PARENT HELPERS
Next week teachers will continue individual learning plans for students and other activities with the assistance of parent helpers. As mentioned last week, we were overwhelmed by the positive response we received. Parent preference and time availabilities have been matched with the school’s current needs. We have kept a list of all parent helper offers to draw on throughout the year.
P & C, the canteen committee and Jack Priestley, our sports coordinator will contact parents when events occur. Thank you again. We look forward to working with you.

Y6 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR YEAR 7 ENROLMENT
If you haven’t returned your EOI for your Year 6 child’s Secondary School preference, please do so as soon as possible. Staffing and courses offered rely on this information.
We encourage parents and students to visit all potential schools to find out what they have to offer your child.

BRIGHT SPARKS AND ART SMART
Our school, as part of the First North Group of Schools, endeavours to offer an array of experiences and opportunities for our students. Next week six selected students will attend a three day art course with art teacher Mr Jamie Hoile. Five other students will be participating in a “High Order Thinking” Day at Eltham Public School. Other students will be offered various workshops throughout the year.

ANTI BULLYING PROGRAM
Our Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will participate in a free Anti-Bullying program run by Interrelate. This program brings essential messages, reinforces positive values and equips our students with skills to be proactive in preventing and dealing with bullying behaviours. Please return all notes ASAP.

LAKE AINSWORTH CAMP
Our major camp this year will be at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Camp in the week 1st to 5th September. This will be fabulous week for our year 4, 5 & 6 children; and we are thrilled to be able to provide an overnight experience for our Year 3 students. It is essential that we confirm numbers attending the camp this term and receive a deposit for each child. We encourage every child to attend. Parents need to be aware that anyone cancelling their child’s booking will incur a fee. A note will be sent home this week.

TOMORROW’S TENNIS CHAMPIONS
Good luck to our 5 tennis competitors heading off to compete against other students at Ocean Shores on Friday. We thank Clunes Tennis Club for use of their courts and a generous donation of tennis balls. Our Sport Coordinator,
Mr Jack Priestley, will accompany our team after returning from swimming.

Expectation for the Weeks 7 & 8:

Hands off, feet off

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Swimming as Sport
The swimming program for Years 1 to 6 continues tomorrow morning. Thank-you to the parents who have donated their time to come and assist with the program. Students are reminded to bring their swimmers, towel, goggles (optional), under garments and a plastic bag to take their wet items home in. It is also recommended that students apply sunscreen prior to coming to school.

Student Assembly
Our next assembly is tomorrow afternoon at 2.15pm in the school hall. Although Mr Priestley won’t be there to conduct them, the 3 / 4 students have been enthusiastically rehearsing this week and look forward to performing an item at this week’s assembly. We hope our parents and community members will join us at our second assembly for the year.

High School Information Evenings
The local high schools all have information evenings coming up in the next week. Richmond River High School’s evening is tonight (see advert opposite); Kadina High School’s evening is next Wednesday 12 March (advert in last week’s newsletter); and Alstonville High School are having a Parent Information BBQ on Tuesday 11 March from 5.30 to 8.00pm.

Music Fees
After a review of the tuition program (and due to a decline in numbers participating) we will need to increase fees for instrument tuition as of Term 2 this year. Fees per student per term will increase to $100.

Win iPads for your school
Start collecting the tokens in the Northern Star and drop them into school for our chance to win a set of 10 ipads. Competition runs from Saturday 22 February to March 29.

Giant Pumpkin Competition
Mr Sky and his garden team have taken on the challenge of growing a Giant Atlantic Pumpkin which arrived (not the giant pumpkin but the wee plant) last week. The 1-2 class have written some great stories about the ‘giant pumpkin’.

We are growing the Atlantic Giant Pumpkin because we want to win the pumpkin competition. It is 18cm now. It is going to be extremely massive. We will be in the Lismore Show.

Amelie

We are growing the largest Atlantic Giant Pumpkin for the Lismore Show. It is 18 cm now and it will grow enormous.

Obi

It will be in the public schools’ competition. It needs lots of sunshine, water and fertiliser and manure. It is going to be the world’s biggest pumpkin.

We are growing the biggest pumpkin. Right now the pumpkin looks like a little tree. It is 18cm tall. It has already sprouted out of the ground.

Charli

Our Atlantic Giant Pumpkin is going to grow to be the biggest pumpkin!

Noah

Earn and Learn Update
We took delivery today of our rewards from last year’s Earn and Learn promotion. And what a bountiful lot is was. The Infants’ classrooms will particularly enjoy the huge tray for water and sand play as well as sound games and charts. There is also scientific equipment such a specimen viewers, hand dynamos and solar kits, and craft items such as Brenex paper, fluorescent crepe paper and modelling dough. Thank you to all the families who collected the Earn and Learn stickers!

P & C News
It’s through the P&C that parents can make a positive contribution to the success of the Clunes Public School. We meet once a month and there is no requirement to attend all meetings but we really appreciate any input and feedback on how we can help to provide the best environment for our children at the Clunes School. The meetings are very relaxed, often including nibbles, and if you need help with childcare during the meeting, we can accommodate this as well. The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12 (6:00pm) and will set the scene for the next 12 months. We look forward to welcoming new members and new ideas on how we can improve the Clunes Public School. Thanks Andrew
COOSH

Last week’s ‘Mocktail party’ was a great success; with delectable food and drink, attentive wait staff and lots of laughs. It was a perfect opportunity to demonstrate to our COOSH parents and carers how much we value them and their input into the service.

This term we have a diverse range of guest ‘experts’ lined up to come and share about their passion or occupation with the children. And there is something to interest everyone. Yesterday Carolyn Stevens – art teacher extraordinaire - visited and the children made beautiful watercolour scrolls, and today Matt Kehoe – a high ranking Police officer – will be joining us with the police van and stories about ‘baddies’! Next week Ray Pryde is planning a fascinating look at ‘big rocks, into little rocks’; no doubt the kids are going to love viewing stuff being blown up!

If you have been at all considering sending your children to COOSH, now would be a fantastic time as there are so many interesting things happening. Feel free to come and have a look after school or ring us with any questions on 66291750.

Kylie and the COOSH team

Richmond River High School

OPEN NIGHT EXPO

For Year 7, 2015 Students and their families

Thursday 6 March, 2014
5.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

5.00 p.m. Meet in the MPU (Multi Purpose Unit)
View displays of student work.

5.20 p.m. Musical Performance

5.30 p.m. Official Welcome to Open Night Expo
Welcome from the Principal and 2015 Year Advisor

5.45 p.m. Continuous School Group Tours
Supper
Tour of school facilities

7.30 p.m. Farewell from Deputy Principals and Vice Captains

Please ring the School on 66213456 for information

Netballers Needed!

Clunes Netball Club is seeking players, new and experienced, for our ‘Nettas’ (7-9 years) and 12s (10, 11 & 12 years) teams. All games are played at the Ballina Road courts in Lismore on a Saturday. We are also chasing players for our teenage and adult sides. If you are interested in joining the best club in the competition, please contact me for more information!

Annette McGrath
President
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Clean Up Australia Day

Year 6 Art Work