

SCHOOL NEWS

This week sure did give us a glimpse of the Summer months ahead, while putting many of us to the test with *hay fever flaring up*. A few times we have been asked if we can give antihistamines to students at school, and the answer is yes... if the antihistamines have been supplied by parents with an accompanying letter that is signed and states the dosage required to be provided. We are also attempting to keep the grass short and students also have the opportunity to sit in the Glen Brae building if their hay fever is playing up.

Today I emailed out the nomination forms for the **Catherine King Community Award**. If you would like to nominate someone within our community please fill in the form and return it to school by 3.30pm on Thursday 7th November for consideration. If you have any questions about the process please do not hesitate to ask.

You may have noticed new 'Office' signs at the front of our school. Parents and visitors are now able to access the office from the front of the school. The Victorian Schools Building Authority has taken over the office renovations in the other half of the building, so the timeframe for completion is now in their hands. It is looking like for the time being we will continue to operate out of the staffroom side of the building for the remainder of the year, with **LOST PROPERTY** now being found in the meeting room. There have been a large number of jumpers make their way to the lost property over the past week so please have a look if your child is missing theirs.

Please don't forget this coming **Friday 8th November is a Public Holiday**, which gives us all a nice long weekend in the middle of the term.

Megan Lindsay—Acting Principal

CLUNES & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC
 **CLUNES SHOW** 
 3rd SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER

159TH ANNUAL SPRING SHOW

Saturday 16th November 2019



Bring the family along for a fun day out on Saturday 16th November at the Clunes Showgrounds!

Children are encouraged to enter competitions in the Home crafts pavilion such as the craft, art, photography, flowers, cooking and scarecrow sections. Check out the website www.clunesshow.com.au



Entry forms need to be in by Tuesday 5th November (Flower entries Tuesday 12th November). They can be left at the Clunes Newsagency or entered online.

ADMISSION FEES

ADMISSION:	Adults \$15.00, Children (under 16) \$5.00
FAMILY/MEMBERS TICKET:	\$35.00 (not transferable) admits Two Adults and Family under 16 years.
SINGLE MEMBERS TICKET:	\$15.00 (not transferable) admits One Adult and Family under 16 years.
Exhibitors, competitors and stall-holders to pay admittance to grounds.	

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.
 Julie Spittle 0429-434201

P/1 CLASSROOM NEWS

It's been a busy week of learning in the Prep/One classroom this week! In Reading, we started learning about inferential questions. We know that the answers will not be told in the story and we need to do some thinking and look for clues to help us answer inferential questions. In Writing, we have started writing stories. This week we used The 3 Little Pigs story but each student came up with their own characters, setting and altered some of the events. The Prep/Ones did a great job writing their first story for the year ☺ In Maths, we continued learning about subtraction. Students have been learning different subtraction strategies to help them solve subtraction sums. Over the last 3 weeks, I have started introducing students to MSL (Multi-sensory Structured Language). We have been learning about vowels, consonants and closed syllables. It is pretty impressive to hear a Prep or Grade 1 student explain what a closed syllable is! Parents, ask your child to explain it to you and prepare to be amazed ☺

It has been fantastic to see so many students now coming into the classroom by themselves to complete their jobs independently in the mornings! Keep up the good work Prep/Ones ☺ Enjoy the weekend! - Miss Bilton

2/3 CLASSROOM NEWS

We have had a busy couple of weeks in the 2/3 class! In Writing, we have researched and written an information report on a state or territory of Australia. Students used their knowledge from our Geography lessons and researched some more facts on the iPads to complete their planners. Today we wrote our reports and next week we will turn these reports into posters. In Maths we have just finished some work on area. Students learned about square centimeters and how to use this unit to measure the area of flat shapes. We also constructed our own square meters out of newspaper and used these to complete a measurement activity on the tennis courts. This week we have started learning about time. Grade three students need to be able to tell time to the minute on both analogue and digital clocks, so the whole class is aiming for this. We are practising checking the minute hand first to see if we should be saying 'minutes past' or 'minutes to', then checking the hour hand. It would be great if parents could help with this at home – simply asking your child to tell you the time on an analogue clock at various points of the day is really useful! Swimming notes also went home for Grade two students – both the permission form and the medical form need to be returned—Miss George

