WELCOME KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY AND STUDENT LEADER INDUCTION
Our first assembly will be tomorrow, Friday 19th February, at 2pm as it is a special extended assembly. The Year 6 buddies will be introducing our new kindergarten students and we will also induct our 2016 student leaders. We look forward to family members joining us to assist with the presentation of badges on this important occasion. (Please let the office know if you are unable to attend and a staff member will take on this duty on your behalf). Mr Priestley will also be reporting on our fantastic sporting feats and we will have a musical performance from our captain, Mawgan Watson. A very exciting first assembly and we hope many family and friends can join us.

CLUNES SWIMMERS GIVE THEIR BEST!
Our community should be very proud of all the students who participated in the swimming carnival last Friday. The number of competitors has increased 300% from previous years and students showed off their increased swimming ability, fabulous enthusiasm and great behaviour. This event cannot go ahead without parent volunteers as the community of schools cannot staff these events alone. Our parents played a big role in the day running smoothly and our deepest thanks to you all. Congratulations to the following students who will compete in the Zone Carnival at Lismore on the 25th February:- Freya Kirbach, Laura Stephens, Kate Alexander, Charlie Alexander, Reggie Ayling, Oscar Murchison, Hayden Thorpe and Mawgan Watson.

TUESDAY’S GREAT FOOD, COMPANY & COMMUNICATION
Last Tuesday we had a delicious lunch courtesy of Mr Ayling and Mr Coady. It is lovely for our students to sit down to a hot cooked meal and even use knives and forks!!! Although our numbers were slightly down this year, we put this down to our families leading such busy lives. We received lots of positive feedback after the information evening and hope that all who attended found it valuable. Written information has been sent home to those who couldn’t make the evening. Thank you to Enid and Bill (relatives of the Meldrum family) and Kim Goodrick, who again came in and cooked a lovely BBQ. Thank you also to all the teachers for presenting the information and to Mrs Henderson and Mrs Hutchinson who also gave up their night to mind students in the hall. This enabled more families to attend this evening.

WEEK 4
- Mrs Slee at Principals’ Conference Mon-Wed
- Mrs Cooper on leave and Mrs Pearce will be in the office for the week.

Monday 22 February
- K/1-2 Bus Safety Trip

Thursday 25 February
- NRPSSA zone swimming carnival

Friday 4 March
- Student Assembly – Class 3-4

Monday 7 March
- North Coast Cricket Trials
- Parent Information Session on Student Wellbeing – 5.30pm
- P & C Meeting - 6.15pm

Friday 11 March
- Swimming as Sport at Alstonville Pool

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CRACKING CRICKETERS
Congratulations to our cricket team who defeated Bexhill yesterday. Mr Priestley reported that the team played with great skill and sportsmanship. The team will now play against Byron Bay in the coming weeks. Congratulations also to Charlie and Kate Alexander, Freya Kirbach and Charli Sivewright who have been selected into the Northern Rivers PSSA cricket team and will trial next week for the North Coast teams.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA FRIDAY
Mr Sky has organised another “Clean up Clunes” on Friday to do our part in “Clean up Australia”. All students will participate and are strongly encouraged to bring reusable gloves.

YEAR 2 TO 6 SWIMMING FOR SPORT - HELP PLEASE!
On Fridays 11th and 18th March students will participate in swimming lessons at Alstonville pool with the last of the hot weather. On Friday 1st April we will hold our Clunes Swimming Carnival at Lismore Pool. This carnival is a combination of competition and fun to celebrate our student’s increasing swimming skills. We cannot run this program without parent help and hope we have many people offering to assist.

This year all volunteers must not only complete a working with children form, but also consent to have a check run for any child related crimes. While this is added work, I’m sure you will all agree that anything that keeps our students safe is vital. We hope that all our wonderful volunteers will continue to assist and not be deterred by this process.

STORY DOGS PROGRAM – ROY’S BACK
As pictured, Roy and his assistants Lena and Gail came in this week to discuss our 2016 Story Dogs Program.

K/1-2 Bus Safety Trip
Students in Kindergarten and the 1-2 class will be taking a short trip on Pat’s bus on Monday to acquaint themselves with the Do’s and Don’ts of bus travel. Pat kindly donates his time each year for this very important safety lesson and we thank him for his generosity. Notes were distributed to both classes earlier this week and need to be returned by tomorrow.

“My First Year”- Kindergarten photo
The Northern Star is again publishing their “My First Year” supplement with photos of local Kindergarten classes. Before we can submit a photo we need to get permission from parents as the photo will be published in the Northern Star and on the paper’s website. No names will be published with the photo. Notes were sent home with Kindergarten students earlier this week and need to be returned by tomorrow.

