PARENT/CARER INFORMATION EVENING
A final reminder to keep next Wednesday, 18th February for our Parent Information evening. The evening will begin at 5:45pm with a very reasonably priced BBQ run by our friendly, hard-working P & C. 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. The talks are aimed at providing parents and carers with comprehensive information about what is happening in our classrooms, around the school and throughout the year rather than individual student progress. Interviews and Student Led Conferences will be held in the last three weeks of this term while parents/carers of students with Individual Learning Plans will meet with teachers over the next few weeks. If you need to bring your children on this evening, P & C President, Ay-Shin Chiou has kindly offered to supervise children while they watch a movie in our library. The safety of our students is our highest priority and therefore we ask that there are no children left to play in the playground unsupervised. We look forward to sharing with you the wonderful things happening at Clunes Public School.

STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION CEREMONY
This week our Student Council Representatives (SRC) were elected. They will join our School Captains, Maddie and Connor next week at an Induction Ceremony on Friday 20th February at 2pm. Congratulations to the following SRC students:
- K/1 – Year One – Peppa
- 1/2 – Year One – Lachlan
- Year Two – Toby
- 3/4 – Year Three – Riley
- Year Four – Channel
- 5/6 – Year Five – Charlie
- Year 6 – Alex

Our Sport House Captains will be announced next week as we are holding elections today. The Induction ceremony will be followed by our Year 6 students introducing their new Kindergarten Buddies. Staff look forward to sharing this special event with many proud parents and community members.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
I was thrilled to be able to take the opportunity to cheer on our students at the First North Swimming Carnival last Friday. Our students were great ambassadors for our school both in their enthusiastic participation and their exemplary behaviour. Well done one and all!
There were also many compliments passed on our new smart uniform! Thank you to the many parents who assisted with this event.

ETHICS CLASSES
One of the many special qualities about Clunes Public School is that we are a small school which offers an abundance of opportunities for our students. One of our parents is currently looking into being trained in teaching Ethics Classes. These classes would be scheduled at the same time as our scripture class. We have included a form to gauge interest in ethics classes. We would appreciate everyone returning this information as soon as possible.

UPDATED WEBSITE
Have you looked at our updated 2015 website? This will continually change and evolve as the year progresses. We’d like to thank Mrs Berni Cooper who has been working hard on the website to make sure it provides a true reflection of our wonderful school community.

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”

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. As this is the first assembly for the year we will have an Induction Ceremony for the School Captains and members of the SRC as well as a special introduction of our Kindergarten cohort by their year 6 buddies.

CyberSafety Presentation
Students in years 4, 5 and 6 will be attending a workshop on Cyber Safety with Senior Constable Laleynya Ryan from the local police command at 2pm on Monday 2nd March.

There will also be a presentation for parents and carers on “How to Keep your Child Safe on the Internet” with Senior Constable Ryan at 5.30pm on the same day prior to the scheduled P & C meeting.

Canberra/Sydney Excursion Years 4-6- deposit due
Notes regarding the Canberra/Sydney Excursion were sent home last week. We will require a $75.00 deposit from each student who intends to participate in the excursion by 27th February. The excursion will need to be paid in full by mid-October. 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. Families who are experiencing financial hardship can make an appointment to speak with Mrs Slee in regard to payment options.

School Fees and Textbook Costs
This year School Fees will remain the same as last year – $30 for a single child or $50 per family. On top of this, there are Textbook Fees as follows –

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Payment can be made at the office (cash, cheque or EFTPOS) over the phone (credit card only) or online via the Make a Payment link on our website www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The Rivers Secondary College Year 7 2016 Transition Information Evening
Stage 3 students and parents are invited to come along to the Lismore Workers Club Auditorium on Wednesday 25 February from 6pm-7pm to find out more about The Rivers Secondary College, how it works and the benefits for students as they move into high school. You will hear from John Baker, Executive Principal of The Rivers Secondary College and have the opportunity to meet, hear from and speak to students and other key personnel from each high school.

