Welcome back everyone. I hope the Easter break was a very enjoyable one and all students are ready for another exciting and engaging term.

**ANZAC CEREMONY on Friday and Saturday**

We hope many of our community members will join us for our 100 year Anniversary ANZAC ceremony at 2pm in our school hall. We are very fortunate again to have Garry Lovell as our special guest speaker. Our student leaders will run the ceremony and we are asking for donations of flowers for our wreath tomorrow. Clunes Community will also hold an ANZAC ceremony at Clunes at 9am. Our School Captains will take part in this ceremony and we hope that students and their families will also consider attending the ceremony. We ask students attending the ceremony to wear their uniforms as representatives of our school.

**FN CROSS COUNTRY**

We hope we will have a cool, sunny day next Thursday for our First North Community of Schools Cross Country. This day is run by Rosebank Public School and held at Clunes Public School. There will be a canteen run by Rosebank Public School for both students and family members. Our K, 1, 2 students will attend their age races and then return to the classroom some time after 11am. All older students will remain at the carnival to compete and cheer on their fellow students.

**NAPLAN**

This week we sent home a letter to parents and carers of our Year 3 and Year 5 students to inform them of the NAPLAN test dates. The letter also provided instructions regarding procedures relevant to NAPLAN.

**VALUES**

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 27th April 2015 at 6pm. Over the next 3 weeks, students in all classes will be learning about our ten national Values. At the P & C meeting we will discuss these values and later, parents have the opportunity to vote on the 3 values that they feel are the most important and relevant to our school. We hope you can attend our P & C meeting and help with future fund raising, and project planning.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

On Monday our staff completed an online Anaphylaxis training course. We also participated in presentations on new reforms such as Professional Development Plans and Teacher Accreditation processes. Term Planning was also a

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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A proud member of the First North Community of Schools and The Rivers P-12
focus with the afternoon concentrating on our Values education and selection program, improvements to our Student Wellbeing program and reporting systems. A very busy and productive day

*Michele Slee*
Principal

**Expectation of the Week**

**“Take Responsibility for Your Own Actions”**

**Student Assembly**

Our first student assembly for the term will be on Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} May at 2.15pm. The Kindergarten/Year 1 class will be performing a short musical item for your enjoyment. All families are welcome to attend.

**GRIP Leadership Conference**

Notes for the GRIP Leadership conference were distributed to Year 6 students on Tuesday. We need final numbers by TOMORROW so we can confirm our booking. We have paid for 9 students but if we do not have sufficient numbers I will be cancelling the excess tickets to obtain a refund. Please return your notes and indicate whether or not your child will be participating.

**Creative Arts Camp**

Mrs Cox distributed Creative Arts Camp application forms to interested students in Years 4, 5 and 6 at the end of last term.

If you are interested in your child attending, applications need to be completed and returned by TOMORROW. No money needs to be sent at this stage as applicants need to be approved due to the popularity of the camp.

**First North Cross Country**

Below is the program for the cross country next Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} April to be held at Clunes Public School as well as the rules and other information.

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- Event 1 5/6/7 boys fun run 1 lap
- Event 2 5/6/7 girls fun run 1 lap
- Event 3 12/13 years boys 5 laps
- Event 4 12/13 years girls 5 laps
- Event 5 11 years boys 5 laps
- Event 6 11 years girls 5 laps
- Event 7 10 years boys 4 laps
- Event 8 10 years girls 4 laps
- Event 9 8/9 boys 4 laps
- Event 10 8/9 girls 4 laps

**Rules:**
- All competitors must wear appropriate footwear
- No spikes are allowed
- No pushing, tripping or interference with other competitors allowed
- No competitor is to receive assistance or refreshments during the race
- No parents/carers are to be on the track or on the inside of the track.

The first four placed competitors in each division, 8 years and above, will be expected to compete at the zone carnival at Corndale PS on Friday 22 May.

Rosebank P & C will be catering at the event with a barbeque and drinks, homemade cakes and goodies, coffee/tea and iceblocks available from the canteen. A price list will be sent home early next week.

