ATHLETICS CARNIVALS  A GREAT SUCCESS FOR ALL
Congratulations to everyone involved in both carnivals. Our K – 6 students had a wonderful day participating in a variety of fun competitions and activities. I loved the extra creativity in the march past this year! Monday’s First North athletics carnival ran like clockwork with the weather certainly on our side. Our athletes achieved great results while our student helpers did an amazing job assisting in each event. Our thanks and admiration goes to Mr Jack Priestley for his superb planning, organisation and coordination of this major sporting event. We must also thank our P & C members who ran a delicious canteen and were well supported by many parents who baked goods. Congratulations to Clunes Public School, winning the Aggregate Pointscore Trophy. Well done to all our students who demonstrated great sportsmanship, and to the following students who have moved to the next level of competition. This list does not include relay runners – they will be announced next week.

Caitlin G.  Juliette
Elizabeth  Madeline M
GiGi  Freya
Keeley  Rhiannon
Maggie  Isabella
Pearl  Abbey

Oscar M  James
Aleksey  Hayden
Cooper  Reece
Linden

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY
It was wonderful to see families visiting our students’ classrooms yesterday. Our musicians also enjoyed the opportunity to perform before an audience. We certainly have some very talented students and are looking forward to seeing our band, combined small school choir and dance group perform at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival at the Workers Club on the 28th August. Our combined band members will also be performing on the evening of 26th and 27th August. Our Small Schools’ Choir students will be also be performing on the evening of 26th August. Year 5 and 6 showed off their fitness ability in skipping and many families enjoyed a picnic in the sun. Thank you to staff and families for participating in a great day. Kindergarten will finish the week on a high note with an assembly item on Friday.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) FOR SEMESTER TWO
Our new SRC members have big shoes to fill as our Semester One SRC students did a brilliant job being a voice for their school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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peers, raising money for worthy causes and contributing to school improvements. We would like to congratulate the following new student leaders.

Class 5-6 – Pearl and Reece,
Class 3-4 – Oscar and Freya,
Class 1-2 – Jem and Ginger, and
Kindergarten – Lilly

Our new SRC members will be presented with their badges at this Friday’s assembly. Their first fund raiser will be during Book Week, when they will hold a book character mufti day for Oxfam. More information to come in later newsletters.

INFORMATION EVENING AND P & C MEETING

Next Monday night will be the first P & C meeting for Term 3, held in the Year 5 and 6 classroom at 6:15pm.

At 5pm Mr Jack Priestley will be providing some helpful hints on how parents can help their children with maths at home, including “trading”. I will also be discussing some ways to help your child with their literacy skills and answer any questions you may have on the new English syllabus. If you are interested in coming along, please contact the office so we have an idea of numbers. If you have any questions you would like addressed on the evening, you can also pass these on prior to the information session. We hope to see lots of interested parents there.

LIFELONG LEARNERS …DID YOU KNOW …?

Not only do our fabulous staff team work tirelessly to provide quality teaching and learning, they also continue to be role models for our students with their commitment to being lifelong learners.

Mrs McKenzie is currently training in a proven teaching program called L3 – Literacy, Language and Learning.

Mr Sky and Ms James are being trained in a quality numeracy program called “Tens”, while Ms James continues her training in the role of Reading Recovery and Learning and Support Teacher.

All staff participate in termly professional learning, however this term will see staff trained in behaviour intervention strategies and renewal of CPR qualifications.

Mrs Cooper has recently completed her Senior First Aid Certificate and will also participate in a new Finance System course with myself next week.

The dedication and commitment to professional learning ensures our school is striving to be the best it can.

EXPECTATION FOR WEEK 3 & 4

“Always do your best.”

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Athletics Carnivals

Students, who have qualified for the Zone Athletics Carnival in Lismore on Friday 15th August, will receive paperwork today. Notes need to be returned to school with the $5 levy by August 8th 2014.

