Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land

Book Week

Next week is Book Week 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 22nd August. Students will also participate in a book character parade on Wednesday 21st August at 9am in the hall. And parents are welcome to come along. On Friday morning Rory Close will be returning to our school for traditional aboriginal story telling with classes participating in workshops in the morning.

Book Fair Times:
- Monday 8:30 – 9:30
- Wednesday 8:30 – 11:30 1:15pm – 2pm
- Thursday 8:30 – 9:30

Fund raising for Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) have nominated to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter 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 the value of $15 at our book fair.

A team from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter will visit the school on Friday at 2:15 to speak to the children and accept our donation. Community members are welcome to come along.

iPads & mobile phones

Recently there has been an increase in the number of students bringing in mobile phones and iPads. We ask that students do not bring in their own iPads as we cannot take responsibility for damage to or loss of such expensive items.

We do not allow students to use personal phones or iPads at school as we cannot monitor inappropriate content and accessibility of personal iPads and other similar devices. We will also use our school phones should a child need to contact family for any important issues. Should there be exceptional circumstances when a child needs to bring a phone to school, we request a note with relevant information be sent in on that occasion.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Helpers for father’s day stall & Food Stalls

Urgent! Can you spare two hours from 9am to 11am on Friday 30th August? P & C need helpers to run their annual Fathers’ Day stall. Please contact the office or P & C President, Andrew Morton, if you are able to help.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

**WEEK 5**
- Fri 16 Aug
  - K/1 Assembly
- Sun 18 Aug
  - Exhumed at Clunes Hall from 3-6pm

**WEEK 6 – Book Week**
- Mon 19 – Thurs 22 August
  - Book Fair
- Wed 21 Aug
  - Book Character Parade
  - Literacy Day
- Fri 23 Aug
  - Rory Close – traditional story telling
  - Westpac Helicopter visit

**WEEK 7**
- Mon 26 Aug
  - Stage Public Speaking Comp.
  - PAF Choir Rehearsals
- Tues 27 Aug
  - Dance/Band Rehearsal
- Tues 27- Thurs 29
  - Performing Arts Festival
- Fri 30 Aug
  - P & C Fathers’ Day stall

**TUESDAY**
- Beginner Band

**WEDNESDAY**
- Library
- Student Banking
- Instrument Tuition

**FRIDAY**
- Sport

**NSW Education & Communities**

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School
This month’s P & C meeting was held last night and I always leave these meetings feeling very positive and appreciative of the enthusiasm and dedication of our many parent helpers. We have a great team willing to provide time and expertise in supporting our children’s education and ensuring a nurturing and stimulating environment.

Currently we have the P & C running a stall at the *Exhumed* concert at Clunes Hall on Sunday 18th August from 3pm to 6pm. They are looking for baked goods donations. We hope that you will come along and support the event as well. On Saturday 7th September staff and P & C will combine to run a BBQ, cakes and drink stall on Election Day. Again we will be seeking baked donations.

**Vegie garden and Vegie club up and running**
Thank you to Malcolm, the P &C and our many students who worked hard to establish new beds for our gardens. Seedling and seeds to come next! (See photo)

**Expectation of the week Term 3 Week 5**
**ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST**
*Michelle Slee*
(Relieving Principal)

### Assembly
Our next assembly is at 2.15pm tomorrow afternoon when the K/1 class will be presenting at item for your enjoyment. All families are welcome to come and join with us.

### Public Speaking Competition
**WARNING! ALERT! ALERT!**
The Public Speaking competition is fast approaching. All speeches should be completed and now being rehearsed and polished. We also recommend practising impromptu speeches on different topics. Could inspire some interesting dinner table conversations!!!

### Performing Arts Festival
Just a gentle reminder to parents, that permission notes for students to attend the Matinee performance on Thursday 29 August need to be returned promptly.

Also notes have gone out this week for rehearsals for both the choir (Monday 26 August) and the dance and band items (Tuesday 27 August). If all notes could be returned by next Tuesday it would assist us with organisation.

### Excursion to Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast
The excursion to Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast is slowly approaching. In the next couple of weeks we will be sending out Medical Information forms for parents to complete. If paying by instalments, the next payment of $70 is due 30 August. All payments need to be finalised by 20 September.

