Education Week – Open Day
We all had great fun last Friday at our Open day, with many family members, friends and pre-schoolers visiting our school. Grandparents and parents commented to me that they had enjoyed participating in the activities in the classrooms and at our Mini Olympics. Our assembly was a big hit with proud parents pinning on SRC badges on their children during the induction ceremony and our musicians entertaining us with their talent. All classes presented an item and many students received recognition for application and achievement. I’d like to thank all our staff who worked so hard to make the day a success and thank everyone who came along and joined in the fun. Our preschool visitors were such a wonderful audience and out-wiggled even our Year 5 and 6 Wiggles. This was certainly a special day, and everyone can take pride in being part of our special Clunes Public School community.

Roy’s a great listener!
I have worked in other schools where the reading program “Story dogs” has been successful in encouraging a love of reading in children. Therefore I was only too willing to bring this wonderful initiative into our school, when approached by Gail Mackney. Students met Roy the dog for the first time yesterday and enjoyed reading aloud to him. Roy also looked suitably impressed with the students’ reading! We look forward to Gail and Roy visiting us on a weekly basis.

Public Speaking
Students of all ages have been preparing their speeches in readiness for the Clunes Public School Competition. All students will present a speech in front of their class. The stage 2 and 3 students have also been practicing impromptu...
speeches. Four students will be selected from both Stage 2 and 3 to compete in the Clunes School Competition at 12 noon on Tuesday 1st September. One student from Kindergarten, Years One and Two will also present their speech. Stage 2 and Stage 3 winners and runners up will compete against other First North Community of Schools on Tuesday 8th September at 10am. Students are encouraged to practice at home in front of family and friends to build their confidence. Good luck everyone!

Performing Arts Festival (PAF)
We look forward to attending the PAF matinee performance at the Lismore Workers Club on Thursday 27th August to watch our students perform in the small schools choir, combined band and our own dance group.

Parents received a letter regarding dates and ticket information this week. Tickets can be purchased through the Lismore Workers Club.

Aboriginal Culture and Dance Workshop
We are very pleased to have Rory Close from Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child & Family Network Inc., presenting workshops in storytelling, history, culture and dance next Thursday. These workshops are free to all our students.

Survey – Have your say!
Each year we survey students, parents and staff on various aspects of our school. This helps drive improvements and reach agreed-upon goals. This year we have decided to use a new survey tool called “Tell them from me”. This survey is anonymous and not only provides the school with essential information but also provides data in comparison to other schools in NSW.

Parent of students in Years 4, 5 & 6 received a consent form this week. This needs to only be returned to school if you do not want your child to participate in the survey.

Next week all families will be provided with a user name, password and link to complete a parent survey. The survey will close three weeks after the survey has been sent home. We hope everyone will take the time to provide us with this important information.

Calling all canteen helpers and bakers!!!
Our P & C have been given a wonderful opportunity to raise money. They will be catering the Regional Athletic Carnival to be held in Lismore on the 28th August. This will be a mammoth task and a huge fund raiser and P & C need lots of volunteers to spread the load on the day. If you can assist, please contact Laura Hayward or our school.

P.S – Welcome back Mrs Cooper!
Michelle Slee
Principal

Expectation of the Week
“Respect other people’s property”

Congratulations to Reed Smith, brother of Peppa, Jem and Eden and a former Clunes PS student, who came 4th in the Australian under 18 long board championships held at Arrawarra last weekend.

Student Assembly
Our next student assembly is Friday 21st August at 2.15pm when the Dance Group will be performing for us. All families are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly

K-1 Emilia, Hayley, Keira, Osian and Willow
1-2 Aiden, Leonora, Lilly, Matthew and Samuel
3-4 Amelie, India, James and Kenny
5-6 Cooper, Ethan, Jamie-Leigh and Maddie

Mathletics Awards: Molly, Zeke and Tilden

Reading Eggs Awards: Khan, Evie, Caitlin and Bodhi

Premiers Sporting Challenge Awards: Tasman, Olivia, Charli and Connor

The Citizenship Award went to Hayley in Kindergarten.

