WELCOME BACK TO OUR FINAL TERM

This term is always a very exciting and busy one. Please refer to our website for a complete calendar guide to events and activities for the term, including important end of year functions.

Below is an outline of events over the next 4 weeks to ensure you are well informed about what is happening in our school.

Melodic sounds were heard drifting out of our new music room this week as students continued their tuition and band practice with new tutor Fiona Clark. A reminder that guitar and drum practice is on Fridays with Daniel Cameron.

Band members are also getting ready for their Dream World Excursion on Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} October which has been organised by Mrs Cox.

We also kick off with an AFL workshop on Friday to inspire those who would like to participate in the afternoon sessions again this year. More information will be handed out this Friday.

Mrs Davidson is looking after our library while Mrs Lovell is on leave and we welcome Rose Smith, our new SLSO (School Learning Support Officer), who is replacing Karen Faber.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Last Monday was World Teachers Day, a day where teachers are acknowledged for the wonderful work they do. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the teaching staff of Clunes Public School. I feel very honoured to work with a dedicated team of teachers who nurture their students, guide and inspire learning, challenge thinking and encourage creativity. Our teachers work tirelessly to support every individual child while contributing to the enhancement and direction of our school.

Teachers are currently being bombarded with new reforms, systems and curriculum. However we are fortunate that our staff embrace changes that will improve our student outcomes and their capacity to implement and adapt these changes to cater for our own school community indicates the level of their professionalism and commitment. I honestly come to work each day feeling fortunate to work with such a wonderful staff team and school community.

Students today thanked teachers individually for the special things they do.

Happy World Teachers Day – great teachers make a big difference in children’s lives.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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SCHOOL PHOTOS
Please ensure that your children have a clean new uniform to wear in their school photos next Thursday, 15th October. Envelopes with order instructions were sent out on Tuesday and can be returned on or before the day.

YEARS 4, 5, 6 CANBERRA / SYDNEY TRIP
Our trip to Canberra and Sydney is fast approaching and we thank all those parents who are finalising payments and returning all documentation, including medical information. There will be an Information Session on Monday 19th October at 5pm in the 5/6 room. During this time we will cover in great detail, all aspects of the excursion including what to bring and what not to bring as well as expectations. We strongly recommend that all parents and carers attend this session.

P & C MEETING AND INFORMATION SESSION
A reminder that there is a P & C meeting next Monday 12th October at 6:15 and we’d like to have lots of community members come along to contribute to our hard working P & C team. Prior to this meeting, at 5.30pm, I will be discussing our SP Management plan and ask that parents contribute to this forum. We will reflect on our achievements and progress this year and plan future directions. If time permits, I will also provide information on our latest NAPLAN results.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY
With the intent of ensuring confidentiality and open, frank honesty, our school trialled the “Tell them from Me” Survey. Staff and all students have been surveyed. If you have not replied, it may be assumed that you are satisfied with all aspects of our school. If you were not able to complete the survey and wish to pass on an opinion or observation on a specific aspect of our school, you are welcome to put it in writing and send it in by next Tuesday.

CLUNES COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT
Our talented family “The Buckleys” are holding a musical night out at Clunes Hall on Saturday 7th November. Sounds like a fun night out! See advert later in the newsletter.

Michelle Slee
Principal

Expectation of the Week
“Always do your best”

STATE ATHLETICS
REPRESENTATIVE, REECE
Reece is off to Sydney next Tuesday to compete in the shot put and discus events at the State Athletics. We congratulate him on reaching this elite level and wish him all the best.

Congratulations to staff member, Jack Priestley, and Megan McKenzie who received awards for their valued contributions to education at the recent District Public Education Awards Ceremony.

Student Assembly
Our next student assembly is Friday 16th October, at 2.15pm. With students busily rehearsing for the end of year concert we will no longer be having class items at the assembly, but families are still most welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly.

K/1 Tyrese, Peppa and Lawson
1/2 Malachi, Olivia and Indianna
3/4 Kenny, Ashlee and James
5/6 Alexsey, Hayden and Mitchell

The Citizenship Award went to Malachi for settling in well.

Band DreamWorld excursion
Our band members are excited at the prospect of performing at Dream World on Thursday 22nd October. Mrs Leone Cox and Mrs Fiona Clark will be supervising the students (as well as teacher/s from Goonellabah PS). The bus will be leaving Clunes PS at 8.45am and students are asked to be at school by 8.30am to facilitate a smooth departure.

A note with final details will be sent home with students next week. The cost for the excursion has been reduced to $25 (original $40 less the expected discount from the ice cream fund raisers).
ICE CREAM DAY
Next Thursday Mrs Cox will be holding another ice cream day to help with the cost of our band performance at Dream World. Ice cream cones are a bargain, delicious price of $1 each with or without sprinkles.

