Grand Reopening of our canteen
We are thrilled to have our canteen reopening on a monthly basis beginning Tuesday 13th August. Jeanette and Graham were in the canteen cooking up a storm in preparation for next week and the delicious aromas were very enticing. A menu is provided in this newsletter. Please support our canteen so we can once again have it available on a regular basis. Thank you to our parents for this initiative.

Writers Festival
Last week Year 4, 5 & 6 enjoyed a visit to the Writers Festival Workshop at Lismore. Our students were wonderful ambassadors for Clunes Public School with their exemplary behaviour. All enjoyed the sessions, took on board the wise tips of successful authors and illustrators, Libby Gleeson, Judy Horacek and Leigh Hobbs. They also sketched some brilliant sketches of ‘Old Tom’ and ‘Mr Chicken’. Please enjoy Amelia, Jade and Lara’s review of the event.

Friendly game of soccer
Yesterday Clunes mixed soccer team played a friendly game against Rosebank Public School. The teams were well matched with Clunes claiming victory by one point in a 4 to 3 points game. Our thanks to Ms Bartlett and parents for bringing their soccer team over and to Mr Sky for his coaching and organisation. Thanks also to Mr Priestley who demonstrated his fitness levels running up and down the field refereeing the game.

Preschool Visit
Year 6 students will visit Clunes Preschool tomorrow to entertain pre-schoolers with a demonstration of skipping tricks and also teach pre-schoolers how to skip. It should be a fun day for all!

Book Week
Book week is fast approaching and this year’s theme is “Across the Universe”. Books will be available for purchase at our annual Book Fair on Monday 19th, Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd August mornings from 8:30am. Students will also participate in a book character parade on Wednesday at 9am. On Friday morning Rory Close will be returning to our school for traditional aboriginal story telling with classes participating in workshops in the morning.

Fund raising for Westpac Rescue Helicopter
Our Student Representative Council (SRC), have nominated the Westpac Rescue Helicopter to raise funds for in Term 3. On Wednesday 21st August, the SRC will run a raffle $1 a ticket or 3 tickets for$2. The prize of the raffle is up to value of $15 at our book fair.

Public Speaking Competition beginning 26th August.
Students have been working on their Public Speaking skills
in class. This year, First North Schools are participating in a Lismore Schools Public Speaking Competition coordinated by Michelle Stroud Watts from Jiggi Public School.

This means that the format, organisation and judging criteria are different from previous years. Staff and students will trial and evaluate the competition at its completion in Term 4.

All Stage 2 and 3 students in competing schools have been given a list of topics from which to select their speech topic. Students have been working on these speeches at school and are able to have parental help. Students in stage 2 and 3 will present their speeches in class in the week beginning Monday 26th August. Four finalists from Stage 2 and four finalists from Stage 3 will be chosen to present their speeches to our school and adjudicators on Monday 2nd September. Two students from both stages will then compete in the First North competition at Clunes Public School on Monday 9th September. One finalist from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will both go on to compete in the Lismore final on the 17th October.

Students will also be asked to present an impromptu speech at both the school and First North Schools level.

Kindergarten, Year One and Two students will present a talk of their choosing in their classes.

Taking 2014 Kindergarten Enrolments

Our 2014 list for kindergarten is growing, with plans well underway for our parent information sessions and orientation activities. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you are considering enrolling your child in kindergarten next year. We know this is a big decision for every parent and want to ensure that you are well informed and confident in the choices you make about your child’s education.

Calling all parent volunteers

We greatly appreciate our parent volunteers and recognise the essential role they play in providing greater individualised education. Mrs Simpson is hoping to train some new parents to meet the needs of all our students. Training will only take around 15 minute while the program required in classes will take 20 to 40 minutes to be run between 9am to 11am. Please contact the school if you are able to help. We will send out an invitation to the training as well as holding a morning tea for all helpers to obtain ideas and feedback from you.

Expectation of the week

Term 3 Week 4:

“Take Turns”

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Dates for your Diary

18th August - Exhumed – ABC Concert 3.00 to 6.00pm at Clunes Hall – P&C Catering with cakes, cold Drinks, tea and coffee
19th August - Book Fair
21st August – Book Characters / Literacy Day
27th, 28th & 29th August - Lismore Performing Arts Festival
26th August - Stage Public Speaking Competition
30th August - P & C Fathers Day Stall
2nd September – Clunes Public Speaking competition
5th September – 2014 Kindergarten Parent talk with Literacy and Numeracy Consultant, Rachel B
9th September - First North Public Speaking Competition
18th, 19th September – Life Education Assembly

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

K/1 Aiden, Joe and Lucas
1/2 James, Riley and Will
2/3 Lizzy, Tiago and Tony
4/5 Cooper, Keeley and Pearl
6 Amelia, Jade and Rose

Our next assembly is on Friday 16th August, with an item performed by the K/1 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

The cost for the excursion will be $350.00. Final payment date is 20 September.