### Music Tuition Fees
I have been checking outstanding accounts and there are still a significant number of instrument tuition fees outstanding for Term 3. Fees are due at the beginning of each term. If you have not paid yet could you please settle your account asap.

### Vegetable Garden News
Some of you may have noticed that the vegetable gardens have been moved to a new location with three new beds built and now complete with soil (kindly purchased by the P&C) so that replanting can begin. Tassie from our local Clunes Nursery will be donating seedlings to start us off which is good timing as some of the students are learning about how things grow and change over time, in cycles and in stages. The students will also be growing their own vegetables from seed and it is our hope that all this produce will eventually be seen on the canteen menu which reopened this week.

Any students interested in joining the Gardening Club can talk to Mr Sky to add their name to the roster. If any parents would like to be involved then an opportunity exists for a parent helper to supervise a group of the school kids on another day in the week also during the 2nd half of lunch. You can help with weeding and seeding, watering, harvesting, planting and generally maintaining our very own school community garden. Please email Sasha smurcho@gmail.com to register your interest or talk to Mr Sky directly.

### P & C news
**URGENT REMINDER**
Baking required for fundraising event at the Clunes Hall on Sunday. Please support our school. Items need to have an ingredient label and can be dropped off at the hall between 2.00 – 2.30pm. Funds raised will contribute to buying additional iPads for the school.

THE P&C TEAM

### Vacation Care & COOSH News
We have had a very active week at COOSH, playing tag and ball games and generally running around in the great outdoors! We had a go at Karaoke, which was fun, but it ended up turning into an impromptu disco! Great teamwork and some bourgeoning engineering skills were shown when the "Clunes Harbour Bridge" was constructed out of sticks!

Call 66291750 to book your child in!
More dates for your calendars
5th September – 2014 Kindergarten Parent talk with Literacy and Numeracy Consultant, Rachel B
9th September – First North Public Speaking Competition
17th September – Parent/Student meeting 5pm – Y4, 5, 6 Major excursion information.
18th, 19th September – Life Education

Notes due back next week
Creative Arts Camp
Performing Arts Matinee
Choir Rehearsal
Dance / Band Rehearsal

Skipping Demonstration
Last Friday the Year 6 students visited Clunes Preschool to show off their skipping talents and to teach our up and coming students how to skip. It was a very enjoyable experience for all concerned as you can tell from the photos.
ABC North Coast is waving the flag for the best bands you’ve never heard of!

It’s part of the ABC’s nationwide Exhumed competition for unsigned, unrecorded and until now, unheard bands.

Exhumed celebrates the amateur. It’s not for some old one hot wonder trying to revive a career or for young people seeking out a professional career. It’s for those who’ve chosen other paths in life but still love to play.

As part of the local celebrations, ABC North Coast is holding its live finalists performance at the Clunes Hall on Sunday 18 August from 3-6pm.

The event will help raise money for the Clunes Primary School who will hold a cake stall with coffee, tea and cold drinks, as well as the local Rural Fire Service who will run a BBQ.

ABC North Coast Regional Content Manager Justine Frazier says the support for Exhumed on the North Coast has been fantastic.

“Our region can proudly boast one of the highest number of entries from regional Australia across all genres including country, folk, indie pop, pub rock, heavy metal, jazz, swing and blues. Let’s hope our overall winner is in Sydney to represent the talent on the North Coast.”

The North Coast winner will be announced at the Clunes gig and will go up against dozens of other Local Winners from around the country and perhaps chosen to be featured in a prime-time series to be broadcast on ABC TV.

There will also be a “People’s Choice” award, launched on August 20 where people around the country can vote for their Local Winner to be included in the television series and the live grand final.

The live performance at Clunes is a family friendly event and no alcohol is allowed.

“We want this to be a laid back evening where people can relax and dance and have fun while listening to some great music”, said Mrs Frazier.

A gold coin entry into the hall will help towards raising funds for the maintenance of the Clunes Hall.

Go to the Exhumed website to find all the details and check out the ABC North Coast’s favourites in the running to play live at Clunes.