



Clunes Public School Newsletter

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Week 9 Term 4

'Learn to Live, Live to Learn'

Integrity, Responsibility, Respect

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Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land

CAROLING AT SUFFOLK PARK RSL NURSING HOME

Today our choir sang Christmas Carols to the elderly residents of Suffolk Park Nursing Home. The children brought smiles and Christmas spirit to all. This was a special occasion for all involved as it is so important to have opportunities where the young and elderly can enjoy each other's company. We thank our wonderful choir members, Mrs Leone Cox, and Lee Walker (Kenny's mum) who arranged the visit and transport.

NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Please take the time to complete and return a short survey regarding our newsletters. First class to return all their surveys will receive an iceblock!!!

TWO WEEKS OF SUN, WATER, EXERCISE AND LIFE SKILLS

Tomorrow sees the last day of our two week intensive swimming course, and all our students are to be congratulated on the way they have participated in the program. All students have made progress in their swimming ability, fitness and awareness of safety around water. We are very appreciative of the huge response we had from our parents. Every day we had a group of parents willing to help out in any way they could. These parents ensured that our students were safe and had maximum time in the water. A big thanks to all who gave up their precious time to help our school community.



AN EXCITING WEEK AHEAD!

Students have been rehearsing for next week's concert in between swimming lessons. Wednesday will be a very exciting day for everyone. Students will participate in a dress rehearsal on Wednesday after recess and will enjoy watching each other's performances with our local pre-schoolers.

At the evening performance, our P & C will be running a BBQ and tea, coffee and cakes will also be on sale. (P & C are asking for donations of baked goods). Students will be asked to go to their classrooms at 6pm to change into costumes and prepare for the evening performance.

Our "Australian Road Trip" concert will begin at 6:30pm. Families and friends are welcome

to make a donation in the buckets provided around the hall. There will be no reserved seats as it will be "first in, best dressed".


Students will be in the 1-2 room during the performance and will be brought out to the hall by their teachers at the end of each performance. Please ensure you let your child's teacher know before taking your child at the end of the evening. Fingers crossed the stormy weather stays away this year, even though it was an evening to remember last year with true community spirit evident!

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA

We hope that our many volunteers have found working within our school a rewarding experience. It is a very selfless and rewarding gesture to give up valuable time to assist our students in many different ways. Our students benefit greatly from your support, and the generosity of your time

SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	2016
Friday 4 Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive swimming 	Monday 7 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P & C meeting @ 6.15pm Wednesday 9 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Concert matinee School Concert evening Friday 11 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers morning tea End of Year Presentation Assembly 	Monday 14 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Dinner School Disco Tuesday 15 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Fun Day Wednesday 16 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for students 	Wednesday 27 January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day Thursday 28 January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STUDENTS in YEARS 1-6 START SCHOOL Best Start assessment – K Friday 29 January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Start Assessment - K

enhances many aspects of our school. We hope all our volunteers will come and join us for a special thank you morning tea on **Friday 11th at 11am outside our hall** prior to our presentation day.

PRESENTATION DAY

Following our morning tea we will hold our end of year presentation day at 11:40am. At this presentation day we will announce our 2016 Captains, our 3 major award recipients and present our Kindergarten and Y6 students with a special gift. We will also enjoy a music and choir performance. This will be a very special way to celebrate our achievements throughout the year! I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the amazing work of all our staff. In these final weeks, assessment, report writing, choir practice, concert practice, programs, notes, swimming school and presentation day means that everyone is working at a frantic pace! They do this almost impossible feat with professionalism, enthusiasm and a constant smile (that glazed happy look may also be a sign of sleep deprivation!). I must also commend our students who are always putting their best foot forward and joining in with great enjoyment.

Michelle Slee – Principal

Expectation of the Week

"Be a positive bystander, help others make good choices."

End of Year Presentation Assembly

Our *End of Year Presentation Assembly* will be on Friday 11th December at 11.45am, with presentation of books to Kindergarten graduates, presentation of Year 6 awards, and announcement of our 2016 School Captains. All families are invited to attend this special assembly. Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly.

K-1	Keira, Peppa and Tasman
1-2	Lachlan, Matthew and Tilden
3-4	Lizzy, Oscar and Syah
5-6	Aleksey, Amika, Charlie, Jamie, Juliette and Maddie

Our Citizenship Award went to Peppa Smith.



Library borrowing finishing for 2015

All library borrowing has now finished for the year. Could you please check all shelves and bags for any outstanding library books and return them to school next week?



Parents, grandparents and carers who have assisted in our school throughout 2015 are invited to attend a special "Thank You" morning tea at 1100am on Friday 11th December

Music Tuition and Instrument Return

- ❖ Next Tuesday will be the final tuition day for **brass and woodwind instruments** with Ms Fiona Clarke. Classes will again start at 8.30am (Thank you Marnie and Aleksey for getting to school early for the first lesson!)