Lake Ainsworth update

Our camp excursion is now less than 5 weeks away!

• There will be a parent information evening on Monday 18 August at 5pm for last minute details regarding packing checklists, expectations etc.

• Payment needs to be finalised by Friday 22nd August.

• Students will be travelling to Lennox Head by bus on the Monday morning and also returning on the Friday afternoon. The cost for the bus has not been included in the pricing and should only be an additional $6 per child.

Performing Arts Festival

• Students involved in the Performing Arts Festival received a Parent/Student Agreement last week which needs to be signed and returned to school by tomorrow.

• We have received the programming for the festival
  Tuesday evening – Band and Choir will be performing
  Wednesday evening – Band only – (first item)
  Thursday Matinee – Dance, band and choir
  Thursday Evening – Dance and choir

• Rehearsals will be on Monday 25th August for the dance item and small schools’ choir, and on Tuesday 26th August for the concert band. Students will travel to rehearsals by bus – notes will be issued in the coming weeks.

• Students in Year 1-6 will attend the matinee performance on Thursday 28th August. The school will organise tickets for students for this session.

• Tickets for all performances will go on sale on Monday 11th August from the Lismore Workers Club. Ticket prices for 2014 are

  Adult: $14  School Age Child: $6

  Tickets can be purchased online at www.lismoreworkers.com.au by credit card and print tickets off at home; OR at the front counter of the Workers Club. Tickets cannot be purchased or ordered over the phone.

Combined Choir Rehearsal

Students involved in the Combined Choir (which will be performing at the PAF) have a rehearsal at Goonellabah PS on Tuesday 5th August at 1pm. The bus will collect students from Clunes PS at 12.15pm and return them before school finishes. Cost for the bus will be $3. Please ensure the permission note is returned by tomorrow.

Student assembly

Our next assembly is tomorrow Friday 1st August starting at 2.15pm in the hall. The Kindergarten class have been practising their item in preparation for their performance. We will also be presenting the Semester 2 Student Representative Council members with their badges. All families are welcome to attend.

Notes due to be returned

PAF Parent / Student Agreement  TOMORROW
Small Schools’ Choir Rehearsal  TOMORROW
**P & C News**

A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteer helpers at the carnival last Friday and Monday. The students performed outstandingly and proudly. Well done Clunes!

**Last call for Tea Towel orders!**

We have had a fantastic response to our Tea Towel Fundraiser. If you would like to order and haven’t yet this week is your last chance. All orders will be picked up and **finalised on Monday 4th August** after school.

**P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting will be on **Monday 4th August at 6.15pm**. One very important issue which will be discussed is the possibility of an update of Clunes School uniform. Please come join us! Everyone is welcome.

**Canteen**

We are still seeking a volunteer to run the Canteen. The hours and operation of the canteen can be set up to suit you. If you think you can help out please contact the school or any P&C members.

**Uniform Shop**

If you want to email an order through to Sasha, please email on smurcho@gmail.com. She will organise for you to collect the uniform/s at the front office.

**COOSH News**

Board games have been all the rage this week at COOSH. Monopoly has had a work out and Snakes and Ladders has run a close second.

We have been very active running around the oval, flying kites, playing on the roller boards and of course we get access to the play equipment which is used most afternoons too! Lego was another interest and the usual crafters were busy making creative sculptures out of a huge pile of bits and bobs. To make a booking call 6629 1750. It’s that easy!

*The COOSH team*

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**Clunes Junior Cricket Club season 2014 / 15**

It’s almost time for another cricket season and the Clunes Junior Cricket club will be fielding teams in the Lismore District Junior competition. Age divisions will include u/10 (Kanga), u/12, u/13, u/15 and u/17 with the competition starting early in term 4. All existing players and any new players are most welcome, Please feel free to contact the club at cjc@westnet.com.au or Darren Watson on 66291571 or Kel McGrath on 66291678. We have enjoyed success both on field and at a social level for many years now and have a highly committed group of players, parents and coaches all of which contribute to the clubs success.

