GREAT THINGS HAPPENING IN AND OUT OF OUR CLASSROOMS
With first term in full swing now, it is amazing to see how quickly our students adapt to new classes, routines and programs. Our children are producing quality work and engaging in their learning in many ways. Technology is certainly interwoven into all teaching and learning activities throughout each day.
Our school continues to offer a diverse range of opportunities through our First North Community of schools and other organisations.
We have published some of the beautiful artwork created by our Year 5 & 6 students at Artsmart. We look forward to hearing how an array of problems were solved at Eltham’s HOT (Higher Order Thinking) day, and we know the positive culture of our school can only be enhanced by today’s Anti Bullying Program for 3, 4, 5 & 6 students.
It was also exciting to hear positive stories from our Year 6 after having their first taste of secondary school life.
Congratulations to Pearl and GiGi for representing our school at the regional swimming carnival.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 P & C TEAM
We are thrilled to announce that the following community members will take on these roles in 2014:
Andrew Morton - President.
Melissa Houghton – Vice President
Laura Hayward - Treasurer
Bec Clark – Secretary
Canteen committee – Emma Cronin - Treasurer and Jen Stockdale – Coordinator
Uniform Shop Coordinator - Sasha Murchinson

Last night’s P & C meeting was a very well attended and productive one, with lots of great suggestions and plans discussed for our school’s future.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL CHARITY DAY.
Under the coordination of Gemma, our Year 6 SRC member, students have begun to organise a day to raise money for our local WIRES (Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Services.)
On the 2nd April, we will have a gold coin donation animal themed mufti day with cups of popcorn will on sale. Students can enter a colouring competition for 20 cents. The Colouring competition sheets can be purchased from the office from tomorrow.

CALLING KINDER, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL GRAND FRIENDS.
MAKE A NOTE OF THIS DAY IN YOUR DIARY!
Kindergarten and Year One and Two will be inviting grandparents and friends along on Friday 11th April, to join in a special session connected to the unit they are studying this

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

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term. We will also hold a morning tea for all our visitors on this day. Clunes Public School will also be conducting an ANZAC ceremony on this day. More details will be sent home closer to the event.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE
We will be holding an Easter Egg raffle this term, with the draw happening on the last day of term. We are asking everyone to donate Easter eggs for prizes. Next week, families will be provided with a book of tickets – 1 ticket for $1 and 3 tickets for $2. Anyone donating eggs will be provided with a complimentary raffle ticket. We hope you will support this school fund raiser.

SCRIPTURE LESSON REQUEST
Today we are sending home an expression of interest letter regarding Scripture (religious education). We have had a request from a parent to provide weekly scripture lessons and have had an offer from a qualified Religious Studies teacher to provide the lessons. Could you please complete the information required and return the letter to school as soon as possible?

TERM ONE INTERVIEWS
This year, teachers have decided to trial interviews in Term One rather than with reports at the end of Term Two. The purpose is to ensure that we provide continuous, comprehensive, communication links between school and home in supporting your child’s learning and welfare. Notes regarding times available for each class teacher will be sent home next week. We strongly encourage every parent and carer to take up this opportunity and provide interview times throughout the day and evening to accommodate this. Please return times and dates ASAP to ensure you are given an interview time that is convenient to you.

A MAGICAL AFTERNOON.
International magician Christopher Bange has offered to provide a sneak preview of his show which is on Friday night. Students will enjoy a short show tomorrow afternoon in the hall. If you do not want your child to attend this performance please let our staff know.

Expectation for the Weeks 7 & 8: Hands off, feet off

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Students will need to arrange private transport to and from the school and there is a participation cost of $10 which covers two tuition days and a concert band T-Shirt. A note will be sent home with students involved tomorrow and needs to be returned by next Friday.

Music Fees
Please put on hold the news regarding an increase to the music fees. We are in consultation with Mr Hort and trying to streamline the tuition so that costs may be able to stay as is. We will keep you updated.

Head lice
We are still getting reports of head lice from all classrooms. Please use this weekend to check your child’s hair (even if they are not scratching) and treat accordingly.

Information on treatment methods is available at the following website:

Win iPads for your school

Thank you to those students who have brought in the tokens from the Northern Star. The competition continues until the end of March.

Notes due back

- Year 7 EOI: 21st March
- Band Tutorial Day: 21st March
- Y4, 5 & 6 Camp: 31st March
- Y3 Overnight camp: 31st March
- EOI Scripture Note: ASAP

Uniform Shop

Sasha will open the uniform shop on Monday 31st May at 9am. Any orders can be emailed to Sasha prior to then and I will get them organised on that day. Sasha’s email address is smurcho@gmail.com

COOSH

It’s been exciting at COOSH this week! We have had two special visitors which has made the program extra special. Firstly, Inspector Matt Kehoe (Laura’s Dad) visited with his police car, his impressive uniform and death-defying stories. The students were riveted by everything he had to share and gained important knowledge about staying safe. Secondly, Dom Harvey (Joe’s Dad) brought in a very fun electric go-kart. Joey gave a fearless demonstration and the other kids were then given a turn around the track. Disappointingly weight restrictions prevented the COOSH staff from ‘tearing it up’ but we still enjoyed the experience vicariously through some very excited little race car drivers!

Thank you to both Dads for taking time out of their busy schedules to share with the children; your input is so valued.  

Kylie and the COOSH team

Cooper’s Creek Landcare Needs You!

The Cooper’s Creek Landcare group (CCL) has, through a Reconnecting to Country grant, constructed Aboriginal signage at the Dorrobbee Grass Reserve at Dunoon; produced the beautifully illustrated book ‘Coopers Creek – A Place of Many Stories’; constructed a public compost toilet at Rosebank Recreation Reserve; fenced off the creek from cattle, identified forest remnants and supplied draft vegetation management plans for property owners in Corndale.

The CCL now needs new members to carry on the good work to help protect our local catchment area and support the National Parks and Wildlife’s on-line survey identifying native plants and animals living on local properties.

If you would like to help our local creeks and support the survey of native plants and animals living in our local area please call Lydia (66882220) to find out more.

Kindergarten Photo

The ‘My first year 2014: A Pictorial memento’ will appear in The Northern Star, on Wednesday 26 March with each Kindergarten in our region.

Thanks to Elsa Dillon for this great photo from the Zone Swimming Carnival

More COOSH photos
Kids!
Nominate your favourite book in the
Kids Own Australian Literature Awards!
At your library today!

Come into the library and nominate your favourite
Australian book in the ‘KOALA’
(Kids Own Australian Literature Awards) for 2014.
In Term 2 we will open up the voting. You can see if your
nomination made it to the shortlist, and vote for your
favourite book!

Be a part of the awards that want to know
what kids think!

Come down to the Lismore or Goonellabah Library
today and let us know your choice!
Nominations close April 11.
Call us for more information
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