ALL hired instruments will need to be returned on TUESDAY so that they can be cleaned, and if needed repaired, over the holiday break.

- ❖ Wednesday 9 December will be the last **keyboard** tuition day for 2015. Classes will also start at 8.30am due to the concert matinee.
- ❖ Friday 11 December will be the last **guitar and drums** tuition day. These classes will also start early as we have the presentation assembly on at 11.45 (thanks Alex, Max and Mitchell)

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 starts.

End of Year Fun Day

Notes for the end of year fun activities need to be returned to school by **Friday 11th December**.

Year 6 students will enjoy roller skating and ten pin bowling with Mrs Slee; and the remainder of the school will be cooling off with Brad's *Fitness Kidz* water fun.

Student Banking

Last day of banking will be Wednesday 9th December.

Notes due

End of Year Fun Day notes Friday 11th December

P & C News

Next week on Wednesday is the end of year concert - a great night for celebrating our children's achievements. The P&C would like help with the canteen on concert night, and at the disco the following Monday, cooking sausages and selling drinks and cakes. Some baked treats for concert night and disco would also be appreciated.

*P&C meeting is this Monday. Please come along and celebrate the end of another year. We will be discussing future fundraising and end of year.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at COOSH this

week. The children have been busy making origami Christmas trees with Ayumi. They learnt to fold the paper to make the pieces fit together like a puzzle. They also created pop out cards to give as gifts to their family.

Wednesday saw the children make cute little sock snowman with rice and string which they then decorated with beads and ribbons to make each one individual.



School may be closed from the 17th but COOSH will be opened 3 more days. The 17th and 18th will be an all-day COOSH bonanza with activities that have been done in the afternoon running on these days. Monday 21st of December is our Christmas extravaganza with a full Christmas themed program. COOSH will open

from 8.00am at 5:30pm. We hope to see you all there.

Christmas Party 2015

- ❖ Come ready to cook Christmas cake and custard
- ❖ Make Christmas decorations with pine cones, wire and cellophane and baubles polystyrene balls
- ❖ Can you sing your favourite Christmas carols with a mouth full of lollies?
- ❖ Play Christmas bingo! (Great prizes to be won)
- ❖ Make Christmas cards
- ❖ Construct your own crackers; bring something to put in them
- ❖ Write your own jokes for your crackers
- ❖ Decorate your Christmas sock, collage style.

The COOSH team



Clunes Carols at the Common will this year be on Sunday 20th December from 5.30pm at the Clunes Old School Site in Walker Street (opposite the Hall). It's a great family event and a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a busy year. Entertainment will be provided by the Clunes Carols Band and lots of other local talent, and you can join in the traditional carol singing with the Clunes Community Choir. As this event is a fundraiser, please throw a gold coin in the bucket on arrival to support local community groups. There will be a BBQ and cake stall running on the night and there may even be a special appearance by a surprise visitor!

This year's event is generously sponsored by the **Clunes Store and Cellars**. Please bring your blankets, a picnic (or purchase from the BBQ), and your singing voices. And please

'like' the Clunes Carols at the Common Facebook page for more information.

In the case of wet weather, the Carols will be held in the Clunes Hall in Walker Street. See you all there with your jingle bells on!

CLUNES RURAL FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RUN

Thursday 24th December 2015

Santa will be handing out lollies to the kids, both big and small. A Helmet will be passed around and any donations to the Clunes Rural Fire Brigade will be gratefully accepted.



Just a reminder that Santa's route and times have changed

- 4:10pm Eureka Rd from Beacom Rd to Bangalow Rd
- 4:20pm Stewarts Rd only
- 4:30pm Pearces Creek School then onto Pearsons Rd
- 4:45pm Mckenzie Rd to Eltham School
- 5:00pm Eltham Pub and Johnston Rd (including Federation Dr and Tildon Dr)
- 5:40pm Flatley Dr then Jarvis St (to Smith St intersection)
- 6:00pm Clunes Park then Booyong Rd (to Parks' property 1120 Booyong Rd)
- 6:15pm Ryces Dr
- 6:40pm Along Walker St to the tennis courts
- 6:50pm Remnant Dr & James Gibson Rd onto Mackie Rd (ending at Ridgewood Rd intersection)

Please Note, Times are approximate only.

**Merry Christmas & Best Wishes
for the New Year**

FREE Community Concert featuring
The World According to James

The World
According to
James
IT'S A SMALL, BIG WORLD

The World According to James: fronted by Australia's leading jazz trombonist James Greening, the quartet is among Australia's most respected jazz groups.

Saturday December 5, 2015
3-4pm
Northern Rivers Conservatorium
(Corner Keen & Magellan Streets) Lismore
FREE EVENT!