



Clunes Public School Newsletter

12 December 2019
Week 9 Term 4

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Reports distributed today

K – 6 students will receive reports today. We ask parents and carers to look carefully at the achievement and effort descriptors to ensure they understand the report. A “C” means your child is achieving at a level appropriate to their stage of learning. A “D” means there are some areas they are still developing. A “B” means they are working at the top 10% of their year (early or late stage) and an “A” means they are working above Stage level. The effort is the most important grading as it tells you whether your child is working to their full potential and application should be celebrated. If you would like to discuss the report with your teacher please contact the school and the teacher will chat with you in the last week.

Tribute to our Fire Fighting Heros

At last week’s assembly we were able to say thank you to rural fire fighters Neville, Stephen (Lillianna’s dad) and Elle. They came to assembly to tell our students how much their

letters of thanks and pictures meant to them. This was the perfect opportunity to give them a standing ovation in recognition of the many hours and sleepless nights into controlling fires to save lives and property. It was a special occasion for all our award recipients to receive their certificates and a hand shake from these wonderful volunteers.

2020 School Captains announcement tomorrow

All candidates should be very proud of their speeches and their actions in the lead up to the School Captain voting. Stepping up to stand before many and give a speech and take on responsibilities makes them all a winner. They all have leadership qualities and I look forward to working with them all next year.


End of Year Presentation Friday 10am

Tomorrow’s assembly celebrates our first year of Kindergarten and our Year 6 moving onto Secondary School after 6 years of Primary School. We will present 4 Y6 Special



SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

WEEK 9	WEEK 10		
<p>Friday 13 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation Assembly - Volunteers’ morning tea 	<p>Monday December 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Y6 Farewell Dinner from 5.30pm - Disco from 7 pm <p>Tuesday 17 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fun Day <p>Wednesday 18 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last day of school for 2019 	<p>2020 TERM DATES</p> <p>Wednesday 29 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students in Years 1-6 start school - Best Start appointments for Kindergarten students <p>Thursday 30-Friday 31 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best Start appointments for Kindergarten students <p>Monday 3 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindergarten students start school 	

Awards in recognition of excellence. We will also be entertained by our band, choir tutored musicians and singers.

Special guests, The Rivers College Executive Principal, Mr Greg Smith and Kadina Campus Principal, Mr Ian Davies and P & C Secretary, Mrs Bronwyn Mitchell will assist with the presentation. Mr Kevin Hogan sends his apologies but has sent along a couple of surprises!

Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea after presentation assembly We hope to see lots of family and friends joining us.

Fabulous Film Festival

Congratulations to students and staff on the first Clunes Film Festival. We had two fun nights filled with laughter, suspense and entertainment. It was delightful to have students sitting alongside their families enjoying the films. Our audiences were also terrific which added to the occasion. Many thanks to Mr Priestley who was master of film operations on the evening and to Ms Hutchinson who created a fun photo booth for everyone to enjoy. P&C and parents provided delicious food to feed the hungry masses. While we had tiny hiccups with technology each evening, for the first time ever, we missed the storms by about 40 minutes. This was a very innovative and educational project with the film making process being as important as the process itself.

We will purchase a boom microphone with money raised. While we continue to have musicals at the end of some years as live performance is also an important art, we would love feedback on whether we should hold another film festival in 2020 while we build on these skills.

Please let us know what you think!

Clunes has Talent 80s style

SRC are organising a Clunes has Talent for the last day of term, Wednesday 18th December 2019. The students will enjoy some fun.

Friday 13/12 last day for donations!

Our SRC Christmas Hamper Appeal is going strong with loads of donations coming in.

The Lismore Salvation Army are very grateful for donations as they have had many requests for assistance this year. They will pick up our donations on Monday 16th December. Thank you for your generosity!

Clunes Christmas Carols Sunday 15/12

Clunes Public School will be singing at Clunes Carols on Sunday. Our choir need to be at the park at 5pm and will be singing at 5:30pm. Choir members need to find Mrs Slee or Mrs Cooper.

