



Clunes Public School Newsletter

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Week 7 Term 4



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And so to the busy end of the year...

We have a team of very interested and enthusiastic mums who are currently working with the school in a voluntary capacity to construct, implement and maintain a school vegetable garden in the area at the end of C Block near the new water tank and the worm and compost farms. I congratulate them on their initiative.

It is planned that the garden will be built by the team during the Christmas holiday period so that it's ready to go into production in term one. In order to raise some funds and enlist support for the project, the garden team will be running a cake stall in conjunction with the P&C barbecue on concert night, 14th December.

So, if you don't mind a dig in the dirt and would like to get involved, talk to Melinda, Dee, Bec, Emma, Jen or Sasha. I'm sure they would appreciate your interest.

And while we're talking about getting involved, the P&C committee desperately needs your help in selling raffle tickets at the Clunes Shop and/or the Eltham Pub. I know you're busy (aren't we all ?) but even one hour of your time would help. There are approximately eighty families at this school. If each family contributed one hour of ticket-time, imagine how many raffle tickets could be sold, making a tidy sum for the purchase of resources to benefit your children. So, be generous, contact Caitlin and give a little to gain a lot.

The configuration of classes for 2012 (and allocation of children and teachers) is currently under consideration. We need to take account of all the factors involved (skills, personalities, strengths, needs, relationships, etc) and, as it's extremely important to get the blend right to create optimal learning conditions, the process takes time (*Form in haste, repent at...*).

Having considered all the fore mentioned characteristics, the decision is then about numbers. Total student enrolment determines the number of teachers appointed to a school and thus, the number of classes which can be formed. The pattern of enrolment numbers (i.e, number of students around ages and stages) determines which classes need to be split; where we can have straight classes; and which combinations of classes will work.

In a small school like ours, accurate enrolment figures for the ensuing year are extremely important, as a difference of one or two students can have a major impact on class formation. If you know of anyone who is considering enrolling students at Clunes in 2012 but has not yet done so, please encourage them to contact us now.

Class formation is a big task and we try very hard to get it right. So be patient, the task will be completed soon and everyone will be advised of the outcome before the end of term.

Margaret Porter
Principal



SCHOOL CALENDAR

| WEEK 7 | WEEK 8 | WEEK 9 | WEEK 10 |
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| Fri 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly - Class 3/4 | Mon 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinder Orientation Small School Opera House Choir Rehearsals Fri 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clunes Got Talent finals Christmas Scripture Presentation | Thurs 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Dinner School Disco Fri 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Assembly | Mon 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballet performance Wed 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Concert Fri 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of school |

Thought of the Week

"Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting.
So get on your way!"

Dr Seuss

🎵 All Things Musical



Instrument tuition next week:-

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| Guitar, piano | Tuesday |
| Beginner band practice | Tuesday |
| 8.15am | |
| Continuing Band | Tuesday 2.00pm |
| Brass/Woodwind/Drum | Wednesday |

Payment for Term 4 music tuition is now due.

- ❖ There will be NO tuition in Week 10 due to the concert.
- ❖ Notes were sent home with students in Years 2-5 regarding instrument tuition for 2012. To help with organisation for 2012 please return these notes as soon as possible.

Assembly

Our next assembly is Friday at 2.15pm. Year 3/4 students will be presenting an item for your enjoyment. All families are invited to come along.

The Nutcracker and Seussical

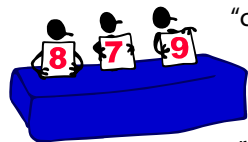
The permission note for our end of year excursion to *The Nutcracker and Seussical* was distributed to students yesterday. Please return notes with money by Wednesday 7th December to allow for confirmation of buses and numbers.

Have You Got Talent???

The last SRC fundraiser for the year is on Friday 2nd December, when they will be running the "Clunes has Got Talent" finals.

