



Clunes Public School Newsletter

17th December 2020
Week 10 Term 4

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Respect | Responsibility | Integrity

Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land

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A MESSAGE ON OUR FINAL WEEK OF 2020

Congratulations!

This week we announced our 2021 School Captains. It was a close count but congratulations go to Emilia O'Hara and Angus Wisse [seen below with outgoing captains Aggie and Lachlan.]



Year 6 Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received our major awards for the year.

Citizenship	Logan Cartwright
Academic Achievement	Max Wilson
Band	Logan Cartwright
Creative and Practical Arts	Agnes Morton
Premier Sporting Medal	Logan Cartwright

What a year to remember! This time last year we were focused on the bushfires, thanking our rural fire department for their bravery and tireless fight to save our region. None of us saw what was to lie ahead.



We could focus on being victims of the pandemic, reflect on what we missed out on, how we struggled, what we lost and how difficult the limitations placed upon us were.

However, I would prefer to focus on what we have learned, the changed mindsets we've adopted and challenges we have conquered.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

WEEK 10		2021
Wednesday 16 December - Last day of the school - Final newsletter for 2020 		Wednesday 27 January School Development Day - pupil free day Thursday 28 January School Development Day - pupil free day Friday 29 January Years 1 -6 commence Term 1 Tuesday 2 February Kinders commence Term 1

- ❖ We have learnt that technology has become a vital tool to communicate and we all have been forced to build our capacity to use technology at some level to survive lockdown.
- ❖ We have also learnt that no technology in the world is better than a quality teacher with experience, commitment and compassion.
- ❖ We have learnt that regular and thorough hygiene practices dramatically decreases disease and viruses. In 2019 our school had a very high rate of sickness and this year due to our cleanliness, there has been very little spread of any contagious disease and virus.
- ❖ We have learnt to have an increased awareness and respect for the wellbeing of those around us everywhere we go.
- ❖ Every single child and adult has learnt they have an inner strength, adaptability and a growing set of skills to take on challenges.
- ❖ We were reminded that quality time as a family is the most important thing. That friendship, social skills, collaborative play and work are vital to being productive, positive and maintaining wellbeing.
- ❖ We renewed our gratitude for the simple things in life that we take for granted - freedom to walk along a creek, beach, in a forest, play on a field and to be educated in a classroom with other children.

Thank You!

I would like to send out a warm heartfelt thanks to all our families as you have shown such support to our school community. You have had to be major role models for your children and I know that many of you have dealt with financial hardship through loss of jobs and identity, and may have experienced the lowest of lows. But all of you demonstrated to your children, your resilience and the importance of getting back up, looking for solutions, making the best with what you've got and showing what is most important to you. Your actions in these hard times will have a huge impact on your children and how they face the world and the ongoing challenges which will always arise. I congratulate you all for your wonderful work.

OUR STUDENTS ARE AMAZING!

The staff and I feel privileged to work with the students of Clunes Public School. Yes they do kid stuff – and that's because they are kids! They are learning to deal with their emotions, how to interact with others, dealing with conflicts, learning new skills and understandings, adapting, innovating, solving problems, making mistakes, learning from them and developing determination and commitment. They grow from self-focused naïve little beings to considerate, socially intelligent, productive and deep thinking human beings. As parents and educators we work together to guide, encourage, motivate and share the joy with these children. Best wishes and goodbye to our Year 6, you have been an awesome group!

All our children have shown growth in resilience, social responsibility, wellbeing management and academics. They are all to be congratulated for making the best of 2020. My deepest appreciation to our staff, our classroom teachers in particular, who rapidly responded to the trickiest

of times earlier in the year. They did and continue to do a fabulous job in bringing the best all round whole school education for our students. Staff members have shown strength in team work.

We have achieved so much this year. NAIDOC celebrations went ahead, as did our fabulous 3/4/5/6 week of outdoor activities at Lake Ainsworth, our athletics carnival, our public speaking, and the sharing of performance and student achievement through technology.

I feel that most students will reflect on 2020 as not the year where they missed out on things but *the year we did things differently*. A special year where we all came together to do the best we could in what we could control. A year for the history books, a year of building character and embedding gratitude.

Enjoy photos from our end of year events and have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Michelle Slee

Clunes Public School Principal





*Congratulations to all our
award recipients.*

also like to wish all staff, students, families and carers a happy, safe and restful holiday. With the easing of restrictions I hope that you all have time to celebrate and enjoy the company of your nearest and dearest. I am looking forward to seeing you all next year and meeting our new families to the school.

