What a week!

Since last week our Year 3 and 5 students have completed the NAPLAN tests and survived! Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students participated in a very worthwhile anti bullying program at Kadina High School and Adam Walker has reported on event in this newsletter.

Eryn Osborne and Maya Collinson have also reported on their fabulous trip to the GRIP Leadership conference. Lara’s mum, Tori also passed on her remarks, stating that the children were great school ambassadors and the day was very engaging and worthwhile.

By now all Y4, 5 and 6 students have received the initial note about our exciting Term 4 excursion to Brisbane and The Sunshine Coast.

Mrs Cooper has worked hard to set up Rainforest Maths in all classrooms to provide greater utilization of technology and greater engagement in our students.

Mrs Cooper has also set up our reports while staff have had two sessions discussing assessment and reporting to ensure we provide students and parents with clear and comprehensive information on individual progress and achievement. Mr Priestley has presented a very relevant and practical school policy, which we will continue to build on as we move our school into 21st century learning, adapting and innovating programs to take on the changes and challenges in education.

Abbey Sivewright demonstrated her flair and skill on the netball court securing a position in the Northern Rivers netball team. Well done Abbey.

Mr Sky and Miss Ross have been training their school soccer teams; and netball tryouts will occur today.

Meanwhile, Mrs McKay led the lyrical sounds of our combined choir at their first practice. Another action packed week!

This week we have introduced an “Expectation of the Week”. Clunes P.S. students are very considerate students who look after each other. We want to ensure this very positive and nurturing culture continues, therefore we will focus on a specific expectation each week and explicitly teach this.

After our presentation on Anti-Bullying at Kadina High, this week we focused on being a positive bystander.

Week 3 Expectation: “Be a positive bystander, help others
make good choices.”

Week 4 Expectation: “Use your assembly manners”.

We hope that this will generate some discussion at home and assist in children’s understanding.

Next week we will place the survey results on our website for two weeks. Information will also be published in next week’s newsletter. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. Staff have taken carefully reflected on your comments and discussed some directions and actions to address these.

Next week is another educationally diverse week. Look out for information coming home regarding an exciting Technological presentation “RoboTech” coming to our school in Week 5.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Assembly

Our next assembly is on Friday 24 May when the Year 6 students will be performing an item. All families are invited to attend.

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

K/1 India, Riley and Tom
1/2 Chai, Kenny and William
2/3 Ethan, Oscar M and Ross
4/5 Linden, Maggie and Nelson
6 Adam, Charlotte and Jason
Citizen Award Keeley Watson

Guess who we got to meet?

On Friday us lucky students in years 4, 5, 6 got to have a trip to Kadina High School. Just guess who we got to meet?

Nathan Hindmarsh and Mario Fenech - two ex NRL footy stars, how awesome! The reason why we went there was for an anti-bullying program where we learnt how bullying is not a cool thing.

We also so learnt what a “bystander” does and what an important role they play.

We also got signatures photos - it was awesome!

We’d like to thank Kadina High School for providing us with free transport to this worthwhile presentation.

Adam Walker

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Friday the 10th of May a few students from Year 6 went to the GRIP leadership conference.

The first session we did was called heads shoulders knees and toes. In this session we found out that a little kid’s song that can teach kids about body parts can be helpful for leaders as well. The definitions are

- Heads : think of others
- Shoulders : carry the load for others
- Knees : move forward
- Toes : balance responsibilities

All the schools then watched short clips of movies, which were Madagascar, Toy story 3, Cars and the Incredibles. We had to pick the character that showed the most leadership and tell what leadership role they were playing from heads, shoulders, knees or toes.

Everybody who focuses on “heads, shoulders, knees and toes” will improve as a leader.

In the second session we looked at different ways of leading. We looked at a slideshow of different people showing leadership roles like being a fire fighter which is always actively doing a task, police officer giving good instructions to others and an ambulance officer always caring for others. Then we had to rate ourselves in those positions: sometimes, often and always.

In session 3 we looked at working in a team. In this we talked about how other leaders can get ideas from other leaders - this is called team work. When we work in a team with other leaders we can get a better result and we can use different skills of others. Also we can get things done faster as well as teach others in the team.

GRIP stands for

- G = growth
- R =relationship
- I =integrity
- P =people

At the end of the conference we had a loud noises party. At the party people were chosen to go out the front and dance. Rosie Hogan went out and did some funky moves. Everybody had a fun time!

Eryn Osborne and Maya Collinson

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**Zone Cross Country**

Congratulations to the students who have qualified to run at the Zone cross country carnival at Corndale next Friday. Best of luck!

**Music**

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.

**Dance Lessons**

Students in Year 5 and 6 who wish to take a place in the dance classes in preparation for the Performing Arts Festival next term, need to have returned their note and paid their $30 by next Friday 24 May.

**Stewart House Donation Drive**

Tomorrow is the last day to bring in your Stewart House donation envelopes. You could win the $4000 holiday!!

**Notes due back**

- Biggest Morning Tea (classes 2/3 and 4/5) due 21 May
- Dance Lessons (Years 5 and 6) due 24 May
- EOI excursion (Years 4-6) due 7 June

**P & C news**

**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.”

**Lamington and pie drive fundraiser**

The delivery date for lamingtons and pies is Thursday 23 May from 2.30pm onwards in the hall. Pies from Modanville Takeaway are not frozen so it is imperative that they are pick-up a.s.a.p. If there are any queries please contact Ay-Shin on 6629 1047 or email Allisia_@hotmail.com.

**Uniform sales**

For uniform purchases please email Sacha Cole on smurcho@gmail.com.

**COOSH News**

Last week the children made some very creative Mother’s Day Cards using our stash of craft bits and pieces. On Monday, the children designed and made fancy dress costumes from old pillow cases and on Wednesday we created our own puppets and put on a pretty crazy puppet show! Of course, lots of handball was played and we had a go at French cricket too. For information about our service, call 6629 1750.

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Some examples of the extension work students are contracted to do in the Year 6 class. It ties in with their current unit of work on Traditions and Heritage.

Class 4/5 sketches of simple household machines – part of their unit of work on Energy