



Clunes Public School Newsletter

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Week 6 Term 4



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Monday
Tuesday Band / Guitar Tuition
Wednesday Beginners Band / Music Tuition
Thursday Library / Banking
Friday Sport / Piano Tuition

WEEK 7

Intensive Swimming Program daily

Tues 23
• Mobile Library

WEEK 8

Intensive Swimming Program daily

Tues 30
• Kinder Orientation 9-2.30

WEEK 9

Mon 6
• Alice in Wonderland
Tues 7
• Mobile Library
Wed 8
• School Concert
Thurs 9
• Year 6 Farewell
• School Disco

WEEK 10

Mon 13
• End of Year Fun Day
Wed 15
• Last day for students
Thurs 16
Fri 17
• Staff Development Days

Thought for the Week

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done."

~ Marie Curie (1867 - 1934)

Principal's Report

The countdown toward the end of year is on.

In the remaining few weeks, we have an incredible amount of work to complete, inside and outside the classroom, as end of year requirements are fulfilled and planning for 2011 commences. In these really busy times, it would be of great help to us if you could ensure that all permission forms are returned promptly; all outstanding accounts are paid; all absence notes are sent to school with your child when he/she re-attends; if book-club orders are returned by the due date with the correct amount of money; if outstanding library books are returned promptly; and if you search through the pile of lost property for clothing items which may be missing from your child's wardrobe. This will save us time which could be better spent on other matters.

Next year, there will be some changes to staff and class groupings. Based on current enrolment figures for 2011, there will be five classes. Following is the likely composition of classes; it may be necessary to change this configuration if enrolment numbers fluctuate.

- Year 6
- Year 4/Year 5
- Year 3/ Year 4
- Year 1/2
- Kindergarten

After many years of service to the Clunes community, Mrs Colleen Henderson will complete a dedicated career at the end of this term. Mr Malcolm Sky, her replacement, will be taking up an option in Aboriginal Education during 2011, so will not be on-site at Clunes until 2012. In his absence, Ms Keron James will fill the vacancy.

Sexting (as advised by the Dept. of Education & Training)

Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting' – the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Tips for parents

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.

Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the education department's website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Margaret Porter
Principal.



Music Tuition

Music tuition will be as normal next week. There are still some outstanding tuition fees for Term 4. It would be appreciated if these fees could be paid prior to the end of November.

Intensive Swimming

The swimming program for non and reluctant swimmers begins next Monday and will run for the next two weeks. Students from Corndale School will be joining us for the program. Please remind students to bring their towel, swimmers, sunscreen and thongs each day. Lessons will be on regardless of the weather as there is plenty of undercover area at Alstonville. The only exception will be if there is lightning.



Canteen News

There will **NO** Canteen tomorrow! Please ensure children bring a packed recess and lunch.

Thank you
Caitlin



Ballet Performance

We have a wonderful opportunity for students to attend a performance of *Alice in Wonderland* on Monday 6th December at the Lismore

Workers Club. Dancers from the Karen Ireland Dance Centre are performing including Caitlin Garlick in Year 2. Travel will be by Bulzomi Buses and total cost to students is \$5. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to see a fully-costumed, polished performance.

Consent notes were sent home on Tuesday and need to be returned with payment by Friday 26th November so that we can book the seating.

Uniforms for 2011

Julie Casey will be available from 9 until 10 o'clock on 30th November (the last Kindergarten Orientation Day) for purchasing of school uniforms. All purchases must be paid for at the time (cash or cheque – no EFTPOS available). An order form was sent home last week and is available on the school website.

Book Club

- Brochures for the final book club of the year have been sent home today. Orders and money need to be returned to the office by Friday 26th November. Late orders will not be accepted as there will not be enough

time to get the books back from Scholastic prior to the holidays.

- Those students who ordered late for the last book club should receive their orders early next week.

School Lunches

It has come to our attention that students are bringing ring pull cans in their lunch boxes and /or items that require heating. Both these situations present OHS issues and in the interests of safety, we ask that

- Contents of cans are decanted into a plastic container
- No items requiring heating are brought to school.

COOSH Update

COOSH will be open on the two pupil free days at the end of this term – Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December- from 8am to 5.30pm at a site to be determined.

Vacation care will be running for the last 3 weeks of the Christmas holidays (10-28 January 2011). For bookings, please ring 6629 1750.

Ghana Fund Raiser

African Food and Music Night Fundraiser to raise money to buy 2nd Hand 4WD ambulance for village in Ghana for a birth centre.

WHEN? Friday 19th November from 5.30 WHERE? Old Drill Hall – Mullumbimby

Tickets available at the door.

Kids' entertainment, great food, lots of music

\$25.00 entry per family

Contact Karan 66849461

Soccer / Football Exhibition Match

Marconi Stallions Vs Italo Stars All Stars

Sat. 20th November @ 2pm

Italo Stars Football Club is hosting an Exhibition Soccer / Football match between Sydney based *Marconi Stallions* and local *Italo Stars All Stars*. As part of this event, Marconi and Stars premier players are holding a coaching clinic for any interested 5-14 y.o. boys and girls in the region @ 10am on Sat. 20th November 2010 at Italo Stars Football Club, Barrow Lane, North Lismore

Register by calling the Italo Club on 6621 4677.