Survey Overview

I have included an overview of K – 6 student and parent and carer surveys for your interest.

Michelle Slee

Principal

Expectation of the Week
"What are you grateful for today?"

Assembly Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly:

Kinder	– Dakota & Thoedore
Class 1-2	– Austin, Cole, Leelu & Royce
Class 3-4	– Kyah, Sabine & Tasman
Class 5-6	– Keira, Logan, Toby, Tyson & Zoe

Congratulations also to Dakota O'Hara who was the Citizen of the Week.

End of year activities

- Our whole school **Disco** is on Monday 16th December from 7.00-8.30pm in the school hall. The P&C will be running a canteen with drinks and snacks.
- The **Year 6 Fun Day** will be on Tuesday 17th December. Year 6 will show their skills at Lismore Skating and Putt-putt followed by an afternoon at the movies to watch *The Addams Family*.
- The **K-Y5 Fun Day** will also be on Tuesday 17th December. Students will be at the morning session of the movies to see *Frozen 2*, after which they will return to school for some classroom celebrations.

P&C News

We would like to thank everyone that helped out at the Film Festival: Laura, Amie & Charlotte (Tues) and Danielle, Bronwyn, Amie, Charlotte, Joe Cara and Anne (Wed). A great big thank you to everyone who baked goods and came along to help.

As we are winding down the school term I would like to say a huge thank you to the P&C team for their amazing support and commitment always. A special thank you to Laura for her incredible contribution to the P&C over many years now. Her level of dedication is deeply appreciated. It will be sad to see her leave usbut she is always welcome back at anytime!

I would like to thank Danielle for stepping into the Vice President role, we very much look forward to having Danielle on the team in 2020.

Anna Douglass – President



Clunes OSHC

Don't forget we will be taking bookings for 23rd and 24th December. Along with Vacation Care from Monday 6th January through to Friday 24th January.

Laura Hayward – 0437 362834

**CLUNES PUBLIC SCHOOL 2019 SEMESTER TWO SURVEY RESULT OVERVIEW
FROM 72 K – 6 STUDENTS AND 9 PARENT & CARERS**


1. Surveys showed that 100% of students indicated they enjoyed coming to school at Clunes PS with 10% of all children surveyed saying they usually enjoyed coming to Clunes PS. 100% of parents and carers surveyed, stated their child enjoyed coming to Clunes PS all the time or usually.
2. 88% of students stated they felt valued and a sense of belonging with 12% stating they weren't sure if they were valued all the time. 100% of parents and carers surveyed stated their child felt valued and a sense of belonging.
3. The K – 6 responses regarding what they enjoyed most at Clunes P.S. were very varied and included specific learning areas while a small minority stated they liked specific subjects the least. (Teachers will look further into this, in planning for the new year.)
4. A high percentage of students felt safe at school and added this was due to teachers helping them and other students being nice and helpful. There was also a very strong view across K - 6 students that teachers cared about them and praised them for their efforts. 6 parent and carer responses stated the teacher had a good rapport with their child while 3 were neutral. 7 parents found communication with the teacher was excellent while 2 were neutral. The majority of parent and carers also stated their child received praise and constructive feedback.
5. Regarding level of work set across K - 6, 25% found work too hard or too easy while 75% stated the work was work they could do or challenging.
6. 70% of students responded they found work interesting all of the time or most of the time with 28% stating some of the time. Students took responsibility for their learning and could state what they needed to do to improve they way they work with responses such as 'Listen', 'focus on my work', 'practice'.
7. Interestingly 8 parents surveyed did not see regular, purposeful homework as an integral part of their child's education. 8 parents stated their child saw their learning as purposeful and engaging all or most of the time.
8. Parents and Carers also indicated high satisfaction with communication in the school, appreciating and using the various tools for communication.
9. Responses regarding what people loved about Clunes included the strong sense of community, well liked teachers and friends, great, caring teachers, great playground, all key learning areas and the additional activities were mentioned in various responses, library being open at lunch during the week. Feeling safe and valued.
10. Responses regarding improvements that could be made were varied and inconsistent. These included individual comments such as 'better soccer balls', different science lessons, parents to help establish vegetable garden again, visits to the Mobile library, a pool, more muftis and more canteen days. One person also asked that the uniform shop be available out of hours and there was a response regarding toilet access during class time

The above results are an overview of survey responses. Normally survey results of little as 6% of parents and carers would not be communicated as it is not a true indication of the whole school families, however, I have published these results to be as transparent as possible.

