THE TERM IS IN FULL SWING!
Our kindergarten students have had a wonderful start to the year, making friends quickly, enjoying many new challenges and following the routines of daily school life. All our students have settled well into their new classes and at this stage the class structure will remain the same.

CLUNES SWIMMING TEAM
Today 21 students headed off to compete in the First North Swimming Carnival at Alstonville. We wish our competitors the best of luck and thank Mr Priestley and Mrs Cooper for their organisation. Stay tuned for more news and results next newsletter.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING
Our Parent information evening will be held on Wednesday 18th February. The evening will begin with a very reasonably priced BBQ run by the P & C and an opportunity to catch up with family and friends at 5:45pm.
At 6:15pm Mrs McKenzie and Mr Priestley will present talks in their classrooms.
At 7pm Mr Sky and Mrs Slee will present talks in their classrooms.

ELECTION BBQ 28th MARCH 2015
State Election voting will be held in our school hall on Saturday 28th March. The P & C and staff will again work together to provide breakfast, morning tea or lunch for those who are passing by. If you are interested in helping in anyway please let the school know.

STUDENT LEADERS ELECTED
Congratulations to our Student Council Representatives who were elected this week. Names will be published in next week’s newsletter and the official induction for our student leaders will be held on Friday 20th February at 2pm. We will also be inducting our sport house captains and vice captains along with a special welcome to our new kindergarten. A very special assembly to begin the year!

DON’T MISS THE NEXT P & C MEETING
Monday was the first meeting for P & C and as usual, it was a meeting filled with enthusiasm, great ideas for fund raising and ways to support our school. The next meeting on Monday 2nd March at 6:15pm is a very important one as it will be the Annual General Meeting where all positions are declared vacant and filled again.

The saying “Many hands make light work” applies here and it is another opportunity to be very well informed about

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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your child’s education and what is happening in and around the school.

Prior to this meeting we will have a special presentation from Senior Constable Ryan on “How to keep your child safe on the internet” at 5:30pm. This is vital information for any parent whose child has access to the computer and social media. Our Year 4, 5 & 6 students will also participate in a presentation on that day.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Expectation of Weeks 3 & 4:
“THE BELL MEANS STOP PLAY, HAVE A DRINK, GO TO THE TOILET AND WASH YOUR HANDS”

Introducing our new teachers

Hi Everyone,

My name is Linda Hutchinson. I live locally and have taught in local schools for several years. I will be the Reading Recovery teacher and involved in the Learning and Support program this semester. I am very happy to be at Clunes Public School and look forward to working with staff, students and parents.

Mrs Leone Cox is our new Music Teacher and will continue in Mrs McKay’s role whilst she is on leave.

Music Tuition

We have had a wonderful response to our Music Tuition this year and Mr Hort and Mrs Cox are thrilled to have such an enthusiastic group of students to work with.

All tuition including keyboard is on Wednesday, so don’t forget to bring your instruments and music each Wednesday.

Fees for clarinet, sax, flute, guitar, trumpet and drums is now due - $90 for the term and if your child is hiring an instrument there is also a $50/semester hire fee. Fees can be paid at the office, over the phone (credit card only) or online (credit card only).

An invoice for keyboard tuition will be sent from HotHouse music independent of the school.

Canberra/Sydney Excursion Years 4-6- deposit due

In November this year, students in Years 4-6 will have the opportunity to travel to Canberra and Sydney to experience Parliament, the War Memorial, AIS, Opera House and much, much more.

Cost for the excursion is estimated at around $600 per student. Final costing will be available once we have confirmed numbers.

We will require a $75.00 deposit from each student who intends to participate in the excursion by 27th February. As per previous years, I am happy to set up a payment plan for families who want to take the opportunity to pay by instalments.

Anyone for cricket?

The Northern Rivers PSSA Cricket Trials for both girls and boys are on Monday 16th February at Goonellabah Sports Club nets. Any students in years 5-6 who play cricket and who are interested in trialling please see Mr Priestley for nomination forms. All paperwork needs to be returned to the school office by Monday 9th February.

A word from the school captains

We are very happy to be school captains for 2015 and to be the face of our school. We have some exciting and interesting ideas that we would love to bring into the school.

We are excited to be doing a school excursion to Sydney and Canberra with all the learning opportunities that it will provide while we are still having fun.

Our senior classes are very happy to be involved with sporting teams for this year. Last year we were very successful in our soccer, netball and cricket teams.

We hope to improve our school by our ideas and a very happy and successful year for the whole school.

