Can you assist?

Twenty-five very keen competitors headed off to the First North District swimming carnival today. Although many of us would consider the weather to be less than ideal, the competitors appeared to be unperturbed by the rain. I can only assume that if you’re a fish, all water is good.

Swimming of a different kind, (Friday sport, Years 2-6), will be starting on 22nd February and concluding on 15th March. Last year, the swimming-for-sport program was very successful because we had so many wonderful parents who donated their time to assist with group instruction. We are very keen to run a similar program this year and are seeking volunteers to help us out. If you can help out between 9:15 and 11:00am each week, or even on one or two occasions, please contact the front office, or Mr Priestley, to advise of your availability. We would value your assistance.

Kindergarten students have settled in well and Mrs McKenzie is having a wonderful time getting to know them. On Friday, at our first school assembly for 2013, Kindergarten students will be introduced to the school by their Year 6 buddies and our new school captains will be inducted. All parents are invited to attend.

The classroom helper hunt is on! We are seeking a particular species –loves children, loves literacy, loves being useful, loves giving something back to the community, loves worthwhile projects and is always able to find a little time for others. Does this sound like you? Or perhaps someone you know? We need you/them to help out with classroom literacy programs. Full training will be provided. The hours are negotiable, the pay is non-existent, but the rewards are priceless.

Don’t be surprised if you are contacted in the next few days (if it hasn’t already happened) and asked about volunteering. Last year we had a group of committed parents who helped out with literacy support in the classrooms. They did a fabulous job. We really appreciated their time and effort, as it allowed us to provide that extra level of individual support which is often so difficult to provide in a busy classroom and makes such a difference to student progress.

On Thursday, 21st February, a joint school/P&C function will occur. Teachers will be conducting information sessions for parents and the P&C association will be providing a Welcome to Clunes in 2013 barbecue. It will be an opportunity to hear teachers outline their class plans and to gain understanding of how your child’s class operates; to make new friends and to renew old acquaintances. Please mark this date on your calendar and come along for what promises to be a very pleasant and informative evening.

Margaret Porter
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**Music tuition**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Mr Lopez will not be taking piano tuition in 2013. The new teacher is Ms Laura Scott. Lessons will still be on Tuesday.

**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

**School Photos**

Our school photos are scheduled for Wednesday 27 February.

Tomorrow, each child will receive a WHITE photo envelope to order their individual and class photos. These envelopes are to be brought back to school on photo day with correct money enclosed as they are not opened on the day.

If you require family photos please collect a YELLOW envelope from the front office.

**Moving into Year 7 2014**

Students in Year 6 today received an information guide and EOI for high school selection for 2014.

Please read the information carefully and complete the EOI form indicating placement choices. Your child’s local government school has been inserted in Section B for your information.

If your child will be attending a non-government school, please complete section E and return the form to school by the due date.

All forms are due back to school no later than Friday 22 March 2013.

**ArtSmart workshop**

Jamie Hoile is again running the very successful ArtSmart workshops in 2013. The target audience is talented students in Years 5 and 6. The first workshop is from Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 February at Clunes School. The cost of the workshop is $60.00 per child and includes all materials.

If your child brings home registration forms for ArtSmart, please complete and return them promptly as places are limited and highly sought after.

**P & C News**

It was great to see some new faces at the meeting last night.

For the P & C to continue we need to fill the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Fundraising Co-ordinator and someone to help Sharon with the uniforms as this is her last year at the school. All positions are up for nomination on Wednesday 6 March at the AGM which will then be followed by a normal P & C meeting. Please come along and support the school. If you know of anyone that is willing to take up a position on the Committee please let them know about this meeting. If volunteers are not found, unfortunately, the P & C cannot operate.

**School Uniforms**

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

Please email Sharon if you wish to arrange a time to purchase uniforms for your child. 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.

**Due dates for notes**

Contact Details Update - due as soon as possible
- Photo Envelopes Wednesday 27/2/13
- Moving into Year 7 (Yr 6 only) Friday 22/3/13

The Jacaranda trees in the pots outside the classrooms are being removed this Saturday. If you could use the trees in your garden, you are most welcome to them free of charge. Please contact us for further details if you would like them.
**COOSH News**

We would like to welcome back all the families that use the COOSH service and it is lovely to have some new children to get to know. We would also like to welcome Carolyn Blundell who will be sharing the role of Coordinator with Hannah Watson. Carolyn may seem familiar to parents and the children as she completed a practical teaching experience in the Kindy classroom last term, as part of her Masters degree. Her daughter Laura has just started at Clunes this year.

We would also like to wish Katie all the best for her six month maternity leave and await the exciting news of the birth of her little girl, due on Valentine’s Day next week. We would like to get Katie and the baby a gift and if any COOSH families, past or present, would like to make a contribution we know she would appreciate the gesture. Please pop along to the hall next week where there will be a collection envelope and card to sign. Thank you.

**Clunes Netball Club** welcomes both past and new players who wish to make enquiries about, or sign-on for the 2013 season. We have teams for players from 6 years to seniors. Our club members come from all around the district and include players at all levels. Our junior teams generally train at the Clunes school courts and our Intermediate (teens) in Lismore.

A committee representative will be at the Clunes Public School on Friday 8th Feb from 2.30-3.30pm. We will be located outside the school hall for registration and general information.

Alternately you can attend our sign-on morning at the Clunes Old School Site, opposite the hall in Walker Street, on Saturday morning 9th Feb from 8.00 until 10.30am. Payment can be made at these sign-ons by cash or cheque. If paying by cash please bring correct money if possible as change will be limited.

Alternately you can direct deposit into our bank account. Details of this will be available.

If you can't get to the sign-on days or you require further information please feel free to contact me for online registration details.

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