LAST WEEK’S ASSEMBLY
It was wonderful to have Public Education Director, John Lynch, join us and celebrate our newly appointed student leaders and announce my appointment to the position of Clunes Public School Principal. As I stated in the letter sent home last week, I am extremely honoured to have this position and am excited to continue the journey through the many changes in education.

The Department of Education and Communities has worked hard to bring about huge improvements in our curriculum, teaching standards, strategies and systems. Technology is interwoven into everything we do and it is vital that our children understand how to use it to be creative and innovative in their learning while understanding what authentic, safe and correct “netiquette” is.

Staff understand the importance of professional learning to keep up to date with current changes while closely monitoring students. We also acknowledge that parents and carers need to be well informed in this area to support and assist their children’s education. We will provide workshops in technology and other areas for our community on a regular basis.

I will do my very best to work with our tremendous staff team and supportive community to provide quality, engaging, 21st century learning and a wealth of opportunities while retaining the belief that “it takes a village to raise a child” and our children are lucky to be raised in the special village of Clunes.

FUND-RAISING THIS TERM
On the 26th March, our Student Representative Council (SRC) will be raising money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Our school will also be running an Easter egg raffle. Families will receive raffle tickets next week and we would love families to support this school fundraiser with donations of Easter Eggs. Last year, we had a tremendous response which meant there were many prizes to share round.

ELECTION BBQ
P & C and staff are joining forces to raise money by providing Bacon and Egg Rolls, Sausage Sandwiches, cakes and slices for hungry voters at the State Election Voting held in our hall on 28th March. Money raised will go towards new musical instruments, science and literacy resources and other improvements to our school facilities.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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SWIMMING LESSONS AND CARNIVAL
Next Friday our Y2 to Y6 students will participate in swimming lessons as their sport. This will be followed by a Clunes Public School Swimming Carnival, focusing on “Saving lives, having a go and having fun!” We cannot run the two weeks of lessons and the carnival without parental help. Information letters were sent home yesterday and we thank parents who have already offered to assist. Please contact the office or let your child’s teacher know that you can assist.

CANBERRA /SYDNEY TRIP GOING AHEAD
Students and parents will be pleased to know that we now have the numbers to go ahead with our Canberra/Sydney trip. This will be a fabulous way to end the year.

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ON THE INTERNET
Parents who attended last Monday’s information session came away with lots of useful information. The aim was to be informed and be alert, not alarmed. Senior Constable Ryan distributed a variety of information sheets and you can find a useful link called “Cyber Smart” on our website. We encourage all parents and carers to monitor their children’s technology usage closely to ensure their wellbeing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW P & C TEAM
Our P & C are a very hard working team and I would like to personally thank P & C President, Ay-Shin Chiou; Vice President, Melissa Houghton; Secretary, Bec Clark; Treasurer, Laura Hayward; and Uniform Co-ordinator, Sacha Murchison; and the team for their wonderful work in 2014. They have worked tirelessly to support our school. Congratulations to the following 2015 team: Kylie Johnston, Vice President; Carolyn Stephens, Secretary; Andrew Criss, Uniform Co-ordinator; and Laura Hayward who will take up either the Treasurer or President position.

P & C are looking for someone willing to take on either the Treasurer’s role or President’s role. Anyone interested will be well supported by the team and mentored by their predecessors. Anyone interested can contact the school or P & C members.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
Thank you to Malcolm Sky for organising our school’s “Clean up Australia Day” and to all our children and staff who participated in the day.

Michelle Slee
Principal

Expectation of the Week
“THINK BEFORE YOU ACT AND SPEAK”

Keep Reading our Newsletter
Congratulations to Lilly for finding the Clean Up Australia logo in the dragon fruit photo. This week, the first person to take on the position of President or Treasurer of the P & C (excluding Laura) will get this week’s prize.

Assembly
Our next Student Assembly is on tomorrow Friday 6th March at 2.15pm in the school hall. The 3-4 class will be presenting an item for your enjoyment. All families welcome to attend.

Combined Band and Small Schools’ Choir Reminder
A quick reminder that notes for Combined Band and Small Schools’ Choir need to be returned by the end of next week. There is a $15 cost for each which will need to be paid with the note.
If you are having problems with transport for the band practice, please contact the office as some parents have indicated they can transport extra students.

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).

Clean Up Australia
I would like to thank all teachers and students at Clunes for the great effort they put in to the Clean Up Day at Clunes PS on Friday (27/2/15). We collected several bags of general rubbish that has obviously got away from lunch boxes. There was a small amount of rubbish that has been brought onto the school site from outside users of the school site that was cleaned up. The most unusual item found was a child’s small plastic slippery slide.