Maddie Mitchell and Connor Meldrum

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

On Monday 2nd March, prior to the P & C meeting, 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.
**School Fees and Textbook Fees**

This year **School Fees** will remain the same as last year – $30 for a single child  
$50 per family  
On top of this, there are **Textbook Fees** as follows –  
Kindergarten $38.00  
Year 1 $55.00  
Year 2 $60.00  
Years 3-6 $55.00  
The textbook fee covers subscriptions to Reading Eggs (K-6) and Mathletics (Yrs 1-6); Handwriting books (K-2); Maths Book (K only); Spelling Mastery (Yrs 1-6) and a paper levy and Mathletics (Yrs 1-6); Handwriting books (K-2); Maths Book (K only) and Reading Eggs (K-6)  
Years 3-6 $55.00  
Year 1 $55.00  
Year 2 $50.00  

Payment can be made at the office (cash, cheque or EFTPOS) over the phone (credit card only) or online via the [Make a Payment](https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids.html) link on our website [www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**Parking in Walker Street**

We have had a request from the owners of the property opposite the school entrance on Walker Street for parents NOT TO PARK on the council strip adjoining their property. Please park along the kerb on the school side or up at the Clunes Hall.

**Student Banking**

Student banking with the Commonwealth Bank is every Wednesday during term. This year’s banking theme is *Outer Space Savers* and the banking rewards are ‘out of this world’ with invisible ink martian pens, lunar light bands, E.T. dvds and more. Students can apply for an account online at [https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids.html](https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids.html)

**P & C News**

**Canteen Co-ordinator**

- The P&C requires a Canteen Co-ordinator. This very rewarding position allows you to set the day(s) you wish to work, see your children at school as well as the opportunity to cook up a storm! Please do not hesitate to chat to any member of the P&C committee or email for more information [Allisia_@hotmail.com](mailto:Allisia_@hotmail.com)

**Parent Information Night**

- We are seeking donation of cakes/muffins/desserts to sell at the canteen on the night. Please drop them off at the canteen when you arrive.

**AGM**

- P&C’s Annual General Meeting is being held on Monday 2nd March at 6.15pm. This will be followed by a normal P&C Meeting. All positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Co-ordinator) will be declared vacant and available for nominations. **You do not have to have a position to participate in the P&C**. Come and be a part of a very rewarding experience that supports our children, our school and our community. It is also a great chance to meet new people and work with a very successful team. Please contact me if you have any queries: Ay-Shin [Allisia_@hotmail.com](mailto:Allisia_@hotmail.com) or 0411 468 461)

**Community Sign-ons**

- **EUREKA FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB** Sign on day: SAT FEB 7 from 10am-12 midday at Eureka Public School. Call Fiona on 0417750069 or visit [eurekafc.com](http://eurekafc.com)
- **LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB 2015 JUNIOR SIGN ON** at Thistles Park, Military Road, East Lismore, from 9.00am- 1.00pm each Saturday in February 2015. Contact Wayne on 0401 069242.
- **DUNOON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** Registration now open at [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au) or sign up on Feb 7th (10am-12); Feb 11th (4-6pm) or Feb 14th (10am-12). Contact Rob Gatt 0428884222 or Matt Hill 0438509284.
- **MARIST BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE** - SIGN ON Saturday 7th and 14th Feb 10.00am – 1.00pm and Thursday 19th Feb 4.00 – 6.00pm at Crozier Oval – next to Oakes Oval. New players please bring original birth certificate. Online re-registration for existing players. Contact Jason Drew 0401 321289
- **BANGALOW SOCCER CLUB** Junior Sign on Sat 7th Feb 9 -11am and Thurs. 12th Feb 4-7pm. Contact Sherese Hanigan on 0434559700 or visit the website [www.bangalowbluedogs.com.au](http://www.bangalowbluedogs.com.au)
Boogie Down at the Clunes Disco
The Clunes Coronation Hall will be rocking to the sounds of modern beats on Friday February 6, at the first ‘Clunes Disco’. Four young locals have organised the event to mark the start of the school year and give kids the opportunity to come together and party before the real work of the year begins.
Caleb, Ryan, Toby & Josh have been working together and with their parents, to bring a great night of stomping and shaking to wake the old hall up! Coming from musical families, they have the know-how, equipment and certainly the enthusiasm to make this a great night. The disco will run from 6.30 until 9.00pm and is for 7 to 14 year olds. Cost of entry is $3.00.
There will be adult supervision on site, but parents are encouraged to stay and have a dance and join in the fun. The boys have a few great rock classics in the mix, to get ‘former generations’ up on their feet!
Coles, at Lismore Square have generously helped out with funding for soft drinks and lollies, and Byron Bay Captured has donated bottles of water. All of this will be available for purchase on the night.
Any funds raised will go towards the continued upkeep of the hall, and other local charity groups.
The kids want to ‘bring the vibe back to the village’, so get behind them and come along for a terrific night of entertainment.
For further information you can email them at clunesdisco@gmail.com. You can also contact Ryan (or his parents who are helping out) on 66291678.