The new Australian Curriculum in a nutshell

At the beginning of next term there will be two School Development Days. This means that your children will return to school on **Wednesday, 1st May**. Why is there an additional day next term? Two days have been set aside for staff professional learning activities in relation to the new Australian Curriculum which will be implemented in schools as a staged development, beginning with the English syllabus in 2014. No doubt, you’ve heard the New Australian Curriculum mentioned many times but do you understand what it is really all about? The Board of Studies NSW explains it as follows:

“The Australian curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA) in collaboration with states and territories, has developed agreed Australian curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

In NSW, the Board of Studies has worked closely with teachers and key education stakeholders to develop syllabuses that include Australian curriculum content and further detail that clarifies learning. As a result of this work, Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses provide direction to ensure greater consistency between NSW schools.

The new syllabuses will build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Many features of the new K-10 English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K-6) and History syllabuses are retained. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K-6, where essential foundation skills are developed.

The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

In addition to subject-based content, all syllabuses address important contemporary themes and general capabilities as students prepare to live and work successfully in the 21st century. These include Australian cross-curriculum priorities and general capabilities and other learning across the curriculum areas identified by the Board of Studies.”

*Margaret Porter*
Principal
Assembly
Our next assembly will be tomorrow Friday 5 April, at 2.15 in the school hall. House captains and vice-captains will be presented with their badges and Class 1/2 will be presenting an item for your enjoyment. All families are welcome to attend.

First North District Cross Country
The district cross country will be run next Thursday 11 April at Clunes School. The program for the day is below. Clunes students turning 8 this year and older will be involved in the carnival. The first four place getters will qualify to compete at the Zone carnival on 24 May 2013.

Rosebank P.S. is organising the day and as such the Rosebank P & C are catering with a barbecue and home-made cakes/slices. A menu will be sent out to families closer to the day.

Program of Events for District Cross Country

10am Walk the track
10.15 Races commence in the following order:
Event 1 - 5/6/7 boys – not applicable to Clunes
Event 2 - 5/6/7 girls – not applicable to Clunes
Event 3 - 10 years boys
Event 4 - 10 years girls
Event 5 - 8/9 boys
Event 6 - 8/9 girls
Event 7 - 11 years boys
Event 8 - 11 years girls
Event 9 - 12/13 boys
Event 10 – 12/13 girls

GRIP Leadership Conference
Students in Year 6 have been given information this week regarding the GRIP Leadership Conference at Tweed Heads on 10 May (Friday of week 2 next term)
If you wish for your child to attend this worthwhile conference, please make sure that you return the consent note with payment by Thursday 11 April.

STOP bullying
In conjunction with Interrelate, we are offering a Bullying Awareness Program for students in the 2/3, 4/5 and Year 6 classes.
The program will be delivered on Wednesday 10 April at no cost to families.
Attached with the newsletter is information from Interrelate, and a permission note for you to complete so your child/ren can attend. Please return the completed slip by Tuesday 9 April.

Bring out your inner dagginess!
The SRC are raising funds for the Lismore Soup Kitchen. They will be holding a Daggy Dress Day on Tuesday 9th April. All students are invited to participate for the cost of a gold coin donation.

Tennis Knockout
Good luck to our Clunes tennis team (Rosie, Lili, Adam and Dan) in their round 2 match against Modanville P.S. tomorrow at the Clunes Tennis courts.

Music News
- There will be NO piano tuition next week
- There will be NO band practice on Tuesday
- There WILL BE normal tuition on Wednesday with Mr Hort.

Outstanding Fees
All fees for Term 1 (whether music, text book or the school fees) need to be finalised by the last Thursday of this term unless prior arrangements have been made. Payments can be forwarded to the school as cash or cheque; paid by EFTPOS at the front office; or by credit card over the phone.

Annual School Report
The 2012 Annual School Report has been completed and is now available on the school website at http://www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report

Placegetters in our school cross country

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Considering buying an e-reader or tablet?
E-readers may be a good way to get reluctant readers into books, plus they let you carry your library around with you wherever you go.
**Assignment starters A-Z**

Are you keen to help your children with assignments or research tasks but have trouble accessing suitable resources? Then the site below could be what you are looking for. The School A-Z website’s assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction.


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**Canteen update**

The school canteen will be open next Wednesday. As it is the last canteen for this term we will be offering a limited menu. The following items will be available to order:

- Bacon & Egg rolls
- Apple pies
- Meat pies
- Mini meat pies
- Sushi
- Chicken strips

The usual over the counter items such as chips, frozen yoghurts, ice blocks, flavoured milk & other drinks will also be available to purchase.

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**P & C news**

The P & C Committee would like to thank Shaun Butler for his help in the process of selecting the relieving Principal. We really appreciated his time and effort in selecting someone to fill Margaret’s shoes.

The P & C Committee would also like to wish Margaret well in her “adventures” for the next three terms. Together we have done many good things for the school and we hope, as a Committee, to keep going.

The P & C team

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***All families will today receive a note regarding the Bunning’s barbeque on Sunday 21 April. The P & C are urgently looking for more volunteers. We need your response returned to school by next Tuesday if we are to go ahead with the fund raiser.***

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**COOSH News**

Last week we did lots of fun Easter activities like decorating eggs, making Easter baskets, enjoying an Easter party and of course, an Easter egg hunt! Yesterday we went a bit crazy and had a Wacky Dress Up Party! Do you recognise anyone in the photo? We love dressing up at COOSH! If you have any dress up clothes to donate, we’ll happily accept them! Drop them in anytime during our operating hours: Monday - Friday 3pm - 6pm!

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**Calling all budding tennis players**

Professional Tennis Coach Amanda Mead is now taking bookings for Term 2 After-School Tennis Groups.

If your child is a beginner Amanda is looking for 8-10 new children who wish to learn the basic tennis strokes whilst playing fun games. This session will be held on Tuesday 3pm til 4pm.

If your child has played before then Amanda is reintroducing the Wednesday after school coaching group. This session is 3pm til 4pm and will be running instead of the before school session.

Over the past 3 years many pupils have progressed from a beginner level and now play in the school team.

If you would like to book a place in Amanda’s After School Coaching Sessions you can do so by calling Amanda on 0424970367. Sessions cost $10 per hour. Membership is required after 3 sessions should you wish to continue. Places are limited so call today to avoid disappointment.

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Do you need childcare for the April School holidays including the student free days of April 29 and 30? Care for ages 5-13. Call Sharon or Nicole on 6621 6276 or email Lismore@pcycnsw.org.au