Clunes Public School Newsletter
7 March 2013 Week 6 Term 1

Bus behaviour
During the past week, I have been alerted to incidences of poor behaviour on school buses. A number of students have shown total disregard for the safety of themselves and others by behaving badly. At school, we impress upon students the importance of sitting quietly in seats and remaining there until it is time to depart the bus; and that each child has a responsibility to do the right thing to ensure a safe journey for everyone. Some children choose to ignore this. In the past week, there have been incidences of students distracting the driver by sliding around on seats, jumping over seats, waving toys about to distract the driver and moving around while the bus is in progress. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated. Please make sure that your children understand that everyone has a responsibility to behave safely; that schools and bus companies will not accept poor bus behaviour and are working together to eradicate it; and that schools and bus companies are able to impose sanctions when children do not behave themselves.

Next Week, Year 6 students will participate in the new Interrelate relationships program Kids Connexions. The program will run in two sessions on successive Wednesdays. Participation is free of charge but students must have returned permission notes to enable them to be involved.

After forty years of full time teaching, (twenty-seven as a teaching principal) I’ve decided I need some R&R so I’ll be taking extended leave from the commencement of term 2. An expression of interest for a relieving principal to lead the school for the remainder of 2013 will be issued in the next week. Community input in the selection process will occur through a P&C nominated representative, but the final decision rests with the Wilson School Education Director, John Lynch.

Congratulations to Rosie Hogan on her selection to the North Coast Girls’ Cricket squad and in the Northern Rivers tennis team; to Dan Howard for being selected as reserve in the Northern Rivers tennis team; and to Mawgan and Linden for their fine efforts at the regional swimming trials.

Margaret Porter
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School
Assembly

Our next assembly is tomorrow, Friday 8 March, at 2.15 in the school hall. Class 2/3 will be presenting an item. All families are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly:

- K/1 India, Laura and Riley M
- 1/2 Charli, Nic and Riley B
- 2/3 Amika, Jem and Marnie
- 4/5 Max C, Max G and Rhiannon
- 6 Amelia, Dan and Maya

Toby Bridges was awarded the Citizenship Award.

COOSH News

We have had a very busy week at COOSH working with the theme ‘All About Me’. We have created hand posters showcasing our talents and interests; and we have made family tree posters. Please feel free to come and take a look at our artworks that are displayed in the hall.

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

- Moving into Year 7 (Yr 6 only) - Friday 22 March
- Kids Connexion (Yr 6 only) - Monday 11 March

Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.


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.