WEEK TWO OF OUR FIRST TERM
Our new Kindergarten students have settled in well to big school and have enjoyed an exciting week with their very caring Year 6 buddies. It is wonderful to see every child in our smart, sun safe uniform and extra pleasing to see labels on everything. Students began their educational programs from day one and have easily adapted to their new year - congratulations on your resourcefulness and responsible attitudes.

Our staff have also received lots of positive feedback regarding how happy and excited their children are about the new year. We always want to hear from you if you have a concern or query and it was lovely to have people take the time to let us know they think we are doing a great job. Clunes community support is and always has been amazing, thank you!

P & C MEETING
Our P & C met last Monday night with a small but very enthusiastic committee discussing the year’s events and targets. There are plans for another fabulous Trivia Night this year which is always a very entertaining and successful fundraiser.

PARENT TEACHER EVENING TUESDAY 16TH FEB
Our first school and P & C event will be our Parent Information Evening on 16th February. This evening is focused on parents and carers receiving information about their child’s education for 2016 and helpful communication about routines, systems and programs. It easier to communicate a large volume of information to parents without students present. As a few families cannot attend this evening without their children, P & C and staff are asking for a group of parent volunteers to supervise children watching a movie in the library while their child’s class talk is running. It is unsafe to have students playing unsupervised in the school, therefore students will be signed in and out of the library.

There will be more details in next week’s newsletter but here are approximate times to help your planning.

5 – 5:30  P & C barbeque
5:30 – 5:40  Kindergarten & 5/6
5:45 – 6:35  1/2 and 3/4

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
As mentioned last week, we are encouraging all our 8 year old and over swimmers to attend the carnival. We are...
subsidising the cost of a bus to transport children to the event and all children attending will be charged $6 to cover costs. We hope to see lots of family members coming along to cheer at this great First North Aquatic event.

**EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS**

Your child’s safety and wellbeing is our utmost priority. Our school will be holding both drills in the next few days to ensure we are prepared for any situations. Your children will be well informed of procedures and will be assured that there is no real danger. (Be alert not alarmed) It would also be useful for families to discuss these drills and their purpose and also discuss what procedures your own family might put in place at home for different situations such as a fire or storm.

**INDIVIDUALISED LEARNING PLANNING**

Our Learning Support Team met on Wednesday morning to plan strategies and support for our students’ different and special needs. Teachers will contact parents and carers of these students to communicate goals and specific programs in coming weeks. Parents will be able to discuss these plans in meetings or over the phone.

The school and individual teachers will soon send home a list of volunteer tasks and times. Volunteers play a vital role in our school and we hope to have many people offering their assistance again this year.

All students, parents and teachers will hold student led conferences at the end of Term One to discuss their child’s progress, set personal goals and plan collaborative support.

**Michelle Slee**

Principal

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**First North Swimming Carnival**

Notes for the First North Swimming Carnival were distributed to students in Years 2-6 this week. Cost for the carnival is $6 per student which covers bus and pool entry (subsidized by the school). Due date for permission notes and payment is **Monday 8th February**.

Let’s really make a big effort to participate this year, we have the skills, we have the heart and the willingness to “have a go”. We would like to take a bus load of competitors this year and we hope parents and carers will encourage children to see this as an integral part of their child’s schooling. Go Clunes!!

**Snake Tails**

Next week, the Australian Reptile Display ‘Snake Tails’ is visiting the school to ‘deliver an insight into our Australian reptiles through a safe, interactive and fun performance that will create a greater understanding of the role of our reptiles in the environment today.’

Cost for the incursion is $7 per student. The whole school from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved. For more information about the program you can visit [www.snaketails.com.au](http://www.snaketails.com.au)

Notes went home earlier this week and need to be returned with payment (or receipt number if paying online) by **Tuesday 9th February**.

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**2016 Music Tuition**

**Woodwind and Brass Instruments with Ms Clarke**

- Tuition costs for all instruments are $90 per term **payable at the beginning of each term**.
- New students in woodwind and brass are eligible for a special free trial period and were given paperwork yesterday which will need to be returned by next Wednesday.
- If you need to hire an instrument, the cost is $50 per semester, which covers routine maintenance and cleaning. Anyone hiring an instrument will need to complete a Hirer’s Agreement before receiving their instrument.

**Guitar and Drums with Mr Cameron**

- Tuition costs for 2016 are $90 per term and are **payable at the beginning of each term**.
- Classes are each Friday morning beginning **tomorrow 5th February**.

**Keyboard Lessons with Ms Morris-Bannerman**

Please contact Hothouse if you are interested in your child having keyboard lessons PH: 0422782141

The price for tuition is set by Hothouse.

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**Text Books and Fees**

Below is the Text Book and Fees schedule for each grade for 2016.

Students are charged for text books and online subscriptions for Mathletics (Y1-6) and Reading Eggs (K-Y6) as well as a paper levy for Year 1-6. On top of this there is a Voluntary Contribution Fee.

I will not be sending out invoices but would appreciate if payment could be made as soon as possible. Payments can be made at the front office (cash/cheque/EFTPOS); over the phone (Credit Card only) or online at [www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) and click on **$Make a Payment**.

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**Term Calendar**

Just a couple of extra dates to add to the school calendar which was sent home with last week’s newsletter.

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Trying to Limit Screen time to Two hours?
Help is at Hand!
eSafety for parents - Too much time online

Trying to drag your children away from online games, apps, YouTube videos or social networking? Want to know what is normal and when they are spending too much time online?
Child development experts, including psychologist Dr Helen Street, answer questions about how much time children should spend online.

Search online for “E safety for parents too much time online” and follow the links or click on: https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources/esafety-for-parents-too-much-time-online

Notes due in

First North Swimming Y2-6 Monday 8 February
Snake Tails K-6 Tuesday 9 February

Parents and Citizens Association – News

• At the P&C meeting on Monday, we decided to hold a trivia night at the school on the 14th of May. Our trivia queens have once again offered their expertise to plan the night. We will be asking for help closer to the date.
• Tuesday the 16th of February will be the first canteen for the year. Innis will be cooking up some delicious lasagna for lunch with ice blocks for a treat. If anyone is interested in holding a canteen during the year please email me at snaily363@hotmail.com
• Tuesday the 16th of February is also the Parent Welcome BBQ. There will be a sausage sizzle and cold drinks available at the canteen from 5pm. We would love some helpers on this night to help with the BBQ and child-minding. Please email me at snaily363@hotmail.com if you can assist.

For our first week back at COOSH, we have been orienting new children to ensure they feel welcome and confident joining us at after school care. We have been fortunate enough to have older siblings on hand to ‘show them the ropes’ as Tyrese and Aleksey are demonstrating here. It has been a week of craft, decorating lunch boxes, collaging with dried foods and egg blowing decoupage, all of which have given the children opportunities to demonstrate their creativity and imagination.

On Friday, we are having a party to celebrate our first full week back after the holidays. We invite all COOSH children and their families (afterschool and vacation care attendees) to join us for a sausage sandwich and something icy from 5.30pm onwards at COOSH. Please feel free to bring drinks and relax with other families, committee members and staff. We hope you can join us for this impromptu gathering.