In participating in the 2015 Schools Clean Up Day, Clunes Public School students were part of more than 434,588 students from over 2,324 schools Australia wide taking part in the event. Our school’s results are counted
along with the **526,268 volunteers** who removed **13,563 tonnes of rubbish** at **6,165 sites** right across the country over the weekend - what an amazing effort! Our school is looking so much cleaner for the effort put in by everyone.

*Malcolm Sky*
Clean Up Australia Co-ordinator

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**Canberra excursion payment options**

Now that our excursion is confirmed, parents may like to pay off the amount owing in instalments. Final costing will be calculated in the next couple of weeks but will be around the $600 mark.

Parents may wish to pay $20 per week or $70 per month or pay a lump sum at the end – I am happy with any arrangement as long as full payment is received by 23rd October 2015. If sending in a payment or paying online please make sure you label the payment with your child’s name and ‘Canberra excursion’.

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**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](http://www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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**Notes Due**

- Scripture and Ethics Note: ASAP
- Swimming Years 2-6: Wednesday 11th March
- K/1/2 Recycling Excursion: Tuesday 10th March
- Combined Band Practice: Friday 13th March
- Small School’s Choir: Friday 13th March

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**P & C News**

**P&C Annual General Meeting**

We had a wonderful turnout for our P&C Annual General Meeting. Thanks to all the parents who attended.

The following positions has been filled

* Vice- President - Kylie Johnston
* Secretary - Caroline Stephens
* Uniform - Andrew Criss

Unfortunately I am unable to fulfil the position of the President for another year. For the P&C to function effectively, we **require a President and a Treasurer**. If you are interested in these two positions or would like to be part of the committee, please do not hesitate to contact any committee members or myself (Allisia_@hotmail.com). **It is imperative for these two positions to be filled as without them we will be required by law to dissolve Clunes P&C Association.**

**Election Day BBQ**

On Saturday 28th March will be our first fundraiser for this year. We are holding a combined Staff and P&C Association BBQ. It will begin at 7.30am until 2pm. If you can spare **an hour and a half of your Saturday** and contribute to a **successful fundraiser**, please email me on Allisia_@hotmail.com or SMS 0411 44 6861 with your name, contact number and your preferred time slot. We will require 3 people in each time slot.

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**Upcoming Events**

* Lamington and Pie Drive.
* Mother’s Day Stall.
* Masters BBQ.
* Family Bingo Night.

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This week at COOSH the children have been active, creative, imaginative and cooperative! Playing board games, they have taken chances and competed fairly. Designing their own waterfalls children used illustrations to stimulate their artistic skills. Learning cricket they practiced hand and eye coordination, batting, catching and bowling. In badminton they battled the grown-ups! Transferring knowledge learned in the Years5/6 classroom origami occupied the older children, while café drama featured in the younger children’s play. See for yourselves... The COOSH Team
Paediatricians recommend children and adolescents’ limit screen based media use (SBMU) to less than two hours per day for their health. A recent study (January, 2015) of 2,620 8 to 16 year olds from 25 Australian government and non-government primary and secondary schools found that 45% of 8 year olds to 80% of 16 year olds exceeded the recommended < 2 hours per day for SBMU (TV viewing, Gaming, Social Networking, and Web Use)

Suggestions to help children limit their screen time include:
- No screens before school
- No screens in the bedroom
- Negotiate their use with your child
- Ask if all help around the house and homework is done first
- Use the great outdoors and the local library.

Community News

**Library Bounce & Rhyme for Babies and Toddlers**

A great opportunity to enjoy some special time with your baby or toddler.
20-30 minute sessions filled with engaging songs, rhymes & stories.

- **Lismore Library** - Monday
- **Goonellabah Library** - Friday

10am - Toddlers on the move (1-2 yrs)
11am - ‘Babes in arms’ (0-1 yrs)

Sessions are free and there is no need to book - just come along and join in!

Enquiries:
- Lismore: 66212464
- Goonellabah: 66251235

**Library Storytime for Pre-schoolers**

With everyone settled back into school, now is a great time to get into Storytime!
Active songs, games, stories and craft for busy pre-schoolers with their parent/carer.

- **Goonellabah Library**: Tuesday
- **Lismore Library**: Wednesday & Thursday

Begins at 10.30am

Sessions are free and there is no need to book - just come down and have some fun!

Enquiries:
- Goonellabah: 66251235
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