I would like to thank the hard working P&C for the wonderful work they have done throughout the year, despite the challenges. We are planning some wonderful events and fundraisers next year and hope you can all be a part of it.

Congratulations to every student for their achievements and success this year. The P&C would particularly like to acknowledge the kindergarten students who had a very different kindergarten experience for part of the year. Also, we extend our congratulations and best wishes to all year 6 students – our class of 2020. We hope that you love your new high schools and wish you every success in life. See you all in 2021.

Danielle Cleary – President

EXPECTATION

“Have a safe and wonderful holiday with family and friends”

Music Tuition 2021

Our music program will continue in 2021 with Miss Fiona, Mish and Daniel.



Clunes Band

Free tryout lessons will be available at school in 2021, for Years 3 and 4 students on Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet or Saxophone. Current students will need to let Fiona know if they are continuing in 2021.

For more information please contact Fiona Clarke, kids_musik@yahoo.com.au



Keyboard and Vocals

Mish will be commencing in Week 2 of Term 1. Current students will need to contact Mish to let her know if you will be continuing. Any vacant spots will be offered in the first instance to interested students in Stages 2 and 3, and then to younger students. Contact Mish at mishsongsmith88@gmail.com



Guitar and Drum

Daniel Cameron will also be returning. Current students will need to contact the school if they wish to continue. Any students in Stages 2 and 3 who are interested in learning to play the guitar or the drums can contact the school to register their interest. More information will be sent out in week 1 of next year.

P&C News

What a huge year it has been for students and staff alike. On behalf of the P&C, I would like to thank all staff at Clunes Public School for their wonderful work and for going above and beyond each and every day for our students. I would

Uniform Shop opening hours 2021

The uniform shop will be open for limited hours on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January. **Please ring before arriving as we may be involved in professional learning** but will try to accommodate as best we can.

Clunes OSHC News

We will have 5 weeks of Vacation Care over the 6-week break. Clunes OSHC will be open from Thursday the 17th of December right up until Christmas then will re-open from the 4th of January. We are taking bookings now if you would like to send your children to after school care or Vacation Care. Please call or text us on 0437 362 834 or email us at clunesoshc@nracs.org.au to make a booking.

Laura, Robby and the team

*Wishing everyone a wonderful,
relaxing and safe holiday break.
Have an awesome Christmas and see
you all in 2021*



Photos of the Week



CLUNES RURAL FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL SANTA RUN.



THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2020

COVID SAFE MEASURES AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES WILL APPLY

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 Eltham School
4:45pm Eltham Pub and Johnston Rd (including Federation Dr)
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 Ridgewood Rd Intersection)

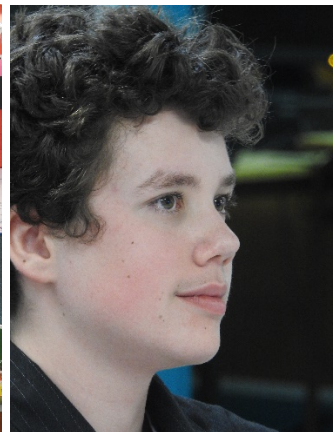
Please Note, times are approximate only

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.




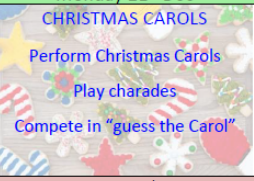








**PLEASE HELP THE COMMUNITY TO BE COVID SAFE
BY GIVING SANTA & HIS HELPERS 1.5m OF SPACE**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.