This evening is designed to give an overview of The Rivers Secondary College prior to each high school holding its individual session in coming weeks: Kadina HS on Wednesday 11 March; Lismore HS on Tuesday 10 March; and Richmond River HS on Thursday 5 March.

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
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 Coordinator) will be declared vacant and available for nominations. You do not have to have a position to participate in the P&C.

Please contact me if you have any queries: Ay-Shin (Allisia_@hotmail.com or 0411 468 461)

Our newsletter is full of essential information and celebration of our achievements. We hope that all our parents use this as an important communication link between home and school. This week we are giving two mystery prizes to the first 2 families that send in a message “We love our Clunes Public School newsletter”. Winners will be published in next week’s newsletter.

This week at COOSH we still have no photos but we do have a new camera thanks to the generosity of our committee—we just haven’t figured out how to use it yet! This Tuesday we had our largest number ever, with 18 children attending COOSH; it’s lovely to welcome some new faces to our service and watch the ‘regulars’ teaching them our games and routines, making them feel at home. This week we have created some funny felt pen covers, made coconut bread in a cooking activity and learned how to play one of our new board games ‘Sorry’. New to us but apparently this game has been around since the 1930’s. We have enjoyed the fine weather, playing with billy carts, roller skates, steppers and even managing chin-ups on the play equipment. Did you know that according to recent studies 87% of Australian children do not spend enough time engaged in outside play—well at COOSH this is certainly not the case! We still have spaces available for casual or regular day bookings—simply call us on 66291750 or contact us through the school.

Exploring parents views on school lunchbox choices

We are inviting parents, carers and/or guardians who provide a packed lunch for their child to take part in a research study which aims to explore factors that influence what parents pack in their child’s lunchbox. Participation in this research will involve taking part in an informal interview that will last for approximately 45 minutes, and can either be face-to-face at a mutually convenient location or over the phone if you prefer.

In recognition for your time in taking part, we are offering a $30 fruit and vegetable voucher to participants. The research study will be conducted by Amy Roche and Dr Avigdor Zask (Northern NSW Local Health District) and Dr Lisa Hanna (Deakin University). If you are interested in taking part, please contact Amy on 0497074706 (mobile) or email amy.roche@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Beating Picky Eating

Children with strong food preferences who limit their intake of the needed variety of foods can be a challenge. Some of the following ideas may be helpful:

- Remember: Parents choose “which” foods, children decide “how much”
- Create a positive environment at the table, make meal times pleasant
- Be a good role model
- Stick to a routine
- Provide the same meals for the whole family
- Take children shopping, involve them in planning and preparation
- Limit sweet drinks and juice so children have an appetite
- If you are stuck in a constant battle, maybe try a different approach.

# FREE Parenting by Connection

This is a free six-week program that gives parents the tools they need to strengthen their relationships with their children. It will assist parents to:

- meet other parents
- learn ways to help manage anger/frustration
- strengthen relationships with their children, creating a longer lasting bond
- gain new ideas on managing their children’s tricky behaviour
- increase play and fun activities with their children
- reduce stress from parenting

Fridays, 10:00am to 1:00pm
20 February – 27 March 2015
Venue: Interrelate
5 Market Street, Lismore NSW 2480

For information and to reserve a place, call Belinda Keech at Interrelate:
phone: 6623 2750 | mobile: 0475 817 383
email: belinda.keeche@interrelate.org.au

Sponsored by YOU Community for Children Project.
**Community Sign Ons**

**COME AND PLAY WITH US!**

**LISMORE WORKERS FC’s SOCCER SIGN ON**

Saturday February 14th, 21st & 28th

9am til 1pm at the Club House in Brewster St.

(Next to Lismore Shopping Square)

Junior boys and girls from 5yr to 17yrs

Contact Sharon Lane 0466388422

www.lismoreworkersfc.org.au

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**Northern Rivers Conservatorium - Children’s**

**Music Classes 1-7 years**

Our childhood music classes known as ‘Sprouts’ ‘Seedlings’ and ‘Saplings’ are held weekly for 1 to 7 year olds. Our dedicated teachers Felicity Clifton and Heidi Chappelow provide engaging and inspiring learning in a playful and creative environment, introducing music concepts through singing, movement, rhythm and musical games.