Every student will be asked to bring a gold coin donation to be part of the audience, as well as a silver coin to vote for their favourite act. Auditions were completed yesterday and the successful performers have been notified.

Mrs Porter has been voted by the SRC members as the "chief judge" and she will be



overseeing the voting process and announcing the winner. All funds raised will go towards resources for the school.

Nickie Bartlett - SRC Coordinator

Important Dates

Last day of school for 2011

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| Students | Friday 16 th December |
| Staff | Tuesday 20 th December |

Term 1 2012 starts

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| Staff | Friday 27 th January |
| Students | Monday 30 th January |
| Kindergarten | Wednesday 1 st February |

Library Borrowing

With the year coming to a close, all library borrowing has now ceased. Books currently on loan are due back by the end of the term.

Could you please check your shelves at home for any outstanding library books as there are quite a few that are long overdue or missing?

Mobile Library

The next visit of the mobile library will be the last for the school year. Please remind your children to return all their books on December 6th. Books may also be returned to any branch. To prevent charges books should be returned by the date stamp in red on the receipt slip.

Do You Have an Outstanding Account??

The end of financial year for the school is fast approaching (30th November).

In light of this it would be appreciated if all outstanding accounts (textbooks, music tuition etc) could be finalised before the **last banking on 29th November**.

Book Club

Orders for the final book club for 2011 need to be returned to the office by TOMORROW. No late orders will be accepted due to time constrictions.

Student Banking



The last day for student banking for 2011 will Wednesday December 14th.

Students who wish to order rewards (10 tokens required) will need to do so by Friday 9th December to allow for delivery prior to the end of term.

The Pat the Dog watch is now available for redemption.

P & C News

The P & C would like to thank Mark, Dee and Kaitlyn for a job well done in selling raffle tickets at the shop and at the Eltham Hotel over the weekend. We still need volunteers to do between 9am and 11am at the shop on Saturday morning and between 12noon and 3pm at the Eltham Hotel on Sunday. If you can help with either of these times could you contact Caitlin on 6688 2310.

It would be great, if you could help us out (even if it's only for one hour) as relying on the same people all the time is hardly fair as we are all working towards providing more resources for our children

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

Also, if any family is having difficulties selling their tickets please send them back to school and we will try and sell them at the shop or the pub.

The P & C are running a BBQ on Wednesday 14 December at 6pm in time for the concert at 7pm if you can help out please contact Mark on 0447 713999.

The P & C Team

NEW UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for someone who would be interested in taking over the role of Uniform Co-ordinator for 2012 as my son, Ben, is moving on to High School. The role does not demand too much of your time and it is organised and easy to do.

If you are interested at all, please call Julie on 6629 1751 or 0407 391 726 and I can let you know what is involved and show you the ropes. Thank you so much

Julie

Canteen News

As we approach the end of the school year, we are winding down our canteen operation and as such some items may become unavailable over the next few weeks

Vegetables Anyone?

Hot off the press is news that Clunes Public School will be creating a vegetable garden for both staff & students to utilise during the 2012 school year.

All the planning is underway but we need funds to purchase the equipment needed to make the raised garden beds so we will be holding a Cake Stall on the 14th December right before the School Concert.

We are asking for donations of cakes, slices and biscuits to sell on the evening. Even if you're not a gardener you can still be involved in this fantastic opportunity for the school community by donating some of your delicious baking.

If you would like to join our committee please contact Melinda on 66882121

Community News

COOSH News

COOSH will be closed on the two pupil free days (Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December).

It will reopen for Vacation Care on Monday 9th January.

Anyone Bought a Piano Recently??

Someone from the Clunes area recently purchased and paid for a piano from Denise and Brian but to date have not been to collect it.

If this is you, could you please contact Denise on 66815153?

School Disco

Our school disco is on
Thursday 8th December
from
7.15 to 8.45pm
in the Clunes School Hall.

The P & C will be selling drinks
and snack foods.

Cost for the disco will be
\$3 per student.
Year 6 students are free
Clunes students only please