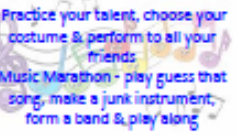




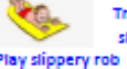

Farewell Year 6

Monday 14 th Dec	Tuesday 15 th Dec	Wednesday 16 th Dec	Thursday 17 th Dec	Friday 18 th Dec
SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	SCHOOL DAY	 <p>SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER Make lemonade</p> <p>Compete in egg and spoon & sack races</p> 	<p>END OF YEAR PARTY Create a farewell banner Decorate a farewell cake Celebrate with loved ones</p> 
Monday 21 st Dec	Tuesday 22 nd Dec	Wednesday 23 rd Dec	Thursday 24 th Dec	Friday 25 th Dec
<p>CHRISTMAS CAROLS Perform Christmas Carols Play charades Compete in "guess the Carol"</p> 	<p>AROUND THE WORLD Create an advent Wreath (Austria) Decorate a drift wood tree (Greenland) Fashion a straw angel (Poland)</p> 	<p> Write a letter to Santa Craft a Popsicle Santa's Sleigh Make beautiful gifts</p>	<p>GOOEY GINGER Decorate gingerbread houses Experiment with Ginger slime Eat Christmas cookies</p> 	CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday 28 th Dec	Tuesday 29 th Dec	Wednesday 30 th Dec	Thursday 31 st Dec	Friday 1 st Jan
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 4 th Jan	Tuesday 5 th Jan	Wednesday 6 th Jan	Thursday 7 th Jan	Friday 8 th Jan
<p>CLASSIC GAME DAY Play hide and seek, Murder in the dark &</p>  <p>Murder blink. Design a cup and ball</p>	<p>RIDICULOUS RAINBOWS Create rainbow tie dyes Grow a rainbow Eat rainbow pizza</p> 	<p>BLOWING BUBBLES Design a bubble snake. Create unbreakable Bubbles. Paint bubble pictures</p> 	<p>CHEEKY CHOCOLATE Play the Chocolate game Decorate chocolate strawberries Make chocolate sugar scrub</p> 	<p> Dress up as an Adult Design a game for us all to play Create paperclip jewelry</p>

* **SPECIAL TREAT:** Children can bring a scooter or bike each day. Don't forget - no helmet, no ride. No sharing wheels *

Technology Day: BYO device (e.g. iPad), G or PG games only, no WIFI. Devices stored when not in use

^^ **Water day:** bring sun shirt, swimmers/change of clothes, eye protection, hat & towel

Monday 11 th Jan	Tuesday 12 th Jan	Wednesday 13 th Jan	Thursday 14 th Jan	Friday 15 th Jan
<p>MIGHTY MARATHON Make energy gel Meet a runner Run a cross country</p> 	<p>WET & WILD ^^ Bring in water squirter</p>  <p>Play pass the water & have a water fight</p> 	<p>FABULOUS FLOWERS Replant the gardens with flowers and vegetables Make Pressed flowers</p> 	<p>GO TEAM! Learn to play Rugby, Soccer, Netball, make up a team chant create a team mascot</p> 	<p>TERRIFIC TECHNOLOGY # Compete in Mario Kart Discus favourite games Make healthy gaming snacks</p> 
Monday 18 th Jan	Tuesday 19 th Jan	Wednesday 20 th Jan	Thursday 21 st Jan	Friday 22 nd Jan
<p>C-FACTOR & MUSIC MARATHON Practice your talent, choose your costume & perform to all your friends Music Marathon - play guess that song, make a junk instrument, form a band & play along</p> 	<p>POTTY POETRY Create clay pots, people or houses Meet a potter Use leaves and objects to decorate pots</p> 	<p>BEACH EXCURSION ^^ Ballins river no cost Compete in beach volley ball, design sand castles & learn about surf safety Supervised paddling/ cool off NO SWIMMING</p> 	<p>MAD HATTER TEA PARTY & CRUMBING COOKIES Decorate cookies Compete in the Cookie Monster Challenge Design a hat & have a tea party</p> 	<p>KRAZY KITES Fashion Paper kites Watch kite fighting Fly fashionable kites</p> 
Monday 25 th Jan	Tuesday 26 th Jan	Wednesday 27 th Jan	Thursday 28 th Jan	Friday 29 th Jan
<p>DEADLY DAY Learn to throw boomerangs Dress in traditional dress Design traditional face painting</p> 	<p>AUSTRALIA DAY CLOSED</p>	<p>WATER DAY ^^ Try the Clunes slip and slide Play slippery rob the nest Eat water melon</p> 	<p>POLICE DAY Meet a police man, Learn about forensic science Make a badge</p> 	SCHOOL DAY

* Limited spaces available *

For bookings & new enrolments please contact Laura - 0437 362 834

- Vacation Care service hours are 8am-6pm, pickups after 6pm will incur a late fee of a minimum of \$10 per family.

- Please provide lunch, morning and afternoon tea, drink bottles, change of clothes, sunscreen, hats and covered shoes each day NO THONGS, NO BARE FEET; NO HELMET, NO RIDE on wheels day.

Vacation Care is very busy and bookings MUST be made in advance. As positions are limited and in high demand this is considered a permanent booking for the Vacation period. Absences will incur a full fee if no notice is given. 24hours notice will incur a half fee.

Thank you for choosing NRCS OSHC. ☺