**Tuesday’s during school term**

- 9:30-10:15am ‘Little Sprouts’ (toddlers) with Felicity
- 10:15-11:00am ‘Big Sprouts’ (preschoolers) with Felicity
- 3:30-4:15pm ‘Seedlings’ (pre-instrumental) with Heidi
- 4:00-4:45pm ‘Saplings’ (budding instrumental) with Heidi

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**Person Centred Behaviour Support Training**

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

Do you support people with disabilities in your community?
Do you want to improve inclusion in your community?

If so, Northcott welcomes community members to a free workshop to explore the needs of and support strategies required to work with people with a disability.

The session will cover:
- Understanding disabilities
- Understanding behaviour (why does he/she do it?)
- How do I promote inclusion?
- How do I ensure my venue / event is accessible?

**About the presenter**

**Jacqui Monro** has a background in community work and disability support. She is a trainer and assessor for community workers, mental health and disability. Jacqui has experience working with children with complex learning, out of home care and neurotypical youth.

**Location** | **Date** | **Time** | **Venue**
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Ballina | Wed 11th Feb 2015 | 9am - 10am | Function room | Ballina Surf Club
Tweed Heads | Sat 21st Feb 2015 | 9.30am - 10am | MACC Centre, Tweed Heads

To secure a place please contact:
Kelli Anderson at our Ballina office on 02 6626 5600
kelli.anderson@northcott.com.au

**Cost:**
FREE

But get in quick, there's limited spaces! (Includes light refreshments)

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**Our Police School Liaison Officer has contacted our office alerting us to the fact that beaches in the Ballina Shire are currently closed.**

Please ensure no water activities in these closed areas are conducted - contact your local council for further details.

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**Baseball 2015**

**JUNIOR come & try day**

**Sunday 1st March**

**10am Albert Park**

**FREE**

**Club Sign On Days**

**LISMORE WORKERS**

3.10-17, 24 & 31 March

Contact 0414 226 497

workerbaseball50@gmail.com

**MARIST BROTHERS**

3.10-17, 24 & 31 March

Contact 0438 417 344

maristbros.baseball@hotmail.com

**NORTHS BEARS**

4.11-18 & 25 March

Contact 0458 122 445

northybaseball@gmail.com

**EASTS REDBIRDS**

5, 12, 19, 26 March

Contact 0431 021 085

redbirdsbaseballclub@gmail.com

6 - 19 years at
ALBERT PARK, LISMORE
4.00pm - 5.30pm

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More gardening with Mr Sky
Dear parents and carers,
Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an alternative for children in non-scripture. The curriculum is available for children from K-6

Primary Ethics (a not-for-profit organisation) is the NSW Dept. of Education authorised provider of ethics classes. The curriculum is inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give and take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

Primary Ethics will need at least 2 volunteers to get started, an Ethics Coordinator to liaise between the school and Primary Ethics, and one teacher for each class. For more information about Primary Ethics including our curriculum, or if you would like to volunteer as an Ethics Teacher or Ethics Coordinator at the school please go to www.primaryethics.com.au

We can start ethics classes at Clunes Public School if there is enough demand. Please let me know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child be returning the slip below by Friday 20th February.

Michelle Slee
Acting Principal

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child.
Child’s Name:_________________________________________________ Class: _________________________
Signed: ______________________________________________________  Date: _________________________

Yes, please register my interest in Primary Ethics:
My name: ____________________________________________________
In 2015 my child is in Year: _______________________________________
My email address: ________________________________________________________________________________

Primary Ethics will only contact you about Primary Ethics and ethics classes. Your details will be stored securely and will not be passed onto any third party.
Election Day BBQ!

Come vote at Clunes Public School on 28th March and support the children of Clunes.

Breakfast, morning tea and lunch will be served from 8am till 2pm. Drinks available.

Clunes Staff and P&C Association