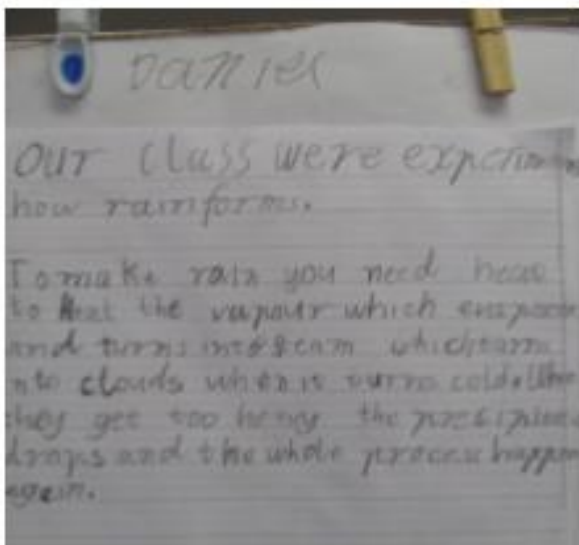


## EVENTS OF 2/3D

This week the year 2s and 3s have been busy in all their lessons, despite the presence of our cheeky Elf on the Shelf, "Frost."



In Reading we have been rehearsing our Reader's Theatre plays, where we practice our lines, select costumes and act out the scenes.



In Writing, we are learning to write explanations. Our focus at the moment is drafting, editing and publishing our explanations of the water cycle.



Students preparing for our Christmas Carols on Thursday.



# Junior School Council 2018

Junior school council is a student ran committee wherein the two class representatives attend a meeting twice a term in the library to discuss the needs of the school community, organise fundraising ideas, donate to charities and organisations and listen to any ideas and concerns raised by fellow students. We are supported by Val and Mr James. These are some of the activities that we organised and ran included:

- . Organised and ran discos in the first three terms, and purchased the prizes for the discos.
- . Compiled data for parents club for lunch days and food menu choices for discos
- . Donation of \$500 to energy breakthrough, using money raised at the discos.
- . Annual donation of \$100 to the Save The Orangutan charity.
- . Implementing a seat to be used in the playground known as the “buddy-bench”, for children who may need some time-out, feel sad, or have no one to play with. A staff member or peer will assist these children.
- . Organised the footy day coin line, raising a large sum of money.
- . Organised the tracky-dack-day, donating \$125 to TLC 4 KIDS.
- . Report any playground health and safety issues.
- . Cooperated with school-captains and house-captains and participated in the COLES Sports for Schools program.

On behalf all the junior school council team, Mr James and Val, we wish you a very happy Christmas and safe holiday season.



JSC supporting Coles for Schools

## *Vacation Care with Liz and Jess* *@ Creswick Primary School*

We operate from 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday throughout the school holidays based at the Creswick Primary School.

Dates available are (depending on numbers); January

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>.

21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

Some of the excursions (@\$10p/p) we do are; Movies, Horse Riding, Inflatable World, Fun Bugs, Swimming and Free Local Library Activities. We also do a lot of art and craft activities, cooking, nature walks, board games and outdoor games.

Please call Liz or the FDC Office to make a booking or just to answer any questions you may have 0429 453808.

For costs and registration (if not already registered) please ring the FDC office on 5348 3272.

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### Friday Lunch Order Roster - Term 4

Date	Name
December 14	Melissa O'H

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### School Banking

If your child has collected 10 Dollarmites tokens and would like to redeem them for a School Banking reward item this term, please fill in your child's redemption slip and bring it along to school before 30 November 2018. This will ensure the reward item will arrive before the school holidays.

Our final School Banking day for 2018 is Tuesday 11 December. Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.





## **AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2019**

ASC operates from the Multi Purpose Hall every afternoon from 3pm to 6pm during the school term (we also offer school holidays care).

We run an engaging, child led program including a healthy afternoon tea, arts and crafts, cooking, imaginative play, board games, sports and nature walks.

Places are filling up quickly, so if you are considering after school childcare in 2019 please fill out the form below and return it to the school office.

Liz 0429 453 808

PARENT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (H): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (W): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>ST</sup> CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>RD</sup> CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>TH</sup> CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not require Education and Care in 2019  (please tick if care is not required in 2019)

OR  
please circle days required

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

I will require education and care for my child/ren because

1.	I am working or training.	OR	YES	NO
2.	I will be using education and care for reasons other than those listed in No. 1		YES	NO

**PLEASE RETURN 2019 BOOKING FORMS NO LATER THAN 4<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2018**

### ACCOUNTS

**ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE UP-TO-DATE AS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> OF DECEMBER IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILDS PLACE IN 2019.**

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DAYLESFORD, 3460

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## Clunes & District Pre- School is excited to announce that we exceed national standards!



