KINDERGARTEN, YEAR ONE AND YEAR TWO EXCURSION TO RECYCLING CENTRE

Today our Early Stage One and Stage One students paid a visit to Lismore Recycling and Recovery Centre. The classes have been working on sustainable living and environmental programs and I’m sure they gained greater understanding and awareness from today’s excursion. Our thanks go to Mr Sky for organising the day and the wonderful parents who accompanied our students. We look forward to sharing photos and stories about the day with you next week.

SWIMMING BEGINS TOMORROW

Again, our gratitude goes to our community members who give up their time to ensure our students are presented with an array of opportunities and experiences with safety and maximum participation being our highest priorities. It is great to see the level of swimming skills continually increasing in all children. We are currently looking at a surf awareness program later in the year to further extend our students’ skills.

A note with the carnival program roles was sent home today. We hope to again have a generous response to run the event.

EASTER EGGS

Easter eggs have started to come in and families will receive their raffle tickets today. We strongly discourage students from selling tickets to people they do not know without an adult present. The draw will be held on Tuesday 31st March. Students donating Easter eggs will be provided with a bonus raffle ticket.

STRANGER DANGER

Yesterday we reminded children about “Stranger Danger”. There have been reports from other schools near the coast, of a person in a car approaching children. Please talk with your children about the importance of never talking to strangers, never walking alone and taking the safest route home.

NEW P & C PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

Congratulations to our new President, Laura Hayward and our new Treasurer, Kim Goodrick. We are very fortunate to have another great team for 2015.

AN ETHICAL START TO THE YEAR

Kim Goodrick is conducting our Stage 2 Ethics classes this year and has received a great response from our students.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Neil McKenzie is kindly providing some lessons to our Stage 3 students until another teacher can take his place. We hope to find other community members willing to be trained to provide lessons for all other years. We are also very pleased to have Reverend Cooper back this year providing scripture.

**MRS McKENZIE ON LEAVE**
Mrs McKenzie will be conducting Term One parent/teacher interviews next week before taking leave for the rest of term one. We are pleased to have Miss James taking the class in Mrs McKenzie’s absence.

Michelle Slee
Principal

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

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**Calendar Clash – Band v Cricket**
Next Tuesday our boy’s cricket team will be playing against Bangalow in the first round of the PSSA Knockout competition and the winner of this match will then play Bexhill. Our resident cricket coach, Mr Priestley, will be accompanying the team. Notes were distributed earlier this week. Unfortunately there has been a clash of events with the combined band rehearsal at Goonellabah. To assist with organisation of travel arrangements, can we please have all notes for cricket and band returned by tomorrow.

**Swimming**
Our swimming as sport roster begins tomorrow for students in Years 2 to 6. Students need to bring their swimmers, towel, underwear (if coming to school in their swimmers) and a plastic bag for their wet items. An application of sunscreen before they leave the house in the morning would also be great. Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will stay at school with Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Hutchinson.

**Teacher interviews/ Student led conferences**
Information has been sent home this week regarding interviews (K/1 and 1/2 classes) and student led conferences (3/4 and 5/6 classes). Please return time preferences quickly to confirm a time that is most convenient to you. Times will be allocated on a ‘first in’ basis. Students in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will present student led conferences to their parents. These conferences enable students to take greater responsibility for their learning and provide parents with increased time to understand their children’s educational experiences and progress. We hope that every Y3, 4, 5 & 6 student will have this opportunity with their parents and carers.

**Assembly**
Our next Student Assembly is on tomorrow Friday 20th March at 2.15pm in the school hall. The 1-2 class will be presenting an item for your enjoyment. All families welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards are our last two assemblies.

- K-1 Ayishah, Katerina, Lawson, Osian, Sabine, Tyrese
- 1-2 Aiden, Dylan, Laura S, Molly, Reggie, Zeke
- 3-4 Ashlee, Freya, Jem, Kate, Oscar, Wil
- 5-6 Alex, Amika, Caitlin, Charlie, Max, Tiago

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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

**Notes Due**
- Combined Band Practice: Friday 13th March
- Small School’s Choir: Friday 13th March
- PSSA Cricket: Friday 13th March

**P & C News**
**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.

Time Slots:
- * 7.30 - 9.00am
- * 9.00 - 10.30am

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[Image of a group of children]
We also welcome any cakes/biscuit/muffin donations for the day to sell at the canteen. Don’t forget to come down and have a bite while voting. On sale will be a variety of hot food, sweets and drinks!!

