



# Clunes Public School Newsletter

16 December 2021

Week 11 Term 4

*Learn to Live, Live to Learn*

**Respect | Responsibility | Integrity**

*Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land*

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## WE MADE IT AND WE DID IT TOGETHER!

Congratulations to all K – 6 students on a very successful year. What team spirit, compassion, resilience, determination and brilliance you've shown. Thank you for your enthusiasm, smiles and effort which inspires us all.

To our school staff here who take the ethos that every child is everyone's responsibility and continue to wear their two wings of professionalism and compassion, I express my deepest appreciation and gratitude for your skills, dedication, innovation and connectedness.

We say goodbye to Miss Sarah Brinkhege, thank her for being part of our team this year and wish her all the best in 2022.

To P & C who continue to dedicate their time in any way possible to improve our school and support our students. Even when faced with not being able to hold the usual fund raisers and social gatherings, they have still contributed to our school.

To our parents and families for their wonderful support and trust in our staff to educate and take care of their much-loved children. We all greatly missed the usual chats in the school

yard, meetings during and after school, and visits to the classrooms, sporting fields, assemblies, and special events.

Last year we talked about the situation we were in as being unprecedented. We talked about what a difficult year we had endured but we had come through. We never in our wildest dreams, in this day and age, would think we would be in similar or even more difficult circumstances through 2021.

Everyone is driven by our students and the need to ensure we think outside the square and consider all options to bring exciting, inspiring programs and experiences which ignite student passion.

Although we can see that the pandemic is still not done with us yet, we are continually developing ways to live with the pandemic, and I wish everyone quality times with those they love and have not been able to hug for a long time.

I hope we are all able to venture out, travel and discover new places but most of all I wish you all good health and hope communities, whether local or global, never lose their humanity as it is one of the most important traits we have.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

*We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School*

WEEK 11	2022
<p><b>Thursday 16 December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of school for students</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 17 December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff development day</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 1 February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First day of school for Years 1 through to 6</li> <li>Best Start assessments begin for Kindergarten students</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 4 February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten students begin.</li> </ul>

## Holidays



## YEAR 6 AWARDS FOR 2021

Congratulations to the following award winners:

**Premier's Sporting Medallion** – Summer Doughty

**Academic Achievement Award** – Emilia O' Hara

**Citizenship Award** - Ella Breheny

**Creative and Performing Arts Award** – Emilia O'Hara

**Ms Fiona's Band Award** – Emilia O'Hara

## 2022 CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our 2022 captains, **Ella Pryde** and **Mandell Tibika**. We know you will do a fabulous job as you follow the footsteps of previous captains and 2021 captains, Emilia O'Hara and Angus Wisse.



## AUSSIE OUTDOOR Y6 DINNER

Year 6 students and parents were treated to a graduation dinner on Tuesday evening. The dinner was organised by Mr Jack Priestley, and we deeply thank him and the strong support from staff and students in preparation, running and packing up this huge event.

Regulations didn't allow the traditional dinner, but Mr Priestley and staff did their very best to make this a memorable occasion! Students were presented with a Dr Seuss book *Oh the Places You Will Go* from the school, an engraved pen from the P & C and a certificate from Federal MP Kevin Hogan as well as a graduation certificate. Mrs Cooper will also send out the lovely slide show that was viewed at the conclusion of the evening.

Congratulations Year 6, what a wonderful group you've been and best wishes for the future. Please come back to visit us and share your exciting journeys.

## LOTS OF FUN & CREATIVITY

Students have had a fabulous end to the term with

- The 2-3 class and Mrs Northey-Manser completing their "Belonging" mural, and
- The 4-5-6 class, and Year 6, completing their colourful scenic Clunes Village murals with Mrs Colleen Henderson.
- We enjoyed watching films created by K-1, 2-3 and 4-5-6 classes and their teachers on Monday afternoon. We hope you will also enjoy viewing these.

- We are still attempting to post our "Good Vibes" Flash Mob film on our website but are pleased you have all received the link through your emails.
- Tuesday's disco was full of music and Wednesday's fun day was enjoyed by all as K – 5 experienced the cinema and Year 6 skated at Lismore and watched films in the afternoon.
- Today's last day saw lots of laughter and a few tears as we celebrated the year that was and said goodbye to friends

I will be taking extended leave at the beginning of 2022 but will return on 14 March 2022. Mr Jack Priestley will be relieving principal during this period.

*Michelle Slee* - Principal

## EXPECTATION of the WEEK

*"Happy safe holidays."*

## Link for class movies

Each class has produced an end of year movie, which students were able to watch this afternoon. Parents can access the movies at the following link.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LseYO7xm1gRbHbBwyBvU77Co1kRC85L3?usp=sharing>

The link for the movies will also be emailed out to all families this afternoon.

## BYOD for Year 5 2022

Information will come home today with the current Year 4 students regarding the BYODevices Program in 2022. As stated the school has sufficient iPads for all students but if you wish to purchase an iPad then the requirements will be useful in selecting a device.

Mr Priestley will hold a parent information evening early in Term 1 to discuss the program and answer any questions you may have.

## P&C News

### Tea towels!

Wow! How good do the tea towels look: almost too good to use! Well done to all the students for creating such a fabulous memento! And thanks to our wonderful tea towel subcommittee for organising the ordering and distribution.

### Year 6 pens

The P&C was pleased to contribute to Year 6 pens - a nice memento from their last year.

### Disco

Although we're sad we couldn't be there with you, we heard that there were some pretty good moves from the students.

### Cake stall results

A massive thanks to everyone who donated fabulous baked goods for the election day cake stall and thanks to anyone who

supported the P&C by indulging. The P&C raised over \$400 which we will use to help support the school and students. A very, very big thanks to those who organised the cake stall, and for volunteers who dropped by to help out on the day.

### End of year picnic

To cap off another extraordinary year, there will be a casual, end of year catch-up and Christmas picnic.

Where: Clunes Old School playground

When: Thursday 16th December 2021 (last day of term 4)

Time: From 3pm

BYO: Nibbles, drinks and picnic rug

This is not a P&C event. There is Covid in the community at present, so remember to check current health advice.

*The P&C Executive*

### Clunes Out of School Hours Care

What a wonderful end to another eventful year.

This week we have been preparing for Vacation Care. We have been practicing crafts, moving furniture and deciding how we are going to set up the hall. Next week leading up to Christmas we will be making gifts, practicing carols and playing Christmas games.

We are hoping for a fine, warm summer as we have lots of water play for our January holiday program including the Clunes slip and slide where you can reach speeds of 10km per hour. We also have lots of craft planned, will be borrowing the screen-printing equipment to make some cool T-shirt designs, do pottery, art, cooking, games and have all the other general toys and games set up in the hall.



The program for December/January school holidays has been sent home with students. We will be open from 17th till 24th December. If you would like any of these days, we have started to take bookings. The last few holidays we have been booked up, so please get in early if you need care. Please book after-school or vacation care by calling or texting 0437362834.

*From Laura and Clunes Team*

*Congratulations to  
Jim Trendall, Finn de Heer, Sylvie Williamson and  
Steph Bower - they were the recipients of the  
office ladies' awards for  
best manners and politeness for 2021*



## CLUNES RURAL FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL SANTA RUN.



**FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2021**

**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 new 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.**

### Photos of the Week