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

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Uniform Shop
For all your uniform enquires please email our Uniform Co-Ordinator Sasha Murchison (smurcho@gmail.com) who will only be too happy to help you out.

COOSH News
We've been busy doing lots of outdoor activities this week and playing on the play equipment, making the most of the lovely sunshine in the afternoons. Yesterday we made an authentic looking treasure map and then completed some pirate puzzles. Remember to call us if you need to use the service on 66291750.

P & C News
Clunes Primary School has been invited to run a cake stall for the Exhumed Event on Sunday 18th August at the Clunes Hall. This is a family friendly musical event featuring amateur local bands. It is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for our school. We are asking for donations of baked goods such as cakes & slices to sell on the evening. All items must be clearly labelled with a detailed ingredient list. Could you please deliver your baked goods to the Clunes Hall at 2:00pm.
We appreciate your support!
The P & C Team

Byron Bay Writers Festival

Byron Bay Writers festival
Wednesday 31/7/13
The Writers festival kicked off with an introduction of the authors, Libby Gleeson, Judy Horacek, and Leigh Hobbs. Libby is a celebrated author who has written a number of stories including ‘Mayhtab’s story’ and ‘Red’ which she discussed with us.
Next was Judy Horacek who is a cartoonist, illustrator and author. She is very popular with children’s books including ‘Where is the green sheep?’ and “Good night sleep tight” a nursery rhyme book she created with Mem Fox. Last but not least, there was Leigh Hobbs who is an artist, sculptor as well as an author. His first book was ‘Old Tom’ which he wrote and illustrated. He’s written eight ‘Old Tom’ books. He also wrote ‘Mr Chicken in Paris’. Leigh Hobbs told the students to get out pieces of paper and then explained how to draw Old Tom and Mr Chicken.
After the authors spoke, the students were able to buy books and get them signed.
It was an awesome experience for everyone!

By Lara Pisarek, Amelia Bucher and Jade Riemer.

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Exciting news, the P&C are opening the canteen again, with the first day being next Tuesday 13th August. There are some changes, the biggest is that we have recruited a chef to prepare our lunch items so they will not only be nutritionally jam-packed but actually delicious as well. We really want the canteen to continue to operate but can’t do it without the support from students and their families so please give it a go. All money raised goes straight back into the school to benefit all students. Initially we will only operate every TUESDAY FORTNIGHT but if there is enough support we’ll open weekly. We would also love to encourage volunteers so please contact me via email ms.emma.cronin@outlook.com if you are ever able to volunteer, even if it’s only once. Menus may change on a term basis so if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know as we really want to make the canteen work for all families.

**TERM 3 MENU**

**Recess**

- Bacon & Egg Rolls $3
- Ninja Star Apple Pastries $1.50
- Pikelets with Jam or Honey 4 for $1
- Sweet Treat of the Day $1.50
(I heard a rumour the 1st one might be chocolate brownies)

**Lunch**

- Sausage Rolls $2.20
- Fried Rice $2.00
- -with honey soy chicken wings $2.50
- Spaghetti & Sauce $2.20

Of course there will be the usual selection of ice-blocks, drinks & chips to purchase.

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Lismore & Goonellabah Libraries offer some great free programs for babies & pre-schoolers.
These run throughout the year including April, July & September school holidays.
If you have a small child and haven’t given Baby Bounce or Storytime a try, why not come along and see what you have been missing.

**Baby Bounce at the Library**

This is a fantastic free program for babies and toddlers with their carer/s.
Enjoy songs, rhymes, stories & fun with your little one in these relaxed half hour sessions.

**Lismore Library - Monday (66212464)**
**Goonellabah Library - Friday (66251235)**

**Session times for both libraries:**
10am 1-2 years
11am 0-1 years

There is no need to book – just come along!

**Storytime at the Library**

A terrific free program for pre-schoolers with their carer/s.
Songs, stories & craft with lots of fun thrown in!

**Goonellabah Library - Tuesday (66251235)**
**Lismore Library - Wednesday & Thursday (66212464)**

All sessions start at 10.30am.

There is no need to book – just come along!

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