



Clunes Public School Newsletter

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Week 7 Term 3

'Learn to Live, Live to Learn'

Integrity, Responsibility, Respect

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Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land

IT'S 'SASS WEEK'

Although we should always let our SASS (School Administrative & Support Staff) know how much we appreciate the contributions they make to our school, this is the week we make a special effort to recognise their professionalism, care and the essential role they play in our school.

Thank you Berni, (School Administration Manager Extraordinaire), Reece, Kate, Rose, Marina and Andrea.

Yesterday our Year 5 and 6 students wrote some wonderful tributes to our SASS staff. Please enjoy reading three student's work as they ring true with how our staff and community feel about them.

OLYMPATHON – THANK YOU!!!

After an amazing fund raising effort by so many families, it was exciting to hand out so many prizes last Friday. In fact everyone was a winner!

Congratulations to Seba Stockdale, the highest sponsorship, Obi Stockdale, second highest sponsorship and Caitlin Gallagher, third highest sponsorship. Many special prizes and random prizes were presented as well as rewards for gold medallists, Team France, silver medallists, Team Mexico

and bronze medallists, Team Jamaica. Our total now stands at \$2825.80 as donations continue to come in.

BEST WISHES FOR OUR ZONE ATHLETES

James Coleman, Oscar Murchison and Hayden Thorpe will compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival at the International Stadium in Coffs Harbour tomorrow. We wish them all the best and know they will do themselves and us proud.

100S BOARD WINNER

At last week's assembly, Lucas Murchison's number was drawn and everyone was pleased to have such a worthy winner after his family's hard work in organising fundraising. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Students have presented their speeches this week (Year 5/6 tomorrow). One Kindergarten student, two Stage One students and four Stage Two and Stage Three students will present speeches at our Clunes Public Speaking competition on Tuesday 6th September at 10am. We hope to have many parents joining us on Tuesday.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

WEEK 7

WEEK 8

WEEK 9

WEEK 10

Friday 2 September

- Regional Athletics

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
to all our dads,
stepdads, granddads,
uncles and significant
male carers.

Monday 5 September

- P & C AGM

Tuesday 6 September

- Scripture resumes
- Clunes Public Speaking
- Information sessions for 4/5/6 excursion and Soccer

Friday 9 September

- Assembly - Kindergarten

Tuesday 13 September

- Year 7 Transition day for The Rivers Secondary College campuses

Wednesday – Friday 14-16 Sept.

- Brisbane - Sunshine Coast excursion for Years 4, 5, 6



Thursday 22 September

- State final soccer game
- ½ day public holiday for the Lismore Cup

Friday 23 September

- Assembly – 5/6
- Last day of Term 3

BRISBANE/SUNSHINE COAST EXCURSION & SOCCER TEAM SYDNEY TRIP REMINDER

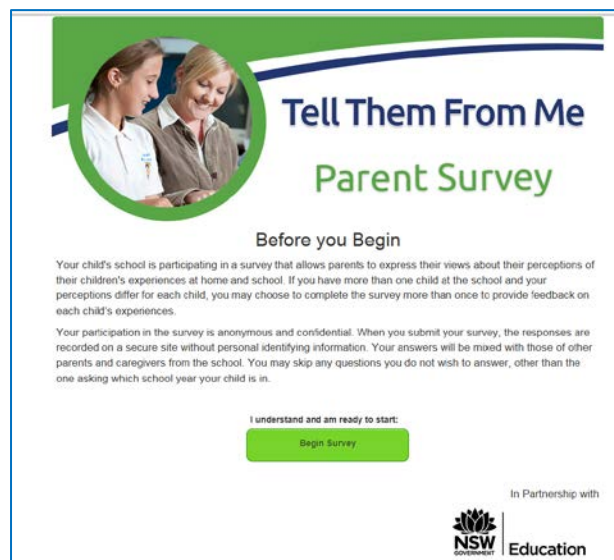
We will be holding an information session for parents and carers of Year 4, 5 & 6 students attending the Brisbane excursion and soccer team members on Tuesday 6th September in the 5/6 classroom.

The soccer trip information session will begin at 5pm and the Y4, 5, 6 excursion session will begin at 5:30pm.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Y4, 5 & 6 students with permission, completed a survey regarding many aspects of our school. This survey is completed every 6 months and provides us with valuable information to identify the great things we are doing and the areas we need to work on.

Last semester's survey highlights included the school being above state results in student participating in extracurricular activities, being engaged in their learning and understanding the importance of what they learn in school. Students also indicated they enjoyed positive relationships with their friends and teachers.



Parents will receive a letter providing information on the purpose of the survey and how to complete the survey. Last year we were unable to use the data gathered as not enough parents completed the survey to provide authentic community representation data. We hope to have a solid response this year.

The survey is totally confidential and will enable everyone to have a say in the direction of their child's school and education. **Please take the time to complete the survey in the next week.**

Teachers will also be completing a survey.

P & C AGM

Our P & C will be holding their Annual General Meeting next Monday at 6:15pm. This is an important meeting where positions are filled for the remainder of the year and in 2017. Without roles filled, the P & C will not be able to function and there are serious ramifications if there is no P & C committee. Please come along to the meeting on Monday as our P & C play a vital role in decision making and are also a wonderful team to work with.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Don't forget our Father's Day stall tomorrow, kindly run by Laura Hayward, Anna Douglass & Sonia Steiner

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Staff have participated in mandatory CPR and Anaphylaxis training this week. Mrs Cooper, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Lovell were also trained in implementing the new Library Oliver system. They have worked tirelessly to prepare for this transfer of systems which should provide our school with the latest, most efficient technological system for our resources. Just one of the many reforms our staff are embracing.

