Dream World Band performance
Next week our Concert Band members will travel with Mrs Cox to perform at Dream World. This will be a very exciting day for our band students and we thank Mrs Cox for organising this opportunity.

Kindergarten Orientation starts Thursday
We look forward to our new 2016 Kindergarten students coming next week for their first visit. Children will enjoy their morning session with Mrs McKenzie starting at 9am and finishing at 11am. Parents and carers are invited to stay for the information morning at the second Kindergarten Orientation session on Monday 26th October from 9 to 11am. Parents will participate in an informative session with representatives from staff, P & C, Live Life Well, our bus company and other community members. This is a great opportunity for new parents to meet other parents and enjoy morning tea and a chat.

State Primary Principal’s Conference
I will be attending the State PPA conference in Sydney on Thursday and Friday of next week. I look forward to sharing inspiring and innovative ideas with our school community on my return.

17 more sleeps to the Year 4, 5, 6 Canberra & Sydney Excursion!
Next Monday evening at 5pm, we will be presenting an information session on our major excursion. This is vital information for parents, carers and students. It is important that everyone is aware of what to bring and what not to bring. Goolmangar and Upper Coopers Creek Primary Schools will also be participating in this excursion and all schools will have the same expectations. We look forward to this evening and the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

The Campaign begins...
At this week’s assembly, we will be introducing the 2016 Student Captain candidates. K – 6 students have the opportunity to observe our candidates in everyday situations to assist with choosing the best people to represent the student body. All candidates will present speeches at our assembly in Week 6 where student and staff voting will take place afterwards.
P & C meeting and Parent Forum and Discussion Evening

Thank you to everyone who participated in the information evening on NAPLAN and our forum on our school plan for 2016 and 2017. I hope you found this session worthwhile and I greatly appreciate your valued contributions. Parents and carers are welcome to send in suggestions for future information sessions as it is vital that everyone in our school community is well informed and able to contribute to our school’s strategic directions.

I’d also like to acknowledge the amazing and essential work our P & C team do. They are a small but energetic team who are well supported by a committed community. There are a number of events coming up in this busy term, and if you can offer assistance in any way to help spread the workload of our team, it would be much appreciated. Many thanks to President, Laura Hayward, who has worked so hard this year to support our school.

Michelle Slee
Principal

Expectation of the Week
“Our school is a put down free zone”

Student Assembly

Our next student assembly is tomorrow 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.

Band DreamWorld excursion

The bus for Dream World 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 was sent home with students yesterday. Please ensure medical notes have been returned and payment sent in.

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 along 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

Intensive Swimming Scheme

Our two week intensive swimming program starts on Monday 23rd November and will run for 10 consecutive days. The whole school is encouraged to participate in this life skills program. We will be running Learn to Swim classes for the non-swimmers and also cater for more experienced swimmers with Stroke Corrections and Life Saving Skills.

Cost for the program this year is $65 per student which includes bus fare and pool entry.

If students have a season pass to the Alstonville Pool the cost is reduced to $30 but the pass must be presented to the school office at the time of payment. Notes will be sent home early next week.

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.

Meet our new staff

Mrs Fiona Clarke will take on Woodwind and Brass instrument tuition

Mrs Rose Smith takes on the School Learning Support Officer position

Great celebrations: Fuel them up with the right kind of energy!

- Grate carrot & other vegies into lean mince for healthier sausage rolls or burgers.
- Try delicious kebabs made with lean meat, chicken or pork pieces and lots of vegies.
- Simple cheesy vegie muffins packed full of favourite vegies and reduced-fat cheese. Kids love the combination of flavour and colour of corn, capsicum & grated zucchini.
- How about sandwich sushi made with popular vegie fillings? Just cut crusts from wholegrain bread, spread thinly with low-fat cream cheese, add colourful vegie fillings, roll & slice into 2 or 3 pieces.
- Mini pizzas of half a wholemeal muffin topped with a range of fresh chopped veg, a little ham, tomato sauce and some grated reduced-fat cheese, place under grill for 5 minutes.
Notes due

Medical Information – Canberra Participants – Tuesday
Interrelate – Year 5/6 only Friday 23rd October

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.

