What an action packed term!

Here is a list of some the wonderful programs and events this term.

Soccer matches, netball games, athletics carnivals, literacy and numeracy week, skipping demonstration at the preschool, orang-utan rehabilitation workshops, traditional storytelling and dance workshops, installation of Wi-fi and air conditioning, writers festival, Exhume concert, G & T writer’s workshops, iPads integrated into school programs, book week dress up day, dance, band and choir performing at the Performing Arts Festival, “Getting ready for Kindergarten” session, vegetable garden re-established, personal learning plan meetings, teacher professional learning meetings, canteen reopening, public speaking competitions, cricket workshops, Fathers’ day stall, election day BBQ, environmental workshops and Year 2 and 3 trip to Dorroughby!

And – I didn’t even mention the wonderful things that happen in our classrooms every day!

Thanks to our great students, supportive parents and enthusiastic staff for another great term.

Wow, no wonder we need to take a little time to rest up, reenergise and get ready for a productive and exciting Term 4.

Year 2, 3 excursion
Yesterday, Year Two and Three had a fantastic field trip out to Dorroughby Environmental Centre. The day ended with a meal catered by the Jen and Graeme Stockdale. The children enjoyed many highlights with the day concluding with a chat around the campfire. I look forward to the children sharing their experience with us. Thank you to Mr Priestley for coordinating this fabulous experience; and to Ms James and parents for assisting on the day.

K, 1, 4, 5, 6 environmental studies
The rest of our students didn’t miss out with the Dorroughby Environmental Centre visiting us to provide hands on workshops in native wildlife conservation and natural energy sources. This has been a very informative and engaging way to end the term.

Year 4, 5, 6 excursion
Our major excursion for Years 4, 5 & 6 is not far away. Details need to be sent to the trip organisers and various

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venues this week. We thank everyone who has returned the necessary paperwork and paid the excursion balance. Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended the information session on Tuesday night. Comprehensive information has been sent home to all parents who were not able to attend the night.

**Sausage sizzle**
Don’t forget to order a delicious sausage sandwich tomorrow for only $2. Sausage sandwiches will be the only item on sale.

If you can spare some time to help Andrew and Melissa with the BBQ, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Swimming program**
I would like to strongly recommend that all Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 children eligible for our swimming program in weeks 2 and 3 of term 4 take up this opportunity.

Water safety and developing confidence in swimming are essential life skills, especially living in this beautiful area where the climate often encourages us to cool off in our many magnificent waterways and beaches. This year we have opened the program up to not only those who are learning to swim but those who will benefit from stroke correction and increased endurance.

The cost of $60 is an excellent price for swimming lessons (only $6 per day including transport and pool entry) and the convenience of swimming in school hours also makes this program very enticing.

**Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!**

**Expectation of the week Term 4 Week 1:**

**CRUNCH AND SIP EVERY DAY**

Michell Slee
(Relieving Principal)

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Our Citizen of the Week was awarded to Amika for always being a thoughtful and considerate member of our school.

**Harold will return!**
Poor Harold wasn’t very healthy this week and rather than pass on his virus, he will return to Clunes Public school to present his lessons on the 4th and 5th December.

**Music Tuition for Term 4**
Music tuition for Term 4 will start on Wednesday 16 October for students studying with Mr Hort. There will be NO tuition in the first week due to the major excursion for students in Year 4-6.

Keyboard tuition with Laura will commence on the first day back - Tuesday 8 October.

**Dream World Excursion for Continuing Band**
Students involved in the Combined Band with Goonellabah have been invited to perform at Dream World on October 24 (Week 3 next term).

Details have been finalised and notes will go out in Week 1 next term but essentially the cost will be $22 per student (thanks to the great cupcake fund raising day!) and the bus will leave Clunes School at 9.00am and return by around 6.30pm. Note it in your diaries!

**More dates for your calendars**
- Intensive Swimming Program - October 14 - 25
- Kinder Orientation starts - October 24
- Band Excursion to Dream World - October 24
- Interrelate Years 5 and 6 - Oct 25 & 1 Nov

**P & C News**
Orders for the calendars/ cards/ diaries need to be returned to school by tomorrow at the latest.

The artwork is available to see at the front office – there are some wonderful pieces which would make great presents for Christmas.