Performing Arts Festival
All students must return their Parent Agreement Forms to the school, as they are now overdue.
The festival is on between Tuesday 25th August and Thursday 27th August. Please see the calendar on the front of the newsletter for the dates and times of performances.
Tickets are now on sale through Lismore Workers Club at http://www.lismoreworkersclub.com.au

Premiers Sporting Challenge Weekly Round Up
As we approach the end of the challenge we are keeping the weekly data secret so that the eventual winners will come as a surprise.
Keep up the energy and come home strong!

Woolworths Earn & Learn Vouchers
Don’t forget to collect stickers at any Woolworths store from now until Tuesday 8th September. For every $10.00 you spend you will receive a sticker. Complete your sticker cards and bring them into school and place in our Collection Box located at the office. This program enables our school to purchase many educational resources, so get collecting now.

P & C News
The canteen last week was great - the kids were raving about the Nachos. Thank you again to Amanda and Bronwyn for organising it. We are looking for potential volunteers for our September and October canteens.

COOSH
clunes out of school hours
This week at COOSH the children have been developing their underarm rolling/throwing techniques with a lesson in ten pin bowling, perfecting their weight transfer, balance and directional release as they bend their knees, put their opposite hand out to stabilise their movement and aim at four pins. With increasing coaching there was a marked ability in their skills and confidence. Additionally, in our warm up games we worked on children’s abilities to side
step and gallop increasing speed and their special awareness as we introduced changes of direction and dodging partners.

We were treated to a musical and dance performance by the children on Wednesday, as Marnie played her clarinet and Laura her saxophone. The rest of us joined in with percussion instruments keeping the beat. Toby performed with them in their own dance routine and they practiced their moves for the Performing Arts Festival.

As usual, there was room for creativity with sponge painting, knitting and wool craft. The children also perfected their damper making skills and enjoyed fresh orange juice, plus mandarins picked and donated by Lyn Chittick. Thanks Lyn!

Thanks,

The COOSH Team

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.

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Dogs make reading FUN!

**Story Dogs** is a reading support program where selected children read to an accredited dog and its owner. Reading sessions take place in a quiet area of the school such as the library or the verandah outside the classroom. A reading session is approximately 20 minutes long, where each child is one-on-one with the dog team.

The non-judgmental, loving nature of dogs gives this program its magic. Children relax, open up, try harder and have fun reading with a dog.

**When students read to a dog**

**the outcomes are amazing:**

- They have FUN
- They are not judged
- Their focus improves
- Their reading skills increase
- Their confidence soars

**What teachers say about the Story Dogs program:**

- “Children are more confident and ‘having a go’ which has led to more fluency.”
- “Children are excited about going to read which is great. That is half the battle of getting them to read.”
- “It was the only time I received every permission note back the next day!”

**The Dogs**

All breeds are used except for restricted dog breeds. The dog’s temperament, obedience and willingness is of utmost importance.

Dogs must pass a certification test carried out by a certified dog trainer, as well as being immaculately groomed with regular vet checks.

Some of our current dog teams include breeds such as Labrador, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Tibetan Spaniel, Jack Russell, Fox Terrier, Greyhound and many cross breeds.
This year we have a wonderful opportunity to make lots of money at the regional sports carnival. This money will help our school buy air conditioning for the library; a projector for the hall; and turn the old audio-visual room into the music room.

We need everyone’s help with this so... if you are free on Friday the 28th; or if you can bake cakes; or if you can help out with picking up supplies or chopping onions it will be much appreciated.

I’ve attached a roster to this newsletter for parents to complete. A prompt return to the school office would be great. Thank you.

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If you cannot commit to attending on the day, can you help out with baking or in another way?

| Muffins       |         |         |     |     |
| Whole cake    |         |         |     |     |
| Cup cake      |         |         |     |     |
| Biscuits      |         |         |     |     |
| Slice         |         |         |     |     |
| Other baking  |         |         |     |     |
| Picking up orders |     |         |     |     |
| Setting up early on the morning |     |         |     |     |
| Would like to help |     |         |     |     |