The club would also like to take the opportunity to advise that members of the executive committee will be stepping down from their roles after a considerable number of years of service to the club. As a result we are seeking new members to assist in running the club. Please be aware no committee means no club, so any help would be really appreciated.

The AGM will be on **Tuesday 2/9/14 at the Clunes Old School Site at 7pm and all prospective new committee members are most welcome.**

Darren Watson - Clunes Junior Cricket club

**Any old jars?**

If you have clean jam jars at home, we have a Clunes local who wants them for a special occasion. Jars do not need to have lids.

You can drop off the jars to the school office over the next few weeks.
Tick eHealth off your parent ‘to do’ list

As a busy parent, juggling the needs of your children with a hundred other tasks, remembering your family’s health information can be a challenge. Registering for an eHealth record is a simple, secure way for you to manage and track your family’s health. With an eHealth record you and your child’s health providers will be able to access their health information when it is needed, even if they get sick in the middle of the night.

Australians can now choose to register themselves and their children for an eHealth record. The National Personally Controlled Electronic Health (eHealth) Record system, developed by the Australian Government, is an online system designed to make it easier for you to track and manage your children’s healthcare. It provides participating healthcare professionals treating you and your children with better and faster access to your important health information.

Access whenever and wherever you need it

Currently, health records are either paper based or stored in different places and systems so doctors and nurses often have to spend time chasing paperwork. An eHealth record brings together a summary of you and your child’s key medical information, drawn from records already held in different parts of Australia’s healthcare system. Having an eHealth record means you can access your health information online, whenever and wherever you need it. You can also share this information with healthcare professionals you authorise. It won’t matter how many doctors you and your child see; if you give them permission they will all be able to view the same health information.

This means that you or your healthcare professionals will be able to see an up-to-date summary of your child’s medical information straight away, helping your child to get the care they need more quickly.

“Registering was so simple,” said Amanda, mum of two, “I did it online and it only took around 10 minutes. Now I have access to both my children’s eHealth records.” The eHealth record stores key health information such as allergies, current medications, immunisations records, details of recent medical history and any previous adverse reactions to treatments. “It is so useful and one less thing to worry about. Now I know that my children’s medical information is all online and in one place and I can access it at any time”, Amanda said.

Safe and secure

Records are protected by strong security and privacy safeguards to prevent any unauthorised access; so you know that all your family’s health information is safe and secure. You will be able to access your and your child’s records using a secure password and login.

Going mobile

The eHealth record is now mobile; if your child has an eHealth record you can download a free app onto your iPhone or Android phone which allows you to view and add information to your child’s eHealth record when you are on the go. The child’s eHealth record mobile app lets parents view a range of information such as growth charts and reminders about health checks and immunisations. Ellie’s mum, Hannah, said “I love having my daughter’s information on my phone. It was so useful having her immunisation information to hand when I registered her for daycare rather than remembering where it was all written down, or requesting it from her GP.”

Getting bigger everyday

The eHealth record system is continuing to grow as more healthcare professionals across Australia register and contribute to the system. Medicare Locals are working with health professionals to assist them in being ready to access the eHealth record system and support their patients in adding key medical information into their eHealth records. The Medicare Locals are also out and about, informing the public about the eHealth record system and providing assistance to help people register.

Registration is easy

If your child is under 18, you have parental responsibility for them and they are on your Medicare Card you can register them for an eHealth record. Registration is easy and you can do it in a variety of ways:

• At your next GP appointment ask if they are set up with the facilities to assist you with registering.
• Online by visiting www.ehealth.gov.au
• By phone 1800 723 471
• In person, by visiting your local Medicare Australia Service Centre
• In writing, by completing the registration application form available from Medicare Australia Service Centres or from www.ehealth.gov.au.

For more information visit the eHealth website at www.ehealth.gov.au

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