Great things happening.

Clunes Public School’s own hero!
Last week, The Weekend Star wrote an article on School Captain, Adam Walker in their “Local Heroes” column. Reporter Richard Forbes was very impressed with Adam’s mature and positive attitude. You can read the article in this week’s newsletter. Congratulations Adam, you are an outstanding ambassador for our school. Adam and all our Year 6 students set an excellent example for our younger students in their actions and attitude to all aspects of school.

Aboriginal Flag Flying High
At our first Student Representative Council meeting, students raised the issue of the Aboriginal Flag not flying on our second flagpole. This week was significant in demonstrating our acknowledgement of “Reconciliation Week”, by flying the Aboriginal Flag at half-mast. Our thanks goes to Mr Sky who quickly obtained a flag from Janelle Saffin, and to Mr McDonough (our Relieving GA) who skilfully repaired our second flag pole. Both flags will proudly fly side by side at our school from now on.

Robotec provoked creative thinking
Robotec proved to be an entertaining educational experience for all. Staff were heard discussing the technical elements of how the robot worked and students were also inspired to use knowledge gained to start building their own robots!

Gaining greater student access to Technology
Our staff continues to increase technology access and skills for all our students. Staff members with expertise in certain areas have always mentored each other in their own time and this year, Mr Priestley will be able to enhance technology in our classrooms by team teaching rooms on a regular basis.

Mrs Cooper also continues to trouble shoot hardware problems and provide her technical skills to add new interactive programs for our students to access.

Technology is ever changing and evolving and it is vital that our students have a good understanding of how to utilize this media at all levels.

We also a very aware that within our community there are people with specialist skills and knowledge. If any parents or community members have experience with iPads and other technology, we’d love to hear from you.
Working it out!
While Miss James provides a very successful individualised program called “Reading Recovery” enabling students to “catch up” on vital reading skills, 1/2KJ are very fortunate to have the experience of Mrs Henderson.

This week’s newsletter features some of our Year One and Year Two students thinking mathematically in practical maths activities.

Week 6 Expectation: Always treat others with respect.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Welcome
This week we welcome the Medel family to our school community. Noah is in year 1 and has joined the 1/2 class with Ms James and Mrs Henderson.

Assembly
We were entertained by our Year 6 cohort at last Friday’s assembly. Although they were a little quiet in volume the entertainment factor was huge, thanks to Liam and Arky in particular.

Our next assembly is Friday 7 June when Class 4/5 will be entertaining you.

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

K/1 Archie, Alysha and Tilden
1/2 Charli, Jack and Monty
2/3 Hayden, Jordan and Tiago
4/5 Abbey, Cooper and Reece
6 Lee, Lili and Taimieka

Citizenship Award was presented to Maya Collinson who is featured on the front banner.

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. Please have consent notes back to school tomorrow so that any transport issues can be sorted out.

Clunes Athletics Carnival
Our school athletics carnival is scheduled for Thursday 20 June so mark the date in your diary. Jack Priestley is seeking volunteers who can help in the First Aid tent on the day. If you have the expertise and are interested please contact the school office.

Dance lessons
Students who have signed up for Dance will start next week Wednesday 5 June. Jessica Sharp for Sharp Dance will be instructing the students during lunch time. The finished product will be performed at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival in August.

Brisbane/Sunshine Coast Excursion
Expressions of interest for the Year 4, 5, 6 excursion to the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane are due next Friday June 7. A deposit of $50 is also due at this time. I will draw up a payment schedule once costs have been finalised but the dates are only a guide. Payments can be made at any time at the office (or over the phone by credit card).

Eli at the State Soccer Carnival
Congratulations to Eli Gambley who travelled to Sydney last week to play at the State PSSA Soccer Championships. Eli played all but half a game for his North Coast team over the three day program.
What a great effort to make it to this level of competition!

Notes due back
Combined Band Practice due 7 June
EOI excursion (Years 4-6) due 7 June

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**Kindergarten**

The Kindergarten classroom was filled with writhing bodies as they all clambered in to decorate their snake drawing. The result is displayed on their classroom wall for all to see.

Kindies have also been learning about finding books in the library and borrowing. Billy and Toby show off their books below.

**P & C news**

The P & C would like to remind the school community that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 June at 6pm sharp (this is the second Wednesday of the month).

We still desperately need a Vice President, so if you can help please come along to the next meeting.

Hope everyone has been enjoying their lamingtons and pies over the weekend. It was a great success with $730 raised. Thank you very much to everyone who picked up their orders promptly.

The P & C Team

**COOSH News**

Skipping has been the preferred activity at COOSH this week with lots of games being played. We have also been designing covers for our new student folders, in which we will file the activities and artworks of each student. This will help us program and organise activities that are in line with the individual interests of the children, as well as providing parents and caregivers with more information about what their children do at COOSH.

Staff have been undergoing training in preparation for writing our Quality Improvement Plan, which aims to provide a framework for staff to provide ongoing improvements to our already excellent service! Thinking of making a booking? Call 66291750 and talk to Hannah or Carolyn!

**Uniform sales**

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

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Reconciliation Week – by 4/5 class

Students in Class 4/5 have been discussing Reconciliation Week and the stolen generation. Here are a couple of thoughts from some of the students.

Reconciliation Week, Stolen Generation and Sorry Day

This is about one man saying sorry to the Aboriginals for taking the kids. Former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, made a big speech that meant a lot to some people, although some people don’t agree with that statement. Prior to 2008 John Howard believed that we should not say sorry for people that tried to help the Aborigines. It’s like saying sorry for our ancestors when we didn’t do the wrong thing. Some people thought that John Howard believed if he said sorry the Aborigines would turn around and demand money so he didn’t want Australia going bankrupt.

What happened many years ago was wrong and should never have happened. Imagine being a parent hearing this knock at your door. You open then these white men take your kids off you. How heart-broken would you be? 30,000 kids were stolen.

Sorry Day was a national day declared in 2008 on May 27th. Kevin Rudd said sorry for the kids been stolen between the 1870’s to the 1970’s (that was the time the stolen generation happened).

By Oscar

Sorry Day – 27.05.2013

Starting in the 1870’s a terrible thing had started in Australia. They were stealing Aboriginal kids and taking them from their families and putting them in white families when they were really little. They didn’t know what was going on. Grandparents and parents were worried for the safety of their children, and whether their children would be stolen too. It was going on for such a long time. The kids would hide. I would have been so scared.

They sent the kids to a school with ‘white’ people. Some people in that day were quite racist. It would have been hard to live in that kind of environment when you have come from such a different place and culture. It stopped happening in the 1970’s! Those children are now considered as the stolen generation. Up to 2007 John Howard refused to say sorry to the Aborigines. In 2008 Kevin Rudd made a speech to say sorry to the Aborigines in front of thousands of people. After he said sorry everyone was happy. They were crying with happiness. They had all kind of emotions. On the weekend Adam Goodes, a famous AFL football player was called a terrible name by a 13 year old girl, who called him an ape. But really a 13 year old girl! After everything happened the girl rang up to apologise. He accepted the apology and told everyone to not pick on the girl for her mistake.

By Pearl