*Clunes & District Pre-School has been rated as Exceeding National Quality Standard under the National Quality Framework.*

The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a national benchmark for the quality of children's education and care services across Australia.

*An overall rating of Exceeding NQS is given to services that go above and beyond the requirements of the NQS in at least four of the seven quality areas.*

The high quality of our learning environment, inside and outside, use of natural materials and our excellent educational program as well as our relationships with children and their families were all highlighted as being exceptional.

The National Quality Framework (NQF) for early childhood education and care was agreed by all Australian governments to get better educational and development outcomes for children using education and care services. Implementation of the NQF is guided by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).



### Clunes & District Pre-School

## Enrol Now 2019

Contact the pre-school

# Ph: 5345 3228

109 Fraser St Clunes 3370  
[clunes.district.kin@kindergartenvic.gov.au](mailto:clunes.district.kin@kindergartenvic.gov.au)  
or enrol online [www.ecka.org.au](http://www.ecka.org.au)





# Ballarat District Scouts



Enrolments are now open for 2019.

We currently have places available in our Joey Scout Section for 5 to 7 year old boys and girls, who are looking for adventure, and who want to learn and discover new things through fun and friendship.

Visit the website or call to find a group near you!

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/joey/>

FreeCall: 1800 726 887

**Week 7: 19- 23 November**

Tuesday 20 November: Yrs 3D & 3/4 Swimming  
 Wednesday 21 November: P- 2D Swimming  
 Thursday 22 November: Kinder Transition 2 9-11am **ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH**  
 Friday 23 November: **ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH**  
 Saturday 24 November: **ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH** State Election- Sausage Sizzle fundraiser

**Week 8: 26 November- 30 November**

Tuesday 27 November: Yrs 3D & 3/4 Swimming Junior School Council Meeting School Captains 2019- information/ preparation session  
 Wednesday 28 November: P- 2D Swimming  
 Friday 30 November: School Captains 2019 EOI due to Mrs Anderson Wesley Concert 1.30pm at Blue Stone

Saturday 1 December: **Working Bee! Saturday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 8.30- 10.30am** 

**Week 9: 3-7 December**

Tuesday 4 December: Yrs 3D & 3/4 Swimming  
 Wednesday 5 December: P- 2D Swimming  
 Thursday 6 December: Kinder Transition 3 11-1pm Hot Lunch Day- FREE Sausage Sizzle & Icy Pole for all (with orders returned) & for attending Pre- School/ Kinder students  
 Friday 7 December: School Captains 2019 Speeches and voting 9am

**Week 10: 10- 14 December**

Monday 10 December: Introducing 2019 School Captains at Assembly  
 Tuesday 11 December: State-wide Transition Day – Kinder Transition 4 9am-1pm  
 Last 3D & 3/4 Swimming  
 Wednesday 12 December: Last P- 2D Swimming **School Council meeting 5pm followed by End of Year dinner**  
 Thursday 13 December: **Carols - BBQ 6.30- 7.15pm. Carols 7.20- 8pm ish**  
 Friday 14 December: Parent Helper End of Year thank you Morning Tea

**Week 11: 17- 21 December**

Monday 17 December: Focus Day- Xmas Semester 2 Reports & 2019 Class Lists home today  
 Tuesday 18 December: **2.30- 3pm 2019 Whole School Transition**  
 Thursday 20 December: **Year 6 Graduation 6.30pm**  
 Friday 21 December: Last Day of Term 4/ 2018 School Year 1pm finish **Class Parties 10.30am**

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**We are having a Christmas hamper raffle once again at our Carols Night on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**We would be grateful if each family could donate one item for this hamper. Six tickets will be sent home to every family in early December so that you can have the opportunity to win one of the three excellent Christmas hampers on offer. Please write on both sections of the ticket and return to the office. The winners will be drawn at the end of the carols. Good luck!**

Regards, Di Bongiorno.



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Christmas BBQ and Carols Evening at Clunes Primary School**

Members of the Clunes Community are most welcome to attend.

**BBQ – 6:30 – 7:15pm Carols – 7:20 – 8:00pm Hampers- Winners drawn out**

Visit from Santa 😊