Clunes Public School Newsletter
26 February 2015 Week 5 Term 1

Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land

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STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION CEREMONY
We will be holding our Student Leader Induction ceremony tomorrow (Friday 27/2), starting at the earlier time of 2pm. We look forward to many proud parents joining us on this occasion. We are excited to also have the opportunity to formally introduce our 2015 Kindergarten students to our school community. We hope you can participate in this very special first assembly for 2015.

OFF TO ZONE!
Our best wishes go to Amika, Juliette, Bodhi and Matthew as they compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival today!

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ON THE INTERNET
Monday 2nd February, 5:30pm
Next Monday at 2pm our Year 4, 5 & 6 students will participate in a workshop on internet safety. Senior Constable Ryan will also provide a presentation for parents at 5:30pm. This is an essential session for every parent who knows the value of their child possessing technology skills but wants to ensure their children are safe when using the computer.

P & C MEETING MONDAY 6:15pm
The annual general meeting for the Clunes Public School Parents’ & Citizens’ Association will be held on Monday at 6:15pm after the special Internet Safety Presentation. We hope that everyone will stay on and become greater informed about how our community and school can work together to support our students’ education.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
This Friday, our students will help look after our school environment by collecting any rubbish found on the school site. Children can bring in their own gloves to help out tomorrow. Students have been talking about the importance of this campaign and will discuss the type of rubbish found and suggest some solutions to this global problem.

PARENT HELPERS WANTED!
At our Parent information, teachers discussed specific times and areas that required parent helpers. These include sporting events; P & C catered events, individual student programs, home reading organisation and other administration. We are urgently seeking a parent to run a ½ hour program on 2 mornings other than Thursday.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

A proud member of the First North Community of Schools and The Rivers P-12
We also asked if anyone is interested in assisting with the writing of grant applications and other fund raising possibilities. We’d love to hear from our community regarding their talents, expertise and interests as we are aware that there is a wealth of knowledge and skills in our community that will enhance our students’ education. If you are able to help with any of these, please contact the school office.

ETHICS CLASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEK
Kim Goodrick has just completed her Ethics teacher training and will provide lessons beginning next Tuesday. This class is run at the same time as scripture. The content of the course is Stage specific and therefore Kim will be teaching the group with the biggest interest which as this time is the Stage 2 students. We currently have another parent interested in being trained and as we gain more trained teachers, we will be able to provide a wider scope of Ethics classes. Thank you to Kim for providing this opportunity for our students.

Michelle Slee
Relieving Principal

Expectation of the Week
“PLAY IT SAFE! – LEAVE STICKS, STONES AND SEED PODS WHERE YOU FOUND THEM.”

Assembly
Our first Student Assembly is on tomorrow Friday 27th February in the school hall, starting at the earlier time of 2:00pm.

Combined Band
Mr Hort has selected 14 of our budding musicians to attend the Combined Band Practice at Goonellabah Public School on March 17th. This will lead into the Combined Band performance at the LismorePerforming Arts Festival in August this year. Notes will be distributed to eligible students today.

Small Schools’ Choir
Students who wish to sing in the Small Schools’ Choir at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival in August will receive a note with information about the choir today. Students will start learning the songs with Mrs Leone Cox and there will be a cluster rehearsal at Clunes P.S. on Tuesday 24th March.

Installation of Flashing Lights
The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of next year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times. Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plan to install signs outside Clunes Public School on Walker Street the week beginning Monday 2 March 2015 outside of 40km school zone hours. Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting. Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.
For more information about the flashing lights program please visit the Centre for Road Safety website at www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe (go to the schools section).

Canberra Excursion
Tomorrow is the due date for the Canberra note and $75 deposit. At present we still require another 6 students to participate or the entire excursion will need to be cancelled.
If you are intending for your child/children to participate please return your note TOMORROW.
If you are experiencing financial difficulties please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Slee regarding assistance that may be available.

Fees
A gentle reminder to families that fees for textbooks, voluntary contribution and music tuition are now due. 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

Keep Reading our Newsletter
Congratulations to the Amika and Matthew, and Caitlin for answering last week’s puzzle correctly and getting the answer to Mr Sky first thing Monday morning. For those of you who are still trying to work it out, the answer was ‘Expectation of the Week’.
This week, the first person to tell Mr Sky on Monday morning where in the newsletter I have hidden the Clean Up Australia logo, will win a prize. (Hint: it is hidden in one of the photos)

Please update emergency contact details
Thank you to the families who responded to our request for emergency contact details. It would be greatly appreciated if ALL families (except our Kindergarten families) could please send through their up-to-date contact details.
Notes Due

- Scripture and Ethics Note: ASAP
- Canberra Consent and Deposit: due 27th February
- Combined Band Practice: 13th March
- Small School’s Choir: 13th March

P & C News

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 or 0411 468 461)

The children have been creative in a number of ways this week. On Monday we constructed totem poles from junk modelling materials and discussed how they told stories about important people or events in tribal history. Aggie used sports equipment to create an obstacle course for children to negotiate before heading up to the stage for a ‘dance off’ competition. Learning simple printing techniques children carved out image, rolled paint on and watched as their picture appeared after carefully pressing the paint-covered design on paper.

If your child would like to get creative in a variety of ways, we still have spaces available and lots of ideas to get them inspired, inventing and active.

The COOSH team

WHY DON’T WE SELL SOFT DRINKS?

In Australia, children are consuming too many sugar-sweetened drinks, which are high in kilojoules and low in nutrients. "One in five (21.2%) 2 – 15 year olds drink at least six cups of sugar sweetened drink a day according to " The Health of Children and Young People in NSW" Report of the Chief Health Officer 2014. Some are having more than 11 cups or 176 gr sugar a day. Since 2007, the Sugar-Sweetened Drinks Ban has been in place in all NSW schools.

This ban applies to soft drinks, energy drinks, fruit drinks, flavoured mineral water, sports drinks, cordials and iced teas. Instead go for the best of all: water.

Community News

CLUNES TENNIS CLUB

Clunes Tennis Club is looking for players for our Winter Competition which will start on 18th April 2015. We are a local club with an emphasis on fun as well as enjoying the competitive side of the game. Our winter competition is played on Saturday afternoons from 12.30 onwards at Clunes and at Booyong and/or Eltham courts. Teams consist of 4 players graded 1-4, all games are doubles and each player plays four sets. Games finish by around 4.30-5.00pm after which players are invited to stay for light refreshments.

If you are interested in playing in the competition or even just joining our club, please contact Andrew Mitchell on 0431602640 or at andrew@onlinecoins.com.au or Berni Cooper (Secretary) on 0401755797.

LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB - 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 February 2015.

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

- Non-competitive teams (small sided games) from Grade 6 to Grade 11.
- Competitive team competition from Grade 12 through to Grade 16 (boys and girls).

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.

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Delicious
Rare
Amazing
Great
Over priced
Nasty
Fuzzy
respected
Unique
It is slippery
Tastes like mango and lychees

By Ethan Bridges

AROUND THE CLASSES

Help the bus driver stay safe!

Stay seated

No yelling

Listen to directions

Be polite