**Uniform Sales**

Our new uniform co-ordinator is Andrew Criss. If you require a uniform item, please contact Andrew on holisticgardencare@bigpond.com. Items can then be paid for and collected from the front office. I currently have items for Olivia (Year 1) and Alysha (Year 2) awaiting collection.

This week the children have been experimenting with sushi making and Ayumi demonstrated traditional Japanese rolling techniques. It was great to see the children make healthy choices from tuna, chicken, avocado, carrots and cucumber though very few were brave enough to try the pickled ginger! Continuing the interest in cricket, the educators and Tuesday’s children challenged each other in a game of French cricket. Building with fettuccini and marshmallows tested the children’s construction skills and self-restraint, as many wanted to eat the pink ones!

Our vacation care program is currently being planned and will be available on Monday 22 March. We will be operating from Thursday 7 April to Friday 17 April, Monday’s to Fridays, excluding the Easter public holidays. Our opening hours are 8am – 5.30pm and we encourage children to bring their scooters, bikes, skateboards and other wheels to use during the days (with helmets please). So far, we have a Japanese and Ninja day and of course an Easter party. We are taking early bookings for parents who need particular days, as we did get fully booked on the last week of vacation care during the Christmas holidays. To avoid disappointment please give us a call on 66 291 750. We also have a date for our Suitcase and Bake sale so please note in your diaries Saturday 5th September and start gathering anything you would like to sell.

The COOSH Team

**Active Transport: What does that mean??**

Active transport is defined as any form of human powered transport (e.g. locomotion on foot, or bicycle, skateboard, etc).

The majority of Australian primary and secondary school children do not use active transport to travel to and/or from school on a weekly basis. Both children/young people and parents should incorporate active transport into their everyday routines. Other than school journeys, replacing short car trips to a range of destinations (e.g. local parks, local shops, friend’s house) with walking or cycling is feasible (e.g. 1 kilometre is about 15 minutes of walking) and will have a range of benefits both to the child and the environment. Fewer cars on the road make it safer for everyone, especially around schools and parks.

Can you accompany your child in Active Transport until they are independent and competent enough to do it alone or with other children?

**Around the school**

**My day as principal of Clunes Public School**

I would start the day with sushi and a strawberry cheesecake decaffeinated coffee from Starbucks. I would then go to work on papers and blow the budget on a trampoline room so we can have a trampoline dodge ball team. I would also send home a note to bring in laser pen for laser tag.

I would then get an order of 200 comfy chairs with inbuilt cushions.

I would establish the canteen with Julie Goodwin as head cook. There would be a ten minute ceremony of burning 1000 spelling mastery books while raising the flags because spelling mastery is torture. There would be a choice of what you want to do when you are in year 6 so you can really enjoy your last year of school. After I have blown the budget I would send out the band to busk and not come back until they get one trillion and three dollars.

Now with a raised budget I would expand the school to nationwide. So there is one school in Australia. Everyone from Australia would catch the bus to Clunes and then go home.

Now I would buy bunk beds and turn Clunes School into a boarding school. Being so big we decided to turn into a preschool, primary school, high school, university and TAFE. Having expanded to all Australia we have 700 staff and 32 of every class and 5 teachers in each of those classrooms.

We then got 1000 canteens and cloned Julie Goodwin 1000 times. We even got after school clubs. Now with such good teaching there has been a technological breakthrough and...
because they are students we get it free so we now have holographic 4D learning.

Clunes National Boarding school turned into Clunes International Boarding School for All Ages we also added an elder’s class. The CIBSFAA principal won a Nobel Prize for teaching all third world people about math, spelling, agriculture etc. Now the CIBSFAA turned into the CGWBSFAAHOAA (Clunes Galactic Wide Boarding School for Aliens and Humans of All Ages)

The new Clunes space exploration group has been established and the galactic space station was finished and inhabited by 50 men, women and children

In history we got year 8, 9, 10, 12 and university students to use an ancient social media called Facebook instead of Galaxilinc. The history project was a huge success in teaching students about ancient times.

We moved everyone back to earth so we could do some renovation. We got a Maccas, Starbucks, Chipotle, Tacobell and Lemonade for cooking studies and school work force and we got upgraded living quarters.

Now everyone’s back at school and for a celebration we went back in time to 5th of March 2015. These are my days as principal of Clunes School.

By Reece - Year 6