Scripture and Ethics options
We are pleased to provide a K – 6 scripture class with Reverend Mark Cooper and Ethics classes for every student stage this year. These 30 minute classes on Tuesday afternoon are conducted by trained volunteers and supervised by our teachers. Please consider your child attending one of these options as, although our non-scripture group is teacher supervised, we are not permitted to conduct any formal lessons or activities during this time. A permission note was sent home this week and we ask that it is returned as soon as possible so classes can be finalised.

If you are interested in Ethics Training please contact the school.

Cricket Report
On the 17th of February the Clunes Cricket team went to Sam Trimble oval to play Bexhill in a game of cricket at 10:30am. Charlie was captain and Mawgan was vice captain. We had the toss and Clunes won. We decided to bat first. Charlie and Hayden were the opening batsmen. Hayden got us off to a good start by hitting a four and a bunch of singles. Then Bexhill’s good bowler came in to bowl, Hayden had a big swing and got caught by the bowler. Hayden got 13 runs and Mawgan came in to bat. They had a great partnership of about 128 runs! Mawgan retired in the 3rd last over at 42 runs and then Ethan came in to bat. Ethan kept the run rate up for the last 2 overs and
Charlie got forty runs on the last ball of Clunes’ innings! Clunes scored a total of 154 runs.
It was half time and we had some lunch and a rest. Then we went back out to bowl. Ethan was wicket keeping. Hayden opened the bowling with Charlie. Mawgan caught someone off Charlie’s bowling. Mawgan bowled with Asher and got 2 wickets. On Mawgan’s second over he got 2 more wickets. On the last over before drinks Hayden knocked leg stump out of the ground with a great Yorker. After drinks Hayden was wicket keeping. Aleksey was bowling, the batsmen hit the ball, Eden did some excellent fielding and Hayden knocked the bails off the stumps and sent the batsman for a walk!
The team made an amazing effort in the field and stopped a lot of extra runs Bexhill could have made. We also had brilliant sportsmanship and kept our spirits up.
Lastly Ross was bowling, the batsmen nicked the ball, and Hayden took an amazing dive and caught the ball! At the end of the day Clunes had bowled Bexhill all out with 9 overs to spare. The final score was 154 to 35!! Now this means Clunes has got to the next level and will be versing Byron Bay. This will be a tricky match because Byron has such a big school and more people to pick from for their cricket team.

The End

By Mawgan Watson and Charlie Alexander

The Tell Them from Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them from Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them from Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Update on Parent Online Payment
I am pleased to advise that POP is now user friendly on mobile devices.

Behind the scenes
Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school’s website. In the past using the “S Make a payment” page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, automatically, when parents click on this page, via a mobile device, they will be able to complete the online form with ease.
Please see the picture of the page running on a mobile device for your information.

High School Open Nights
Kadina High Campus: Wed 9 March
Lismore High Campus: Tues 8 March
Richmond River High Campus: Thurs 10 March

Notes due in
Ethics /Scripture Note as soon as possible please
K/1-2 Bus safety trip TOMORROW
K photo for Northern Star TOMORROW

Did You Know?
In NSW, most children (90 %!) do not eat the recommended amount of vegetables.

Some ideas to try:
An important first step if you want your child to eat their vegies is to make sure they see YOU enjoying your vegies on a regular basis at home. Children are quick to pick up if you don’t like something or are avoiding eating something, and may often imitate your eating habits!
Offer vegies in a positive, casual way and believe your child will enjoy them. They may not of course, but it’s best to start out by thinking positively! Children’s food preferences can change very quickly. Keep offering small amounts of disliked vegies, as the more familiar it is, it may lead to them accepting it. Serve bigger quantities of their favourite vegies. Cook vegies just until tender or crisp by steaming, microwaving or stir-frying them. Don’t overcook them so they’re soggy. Over-cooking can make vegies’ taste, texture and smell unpleasant, and makes them lose their goodness. Raw vegies like capsicum strips, peas in the pod, cucumber, bean sprouts and tomato wedges are often the most popular with younger children as they make great finger foods.

This week at COOSH, puzzles and games have been chosen by the children, enabling educators to teach many skills. Monopoly has proved a great way for us to see which children need support with one to one number correspondence. Counting each board space and adding two die is challenging for many in Stage 1 and 2. Assuming the role of banker gives children a wonderful opportunity to work out the correct amount of change players need. Whilst accumulating wealth, landing on free parking, is fun for everyone! One of our new games, Carcassonne, teaches strategic moves designed to outwit opponents as players seek to build cities, roads and farms. Playing together enhances children’s reasoning and verbal communication skills, as educators prompt them to articulate the thinking behind their tile placement. Carcassonne is a game that grows with the children as extensions are added to complicate play making it a great birthday pressie the whole family can enjoy. If your time is limited and you think your child would benefit from these opportunities send them to COOSH for an afternoon’s play. Simply call us on 66291750 the day you wish your child to attend and benefit from a casual booking. CCR and CCB rebates make the service affordable for most families.

The COOSH Team