Celebrations and farewells

Welcome back!

We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and found a little bit of sunshine to get out and enjoy the outdoors. We also welcome back Mrs Lorraine McKenzie and our General Assistant, Reece Maxwell. We also look forward to working with Mrs Andrea Pearce who is replacing Mrs Berni Cooper while she is on leave. Term 3 is set to be a very busy, creative and challenging one.

We kick off the term with our girls and boys soccer team playing Bangalow Public School today. Next week our netball team enter their third round playing Byron Bay Public School at Byron Bay on Wednesday 23rd July. Please return notes by Friday to enable organisation of transport for Wednesday.

Next Monday we are holding the District Athletics Field events and 800 and 200 metre races at Clunes, with P & C providing a canteen for those attending the Carnival. We hope to see lots of spectators and canteen helpers for the day (and sunshine!).

The District Athletics Track events will be held on Friday 26th July at Bexhill. (See further details in this newsletter.)

In the third week beginning Monday 29th July we celebrate “Education” and “Literacy and Numeracy” Week. On Monday 29th July, children will participate in a number of activities including an “Open Day” for Parents and Families to come into our classrooms at 9.30am and find out more about the exciting programs happening. This will be followed by a skipping display by Y6, a musical performance and a picnic morning tea. On Wednesday year 4, 5 and 6 students will enjoy an enrichment excursion, travelling to a Writers workshop in Lismore. A note will be sent home shortly.

Students will also enjoy a diverse range of rich activities in “Book Week” beginning 19th August 2013. Students will also be developing their public speaking skills this term with our school competition running on the 2nd September and the First North Competition being held at Clunes on the 9th September.

In Creative and Performing Arts, students are energetically preparing for the Lismore Performing Arts Festival on the 26th, 27th and 28th August.

The term will finish off with informative “Life Education” lessons.

This term has something for every student!!!

Taking 2014 Kindergarten enrolments now.

We have a growing list of new kindergarten children for 2014 already. If you are considering enrolling your Kindergarten child in 2014, please contact our office as soon as possible so we can pass on the dates of

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Information sessions and orientation activities.

**Great day of celebration for NAIDOC week**

What a fantastic way to finish off term 2. The children enjoyed a diverse range of traditional Aboriginal activities, including an authentic smoking ceremony, traditional dancing and music from Kadina High School students and a delicious, earth oven cooked lunch prepared by Mr Malcolm Sky, and served by a huge band of parent and family helpers.

A huge thank you to Mr Sky who worked so hard to bring the day together and staff and parents for their contributions to create a brilliant, cultural day. We also appreciate Clunes Butcher supplying us with discounted, quality meat. The day left our children with greater understanding and wonderful memories. Take a look at the collage of photos.

**Learning will be cool this Summer**

Thanks to the huge fund-raising effort of P& C last year we now have our air conditioning units installed in every classroom ready for the summer heat. Students and staff want to express their gratitude for this enhancement of our school environment. Staff will develop a strict policy to ensure we are continuing to be environmentally conscious and energy efficient. Classes will use air conditioning only when necessary for the welfare and comfort of our students.

**Greater Technology is coming.**

We are still awaiting WiFi installation to introduce our new ipads — watch this space for more news.

**Crocs, sharks, planets, ships and ice**

Year 4, 5 and 6 students had a note sent home with final costing information for their excursion in the first week of Term 4. Parents and Carers are welcome to send in part payments throughout the term with total payment required by Friday 20th September.

**Y6 T shirts.**

Year 6 has chosen the design for their shirts. A school order cannot be made until all notes and money have been returned, we therefore ask that all orders be finalised by Monday 29th July, to enable students to wear these shirts as soon as possible.

**School Development Day**

While students enjoyed an extra day of recreation, staff of First North Schools spent the day preparing English units for the 2014 Australian Curriculum implementation. While the new English syllabus has built upon the NSW English syllabus, it looks at developing a more seamless and comprehensive scope and sequence of skills and understandings while integrating all facets of technology including multi modal and digital media and texts to learning. Teachers are excited about this educational journey as we move into 21st Century learning. We will continue to provide parents with information about the new syllabuses as they are implemented. We also hope that the community will work with us to ensure the school can provide the necessary technology equipment for our students.

**Cybersafety**

We recently received some information from Police Officer, Kim Mewing. As parents we know that our students have greater access to technology, however it is important that adults are able to supervise and guide children in this process. The following information may be of assistance.

The Australian Government’s Cybersafety Help Button provides internet users, particularly children and young people, with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance available in Australia. It offers counselling, reporting and educational resources to assist young people deal with online risks including cyberbullying, unwanted contact, scams and fraud, and offensive or inappropriate material. The help button is a free application that is easily downloaded onto personal computers, mobile devices, and school and library networks. All you need do is choose one of the installation options. Once the help button is installed, you can access it anytime for help or advice about something unsafe or upsetting that you have encountered on the internet.


