Welcome to 2013!

What a way to start the year! Apart from the computer system going down and a temporary blackout, our school was undamaged by the wild weather, so we were indeed fortunate. I hope you were as lucky at your place. Most of our students were able to attend school today and when the Kindergarten students begin tomorrow, we will be at full complement.

The first sporting event on the school calendar is the First North District Swimming carnival which will be held at Alstonville pool next Thursday, 7th February. Students must be able to competently swim 50 metres and be at least 8 years old in 2013 to be eligible to compete. Students who are interested in attending, will be issued with an information sheet and a permission note that needs to be returned to the school promptly. Successful competitors will be invited to attend the Northern Rivers Carnival on 28th February.

Swimming for Friday sport will occur for all Year 2-6 students (irrespective of swimming ability) starting on Friday, 22nd February for a period of four weeks.

This year, Miss James is training as a Reading Recovery teacher which will require her to work with individual students for a two hour session each morning. During that time, Mrs Colleen Henderson will teach the Year 1/2 class.

Last term, we had to postpone a planned Cyber safety information session for parents. The new date for the information evening is Wednesday 20th February at 6:00pm.

Margaret Porter
Principal

School Calendar

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We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School
Music tuition

Music tuition for 2013 will start next week. Piano tuition with Mr Lopez begins on Tuesday and all other tuition with Mr Hort starts on Wednesday.

If your child wishes to have tuition, advice to that effect is required at school by tomorrow so that rosters can be finalised.

Please be aware that tuition and hire costs need to be paid for in advance each term and therefore are NOW due.

Fees for this term are
- Instrument Hire per semester $50.00
- Piano Tuition per term $90.00
- All other tuition per term $85.00

First North swimming carnival

As noted earlier in the newsletter, the First North District swimming carnival is on next Thursday February 7 at Alstonville Pool. Students interested in participating received their notes today. The note is also available on the website via the Calendar. Notes are due back at school by Tuesday at the latest.

P & C News

Welcome back to 2013. We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and not too much damage was done to people's property in the last wild weather. The next P & C Meeting will be next Wednesday 6 February 2013 at 6pm sharp. Please come along and support the school. If you are interested, all positions will be up for re-election at the March meeting so come along and see how the P & C operates. Of course you don't have to take a position just come along and be part of the team.

See you then. P & C Team

School Uniforms

Sharon Howard is our uniform co-ordinator and she can be contacted on sharonhoward321@yahoo.co.uk

The Uniform shop will be open this Friday 1st February at 8.45 and again at 3pm. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

Please email Sharon if you wish to arrange another time. She is unavailable on Tuesdays or Wednesdays due to work.

Contact Details Update

With the start of the new school year, we ask that all families please update their contact details – address, phone numbers and email address – so that we have up-to-date information if we need to contact you in an emergency or otherwise. Please complete the attached form and return to school ASAP, thanks.

Notes due next week

Swimming Carnival notes - due Tues 5/2/13

CONTACT DETAILS

FAMILY NAME:  ...............................................
ADDRESS:  ...................................................

HOME PHONE NUMBER  ...................
MOTHER WORK NUMBER  ......................... MOTHER MOBILE:  ..................
FATHER WORK NUMBER:  ......................... FATHER MOBILE  ..................
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER:  ..................@..................................

EMERGENCY CONTACT OTHER THAN PARENTS/GUARDIANS

NAME:  ............................................. RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD:  ..................
BEST CONTACT NUMBER/S:  ..................... ..............................................
COOSH NEWS

COOSH is the ‘Out of School Hours’ care service which is located at Clunes school and based in the hall. It caters for all primary age children and operates from 3 – 6 pm, Mondays-Fridays. If you are working, studying training or simply need some ‘me’ time, why not book in your child. Call us on 66291750 or pop in for a chat.

The service is run by qualified teachers and we provide afternoon tea, a programme of activities, help with homework and opportunities for children to socialise and enjoy free play. Our fees are $24 and Child Care Benefit and Rebate are available.

Below are some estimated examples of the actual out of pocket expenses for families using the service.

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Please Note: These figures are estimates only and are providing you meet the work, study, training requirements. Exact entitlements will require you providing all details to Centrelink