



Clunes Public School Newsletter

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Week 6 Term 4

'Learn to Live, Live to Learn'

Integrity, Responsibility, Respect

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Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land

YEAR 4, 5, 6 CANBERRA & SYDNEY EXCURSION!

Our Y4, 5, 6 excursion to Canberra and Sydney was a wonderful experience for all. The week was action packed and everyone needed their sleep each night to maintain their energy for each day. This trip included: Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Ice Skating, Cockington Green, Telstra tower, Electoral Office, Museum of Australian Democracy, Australian War Memorial, The Mint, Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, Embassy Drive, Sydney Eye Tower, Wildlife Zoo, Madam Tussauds, Sydney Aquarium, ferry trip and a Rocks and Sydney Harbour Bridge walk. It was an amazing week and the students were wonderfully behaved, enjoyed every experience, were considerate of each other and gained new friendships with Upper Coopers Creek and Goolmangar school students.

I'd like to thank Mr Priestley who worked tirelessly to ensure everyone was comfortable, safe and happy. We also want to thank all our parents and carers, as it was obvious our students were well prepared for the big trip. You should be very proud of your children! Please enjoy the photos in this week's newsletter. Students will also be provided with a copy of the photos.

RAFFLE FOR REECE

There has been great support from our school community to ensure Reece Gallagher is financially supported as he competes in discus at a national level.

All raffle tickets must be returned tomorrow as we will be drawing all prizes at our assembly at 2pm. We again acknowledge the generosity of the following businesses. Norco, Stockpot Kitchen, Ashmore Holiday Park, Clunes Auto Centre and Clunes Store.

PARENT HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Can you spare a few days or even just one day a week for an hour? Our Kindergarten to Year 6 intensive two week swimming program will run from the 23rd November until the 4th December.

We expect all students to participate in this life saving program and cater for non-swimmers to stroke correction and endurance groups.

While the department provides qualified Swimming Instructors, the school also requires all staff and a group of parents to provide adequate supervision for safety and small group tuition. Today a note will be sent home requesting help on specific times and days. We hope that you will consider even just one day to ensure the program goes ahead.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

WEEK 6	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10
Friday 13 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student assembly Raffle draw Meal Deal orders due 	Mon 23 to Friday 27 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive swimming program each day 	Mon 30 Nov to Friday 4 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive swimming program each day 	Wednesday 9 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Concert matinee School Concert evening Friday 11 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Presentation Assembly Volunteers morning tea



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Congratulations to our Student Representative Council students who ran an excellent ceremony on Wednesday. The choir sang beautifully and the array of lovely flowers was also appreciated.

"We will remember them"



2016 CAPTAIN ELECTION TOMORROW

Our Year 5 2016 Captain candidates will present their speeches at tomorrow's assembly at **2pm**. Students and staff will vote in a secret ballot at the end of the assembly. It is delightful to see so many senior students stepping up to these leadership positions. Good luck everyone!

P.S. Rumour has it, there was fabulous entertainment on at Clunes hall last weekend and our school even received a donation from it. Many thanks to the Buckley family and community members involved!

Michelle Slee
Principal

Expectation of the Week

"Hands and feet off"

Student Assembly

Our next student assembly is tomorrow Friday 13th November at **2.00pm** (please note the special time). We will be drawing the raffle for Reece at this assembly so make sure you have all your tickets in early in the morning please. We will also be hearing from our School Captain candidates as they present their speeches. All families welcome to attend.

Story Dog Fundraiser

Today students enjoyed a fun day with our animal themed mufti day to raise money for the Story Dog program. Each week Roy (and his owner, Gail) listen and encourage students to improve their reading. This program is running in a number of schools and each dog seeks sponsorship from a local business to cover training, insurance and resources involved. If you have a business that may be interested, we can put you in touch with this organisation.

Kinder Orientation for 2016

Last Monday was our last orientation day for Kindergarten 2016. By now students have acquainted themselves with the school layout, some of our routines and met most of the staff which should make their transition to big school much smoother.

New Enrolments for 2016

We ask that parents submit enrolment paperwork prior to the end of this term so that students can be entered on our administration system ready to start in 2016. This will mean that library borrowing, marking of rolls and printing of emergency lists etc. can start immediately school commences.

Intensive Swimming Scheme

Our Intensive Swimming program starts on Monday 23rd November and runs for 10 consecutive school days. Cost for the program this year is \$65 per student which includes bus fare and pool entry. *[If students have a season pass to the Alstonville Pool, the cost is reduced to \$30 but the pass must be presented to the school office at the time of payment.]* All levels of swimming ability will be catered for so all students are encouraged to participate. Please return notes with full payment by Wednesday 18th November. Remember payments can be made online on our school website, www.clunes-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Year 6 Dinner

Year 5 & 6 Students and Parents

SAVE THE DATE

December 14th at 5:30pm

On Monday December 14th the Year 5 Students will host a **Good Luck and Farewell** dinner for the Year 6 Students and their Parents.

We will be sending out invitations to all the year 6 students in the next week so please keep an eye out at the bottom of the school bags amongst the 3 day old ham sandwich for the invitation as we will need to get an idea of numbers of those planning to attend.

To the year 5 students and their families, keep an eye out for an information notice as I will be seeking some help in the preparations of the dinner as well as help on the day.

Let's send the year 6 students off with all our best wishes. Contact Daralee Alexander for more information 0432389477

Notes due

Intensive Swimming Scheme Wednesday 18th Nov.

P & C News

TUESDAY \$5 MEAL DEAL – next Tuesday.
Orders required by tomorrow.

Band night last weekend was wonderful. Great music, delicious food and the amazing swing dance troupe who gave a high energy demonstration. Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked, set up and helped out on the night. Special thanks to Sharon and Mick Buckley who had the brilliant idea and worked tirelessly to make it a successful night.

At the P&C meeting on Monday, we discussed many future fundraising events as well as an end of year thank you to all those that joined us. There will be one more P&C meeting on the 7th of December. A big thanks to Daralee for organising the year six dinner this year.

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.



At COOSH we have been cooking one of Ayumi's special dumpling recipes and the children have been honing their slicing skills. They had to cut Chinese cabbage and shallots as thinly as possible and while some found this challenging, others like Connor who regularly cuts up vegetables for his pets, were experts. To ensure the dumplings stayed together once filled, the children tried and tested different shapes and techniques for sealing the edges. Upon Maddie's advice we fried them and enjoyed dipping them in soy and sesame...delicious!



Following on from last week's successful sewing craft, we

perfected overstitching to start off felt letters and animals which the children stuffed. They are really getting the hang of the running stitch and we hope to present them with opportunities for more complicated stitching each week to develop their skills.

A few new resources provided old fashioned amusement for the children. Tyrese learned paper folding to engineer technical rockets and skyscraper designs. We also followed step by step instructions to master the cat's cradle. Staff is currently busy reviewing COOSH's 2015 Quality Improvement Plan and will be writing the new one for 2016 this month. Keep an eye on your emails please as we will be seeking your feedback shortly.

Hannah and the COOSH team

Story Dog mufti day
We raised \$94.00!!

Community Event