EXTERNAL VALIDATION PANEL VISIT

Our school have been working through a self-assessment and external validation process this year. Next Thursday morning the panel will be visiting the school to discuss the various aspects of our school and assess them against the School Excellence Framework. The panel will be visiting classrooms to speak with students and staff at 9:30am. Parents are most welcome to come in and chat with the panel as they take a tour of our wonderful school.

Michelle Slee

Principal

Expectation for the Week
"Stand up and be heard."

Student Assembly

Our next assembly is on **Friday 9th September at 2pm**. Entertainment will be by the Kindergarten class.

All families are invited to attend.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly.

K	Breanna, Elke and Olive
1-2	Brylee, Henry and Lachlan
3-4	Hayden, Karin and Toby
5-6	Andy, Chanel and Lizzy

The Citizenship Award was presented to Hayden Wessling.



Lismore Cup public holiday

A letter was sent home last Thursday regarding the Lismore Cup 12 to 3pm public holiday gazetted for the 22nd of September. **It is essential that every family return the letter, (soccer team members excluded).**

Why should we have 'SASS' week?

Well first 'SASS' means School Administration and Support staff and yes at first I thought 'SASS' meant that it's a week where all the teachers and staff get to

be sassy for the whole entire week OMG!!! How dreadful would that be?

OK! OK! Let's get to the real question now, why should we have 'SASS' week to thank them?

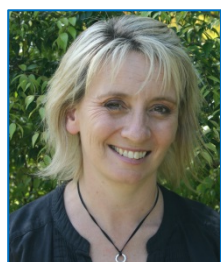
I know we should thank them all the time, but it's a week to really show our appreciation and we don't really see the SASS staff that much, but what they do really helps us a lot...take Reece for



instance. Lizzy and I saw him this week and asked him what he was doing and he said he was mowing the grass Oh! And Mrs Cooper you may have seen the phone thing on her ear- that's because she gets lots of phone calls. That's why I think we should celebrate 'SASS' week

Next year we should maybe have chocolate chip ice cream to celebrate!

Written by Chanel Butler 5/6



Why should we have 'SASS' week to thank them?

I think we should thank Miss Cooper and Mrs Smith for:

- making fun activities at recess
- helping students that need help and
- being a great help for students.

I think we should thank

Reece Maxwell for:

- mowing the school grounds
- painting white lines for athletic carnivals and running events
- fixing anything broken and
- taking great care of the school grounds.

I think we should thank Mrs Baxter for:

- putting books away
- getting new books
- putting covers on books
- fixing books and doing anything to do with books

I think we should thank Craig for:

- keeping our school clean
- working extra hours to get our school spotless and



- doing a great job at cleaning our school.

I think we should thank Mrs Cooper and Mrs Pearce for:

- making the newsletter
- making and giving out notes
- making sure we bring notes in
- answering phone calls and
- being a great help in the office.

By Will Cronin 31/8/16

Why do we have SASS Week?

I think Sass week is a wonderful way to thank people like Mrs Baxter, Mrs Cooper and Mr Maxwell because if we didn't have those people the school would be a lot harder to run. I



don't think people realise how much they do for the school. So I think it is a good time to acknowledge them for what they do for us and the school.

I believe they all do more than we think they do, for example Mrs Cooper does so much work sorting out the newspaper and taking all those phone calls I could never run the job she does.

Mrs Baxter is always covering books with plastic so they last longer.

Mr Maxwell is never sitting around; he is always out working whether it's mowing the oval so we can play soccer on it or setting up the mats for high jump.

Overall I think that these people are special and SASS is a great way to acknowledge what they do.

By Charlie Alexander



Brisbane/Sunshine Coast Excursion

The Year 4, 5, 6 major excursion to Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast is only 2 weeks away.

There is a special meeting next Tuesday evening at 5.30pm for parents to discuss expectations, requisites and answer any queries you may have.

Excursion fees (\$350 in total) need to be paid in full by **the end of this week.**

Notes due back to school

Final Payment for 4-6 excursion	TOMORROW
½ day Holiday pick-up information	ASAP

P&C News

- Father's Day is on the 4th of September and our gift stall will be held on Friday 2nd September at 9am. Anna and Sonia have been wonderful in volunteering to help run the stall. All gifts are under \$5 - perfectly priced for a special dad treat. Thank you, Anna and Sonia.

- Next Monday will be the P & C AGM. We have changed the date to 5th September so the new P&C can ease into their positions. We would love to see as many people as possible at the AGM. We will be having a few nibbles and we ask that you bring a plate. If you would like to be involved in the P&C and can't attend meetings please contact Laura Hayward at snaily363@hotmail.com.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the parents, careers and staff who helped with the Bunning's BBQ last Saturday, a successful fundraiser for COOSH. The \$1000 raised will purchase new toys and play equipment and we are encouraging the children to make a wish list. We also welcome suggestions from families, if there are particular items you would like to see at COOSH.



Class 1-2 Assembly item



Olympathon Prizes galore!

On Monday, after investigating a nest Hannah brought in from her garden children played 'Rob the nest'. Opportunities to practice speeches were popular in our sharing circle. On Tuesday, those children who participated in the Performing Arts Festival showcased their dance moves and tried to teach the other COOSH kids the steps, focusing on rhythm and tempo. The children have been enjoying some cooking again and we utilized leftover crusts from the BBQ to make bread and butter pudding, which they ate with enthusiasm, even asking for seconds! With Sunday being father's day, children have created a special gift for the father figures in their lives.



Class 1-2 Plant Heads

