LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR!
It is unbelievable that next week is our last week of the 2014 school year and what a year it has been!
I am delighted to have continued the relieving position of Clunes Public School Principal for yet another year. It has not only been a pleasure to teach my wonderful Year 5 and 6 students but to have shared a very positive and productive year with all students, having the opportunity to get to know them well this year. All students should be proud of their achievements this year. Whether students progressed to a higher reading level, applied themselves to the best of their ability, displayed good citizenship, excelled in sport, creative or performing arts or academics, aspiring to do your personal best is clearly evident at Clunes Public School. Every day I reflect on how rewarding it is to work with such a professional, nurturing and dedicated team of teachers and staff. They all realise how fortunate they are to work in such a unique and supportive school community and show this with 100% commitment and enthusiasm at all times. Each member of our staff has experience, specific talents and skills to contribute to the school and their willingness to share expertise and work as a team provides a solid foundation for a supportive and inspiring educational environment. I publically want to thank them all for their tremendous hard work.
Our school would not be the positive environment that it is without our wonderful parents and community members. P & C members have been solid and tireless in their fund raising and commitment to school improvements and better student outcomes. It has again been a privilege to work with you all and each and every child benefits from your support. Below is a list of some of the highlights and achievements of this year. I’m sure I must have missed a number of events as it has been an action packed year. This list below of course does not include the fabulous core quality teaching and learning that occurs in each and every classroom, or the continual grounds improvements and the amazing ongoing work of our office staff led by the amazing Berni Cooper.

Sport highlights included: swimming carnivals, team competition in cricket, netball and soccer, cross country, athletics(reaching state level), K – 6 intensive swimming program, tennis, NRL and AFL workshops and visiting sporting teams such as the Fijian Cricket team.

Some of the student opportunities included: sustainable living and environmental programs such as Green Team,
Rous Water Audit, Water lab, film making winning $500 prize, Bright Sparks, Art smart, Operation art, Questacon, hands-on maths workshop, Deadly Australians, Student leadership conference, Life Education, NAIDOC week mural creation, Aboriginal Learning Circle, Kids connexions Anti Bullying program, Interrelate, Responsible dog owners, Performing Arts Festival, Clunes School choir, small schools choir and combined band and Dance Group, end of year concert and chess team.

In-school programs and initiatives included: our vegetable gardens, Nude Food Day, Student led recycling programs, Spelling Mastery, Public Speaking, computer coordinator team teaching computer skills, continued Mathletics and introduction of Reading Eggs, term one instead of term two parent, teacher interviews and Stage 3 Student Led Conferences, quality of school life review survey, improvements to signage, SMS and online banking. Additional playground activities: board games/ library, technology access, computer coordinator team teaching. Lismore Council donated 6 mature trees to replace the unsafe trees removed earlier in the year and students chose $400 worth of playground equipment.

Excursions included: Y1 – 6 Performing Arts Festival, Y5/6 Recycling Centre, Water Lab, Years 3,4,5,6 Lake Ainsworth camp and K, 1, 2 visiting the Macadamia Castle.

Staff Professional learning: Learning, Literacy and Language (L3), Tens mathematics program for year one and two, Technology, new syllabus implementation including English, Mathematics, and Science and Technology, CPR, Anaphylaxis training, Code of Conduct, National disability standards, Non-violent crisis intervention, Technology Scope and Sequence, English as a second language (ESL) programs, Reading Recovery, LMBR, finance workshops, teaching children with autism (to name a few courses).

Parents & Community have purchased $4000 worth of microphones, a large screen, more iPads, updated the school uniform to a more practical, smart shirt and contributed to many school improvements and supported our students’ education.

Very impressive!!!

Next week’s newsletter will be a collage of photos from our wonderful concert and other end of year events. It will only contain important dates for the following year. We look forward to another successful year with your children in 2015. We are pleased to say we have a number of new enrolments in throughout each year group and therefore will not be able to provide certainty in class structures until a few weeks into Term One. I’d like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas and holiday with those you love and care for around you.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Canteen open Monday only
Due to excess stock, P & C will again be opening the canteen for Monday of next week. Lunch orders must be pre-ordered on Friday.
Items available:
- Mini Pies (3) $2.00
- Mini Sausage Rolls (3) $2.00
- Mini Hotdogs $1.00

Last call for Library books
Please return all library books by Wednesday.

Outstanding accounts
All outstanding accounts need to be finalised by Wednesday 17th December. This includes music tuition and text books.

Remember payment can be made in person, by cheque or EFTPOS, credit card over the phone or pay online at www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

P & C - helpers needed
The P & C will be providing a canteen on the concert night from 5:30 to 6:30pm on Thursday 11th December. Anyone who is able to send in baked goods or assist in the canteen from 4.30pm cooking sausages etc., please contact Melissa Houghton on 66291087.

Uniform Shop Opening Times
The uniform shop will be open TOMORROW at 3pm. The new shirts will available for $20 and the old polo shirts are available at half price. If you are unable to come please email your orders to smurcho@gmail.com (at least 2 days prior to opening time).

The uniform shop will also be open on the first day of term next year -28th January, 2015 at 9am.

Thanks Sasha

It has been an exciting week at COOSH as the end of year is quickly approaching we have been busy making Christmas baubles and candy cane Reindeer. We have also had the opportunity to spend some time in the library playing drama
games and reading. There are still some spaces left for the two pupil free days the 18th and 19th and we are also opened on the Monday the 22nd as our last day and party day. Please bring a packed morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for these days. We open again on Monday the 5th of January with our fun filled vacation care program. From all of us at COOSH we would like to thank you for all your support throughout the year, wish you all a safe and happy holidays and can’t wait to see you all in New Year.

CLUNES RURAL FIRE
BRIGADE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RUN

Wednesday 24th December
Santa will be handing out lollies to the kids, both big and small. A Helmet will be passed around and any donations to the Clunes Rural Fire Brigade will be gratefully accepted.

Just a reminder that Santa’s route and times have changed

4:30pm Eureka Rd from Beacon Rd to Bangalow Rd
4:50pm Stewarts Rd only
4:30pm Pearses Creek School then onto Pearses Rd
4:45pm McLarty Rd to Etham School
5:00pm Etham Pub and Johnson Rd (including Federation Dr and Tildon Dr)
5:40pm Flatley Dr then Jarvis St (to Smith St intersection)
5:00pm Clunes Park then Booyong Rd (do Parks’ property 1120 Booyong Rd)
6:15pm Ryers Dr
6:40pm Along Walker St to the tennis courts
6:50pm Kooyong Dr & James Gibson Rd onto Mackie Rd (ending at Ridgeway Rd intersection)

Please Note, Times are approximate only.

MERRY CHRISTMAS &
BEST WISHES FOR 2015

Kids Art Lab

School Holiday
Art Classes
January 5-23.

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Class Time: 10:00am - 12:00noon Tuition: $18.00 per class Bookings Essential

Kids Art Lab is closing!

Thank you to all those who have supported Kids Art Lab over the past nine years, please join us for our final holiday art workshops.

Contact Us: Kids Art Lab @ The Northern Rivers Conservatorium
Address: Keen/Maggellum St, Lismore
Phone: 0429 384677
Email: admin@kidcartlab.com
Web: www.kidcartlab.com

Win an iPad Mini!

Join the Library’s
SUMMER READING CLUB
open to all young people aged 3-18 years
Free registration at your local public library
www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au
ADVENTURE!
Some teasers for tonight’s concert