This week we have been cooking huge amounts of cupcakes for our stall at the BBQ and Fun Day event this Sunday in Clunes Park from 10am – 2pm. Please come and support us as this will replace our planned suitcase and bake sale scheduled for the following week, which has been postponed to March 2016.

On Sunday COOSH will be organising face/body painting where you can choose from the scary to the patriotic or use your imagination to create a unique design with Carolyn, our talented artistic educator.

You can also decorate a cupcake with lots of yummy toppings. Cupcakes will cost $2 each and 50 cents for icing, then 20 cents per topping. Make them wild and wonderful with as many toppings as you like.

The COOSH children have a long wish list of toys and equipment they want to raise funds for so please come along with lots of cash! If you are unable to come and would like to make a donation to our toy fund, that would be most welcome. Hope to see you there!

Many thanks,

Hannah and the COOSH team

Community Event
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. 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.

or www.mickbuckleyandthehepcats.com or find them on Facebook

Clunes Community Preschool...
is now taking enrolments for 2016. We invite interested families to come to our Open Mornings on Wednesday 21st October or Thursday 29th October from 9.30 to 11am. Please come along and find out how preschool can support your child to be social, develop connections to the community, and learn the skills to be a lifelong learner.

For more information, call us on 66291551 or email clunespreschool@gmail.com

The area around us here is called East and includes the Rosebank, Clunes, Eltham, Bexhill and Lagoon Grass communities. A panel of local residents has been established and will meet quarterly. All residents are encouraged to join the panel.

The intention behind the creation of these districts is to encourage the residents of these communities with regard to:
- Inspiring interaction, leadership, volunteer input and action to achieve the community’s vision for their local area.
- Set directions and goals to achieve these outcomes in partnership with council, businesses and other organisations.
- Enhance the sense of community ownership of local facilities and services.
- Ensure that council’s forward plans take into account the visions and priorities of the local community.

To kick things off the East panel are holding a BBQ and Fun Day in the Clunes Park on Sunday 18th October from 10.00am to 2.00pm

The local fire brigade will man the BBQ for the day and there will be a display of priorities and dreams for our area for residents to comment on or add to so that we can give council a true indication of the wishes of our area. Local clubs and organisations will also set up stalls and displays for your enjoyment/ interest.

Let’s make this a great day. Come along and meet up with your neighbours and friends and enjoy an hour or two in the sunshine - we hope!

BBQ and Fun Day in Clunes park
Lismore City Council has divided the shire into seven districts in an effort to encourage more community involvement with the amenities, services and future plans for our villages and rural localities.
Moonlight Movies
@ Bexhill School

Family Fun & Food 6pm
31ST OCT

*jumping castle
*haunted house
*tractor rides
*face painting
*games
*art exhibition
*auction
*fancy dress prizes

Film starts at 8pm
*bring a picnic rug

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A Fair To Remember
Wollongbar Public School

P&C FETE
Saturday 17th October, 2015
9am – 2pm

Market Stalls, Plants, Entertainment, Second Hand books, Food, Coffee, Drinks, Cosies, Displays, Giant Slide, Mechanical Surfboard, Iron Man Obstacle course, Laser Tag, Bouncy Castle, Rock Wall, Inflatable Maze, Fairy Floss, Snow Cones and much more......

Pre-paid ride passes available from the School Office
$30 ($25 on the day)

For more info Active attraction Rides; http://www.activeattractions.com.au/

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Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/displacement

Key dates
Tuesday 13 October 2015
Application website opens
Monday 16 November 2015
Application website closes
Late applications will not be accepted
Thursday 25 February 2016
Test authority letter sent by mail and email
Thursday 16 March 2016
Selective High School Placement Test
Early July 2016
Placement outcome information

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.
There is more information at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/displacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit.

Contact details
High Performing Students Unit
NSW Department of Education
Email: school.selective@edl.nsw.edu.au
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Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Selectiveshighschoolplacement

* In this document, Unit refers to the High Performing Students Unit.
"Parent" is defined under the Education Act 1990 as a ‘guardian or other person having custody or care of a child’.