WELCOME BACK!
We have had a very positive and exciting start to the new year. Mr Sky has been teaching all the Year Ones with his Year Twos while Mrs McKenzie has been getting to know her new Kindergarten students on a one to one basis with the Best Start Program.

As mentioned in the letter sent home yesterday, all public schools follow a formula for student numbers to create class structures and staff work within these boundaries to create the most appropriate placement for your child with many factors considered.

There will be a Kindergarten and Year One class formed and there may be some changes in Stage 2. Teachers have also planned some exciting new programs to ensure that children have a number of opportunities to engage in different learning experiences with their peers and enjoy the expertise and passions of each of our staffing team. Please be assured that your child’s individual learning needs have been carefully considered.

PRINCIPAL POSITION ADVERTISED
The Clunes Public School principal position has been advertised this week. A panel which includes Public School Director, John Lynch; a Teaching Principal; Clunes Public School teacher; and P & C representative will work through the merit selection process to select the best person for the position. This is great news for your school community.

OTHER CHANGES IN OUR SCHOOL
Our best wishes go to Ms Cathy McEwen who took on Mrs McKay’s music teaching role last year. Ms McEwen brought lots of fun and colour to our school and we thank her for her efforts. This year we welcome Mrs Leone Cox who takes on the role while Mrs McKay continues her leave. Many of you will already know Mrs Cox through her amazing work with our combined bands and choirs at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival and many other regional events. We welcome her to our team. Mrs Cox hopes to increase our band members this year and information is available for Year 3 to 6 students at the office.

We are thrilled to have Mrs Colleen Henderson continue to teach our 5 / 6 class on Thursdays, sharing her artistic flair and other expertise. We are also pleased to have School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) Karen Faber and Kate Cooper on board, and Mrs Andrea Pearce who will assist Mrs Cooper in the office on a regular basis.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WEEK 1</th>
<th>WEEK 2</th>
<th>WEEK 3</th>
<th>WEEK 4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Kindergarten students start</td>
<td>• Swimming notes due</td>
<td>• SRC elections</td>
<td>• Parent Information Evening starting at</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• P &amp; C Meeting 6:15pm</td>
<td></td>
<td>5:00pm with BBQ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Thursday 5 Feb.</td>
<td>Friday 20 Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• First North swimming trials</td>
<td>• Student Assembly</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

A proud member of the First North Community of Schools and The Rivers P-12
We would also like to wish Ms Keron James the very best as she sets out on a new journey in her teaching career. Ms James has made significant contributions to our school over recent years and we wish her all best. We hope to see her back from time to time.

We also welcome Mrs Hutchinson as our new Reading Recovery and Learning and Support Teacher (LAST). Mrs Lovell, our librarian continues to inspire us in the library and will begin teaching the Indonesian language and culture to all our students throughout the year.

VEGETABLE GARDEN GROWS!
This year we have expanded our Environmental and Sustainable Living Program with Mr Sky leading a program with all students throughout the year. Our vegetable garden group will continue at lunch time and this year every child will participate in Mr Sky’s program, ensuring this important part of their education is integrated into all Key Learning Areas. All teachers will take on a specialised program for K – 6 throughout the year. Further information will be provided in later newsletters and at the Information evening.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
Clear, open and comprehensive information is one our school’s priorities. We believe that it is essential that school and home work together to support their children in education.
We will be holding our Parent Information evening on Wednesday 18th February from 5pm to 7pm with P & C providing a BBQ. This is a great opportunity to meet new parents, chat with other families and of course receive and share essential information for the year ahead. Further information will come home in next week’s newsletter. Teachers will also send a note home providing parents and carers with information regarding equipment, resources and other costs.

Please do not hesitate to speak with your child’s teacher or myself should you have any questions. Please contact our office which is open from 8:30am and Mrs Berni Cooper will make arrangements for you to speak with teachers when they are off class and duty. Mrs Cooper is also a fountain of knowledge and can help you out with general school information.
A reminder that we have added SMS to our communication strategies and provided Direct Debiting to make life easier for our parents.

FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR 2015
Our first assembly will be held on Friday 20th February at 2pm. At this assembly our Year 6 buddies will introduce our new Kindergarten students and we will hold an induction ceremony for our new captains, Maddie and Connor, and our new Student Council Representatives. We hope many family and community members will join us on this important occasion.

GET YOUR SWIMMERS AND GOGGLES READY!
The First North Group of Schools swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 5th March.

