MAKING LEARNING AUTHENTIC AND ENGAGING

Thank you to all our families who have been returning the abundance of notes coming home. Last year we focused on mathematical and scientific workshops and this year we have concentrated on the arts.

Everyone remembers their first experience of live theatre and our trip to the musical, “Aladdin” is an extra treat as it showcases the talents of local students and teachers.

Many successful careers have been inspired by the opportunity to listen to and take pearls of wisdom from someone you admire. Our trip next term to the Writers Festival for a workshop with Terry Denton and Andy Griffiths will certainly get the creative writing juices flowing.

The Life Education program has had a long history of proven success in keeping our students informed to make healthy life choices and we look forward to Harold visiting us again this term.

In Aboriginal Studies, we try to bring a different aspect of Aboriginal culture and history to our annual NAIDOC celebrations and follow up programs and this year we will be travelling to Lismore free of cost, to join in a festival of activities for all local schools.

The school has subsidised the costs of all excursions and workshops this year to try and keep costs down for our families while providing learning experiences that are exciting, relevant and engaging for our students.

We realise that our Year 4, 5 & 6 students have a major excursion this year and want to remind our families that they can apply for student assistance to help with the cost of various schooling costs.

Michelle Slee
Principal

Expectation of the Week

“Show respect for yourself, others and the environment”

Student Assembly

Our next student assembly is tomorrow Friday 29th May at 2.15pm. The 3-4 class will be performing an item for your enjoyment. All families are welcome to attend.

Creative Arts Camp

Congratulations to Amika and Mawgan who have been accepted into the 2015 North Coast Junior Creative Arts Camp for Dance and Concert Band, respectively.
Australian kids are falling behind their peers in fundamental movement skills

Clunes Primary School aims to contribute to the improved nutrition and physical activity skills of our pupils by participating in Live Life Well @ School (LLW@S). This is a joint program between the Department of Education and Communities and NSW Health which aims to influence children’s nutrition and physical activity. The model is a ‘whole school’ physical activity and healthy eating approach consistent with classroom practice. The school determines the way that best suits their community to undertake this “whole school” approach and in addition to curriculum content may include initiatives such as playground markings, canteen menu review, fundamental skill development, or advising the school community about progress on the project.

Anna Huddy, from Health Promotion Northern NSW Local Health District will be talking about LLW@S, how and why it came into being and how the collaboration hopes to improve your children’s eating and physical activity behaviours. Anne will be visiting on Monday evening at 5.30pm to talk with parents and then will stay on to speak at the P & C meeting about the canteen.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all our cross country representatives who participated in the Zone Carnival at Corndale last Friday. We have two students, Charlie and Oscar M, who have qualified for the regional carnival in Kempsey on June 5th. Good luck boys!

Big Scrub / First North Chess Challenge

Next Thursday, eight of our students will be travelling to Modanville Public School for the annual chess challenge incorporating schools from the First North and Big Scrub Communities of Schools.

Bec Clark has kindly offered to assist with transporting students so if you need a ride for your child to Modanville in the morning, please contact Bec. Please note that Bec cannot bring students home in the afternoon - you will need to arrange transport home from Modanville.

Dance classes with Jess Sharp

Notes for dance classes with Jessica Sharp went home with students last week. Places are being offered to students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Cost is $30 in total for 10 weeks of lessons which will need to be paid ‘up front’. Could we please have all notes for Dance returned by tomorrow?

Life Education

The Life Education van, including Healthy Harold, will be visiting Clunes School on 10-11th June. All students are encouraged to attend their sessions, as teachers will be doing work associated with the content prior to, and after, the visit.

Cost per child is
$10 for students in K, 1, 2 and 3
$5 for students in Years 4, 5 and 6
The school is subsidizing the cost for the older students as they have the major excursion later this year.

Around the Classrooms

Notes Due
Dance  Friday 25th May
Life Education  Friday 5th June

Band Practice at Goonellabah PS
**P & C News**

- Thank you to everyone that gave their time, and or donations, to the Masters’ barbeque. Your efforts are really appreciated. In particular, a huge ‘thank you’ goes to Bronwyn for coordinating and organizing the whole event.

- Thank you to Emma for coming up to school to cook and serve the sausage sizzle last Wednesday. It was great to see so many orders and I think the children really enjoyed it.

- Thank you too to all the people who ordered pies. I hope you all enjoy them. I know I will. We raised $800 from the pie drive which is a great effort.

- The next P & C meeting will be on **Monday 1st June**. Ann Huddy from Live Life Well @ School will be coming from 5:30 to give a talk on school lunches and present some ideas that I know will be helpful to make those lunches get gobbled down. Ann will then stay on to talk about school canteens so if you are keen to start the canteen again, please join us at 6:15pm.

  Laura Hayward

**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 have an order for Tyrese waiting to be collected at the office.*

**COOSH**

At COOSH this week, the children have been trying hard to keep warm. We’ve been playing soccer, football and generally running around. We tried our hand at making beautiful pictures, making orange and apple prints in bright fluro colours. The children also did flick painting with water colours and silhouettes, mixing colours and either flicking the paint around the shapes or into it. We warmed our bellies on Wednesday with scrummy damper served with honey or jam. The children all made their own individual dampers to eat, proclaiming it was the best ever. Vacation care is only a month away so keep a look out for the program coming out mid-June.

  The COOSH team

Laughter, learning, friendship, fun
Come along and find out what Girl Guides is all about!
For information about membership for girls or women contact Helen on 6689 5294 or at helenharg@westnet.com.au

**Free Home Budgeting Course**

at Family Support Network

Monday the 15th of June, and Wednesday the 17th of June, 10am - 11:30am at 143 Laurel Avenue Lismore.

Are you or your family feeling stressed about your finances?
Do you want to learn how to manage your money better and learn how to use a family budget?
Phone Helen NOW on 6621 2489 to register for this free course and discuss if you require childcare whilst this course is on.

Are all of your friends playing soccer? You haven’t missed out! Dunoon United Football Club is currently accepting late registrations. We are particularly looking for players turning 8 this year; however spaces exist in many age groups. If you are interested in registering to play in 2015 or have any questions, please email dunoonunitedfc@ffnc.net.au