New beginnings

Welcome back to another busy and productive 2nd Term.

I look forward to getting to know the wonderful Clunes Public School students and meeting many parents and community members over the next few weeks.

Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome this week.

The term ahead provides many diverse opportunities for the students to participate in while continuing the high academic expectations within each and every classroom. We also welcome Miss Ross who will be taking Mrs McKenzie’s class while on leave.

This week all families have been sent home a survey to complete. I hope all families will take the opportunity to provide their input into all aspects of the school. Our senior students and staff were also asked to complete a survey to ensure that all stakeholders contribute to ensuring better outcomes for the students.

Staff participated in two very productive professional learning development days, looking at implementation of the new Australian Curriculum with a focus on the English Syllabus in 2014. This process will also enhance the way we provide 21st Century learning for our children.

Staff and parents will be pleased to see that the car park repairs are complete and we once again have access to this area.

Parents of Year 4 students interested in the Year 5 Opportunity Class at Goonellabah can find out more information by contacting the office or myself. Applications close on 17th May.

Congratulations to Clunes Public School P & C who raised a huge amount of money at the recent BBQ. The first term 2 meeting reflected the dedication and positivity of the P & C group. They are a great team to work with and would love other parents to assist. It is vital that the P & C find someone willing to step into the President position by the next meeting as the P & C can no longer function without this position.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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At the end of term 1 we farewelled not only Mrs Porter but also two of our students (Lucy and Brock) whose families have relocated. We wish them all the best at their new schools. This term we welcome a new student to the Kinder class – Archie – and his family who have moved into the area. We hope you settle in and enjoy all that Clunes has to offer.

**Assembly**

Our first assembly for Term 2 is Friday 10 May when the K/1 class will be performing an item. All families are invited to attend.

**First North District Cross Country**

The district cross country will be run next Thursday 9 May 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 barbeque and homemade 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

**Music**

Music tuition starts next week for piano (Tuesday) and all other instruments (Wednesday). Fees for Term 2 are now due and prompt payment would be appreciated. Remember you can use EFTPOS or pay by credit card over the phone if you cannot make it into school.

**Combined Choir**

Students who have indicated that they wish to join the Combined Small Schools Choir will have their first practice session on Monday 13 May from 2-3 pm at Clunes School. All students participating need to have returned their note and paid the $10 levy for the CD and song book. Students in the choir will be performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival in August this year.

**Dance Lessons**

Students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to be involved in a dance item for the Performing Arts Festival.

Mrs McKay has spoken with the students and those interested have been provided with a note containing all relevant information. Please ensure the consent note (and the $30 payment) are returned to school by the due date.

**NAPLAN**

For information about the upcoming NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3 and 5, go to the link on our school website.

**Stewart House Donation Drive**

All students will bring home a Stewart House envelope today for the annual donation drive. If you make a gold coin donation you are entered into the draw for a $4000 family holiday. Donations need to be returned to school by Friday 17 May so that envelopes can be returned to Stewart House in plenty of time for the prize draw on Friday 24 May.

**Book Club**

Book club brochures have been distributed to students today. Orders and payment need to be returned to school by Wednesday 15 May.

**Notes due back**

Dance Lessons (Years 5 and 6)  due 24 May  
Choir Participation (selected students)  due NOW

**P & C news**

The P & C Committee would like to welcome Michelle Slee to Clunes School and look forward to working with her.

The Bunning's BBQ was a great success, raising $1510 for the school. A huge thanks to the volunteers for manning the BBQ and to those who donated items, which greatly reduced our expenses and contributed to this amazing profit.

**URGENT URGENT URGENT URGENT**

The P & C Committee needs your help. We desperately need a President and a Vice President to continue our good work for the school. We only have one more meeting left and then we have to dissolve. The P & C Association Rules state that "...where the association is dissolved minute books, audited accounts and other records, together with the residue of funds, shall be given to a kindred organisation or the Department of Education as determined by a resolution of members."

We do not want to do this, so we are begging someone to come forward and help us out.

We are a committed group that meets once a month and desperately want to keep doing good things for the school. We don't want to lose all our fundraising money to the Department of Education.

Please Help Us!!!!

The P & C Team
We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

Uniform Shop
Sharon Howard will be opening the uniform shop tomorrow afternoon at 2.45pm for anyone who wishes to get uniforms / jumpers etc.

Mother’s Day stall on Friday 10 May for students to purchase gifts

COOSH News
We had a fantastic time at Vacation Care these holidays...learning some martial arts skills, painting murals, making chocolate brownies and having fun with friends! We are looking forward to another term of AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE. If you would like to enrol your child visit www.coosh.org.au and download an application form or drop in after school. We operate 3-6pm Monday to Friday. For more information, call us on 66291750.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Pre-school Activities at Your Library

Storytime @ the Library
For pre-schoolers with their parents or carers
Tuesday 10.30am at Goonellabah Library
Oliver Avenue (next door to the Health Centre)

Wednesday & Thursday 10.30am at Lismore Library
Magellan Street (behind Music Conservatorium)

Songs, games, stories, craft and fun.

Sessions are free and there is no need to book. Come along and see what is happening this week!

Baby Bounce
Songs, rhymes & fun with your baby or toddler.

Lismore Library – Monday
10am for 1-2 year olds and 11am for 0-1 year olds

Goonellabah Library – Friday
10am for 1-2 year olds and 11am for 0-1 year olds

Sessions run for about 30 minutes, are relaxed and fun. There is no charge and no need to book, just come along.

Enquiries – Goonellabah 66251235 - Lismore 66212464

Energy Rebate
If you have:
• an income of less than $150,000 and
• either receive Family tax benefit A and/or B
• electricity bill is in their name
you are entitled to a NSW Energy Rebate, which will get deducted off your electricity bill. Closing date is June 2013.
Complete the form online or print the form out and complete.