**Expectation of the week**

**Term 3 Week 1:**

**PLAY IT SAFE ON THE FIXED EQUIPMENT**

**Week 2:**

**WALK ON THE CONCRETE AREAS**

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal
**Assembly**

Our next assembly is on Friday 2nd August, with an item performed by 1 /2 class. The assembly will start at 2.15pm. All families are welcome to come and join with us.

**Excursion to Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast**

An excursion update has been sent home with students in Years 5 and 6 today. The cost for the excursion will be $350.00. Families have already paid a $50 deposit so there is $300 to go. Final payment date is 20 September.

If parents wish to pay by instalments they are most welcome to. A suggested schedule is -

- Week 1 Term 3: 19 July $70
- Week 4: 8 August $70
- Week 7: 30 August $70
- Week 10: 20 Sept. $90

**Final call for Earn and Learn stickers.**

This is the final call for Earn and Learn stickers as we are sending off the points sheets tomorrow so that we can claim our resources. If you have any still lying around, bring them in tomorrow morning so they can be counted.

**Outstanding accounts**

Thank you to the families who have paid their outstanding accounts this week. Only a few more to go....

**Book Club**

Book Club was sent home yesterday. Please return all orders by Tuesday 30th July, latest. Thanks.

**COOSH News**

The July Vacation Care was a huge success and we were full to capacity on some days! We had FUN on each and every day. Doughnut and Watermelon eating competitions, picnics, dress ups, cooking, sack races, painting and of course loads of bike riding and scootering!! This term we are back at COOSH and as always busy planning more fun. This week we made our own telephones from tin cans...and they worked! We'd love to see some new faces at COOSH, everyone is always very welcoming! Just call us on 66291750 if you need us! We're here 3pm to 6pm every day after school. We even provide afternoon tea!

**Music**

On Wednesday there will be a Band Practise at Clunes School and Goonellabah school with be joining us. We are looking for parent volunteers to help in the dance holding room on the performance night at the Performing Arts Festival. Please let the office know if you are able to help out.

**P & C News**

The canteen will be open for students who are participating in the sports carnival on Monday and for the year 6 students who are assisting on the day. Any donations of baked goods such as cakes, slices or cupcakes would be greatly appreciated.

We are proud to announce the installation of 5 air conditioners in the children’s class rooms during the school holidays. We would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents and carers who contributed their time and effort in fundraising for this cause. We are sure it will be much appreciated by the students and teachers during the warmer months!

The P & C team

**Athletics Carnival**

Please find following the Timetable for the Athletics Carnival on Monday.

**Dates for your Diary**

- 22nd July District Carnival – Clunes
- 24th July Netball Team playing Byron Bay at Byron Bay
- 26th July District Carnival – Eureka
- 29th July Open day Education Week
- 2nd 1 / 2 class Assembly
- 31st July Y4,5,6 Writers Festival at Lismore
- Combined Band practice at Clunes
- 19th August - Book Fair
- 21st August – Book Characters / Literacy Day
- 26th, 27th, 28th August - Lismore Performing Arts Festival
- 2nd September – Clunes Public Speaking competition
- 6th September - P & C Fathers Day Stall
- 9th September - First North Public Speaking Competition
- 18th, 19th September – Life Education

**FIIRST NORTH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – 2013**

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FIELD EVENTS, 200 AND 800 METRES

8.45 a.m.    Set up

9.30 – 10.10 a.m.     800 metres events
                       Junior Girls
                       Junior Boys
                       11 Years Girls
                       11 Years Boys
                       12 / 13 Years Girls
                       12 / 13 Years Boys

10:10 – 10:50 a.m.     200 metres event
                       Junior Girls
                       Junior Boys
                       11 Years Girls
                       11 Years Boys
                       12 / 13 Years Girls
                       12 / 13 Years Boys

10.50 – 11.30 a.m.     Boys Junior Discus
                       Girls Junior Discus
                       Boys 11 Years Shot Put
                       Girls 11 Years Shot Put
                       Boys 12 / 13 Years High Jump
                       Girls 12 / 13 Years High Jump

11.30 – 12.10 a.m.     Boys Junior Long Jump
                       Girls Junior Long Jump
                       Boys 11 Years Discus
                       Girls 11 Years Discus
                       Boys 12 / 13 Years Shot Put
                       Girls 12 / 13 Years Shot Put

12:00 – 12:50 p.m.     Boys Junior Shot Put
                       Girls Junior Shot Put
                       Boys 11 Years High Jump
                       Girls 11 Years High Jump
                       Boys 12 / 13 Years Long Jump
                       Girls 12 / 13 Years Long Jump

12:50 – 1.20 p.m.      Lunch

1.20 – 2.00 p.m.       Boys Junior High Jump
                       Girls Junior High Jump
                       Boys 11 years Long Jump
                       Girls 11 years Long Jump
                       Boys 12 / 13 Years Discus
                       Girls 12 / 13 Years Discus

2:00 – 2:15 pm.        Ribbon presentations and Carnival close.

**QUALIFICATIONS For the Northern Rivers Zone Carnival**

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| Track 200m | 3 competitors per event |
| Track 800m | 2 competitors per event |

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