WHAT A TERM IT HAS BEEN!

Clunes Public School community again demonstrated its dynamic culture of quality 21st century learning, student engagement and community participation. The term has been a very busy and productive one.

The term started with great excitement as we introduced our new student captains, student representative council and 19 new kindergarten students. Students participated in specialist workshops in maths, higher order thinking, art, environmental science, wildlife care and music.

Students’ application and progress in their work reflected the positive and enthusiastic attitude of our students and the careful planning and implementation of programs by staff to cater for our students’ needs.

Sport also played a major part in this term with students attending swimming carnivals, swimming lessons, cricket competitions and cross country.

Teachers have continued their own professional development to ensure they are equipped with the skills to assist children with ongoing changes in technology, education and wellbeing.

Parents have worked tirelessly, demonstrating their support and close links with the school with a fabulous fund raising evening, well attended parent information evenings, parent/teacher interviews, working parties and P & C meetings. We have an overwhelming list of people willing to help in a variety of ways in the school. We have now also begun to establish a list of community mentors and experts to help in various specialised area when the need arises.

The canteen is up and running again with a delicious menu and managing to make profits that go straight back into our school while providing an excellent service.

Our Office staff has taken up the annual challenge of establishing all aspects of the new year with vigour to facilitate the smooth running and utilisation of programs, resources and special events. While grounds, maintenance and cleaning staff have continued to make the school look its best.

Our last week of Term One has ended with mixed emotions as we celebrated grandparents day and the excitement of the coming Easter holidays while also taking time out to remember all those who made great sacrifices for their country in our ANZAC ceremony.

The end of Term One completes my first 12 months at Clunes as Relieving Principal and reaffirms my statement made in the first few weeks of last year.

‘Great students, great school, great community!’

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Expectation for the Week:

“Be a respectful audience”

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School
Program for Friday 11 April
Tomorrow’s program starts at 10.15am when grandparents and grand-friends are invited into the Kindergarten and 1-2 classrooms to celebrate the completion of our Families units. This will be followed by a morning tea at 11am for all grandparents and visitors. At 11.45am, we will be holding our ANZAC ceremony. All families are welcome to attend.

Flowers for ANZAC Day
We are looking for donations of flowers for tomorrow’s ANZAC ceremony. Children can drop off the flowers to the front office and we will compile them into a wreath.

GRIP Leadership Conference
Tomorrow is the last day for students in Year 6 to confirm a place at the GRIP Leadership conference in Coolangatta on 9th May 2014. Cost is $35 per student and this will need to be paid by tomorrow to book your spot. For more information you can visit the website at http://www.gripleadership.com.au/content/conferences

Easter Raffle
Tomorrow is also the final day for raffle tickets. The big draw will happen after lunch tomorrow. First prize is a bucket of Easter goodies plus there are nearly 20 minor prizes as well. Thank you to Mrs Cooper who has almost single-handedly coordinated our Easter Raffle. A big “Thank you” also to Laura Hayward for her assistance with wrapping the prizes. Total raised will be announced in the next newsletter

World of Maths
The World of Maths visit encouraged students to think hard and work co-operatively to solve everyday problems whilst having fun with math.

Notes due back
Parents are reminded to please return the following notes and items:
- Easter Raffle tickets - TOMORROW
- Grip Leadership (Yr. 6 only) - TOMORROW
- Community Mentors note -
- Scripture Permission Notes - TOMORROW

SAVE THE DATE: Family Movie Night!
The P&C are planning a movie night for the 16th May which promises to be an evening of affordable family fun. The film choice is still under wraps but rest assured it will be something everyone will enjoy. Delicious hot food and drinks will be available to purchase on the night so you can enjoy an evening off cooking. Tickets and more information will be available at the start of term 2.

Canteen
We have had a fun and fabulous term and we want to thank everyone who has supported our canteen in some way. We have managed to raise nearly $900 for use within the school for our kids so that is fantastic. A special thank you to the volunteers who give up their time to help man canteen on Tuesdays; we couldn’t run it without you. Don’t forget we always welcome new or ‘once-off’ volunteers so get in touch (ms.emma.cronin@outlook.com or phone 0413 134457). Please note we will NOT open canteen on the 1st day back next term. Canteen will resume from week 2 of term 2. Have a great Easter, Em & Jen.

Uniform Shop
Sasha will open the uniform shop on Monday 5th May at 9am. Any orders can be emailed directly to Sasha prior to then and she will get them organised for pickup on that day or at your discretion. Payment can now also be made via EFTPOS as the front office. Sasha’s email address is smurcho@gmail.com

COOSH
Phew! We need a holiday!! Last week the COOSH kids and staff washed over thirty five cars and raised a tremendous $255 to spend on great new resources. We thank all the parents, teachers and community members for helping make our fundraiser so successful. At COOSH the educators are
always examining how we might do things to make the service even better. We dialogue with the children and find out how they want to spend the afternoons and plan accordingly. The program reflects the diversity of ages and interests amongst our students. So far this week, the kids have enjoyed crazy shaving cream art, piñata making with papier mache, balloon science experiments and duster hockey. This has been interspersed with extensive creating with rainbow bands – which seem to be an addiction for some! – and dressing up in silly costumes.

The vacation care program has been out for a week now and places are starting to fill up. We have a wonderful program planned so have a squiz, and call us to make a booking. We have included some images from the last holiday program to give you an idea of the fun we have.

Kylie and the COOSH team

Community Announcements

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scce.aust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Lismore sewing centre is running sewing classes for children during the school holidays. These are run as junior and senior classes.

If you need any information contact Nicole Ansell at the LISMORE SEWING CENTRE Ph. 02 66213158 or email afewdesigns@bigpond.com

Have a safe and happy holiday.
Families

By Class 1-2