**Opportunity Class Placements**

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 is about to begin. Online applications open next Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} April and close on Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} May. Parents will be able to access the online application at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

For further information contact the school.

**Life Education is coming**

Harold and his trusty companion will be visiting the school on the 10\textsuperscript{th} and 11\textsuperscript{th} of June to speak with students about healthy lifestyle choices. More information will be sent home closer to the day.

**Combined Band Rehearsal**

The members of the Combined Band will be rehearsing again on Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} May at Goonellabah Public School. Students will need to be at Goonellabah by 10am and we will once again be asking parents to transport students. Please note the date in your diaries – permission notes will be issued to members in the coming weeks.

Some students have not paid their $10 for participation in this band – could you please send in payment asap?

**Aladdin the Musical**

The whole school will be going to see the Rivers P-12 production of *Aladdin* in mid-June. Students from schools across the district having been auditioning for major roles and as part of the choir and dance ensembles, attending rehearsals and developing costumes for this major production. It should be a spectacular event and well worth seeing.

**Term 2 Music**

Term 2 music tuition has commenced with Mr Hort as has keyboard lessons with Anne.

All music fees are now due. Cost for tuition in each instrument (except keyboard) is $90 per term. Any outstanding fees from Term1 are also due.

Keyboard lessons will be invoiced separately by HotHouse music.

**Notes due**

- GRIP Leadership TOMORROW
- Creative Arts Camp TOMORROW
- Pie Drive Orders Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} May
**Around the Classrooms**

Our stage 3 class will be studying the wonderful classic novel “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis. Students will later compare the written story to the film, “The Chronicles of Narnia”.

In H.S.I.E. we will be studying the history of Australia, identifying the important events that formed our nation. Students will also develop an understanding of the atrocities in Australia’s history. Students will also engage in hands on inquiry learning in our Science unit “Change Detectives”.

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**P & C News**

Welcome back!

- Pie Drive order forms went out on Tuesday. Your order including money needs to be back at school by Friday 15th May (end of week 2). Pies will be delivered on Monday 25th May in the afternoon.

- Our next P & C meeting is on Monday 27th April at 6.15pm in the Year 6 classroom. Please come along!

Laura Hayward – President

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**Uniform shop**

If you require uniforms, you can contact Andrew on holisticgardencare@bigpond.com and send him your order. He will collate and package the order for you to pay for and collect at the front office.

I currently have items for Alysha (Year 2) and the Steiner family awaiting collection at the office.

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**Let’s Look at Lunches**

Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly enewsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. The feedback has been amazing so if you haven’t already subscribed, simply send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com, or
- Text to 0429 033 517, or
- Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to the subscribe page

We look forward to lightening your load and sharing ideas!

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**COOSH**

Clunes out of school hours

We had a fun time at vacation care during the holidays. It was lovely to welcome new families to our service and great to see children easily make friends. Two of those children, Zilla and Solomon are joining us for after school care from Eureka school this term. Everyone participated enthusiastically in the range of wonderful activities; creating chocolate Easter egg nests, playing ‘Muggles Quidditch’, target throwing Ninja stars and frog stomping!

The variety of group games, crafting, baking, art and investigations ensured there was something for everyone to enjoy. Full days ensured plenty of friends to play with on scooters, bikes and skateboards and we would like to thank families who pre-booked, making out resourcing effective.

We are now on the hunt for donations of: newspapers, scrap paper, Barbie dolls, her clothes and accessories, children’s dress ups, dinosaurs and Lego bionicles. If your children have grown out of toys or games we can put them to good use at COOSH. Thankyou!
Thanks to Bec Clark for these lovely photos from the swimming carnival held at the end of last term.

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Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for kids 6.5 to 13 years
✓ Helps kids reach a healthy weight
✓ Fun games & exercise for kids
✓ Build self-esteem & motivation
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The 20th Anniversary!
Let's celebrate with the whole family at a stunning location.

Aquathon for Kids and Juniors
Saturday 9th May 2015 at 10 am

Entry is just $20 - Every kid gets a participation medal!

School Challenge
Is your school the fittest?
$500 of sporting equipment awarded to the fittest school!
To be eligible, enter your school’s name when you register online.