Relieving Principal selected

Next term, I will be commencing an extended period of long service leave. During my absence, the Relieving Principal position will be filled by Mrs Michelle Slee. Mrs Slee is a very experienced school executive and currently Deputy Principal at Southern Cross K-12 School in Ballina. She will bring a wealth of skills and talents to her role at Clunes School.

Travel is a hot topic in the staffroom at present. Currently, Reece Maxwell (our General Assistant) is on leave for an extended period to fulfil some travel dreams and next term, Mrs McKenzie is taking the opportunity to catch up with children and grandchildren in England. Greg McDonagh is filling in as General Assistant while Reece is on leave; and Ms Kellie Ross will teach Kindergarten in Term 2 while Mrs McKenzie is absent.

Clunes School teachers are very aware of rules, regulations and ethical standards of behaviour. They have in-depth understanding of and respect for their duty of care responsibilities toward students. In every aspect of our operation, the safety of your children is of paramount importance and our over-riding concern. At times, this may mean that hard decisions are made; decisions which may not be fully understood by young children without sufficient cognitive development to fully assess all aspects of situations. If you have concern about school actions, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to clarify the facts. Meanwhile, rest assured we will always act appropriately to keep students safe.

Yesterday, Rosie, Adam and Eli were involved in tryouts for selection on the Northern Rivers boys’ or girls’ soccer teams. All were selected and will now progress to the selection trials in Grafton for a chance at a position on the North Coast team. Congratulations on your success!

Have a happy and safe Easter.

Margaret Porter
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**Assembly**

Our next assembly will be Friday 5 April, at 2.15 in the school hall. Class 1/2 will be presenting an item. All families are welcome to attend.

**Swimming program**

I have been finalising payments for the recent swimming program and discovered that there are quite a number of students who have not paid for their full complement of days. An email will go out today advising parents of those students who still owe for the swimming program. The $6 credit for students who paid the $24 in advance is available to reduce voluntary contribution, music fees or other items in term 2; OR can be refunded (by cheque). Please advise the office if you require a refund.

**Howzat!**

We had a close win in the first round of the state cricket knockout against Lismore Public School last week. We are awaiting results from other games to see who we play in the second round.

**School Cross Country**

Our school cross went off smoothly today. We were blessed with glorious sunny weather and lots of helpers. Many thanks to all our volunteers - without your assistance the day would not be possible. Congratulations to all the students who participated! The winning house for the cross country was **Midyim**.

**GRIP Leadership Conference**

Students in Year 6 have the opportunity to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference at Tweed Heads in early May. A note with information and cost details will go home on Tuesday next week. We will require payment prior to the holidays to confirm our booking.

**Head Lice**

The beautiful Autumn weather has arrived and with it the perennial problem of head lice. Yes, nits are about again. 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. The Easter break provides an ideal time to knockout nits! Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx)

**Student Council News**

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.

**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. Please do not send payment on the last Friday as the final banking is on the Thursday.

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.

**Student Banking**

Student banking tokens are in short supply at the moment so if you have lots of them at home, send them in to exchange for a reward. For 10 tokens you can elect to receive one of the following rewards:

- Wallet
- Handball
- Money box – 5 different characters
- Knuckles game

Each student received a reward card at the beginning of the year – simply fill out your details on the desired reward and send along to the office with your tokens.

**Bullying knows no bounds**

When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home)

**P & C News**

- **Our next P&C Meeting** is on next Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm. Please come down and join us!! We are still looking for a President and Vice-President!

- **P&C Association’s Lamington and Pie Drive**

  We are running a combined Lamington and Pie Drive for our first fundraising activity for this year. Crusty’s Bakery in Lismore are supplying the lamingtons; family pies (savoury and sweet), sausage rolls and individual meat pies are from Modanville Takeaway; individual gluten free pies are from Byron Gourmet Pies. We hope you will extend your order forms to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues to assist us in making this fundraiser a great success. Money collected will go towards supporting students and the school in many different ways! Orders and money will need to be returned to the school by **Friday 3rd May (Term 2, Week 1)**.

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Delivery will be on Thursday 23rd May (Term 2, Week 4).

- Thank you to those who have responded to the Bunnings BBQ request, but we desperately need more volunteers to man the BBQ. We need 4 people per shift & currently don’t have one full shift. If more volunteers aren’t forthcoming, we will have to cancel, which will be a HUGE shame & loss of approx. $1000. Please return your form ASAP or email me on bronwyn@hinterlandit.com

**COOSH News**

This week at COOSH we made bird feeders from recycled milk cartons. We ate popcorn and made pancakes, yum! The children tried their hand at weaving and we made God's Eyes (or "Ojos de Dios" in Spanish).

With April school holidays coming up, don’t forget we offer a Vacation Care service from 8am-5.30pm Monday to Friday. Read through the program in this newsletter and call us on 6629 1750 to make a booking!

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