School Photos - October 15th
As well as individual photos, we are offering family and group photos. To order family photos please pick up a FAMILY ORDER envelope from the front office. COOSH is having a group photo taken on the day as well.

Kinder Orientation for 2016
Our Kinder 2016 Orientation program commences on Thursday 22nd October. Mrs McKenzie will be welcoming our newest students at 9.00am. For their first session, students will stay until 11.00am. Parents are asked to send some fruit for fruit break, a water bottle and a hat (all clearly labelled with your child’s name). Subsequent days and times are as follows:
- Monday 26 October 9-11am
- Thursday 5 November 9-12 noon
- Monday 9 November 9-1pm

Our Parent Information Session is on Monday 26th October at 9.15am. We will have representatives from the P & C, COOSH, Live Life Well, Ethics, Scripture and the bus service available for parents to speak to. If you could contact the office to let us know if you are attending it would help for catering purposes.

Canberra /Sydney Excursion
Just a reminder, full payment for the major excursion to Canberra and Sydney is required by Friday 23rd October. The cost to parents in $550 per student plus there will be a small additional cost for breakfast on the downward journey and dinner on the Thursday evening. We will be stopping at McDonalds in Goulburn for breakfast and students will pre-order their selection so that breakfast will be ready and waiting when they arrive. The menu for breakfast will be sent out early next week. Medical Information sheets were sent home this week and we would appreciate if these were returned ASAP as we need to send information through to the accommodation.

Limit Screen time to Two hours
- 40% of children aged 5 – 12 years watch an average of two or more hours of television or videos a day. This does not include time on other kinds of screens.
- Studies have shown that we use less energy watching TV than just sitting still.

Auskick
Tomorrow, Lachlan from NAB AFL Auskick will be visiting the school to do activities with the various classes. This is a precursor to the Auskick program that will be run after school each Monday for 6 weeks starting 26th October. More information will be sent home with students tomorrow regarding the program and registration.

Notes due
Medical Information – Canberra Participants – ASAP
Interrelate – Year 5/6 only Friday 23rd October

P & C News
Welcome to term 4! There is so much going on this term with the P&C organizing some great end of year functions. We will be giving more details in the following weeks. We will need some help from parents with these events. Monday next week is the next P&C meeting - it will start at 6:15 and we will discuss fundraising and end of year events.

Uniform shop
If you require uniforms, you can contact Andrew on holisticgardencare@bigpond.com and send him your order. He will collate and package the order for you to pay for and collect at the front office.

Community Event
Very excited to announce a great community event coming up at Clunes Coronation Hall on Saturday 7th November, doors open at 7pm. The money raised for the event will be donated to the local school. Mick Buckley & the Hepcats, with the awesome Hepcat Horn Section, will be entertaining you for the night bringing you an energetic show of Jump Swing, Rock n Roll, Rockabilly and Jazz. Fronted by the Awesomeness Mick Buckley on lead vocals and stand up drums; accompanied by Memphis Belle on vocals and guitar; John Hill on keys; Mark Bromley playing a Thumpin’ Double Bass; and The Hepcat Horn Section are Trombone Kellie, Andy Hills on Sax and Ben Van Cleef on Trumpet. The Swing Obsession Dancers will be making an appearance along with some
special guests to be announced closer to the date! A pop up Vintage Photo Booth will be there, so make sure you come dressed for the occasion, Vintage/Retro is the theme. Prizes for the Best dressed Guys & Dolls. There will be ‘The Yummy Food Kitchen’ serving up some scrumptious Pulled Beef & Slaw Rolls and for the vegetarians a Veggie Curry with rice. We would love to see you! Spread the word...$15 door deal that includes you into the raffle. You can purchase a ticket online or make a donation- just go to the links provided, https://events.ticketbooth.com.au/event/clunes-community-fundraise or www.mickbuckleyandthehepcats.com or find them on Facebook.

We had a wonderful vacation care with a number of new children and staff this holidays. Following is a variety of the photos but there are a series in the hall showing each day’s activities and challenges. Enjoy!

Many thanks,
Hannah and the COOSH team

CALLING ALL CRICKETERS
Clunes Junior Cricket Club (CJCC) invites all primary school aged boys and girls to come and play cricket this summer. CJCC is having a ‘come and try’ muster day on Saturday the 10th of October between 10am and 12pm at the Clunes Public School Nets, James Gibson Drive, Clunes. New and returning players are invited to come along and enjoy a friendly hit together. Competitions get underway in mid-October. To receive a registration form or for any further enquiries, please email ClunesJuniorCC@outlook.com.au or contact Emma Fountain on 0427 151 545. Forms are also available from the school office.

At the end of last term we had NSW Bike Safety Week and Matt Slee, who rides with the AMR Renault team, came to speak with students about and sport of road cycling.