After the tremendous success of our K – 6 swimming program last year, we expect to see a huge increase in the number of students able to compete and strongly encourage all children turning 8 year or older who can swim 50 metres to participate in this event. Mr Priestley will provide further information and a note will be sent home today.

LAST YEAR ENDED ON A HIGH NOTE!
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the end of term being a great success. Our end of year concert was amazing. No storm and complete blackout was going to spoil our evening! In fact running the show by generator (courtesy of Mark Bridges) made the show a night to always remember. It reflected the spirit and support of the community and the talent and resilience of our students. Thank you to P & C members, parents, Mark Bridges, Mr Priestley, all teaching and non-teaching staff and students who worked so hard to make this evening a very special and entertaining one.

The Year 6 farewell was wonderful and we want to express our gratitude to Megan McKenzie and all our Year 5 parents who provided a delicious buffet. Mrs Henderson created a beautiful room with the blue, silver and white themed decorations while Mrs Cooper again produced a lovely slide show of photos which took us down memory lane through our students’ milestones. It was a very fitting send off for a great group of Year 6 students.
All staff and P & C contributed to a fun disco and the end of year excursions were enjoyed by all.
We have included some photos to reminisce!

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Expectation of Weeks 1 & 2:
“LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND”
Assembly
Our first assembly for the year will be on Friday 20 February at 2pm in the school hall. All families and community members are invited to attend.

CyberSafety
Prior to second P & C meeting of the term (date to be confirmed) there will be a presentation on "How to keep your child safe on the internet" with Senior Constable Laleynya Ryan.
Students in years 4, 5 and 6 will also be attending a workshop on Cyber Safety at 2pm on the same day.

Music Tuition
Instrument tuition will commence next week on Wednesday 4 February.

Clunes School offers clarinet, saxophone, flute, drums, guitar and trumpet lessons with Mr Hort for students in years 3 to 6. Cost is $90 per term and students who need to hire instruments can do so for a fee of $100 for the year. A note was sent home with interested students and needs to be returned by Monday morning to allow us to organise a roster and allocate instruments.

We also offer piano tuition with an instructor from HotHouse Music. You will need to contact them directly on 0422782141 to book in for lessons. Please note the contact number for Hothouse Music is the mobile number above not the number provided on the note.

Student Banking
Student banking with the Commonwealth Bank is every Wednesday during term. Students can apply for an account online at https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids.html

Auditions for Aladdin the Musical
The auditions for students in Years 5 and 6 who are interested in participating as Choir, Band and Dance members for The Rivers P-12 production of Aladdin will be held next Thursday afternoon 5 February as follows:

  Choir: Goonellabah PS from 4pm
  Band: Goonellabah PS from 4pm
  Dance: Wyrallah Road PS Hall from 4pm

An information package can be collected from the front office is interested.

Uniform Shop
If you are missed Sasha on Wednesday morning or were unable to come, you can still get your uniforms by emailing your orders to smurcho@gmail.com

Sasha will then process your orders and drop them off at the office for collection and payment. Currently the size 8 shirts (new style) are out of stock but we are anticipating a delivery in the near future. Thanks Sasha
Community Sign-ons

**Eureka Football (Soccer) Club**
Sign on day: SAT FEB 7
from 10am-12 midday at Eureka Public School

**FUNKY MOVES DANCE STUDIO**
LISMORE - CLUNES - BYRON BAY
SIGN UP FOR 2015 - Dance
All ages - Check our website [www.funkymoves.com.au](http://www.funkymoves.com.au)

Lismore & Clunes
SATURDAY THE 31ST OF JANUARY
9.00AM - 12.00PM at the Lismore City Hall Dance Studio - 1 Bounty St Lismore.

Email me - nina@jeftic.com.au
Ph Nina – 0408412788

**LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB 2015 JUNIOR SIGN ON**

Lismore Thistles Soccer Club’s Junior Sign-on Days will be held at Thistles Park, Military Road, East Lismore, from 9.00am to 1.00pm on each Saturday in February 2015.

All current and new players are welcome and we have junior teams from Grade 6 to Grade 16 (5 to 16 years).

Full fees are required to be paid at Sign On or by agreement on the day – however a minimum of 50% of the fees are to be paid at Sign On and the remainder no later than Thursday 30th April 2015.

For further information, contact Wayne on 0401 069242.
[lismorethistlessc@ffnc.net.au](mailto:lismorethistlessc@ffnc.net.au)    [www.lismorethistles.com.au](http://www.lismorethistles.com.au)