We will take action where appropriate on suggestions and responses. There were some concerns regarding students not being permitted to go to the toilet. Procedures were explained to parents to allay some misconceptions and action was also taken to ensure the wellbeing of all students.

Michelle Slee 11/12/2019

**IT'S CHRISTMAS!
TIME FOR OUR
CLUNES RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
SANTA RUN.**



TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2019

YOU WILL FIND SANTA ON HIS RUN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

4:00pm Eureka Rd from Beacom Rd to Bangalow Rd
4:10pm Stewarts Rd. Booyong Rd and Pearce Rd
4:25pm Pearson Rd
4:35pm McKenzie Rd to Ethiam School
4:45pm Eldham Pub and Johnston Rd (including Federation Dr)
5:20pm Flatley Dr and Jarvis St (to Smith St Intersection)
5:30pm Clunes Park then Booyong Rd (to the end of the 50 speed zone)
5:40pm Ryces Dr
6:00pm Walker St (to the Tennis Courts)
6:15pm Remnant Dr, James Gibson Rd onto Mackie Rd
(ending at Radgewood Rd Intersection)

Please Note, times are approximate only

Join Santa and the crew on the sparkling fire truck with all the lights and sirens. If you have been good you will receive a little bag of lollies. Any donations to the Brigade will be greatly appreciated.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.



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**Clunes
Carols
AT THE COMMON**

5pm Sun 15th Dec 2019

Food stalls, cakes, drinks, live music by the Clunes Christmas Band, raffles, prizes and a visit from Santa. BYO picnic blanket and plenty of gold coins as funds raised support Clunes Community Pre School.

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An open letter from Year 6 2019 to Clunes Public School

Kinder and Year One

Moving from preschool to kindergarten was hard but with the help of our buddies it got easier over time. Mrs. McKenzie was our super awesome kinder teacher, she is kind and caring. The orientation days were very fun but scary, we met our buddies and learnt about the school and what you do each day. Kinder was so fun because we got to meet new people and play a lot, we also did work but it was mostly art. It was a fun year of playing and learning new things like writing, reading and spelling. We also had an amazing excursion about safety on the bus and in public. Our end of year performance was based off toy story and it was very fun and easy, it was good for a first performance. Our end of year fun day was a movie, I don't remember what movie all I remember is that it was great. Also the end of year disco was awesome there was yummy food and cool light up toys. In Year 1 we moved to Mr. Sky's class and shared a class with the year two students. Mr. Sky was a great and funny teacher for us and still is. It was a different year with more learning and a bit less play, we also had to start being independent without our buddies around to help. We went on another excursion but this time it was to the macadamia castle there was lots of animals and nature. Our end of year performance was based off Dirt Girl and Scrap Boy. Thanks to: Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. Sky and all our amazing buddies.

Year Two

Year 2 was a good year it was our first year going in swimming races when we knew how to swim properly and had started to swim laps. Our end of year performance was the Leyland brothers travelling around Australia and meeting people like Burke and Wills, Steve Irwin and his family and going to places like Uluru. and with the help of Mr. Sky we learnt new skills such as problem solving and much much more amazing work with Mr Sky in the second biggest classroom in the school most of us could not wait for Year 3. So a special thank you Mr. Sky for teaching us.

