



# Clunes Public School Newsletter

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Week 4 Term 4

*'Learn to Live, Live to Learn'*

*Integrity, Responsibility, Respect*

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*Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land*

## 2017 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION CONTINUES

Last Monday Mrs McKenzie and our 'nearly year one' students enjoyed another morning with our 2017 kindergarten students. Our next orientation session will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and it will be a very exciting time as our new kinders will meet their Y5 buddies for the first time. This is a fabulous tradition at Clunes Public Schools which creates special connections between students and wonderful memories. It also encourages a safe, nurturing environment where students look out for each other throughout their primary years.

## REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 our Student Council Representatives will hold a ceremony at 10:40am in the hall to commemorate Remembrance Day. We welcome family and community members to join us at this ceremony and ask for donations of flowers.

## 11 MORE SLEEPS TO OUR SWIMMING SCHOOL

Mrs McKenzie is busy organising our intensive swimming program beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, which will run over two weeks. We have had an amazing response from parents to assist with the program. All students are

expected to go and if they are unable to get into the pool on certain day, they will need to travel to the pool with the school due to supervision requirements.

Whether your child is a non-swimmer, a beginner or a confident swimmer, this program is beneficial to them. As Summer approaches, we know our children will enjoy cooling off in dams, creeks, rivers, pools and beaches and while we know all children must be closely supervised near water, if we save one life or develop a child's skill to save themselves in an emergency – it is worthwhile.

If your child is a very competent swimmer, this program offers them the opportunity to increase their endurance and fitness specific to the sport of swimming and continuing to develop their stroke and style.

The facts are that in 2016 after two years of K – 6 swimming, we had the greatest number of competitors representing Clunes at the First North Carnival. We hope everyone will continue to strongly support this essential life skill program.

## AFL, CRICKET AND TENNIS AFTERNOONS

It is wonderful to see so many students participating in the AFL workshops and cricket and tennis coaching sessions in the afternoons. We are fortunate to have not only the expertise for these sports but also the facilities.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

*We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School*

### WEEK 4

#### Friday 4 November

- Student Assembly



### WEEK 5

#### Wednesday 9 November

- Kindergarten Orientation

#### Thursday 10 November

- Interrelate for Years 5/6

### WEEK 6-7

#### 14 - 18 and 21 - 25 November

- **Intensive Swimming Program** each morning, leaving school at 9.50am and returning by 12.15pm. Please ensure students have swimmers, towel, goggles (optional), sunscreen and their change of clothes.

### WEEK 9

#### Monday 5 December

- Concert rehearsal

#### Wednesday 7 December

- Matinee concert
- Evening Concert

#### Thursday 8 December

- Reports distributed

Our aim is to provide as many opportunities and experiences as possible to our students so they can experience, explore and discover their talents, passions while enjoying an active, healthy lifestyle.

*Michelle Slee*

Principal

### Expectation for the Week "Stay active, stay healthy"

#### Student Assembly

Our next assembly is on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm**. Parents, carers and community members are welcome to join us as we celebrate our students' achievements.

#### Thank You

*Hi, it is Oscar here.*

*A big thank you to the P & C who gave me \$50 to represent Clunes School in Sydney for State Athletics. I know my Mum and Dad really appreciate all the fundraising you do to help the students at our little school and if it weren't for your help I wouldn't have been able to have this opportunity.*

Oscar Murchison



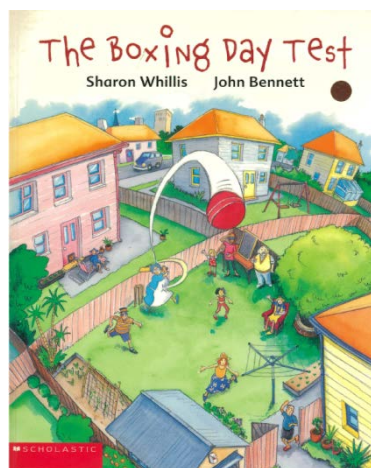
#### News from Class 1-2

Writing in Class 1-2 is linked to rich texts that are read to the students and linked to rich discussions from those texts about a life value or a new word that may add to the quality of the students' writing.