**Vacation Care & COOSH News**
Yesterday we made crazy finger puppets at COOSH and made biscuits for afternoon tea. We are all getting ready for Vacation Care...it is going to be great fun! If you haven’t booked in yet, there are still spaces available. If any parents or community members would like to become involved by volunteering during vacation care, we’d love to hear from you! Call us on 6629 1750.

COOSH AGM and Committee
COOSH held its AGM last night (18/9). Kim Goodrick was re-elected as President and Joan Waterford was re-elected as Secretary. A special welcome back to Treasurer, Lyn Chittick without whose hard work and voluntary efforts the service would not survive. Welcome back also to our other members Rosemaree McLeod and Margaret Knight.

The COOSH Committee currently has a vacancy for a community based member. If your children attend the service or you are just interested in contributing we would love to hear from you.

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Buying some new blinds or anything that comes is those square, long plastic tubes? Then here’s your chance to recycle them! Undamaged tubes can be given to Mrs Baxter for use in the school library.

**Due TOMORROW**
- Medical Information for Major excursion
- Final payment for Year 4, 5, 6 major excursion
- Term 3 music tuition fees
- Text book accounts

**Tennis Coaching for TERM 4**
Coaching with Amanda Mead will be on Wednesday mornings from 7.45-8.45am during Term 4. There will be no afternoon coaching.
Please contact Amanda for more details 0424970367

**School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!**
In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be **two new** reward items for students to choose from **each term**.
With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the **Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year**. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.
In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year.
Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

**CALLING ALL CRICKETERS**
**CLUNES JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB** has spots for boys and girls to play cricket this summer.

**MILOin2cricket** (years K, 1, 2)
**KANGAS** (years 2, 3, 4)
**U/12’s** (years 4, 5, 6)

MILO is played Monday afternoons 5-6pm in Lismore
KANGAS play Saturday mornings 9 - 11:30
U/12’s play Saturday mornings 8:30 - 11:30

To register or for more information please contact
Kel McGrath on 66291678 or e-mail: kel26@westnet.com.au

Registrations close soon

**The Eltham Art Awards**
The Eltham Art Awards are on again with opening night being Friday 1st November 2013 and is an initiative of the Eltham Public School's P & C.
The Awards are unusual in that they focus on artworks by Primary School students in line with the school's emphasis on the importance of the creative dimension of education. High school students and professional artists are also invited to enter their work with prizes for all categories. Please see the attached brochure for details about the awards and the entry form.

**Knee Deep**
**FRI 27 & SAT 28 SEPTEMBER, 730PM**
**LISMORE CITY HALL**
**FROM 6PM LIVE MUSIC & DELICIOUS LIGHT MEALS**

**FREE parenting programs at Family Support Network**
Bookings essential for all parenting programs. Please phone 6621 2489 to book a place.

**123 Magic with Gudrun**
When: Tuesdays Oct 15, 22 and 29 (3 weeks) from 10am to 12:30pm.
Who: For parents of children 2-12 years old.
Where: 143 Laurel Ave, Lismore.
What: 123 Magic use an easy to implement counting technique and assists parents to self regulate and to coach their children on how to manage their strong emotions. 123 Magic is designed to provide parents and carers with skills to deal with difficult behaviour and provides strategies to help making parenting as enjoyable as possible.

**Triple P Parenting Group with Kim**
Who: For parents of children 2-12 years old.
Where: 41 Wilson St, South Lismore.
When: Thursdays on Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14 & 21 (6

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weeks) from 10:30am to 1pm.

What: Triple P is a system of easy to implement, proven parenting solutions that help solve current parenting problems and prevent future problems before they arise by understanding what works for each child.

An Echidna came to visit last weekend and unbeknownst crept into the 1/2 and 4/5 classrooms where he was locked in for the weekend. He created a bit of chaos in the rooms but the story has lent itself to some creativity from the 1-2 class.

Have a safe and relaxing break from school and see you back on deck on Tuesday 8 October!