Year Three

So year one and two we were still getting used to the school and moving into year 3 was a big change. In year 3 we had a lot of new opportunities such as trying out for the school Soccer and Cricket teams as well as being able to go to Zone for lots of things. And for swimming the teachers would teach you how to swim competitive and public speaking competitive it was a great year of activities and learning we learn how to make super sentences properly and we all learnt heaps of new ways to do multiplication. And our first year of NAPLAN was not the best but it paid off when we got chips and lollies. Our end of year performance was lion king dance with Mr Priestley teaching us.

Year Four

Year four was good, the best thing about year four was the Lake Ainsworth camp. Lake Ainsworth Sport and Rec camp is a holiday park with many fun activities for you to do such as kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, archery and loads more fun activities. We stayed there for 5 days and did all of these things and many more. Year four Ms Sherlock taught us it was not the best year but was not the worst year.

The end of year concert we did an Aboriginal dance .

We all so did the school disco and that was good .

In year four we did a lot of fundraisers and gave the money to Westpac Helicopter and cancer council. We received our pen licences and we did not do NAPLAN.

Thank you to Ms Sherlock

Year Five

Last year was great, there were sooo many opportunities like trying out for sport teams, the performing arts festival, the major excursion, school captain voting, the end of year concert, the k-5 fun day, the disco and at the dinner- being the year six's slaves! No... it wasn't that bad, they were all our friends and it was lovely to share that moment with them. It was great seeing them all dressed up and having a wonderful time. Then when we all went out to the disco and everyone was there waiting for us, it was just

such a special time. It was also bittersweet knowing it wasn't long before they all would all go off to high school.

At the end of year assembly, all the year 5s were nervous to find out who the next school captains would be, even early in the year, just the prospect of running for school captain was thrilling. It was so exciting making posters and writing speeches.

Every year the Lismore Performing Arts festival is always a major highlight. It's amazing being up on the stage in front of hundreds of people. With chances to be in multiple acts including the Clunes dance group, choir and band, there were many people going off every night to perform at the Lismore Workers Club auditorium. It's always so exciting being backstage in the holding rooms, getting dressed and psyching yourself up before the show!

The major excursion last year was the big one, the Canberra/Sydney trip. Being there was great, the long bus rides were **not**. We did so many fantastic things like going to the science centre, Parliament House and the War Memorial. Then in Sydney walking across the harbour bridge and going on the ferry to Taronga Zoo.

The end of year concert must have had the best theme yet, Dr.Seuss! And we must have got the best book, The Grinch! It was so amusing to perform and I'm assuming also to watch because nearly the whole thing was narrated in rhyme and included loads of strange Christmas songs, great humorous acting and even featured a rap battle between Santa and the Grinch! (Santa won). A massive congratulations to Mrs. Slee and the other teachers for choreographing the dances, teaching the songs and pulling the whole thing together!

Year 5 was wonderful and Mrs. Slee was an amazing teacher, we couldn't wait for year six.

Thanks to: Mrs. Slee, Ms. Jess, Ms. Julie, Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Cooper,

Year Six

Year 6, the last year of primary school until your off to high school for the next 6 years or so, it never stops. In year 6 you get to do so much more and have so much to look forward to like the year 6 dinner and fun day, high school orientation, being the teachers slaves, not having to sit on the floor at assembly ,School camp ,School captain and the one we're all ecstatic for...interrelate! no NAPLAN!!! and so on.

At camp this year we went to Brisbane, we went to Underwater World and slept in the tunnel we also went to Suncorp stadium and we went ice skating.

For the year 6 fun day this year we're going roller skating at Lismore then we're going to the cinemas to watch the new Adams family movie we also get to buy our own lunch and having Mr. Priestley, the greatest teacher of all. Thanks to: Mr. Priestley and Mrs. Dowd

Yours sincerely,

Ollie Winkler, Aiden Hosking, Ella Graham, Dylan Buckley, Joe Harvey, Kalani Keane, Laura Stephens, Lucas Murchison, Rohan White, Toby Hayward, Tilden Kirbach, Sophie Graham and Milla Bleakley. Year 6 2019