In weeks 3 and 4, we have been reviewing the text "The Boxing Day Test" by authors Sharon Whillis and John Bennett. It's about a backyard game of cricket played on Boxing Day, in a typically 'Australian' custom, which fits in with the class's COGs (HSIE) unit for the term. The rich phrase the children had to use in their writing last week was "the middle stump cartwheeled out of the ground". This week's phrases for rich discussion and then writing was "a flurry of singles" and "knocked up a good score".

Students discussed the different sports these phrases might be able to be used in or with some modification of the phrases for other sports. Students were encouraged to write about a sport of their choice in a similar format as the book using these phrases but also to have the opening sentence dramatic and interesting, getting away from typical opening sentences like "I was playing basketball ..." or "Once upon a time ...".

Tasman has shown he could extend his writing by adopting these phrases and an interesting opening to his story. Enjoy the read!



#### "Cricket"

*Bam! Bam! David Warner wacked a six then hit a further flurry of sixes. Then he top-edged one and almost hit another six. But instead, the fielder just caught it on the boundary rope. It was a great catch. Then Steve Smith came in with Joe Burns. They got a big partnership. Joe Burns got 136 runs and then he completely missed a ball and the stumps cartwheeled out of the ground.*

*Then Adam Vogues came out with a flurry of runs to knock up a great score of 329 runs. He got out then. Peter Neville took over hitting most of the runs to get out for 69 runs. Then Josh Hazelwood got 23 runs and then got out. They declared for 559 runs and 6 wickets.*

Tasman – Year 1

Well done Tasman. Fantastic writing and you'll make a great sports columnist or journalist one day.

Mr Sky

#### Clunes School Choir – from Ms Julie

We have had a couple of wonderful choir rehearsals with 53 students taking part from Kindy through to year 6. So far, we have worked on a mash-up of songs from 2016 - **Geronimo** by Sheppard as well as 2 Christmas carols, **Aussie Jingle Bells** and **Feliz Navidad**.

I have included the lyrics of the "2016 Mash-up" with the newsletter for those who would like to practise at home. We will sing this song at the end-of-year concert.

#### Instrument Tuition

Music tuition fees are now due. Remember that payment for brass and woodwind is paid directly to Ms Clarke (she has sent out invoices) and all guitar and drums payments come to the front office. Thank you for your assistance with getting payments finalised for the end of year.

#### The Pleasure of Teaching Ethics

This year I have had the pleasure of teaching the Primary Ethics syllabus to kindergarten students at Clunes. I want to encourage anyone who might like to do the two day training to be an ethics teacher to do so.

I have been a teacher for many years but one doesn't have to be a teacher – when I did my training there was a range of people: retired psychologists, part time workers, teacher trainees wanting classroom experience to practise, mums and dads and grandparents.

The lessons and images for the classes are sent to ethics teachers online and we follow the superbly written, age appropriate syllabus closely. So there's no preparation beyond reading through the topic to be presented. The groups of students are smaller than a regular class. The program teaches children to listen to the teacher and each other, to ponder stories and dilemmas, to work out how to express what they think in words, to accept that other people may think differently from them and that is alright. The teacher's opinion never comes in to the discussion, it is not relevant. The teacher's aim is to



encourage the children to think for themselves. The skills the children learn in ethics will benefit them throughout school. The responses of the children have been very impressive at times.

One of my favourite discussions was about whether a little girl should take the shell off a snail to see if it looked that same as a slug she had found in the garden. When I asked the children, without prompting them, what they thought they said: *No, she shouldn't take off the shell because – it would hurt the snail – the snail would be sad - the snail would be cold – the snail would not have a home – the snail would be more likely to be eaten by a bird because it couldn't hide in its shell – the snail might die. Then one little voice piped up – but my mum and dad don't like snails because they eat our cabbages and they kill them.*

And these children were five or six!

So you too could teach ethics. Two enjoyable days of training - there will be a class in this area early next year; then a commitment of one half hour session a week.

I have found it interesting, fun, worthwhile and, in fact, a privilege to lead these discussions with the children this year.

Megan Hale



## Beautiful Healthy Teeth

Beautiful healthy teeth are a great asset. Teeth are necessary for speech, to eat nutritious food and for smiling. Plaque needs to be removed properly, twice each day to keep the teeth strong and healthy. Plaque is a white, furry layer that forms naturally on teeth every day, due to the food being broken down by the bacteria in the mouth. Brushing once a day may not be adequate to prevent tooth decay. Many parents don't realise how difficult it is for children to clean their teeth effectively. Children up to ten years may not clean teeth adequately, leaving plaque which will continue the decay process. Adults are advised to brush children's teeth first then let their child take over the tooth brushing, so they can learn to perform the necessary movements correctly.

