New date for information sessions

Due to the forecast of severe weather (heavy rain and strong winds), the planned teacher parent meetings and the P&C welcome barbecue that were scheduled for this evening have been postponed until Thursday of next week (28 February). Parent meetings will commence at 5:00pm for K/1; at 5:30pm for Year 1/2 and Year 2/3; and at 6:00pm for Year 4/5 and Year 6. Hopefully, the weather will be much kinder then.

I am concerned by the number of children who are bringing digital devices such as mobile phones, ipods, and ipads to school. I understand that many children possess and dearly love these items and that technology is the way of the future, but, in a primary school setting, the potential for loss, mismanagement, misuse and disruption of school programs is great. It has long been the policy of Clunes School that students do not bring expensive toys to school because of the potential for loss, damage and theft, and the amount of valuable time teachers have to waste in trying to sort out issues around these.

In the hands of young children, digital devices are essentially amazing toys. Unfortunately, these amazing toys possess capabilities that put children at potential risk of harm in a way that very few of them understand. Generally, I can think of no legitimate situation where a child at Clunes School needs to carry a digital communication device. If there is an emergency, or a change in routine that affects your child, messages should be relayed via the school phone (66291278) and, similarly, the school will contact you by phone via the contact numbers you have supplied.

If your child has a digital device, do you know exactly how it is being used and whether he or she has brought it to school recently? Please help us to keep your child safe from harm by making sure that mobile phones and other digital devices are kept at home and not brought to school.

As digital devices are becoming more powerful and prevalent in society, it is timely to discuss with your children what constitutes safe use of digital devices and the responsibilities of the user; especially in relation to taking and sharing photos (privacy regulations), accessing social networking sites and internet usage. Unfortunately, not everyone who uses the internet does so in a positive way and it is very easy for these people to obtain personal information about children from what is posted. As parents, it’s important to set guidelines, monitor settings and be aware of your child’s usage.

Margaret Porter - Principal

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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Assembly
Our next assembly is tomorrow, Friday 22 February, at 2.15 in the school hall. Class 4/5 will be presenting an item. All families are welcome to attend.

Parent information evening - POSTPONED
Due to the severe weather forecast, the P & C barbeque and the information evening scheduled for this evening have been postponed. See page one for new date and times.

Swimming tomorrow
- Our swimming program commences tomorrow for students in Years 2 to 6. At this stage swimming will go ahead as planned - a decision will be made tomorrow morning dependent on the weather situation.
- Children need to bring swimmers, a towel and a plastic bag to store their wet items. If they wear their swimmers to school, please remind them to bring underwear to change into.
- All parents who have volunteered are asked to attend if possible. You can either catch the bus across with the students (leaving at 11.00am from Walker Street) or meet the group at Alstonville Pool at 11.30am. Please ring the school at 10.00am to see whether we are going.

School Photos
Next Wednesday is school photo day (hopefully the sun will smile on us!) Students need to wear their sports uniform and a big smile.
Please remember to send along the order envelopes with correct money enclosed. Order forms for family photos can be collected from the front office and also need to be returned on Wednesday.

Literacy training postponed
Tomorrow’s training for the literacy helper program with Margaret Simpson has been postponed to Monday 25th February at 2:00pm. Could parents please RSVP tomorrow if they are attending on Monday?
Another session will be scheduled if required.

School fees and book fees
A letter outlining school fees and book fees for 2013 is being sent home with the newsletter. Payment at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. No invoices will be sent out. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS (in person or over the phone with credit card)

Congratulations
Congratulations to Jeremy and Thomas; and Rosie, Charlotte and Lili on their selection in the Northern Rivers boys and girls cricket teams. They will travel to Sawtell in the coming weeks to trial for the North Coast teams.

Uniform shop open
The uniform shop will be open for business from 3.00pm tomorrow.

COOSH News
There is still no news on Katie, sorry to disappoint, but we will keep you posted. This week the children have been encouraged to use their creativity to design an environmental installation, based on interesting things they can find in their gardens or local environments. We have collected a bird’s nest and egg, shells, driftwood, rocks and leaves and are asking children to bring things from their own gardens. We do hope parents will be able to encourage them in their efforts and if anyone has a large board or canvas we could mount the installation on, please let us know.
Next week the children are drawing their family tree so may need help with names and family connections.

Netball, netball, netball!
Clunes Netball Club final call for 2013 season! Places still available in some of our teams! We need to get our registrations in soon. If you are interested we would love to hear from you. We have players from both the villages and the larger centres. Training for our older teams is at the Lismore courts. All games at Lismore. Focus on fun with a little bit of fitness thrown in! If you are keen contact Kathryn for more details on 0427394698 or khofmeyer@iinet.net.au.

Clunes tennis
Before-school-lessons are available on Wednesday mornings from 7.45-8.45am with Amanda Mead. If your child is interested please contact Amanda on 0424970367.

Get set for a night of rock’n roll.
The Clunes Hall Fundraising Committee is proudly bringing Rock n Roll and all things 50’s to the Hall on 23rd March 2013 at 6:30p.m. Tickets are available at the Clunes Auto Centre. The $50 ticket price includes nibbles and a 2 course dinner, plus live music from the 1950’s era by Victims of Geography. There will be prizes throughout the night. The event is being staged to raise funds to help maintain and preserve the historic Hall as a community asset.
So let’s Rock n Roll, get dressed 1950’s theme and have your photo taken by Rod Gibson for a small fee Don’t forget to BYO drinks.
Enquiries or dietary concerns please contact Rhonda Taylor 66291097 or Julie Casey 66291751.

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Girl Guides meet in your area!
Laughter, learning, friendship and fun... come along to find out what Guiding is all about!
When: 5.30 to 7.30pm Tuesdays during school term
Where: Clunes Coronation Hall
Contact: Helen Hargreaves tel. 6689 5294

Clunes Playgroup
Clunes Playgroup meets each Monday morning during the school term, from 9.30 to 11.00 at the Clunes School hall.

All families are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. For more information please contact Inga on 66291674.

Lost Property
Our lost property bin is overflowing and needs to be emptied. Please come and check if your child has any belongings hiding in the bottom before we send the remainder off to charity.

Due dates for notes
Swimming as sport                  Friday 22 Feb
Photo Envelopes                    Wednesday 27 Feb
Moving into Year 7 (Yr 6 only)     Friday 22 March

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.
You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.
The next workshop in your area will be held:

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers

Kadina High School
Information Evening for 2014 students
Wednesday March 13th from 6.30pm in MPC
www.kadina-h.schools.edu.au

Artwork from the 1/2 classroom, inspired by the book Isabella’s Garden

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