Great things happening.

Biggest morning tea
This week Mrs McKay and Mr Priestley accompanied the 2/3 and 4/5 students to Clune’s “Biggest Morning Tea”, a cancer research fundraiser. Students entertained everyone with beautiful singing and other musical items.

Energy Day
Today Dorroughby Environmental Centre is providing an “Energy Wise” information session for Stage 2 and 3 students. This was a preliminary talk to a visit from the “Energy Van” coming to our school in a few weeks. We hope this will generate a lot of discussion and planning by our students regarding the future of Clunes, surrounding regions and indeed, the whole planet! Thank you to Mr Sky for organising this valuable program.

Robo-Tec is coming!
Students will participate in a very engaging workshop showing technology at its most creative and inspiring. The workshop will run on Monday at 11:30am at a cost of $4 or $8 per family. Please return all notes and money before the workshop.

Professional Learning
Ms James participated in an Early Stage One and Stage One professional learning day with our First North and Big Scrub Community of Schools. Ms James reported the day to be an excellent source of information and new ideas. The opportunity to network with other teachers from other schools ensures that we are continuing to build and improve on the wonderful things we do in the classroom every day. Teachers from Stage Two and Three will also be provided with the same opportunity each term.

Great things happening in the Kindergarten room!
Miss Ross tells me Kindergarten children are working very hard improving their reading and writing. They are using their best speaking voices and beautiful listening manners. They are developing computer skills and learning how to work with others.

Well done to our clever Kinders!

Year 6 assembly Friday 2pm
After an entertaining start to the term with a lovely song and dance from K/1, we will be entertained by Year 6 singing a couple of melodic, happy songs they have been practicing with Mrs McKay in recent weeks. All parents and community are most welcome to attend our assembly and celebrate our students’ achievements.
Recent survey information
This term students, parents and staff were surveyed on the strengths and areas for development for Clunes Public School.
All school community members strongly felt that the students were friendly, enthusiastic and well behaved. Teachers were dedicated and worked as a supportive team. The community is very positive and supportive. The students were presented with a wealth of different opportunities and educational programs.

Students felt that mutual respect, greater access to technology and making learning fun was an area to continue to work on.
Parents also stated that providing diverse opportunities in all KLAs with a focus on Maths and Science was important as well as challenging children’s thinking and catering for higher achievers and Gifted and Talented children.
Continuing to enhance our well recognised music programs was also suggested.

Staff indicated the importance of building on student access to technology while ensuring staff and students were supported in developing skills to use technology. Staff also stated the importance of professional learning and team teaching to take on the new syllabuses and curriculum and other relevant changes in education.

All survey responses recognised the many ways the community contributes and participates in our school. Responses indicated that we should build on community participation in a variety of ways and increase the number of parents able to assist.

Clear, comprehensive and effective communication was seen as essential by all.

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, staff has discussed these surveys and have already taken action to address recommendations and plan ongoing improvements. P & C will also be another forum to provide the school with direction. More detailed survey results can be seen on our website. Thank you again for your invaluable input.

Sporting News
Good luck to all our competitors competing in the Zone Cross Country tomorrow at Corndale.

Well done to Eli Gambley, who has travelled to Sydney this week to participate in the State Soccer tryouts.

EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK
Week 4: Use your assembly manners.
Week 5: Play within the boundary lines.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Combined Band Practice
Students involved in the Small School Combined Band will have their next practice day on Tuesday 11 June at Goonellabah P.S. Notes went home with students on Tuesday. The $5 levy is payable directly to Goonellabah.

Notes due back
Dance Lessons (Years 5 and 6)   due 24 May
Robo-Tec – whole school   due 24 May
Combined Band Practice   due 7 June
EOI excursion (Years 4-6)   due 7 June

P & C news
The P & C Committee takes great pleasure in welcoming Andrew Morton as our new President. We are extremely grateful that he has agreed to step into the role and guide us through the rest of 2013. As such the P & C meetings have been changed to the second Wednesday of the month. So please come and support Andrew and the rest of the Committee at our next meeting on Wednesday 12 June at 6pm sharp.

We are still looking for a Vice President and hope that someone will take up this role as we now have a President. Please ask at the office for more details if you are able to help us out.

The P & C Team

Uniform sales
The uniform shop will be open tomorrow afternoon at 3pm for anyone wishing to purchase school jumpers, hoodies etc. For uniform purchases please email Sacha Cole on smurcho@gmail.com.

COOSH News
As usual, the COOSH kids have been busy making things. The old favourite chocolate chip cookies were baked and the children designed and made their own clothes from old pillowslips! We had a great week at COOSH but we have a terrible problem...our CD player has broken which means NO MUSIC!!! Please, if you have a spare CD player gathering dust at home, could you donate it to COOSH? We’d appreciate it enormously!! Drop it in any afternoon or call Carolyn or Hannah on 66291750.

Don’t forget to bring in your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers.

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