Tooth brushing of older children should also be supervised closely. Thorough tooth brushing takes 2-3 minutes.

- Use a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste on a soft toothbrush.
- After brushing, spit out the excess toothpaste and don't rinse. This leaves a small amount of toothpaste in the mouth to continue to offer protection.
- Make tooth brushing a fun family activity. Try some of the many toothbrush timing apps available to assist children to be motivated.

## P & C News

The rolls of canteen classroom organiser and uniform coordinator still need to be filled if anyone is interested. If you would like to be involved in the P&C and can't attend meetings please contact Laura Hayward at [snaily363@hotmail.com](mailto:snaily363@hotmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.

The P&C is an integral role in our school. We support the school in acquiring the tools the staff and students need to enrich our children's learning. We need you to get involved in the P&C so that we can continue to achieve greatness for our school.

Next P&C meeting is November the 7th - more details soon.



The bottle flipping craze has landed at COOSH this week with many of the children practicing their perfect flips to land the bottle up right on various locations. The children set up challenges for each other and researched the best techniques.

The children encouraged each other to do the tricks and celebrated when one of them had got it.

Halloween at the start of the week saw the children making spooky craft and edible fingers. They cut out Jack-o-lanterns and decorated sugar skull masks. The witch's fingers were so tasty that some of the educators had two.

On the 9th of December COOSH would like to invite all

children and their family's to a COOSH BBQ at COOSH from 5pm onwards. There will be games and sausages. We ask that families please bring a salad or sweet.

If any of you are interested in booking your children in for COOSH over the 21, 22 and 23 of December and January the 27th please contact Hannah on 66291750.



## Community News

Clunes Community Preschool is a community managed, not-for-profit preschool, providing high quality education and care in the Northern Rivers. We are open Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am – 4pm during the NSW school terms.

Our team of engaged, highly qualified and experienced early childhood teachers provide a supportive environment for children to learn

and grow. Our play-based preschool program is rated as Exceeding the National Quality Standard and caters for children aged 3 to 5.

Get in touch to book in for visit or to reserve your place, or check out our website [www.clunespreschool.com.au/](http://www.clunespreschool.com.au/) for more information. You can also phone us on 66291551.



## 2016 Mash-up Song Lyrics

**Que Sera:** At the end of the day some you win, some you don't  
So I'm glad that I'm here with some friends that I know  
Always there with a smile saying you're not alone  
Singing la la la la que sera

So you gotta be strong (strong) Live by the words of the song (song)

Together is where we belong (long) Never stop dreaming, Keep holding on

At the end of the day some you win, some you don't  
So I'm glad that I'm here with some friends that I know  
Always there with a smile saying you're not alone  
Singing la la la la que sera

**Tightrope (Illy):** It's like I'm walking on a tightrope  
And every step could be the one where I fall  
It's like I'm running with a blindfold  
And I could be wrong but I don't know, I don't... X 2

### Just Like Fire (P!NK)

And people like to laugh at you cause they, are all the same, mmm

See I would rather we just go our different way than play the game, mm

And no matter the weather, we can do it better  
You and me together forever and ever  
We don't have to worry about a thing about a thing, no  
We came here to run it, run it, run it X 2

Just like fire, burning up the way, If I could light the world up for just one day

Watch this madness, colourful charade, No one can be just like me any way

Just like magic, I'll be flying free, I'm'a disappear when they come for me

I kick that ceiling, what you gonna say?. No one can be just like me any way

Just like fire

### Better When I'm Dancing

Don't think about it, Just move your body, Listen to the music, Sing, oh, ey, oh

Just move those left feet, Go ahead, get crazy, Anyone can do it, Sing, oh, ey, oh

[Show the world you've got that fire (fire), Feel the rhythm getting louder

Show the room what you can do, Prove to them you got the moves

I don't know about you, But I feel better when I'm dancing, yeah, yeah

Better when I'm dancing, yeah, yeah

And we can do this together,

I bet you feel better when you're dancing, yeah, yeah  
Ba ba ba ba .....la la la .....da da da .....oh way oh] X 2