4/5 CLASSROOM NEWS

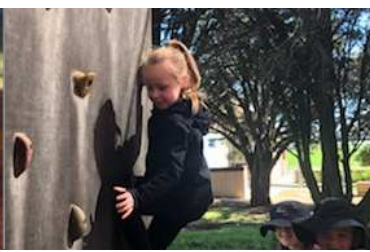
It's been a busy week in my classroom. We have been working on poetry, with the focus this week on reading Australian Colonial poets like Banjo Patterson ("Brumby's Run") and Dorothea Mackellar ("I love a sunburnt country"). As a class, we brainstormed topics that are uniquely Australian and every student wrote a contemporary Australian poem of their own. Students have published a different style of poetry each week, which we are compiling into an 'Anthology of Poetry' for our classroom. In Maths, we have been focusing on problem solving and learning different strategies to solve different types of worded problems. Student of the week is Cooper for his focused contribution to his group in writing.

—Mr Nettelbeck

5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

It was great to have our campers return from Sommers this week. We have enjoyed hearing about their experiences and it certainly sounds like they had a fun time. We have been working hard in the classroom back at school, using the five senses to write a narrative set in a forest. We wrote these stories under our trees at school to try and build the atmosphere on a beautiful day. In Reading, students have been presenting their chapter and character summaries to their peers using PowerPoint. We have purchased some new texts and students were excited to finish off their current Book Club texts to move onto new ones. In Science, students finished their extreme weather news reports. Watching these reports through IMOVIE was educational and enjoyable. Well done to all students, I have seen great improvement in their digital technology skills this semester. Well done to our student of the week Paddy. Paddy has been a role model this term and has been working hard in all areas.

Have a great weekend—Mr Rodger.



Dates to remember...

TERM 4 Week 5	Mon 4th Nov	
	Tues 5th Nov	
	Wed 6th Nov	
	Thu 7th Nov	
	Fri 8th Nov	Ballarat Show Day Public Holiday
TERM 4 Week 6	Mon 11th Nov	
	Tue 12th Nov	P&F Meeting 3.30pm
	Wed 13th Nov	
	Thu 14th Nov	
	Fri 15th Nov	Prep Transition 9-1pm
TERM 4 Week 7	Mon 18th Nov	P-2 Swimming
	Tue 19th Nov	P-2 Swimming
	Wed 20th Nov	P-2 Swimming
	Thu 21st Nov	P-2 Swimming School Council
	Fri 22nd Nov	P-2 Swimming
TERM 4 Week 8	Mon 25th Nov	
	Tues 26th Nov	
	Wed 27th Nov	
	Thu 28th Nov	
	Fri 29th Nov	Spring Fete 2.15-3.15pm Playgroup 9am (Last one for 2020)
TERM 4 Week 9	Mon 2nd Dec	Chess State Finals (Day 1)
	Tues 3rd Dec	Chess State Finals (Day 2)
	Wed 4th Dec	
	Thu 5th Dec	Prep/1 Sleepover
	Fri 6th Dec	
TERM 4 Week 10	Mon 9th Dec	
	Tues 10th Dec	2020 Prep Transition Day – 9-1pm Whole School Step Up Day 9-1pm (Students find out their 2020 teachers)
	Wed 11th Dec	
	Thu 12th Dec	End of Year Concert
	Fri 13th Dec	Grade 6 Day out and special lunch
TERM 4 Week 11	Mon 16th Dec	Blowhard's Got Talent
	Tue 17th Dec	
	Wed 18th Dec	Class Parties
	Thu 19th Dec	5/6 Bike Ride & BBQ lunch Reports Sent Home & Last Day for 2019!
	Fri 20th Dec	Pupil Free Day

Absences: When sending a text through to the absentee line, please include a reason for the absence. DET require us to select from a list of codes when recording absences, for example: medical appointment, illness, parent choice, etc.