



Clunes Public School Newsletter

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Week 2 Term 1

'Learn to Live, Live to Learn'

Integrity, Responsibility, Respect

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Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

It is always a delight to return to Clunes Public School. We all, of course, love our holidays but all staff feel very fortunate to work in such a wonderful environment, with a great team, a fantastic group of students and their parents and carers.

All students have had a great first week, including our very grown up Kindergarten students who had their very first day yesterday.

We continue to have inquiries regarding new enrolments and, as stated in a note this week, we are still unable to confirm classes. What I can confirm is that staff have worked long hours prior to returning to school and after school this week, to ensure we quickly get to know our new students and ensure that all students, in every class is feeling safe, valued, aware of expectations, routines and ready for a year of learning, challenges and success.

Teachers have discussed programs and resources we will use for individuals and those Years of students that are split. We will also ensure Year 3 and Year 5 students come together for various programs and activities on a weekly basis.

Our senior students have quickly taken to their new roles and have already demonstrated their reliability and responsibility.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We welcome Miss Renee Sherlock to our school for 2017 and look forward to her joining our enthusiastic team and enhancing our school with her varied skills and experience. We are also fortunate to have an additional teacher with specialist experience, Miss Lauren Townsend, who will be at our school for the duration of Term One. Joining her for Term One is School Learning and Support Officer (SLSO), Helen McLeod. Reporters, Hannah and Marnie, interviewed our new staff this week and have written an article for this newsletter.


Mrs Berni Cooper is back at the front desk after having a very busy summer, coordinating cricket and being interviewed on TV. She hasn't missed a beat and has quickly got things up and running. We are also pleased to have Mrs Andrea Pearce working on Wednesdays in the front office. At this stage, Mrs Lorraine McKenzie will continue to teach a combined Kindergarten and Year One class. We are also



Our 2017 School Captains – Asher Kirbach and Freya Kirbach

SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School

WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
Friday 3 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First North Swimming trials at Alstonville Pool 	Monday 6 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P & C meeting Friday 10 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket workshop Sport house meeting and election of captains 	Tuesday 14 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rep from Girl Guides coming to speak with girls in Y2-6 Wednesday 15 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent information evening Friday 17 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First assembly Cricket workshop 	Thursday 23 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone swimming

pleased to have Mrs Glenys Davidson on K/1 on Fridays and Mrs Colleen Henderson on 5/6 on Thursdays. Mr Malcolm Sky will be teaching 2/3 and Miss Renee Sherlock will be on the 3, 4, 5 class. Mrs Pam Lovell is teaching in the library on Wednesdays, ably assisted by Mrs Marina Baxter on Thursdays. The melodic Ms Julie Wattus is back taking music and Mrs Linda Hutchinson is also back for a Semester to assist individual learning and success. SLSOs Kate Cooper and Rose Smith are also here to support all our children on their learning journey. Mr Reece Maxwell will hopefully be back on deck after he recovers from an injury.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY

Last year was the first time, we requested all students turning 8 or older, attend the First North Swimming Carnival and it was a tremendous success. Our swimming program has certainly improved the swimming skills and increased the confidence of many students and we hope that tomorrow, students will find the courage to get in and have a go. Many were surprised last year by what they could do and thrilled by their accomplishments (by that, I mean so much more than placing in a race.)

We need parents to assist on the day and organiser, Jackie Nilon, will have refreshments available for all who assist. Please ensure children attending the carnival are sun safe and have plenty of water and food. Should the weather turn wet, ensure they have a raincoat, as there is little shelter.

CRICKET WORKSHOPS AND SWIMMING

Mr Sky has organised 3 cricket workshops with a professional coach for all students in Term One. The total cost of these workshops is \$9. Further information will be sent home soon.

We will also take advantage of the hot weather and run another swimming program for 3 weeks, culminating in a fun swimming carnival. Keep an eye on our calendar for all the great things happening this year.

CLUNES PS IS ON THE MOVE



We are very excited to see the friendly faces of Kyah and Eden on the back of one of the Bulzomi buses. The advertisement is a great representation of our terrific school.

CLUNES PS HOSTS TEACHING PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Next week our school will be host to 21 Teaching Principals and School Administration Officers participating in a Finance and Technology course which will be held in the library. Lessons on this day will take place in classrooms.

Michelle Slee

Principal

Expectation for the Week

"What does RESPECT look like, sound like and feel like"

School Banking

Student banking is provided through the Commonwealth Bank and is a great way to get kids saving from an early age. You can open a School Banking account at your local branch and then each Wednesday students bring in their bank book with their deposit (50 cents minimum) and I will bank the money for them. Each time they bank they receive a token. Once they have 10 tokens, they can 'cash them in' for a reward.

Music for 2017

Music tuition at Clunes is available to students in Years 3-6 except for keyboard which will accept students from Year 2. We have three teachers who cover different instruments:-

Fiona Clarke – Brass and woodwind

Daniel Cameron – guitar and drums

Hothouse Music – keyboard

For further information see below and also a note will be going home today.

CLUNES P.S. BAND

LESSONS

This year lesson will remain on Wednesdays. If for some reason your child is not continuing lessons this year please let me know ASAP.

FEES

Invoices regarding fees for Semester 1 will be sent home shortly. This year, to save on paper and postage, invoices will be emailed. If you have not received your invoice by Friday Feb 10 please let me know as I may need to update contact details. As usual fees are due in Week 5 of this term.

NEW STUDENTS

Information for students wishing to start music lessons this year will be sent home in a few weeks' time.

Thank you,

Fiona Clarke kids_musik@yahoo.com.au

GUITAR and DRUMS

Lessons with Daniel Cameron will commence on Friday 17th February. Cost for lessons is \$90 per term for group lessons of 30 minutes.

Please see note distributed today regarding lessons – please complete the note if you wish your child to start / continue or discontinue lessons.

KEYBOARD

Lessons are conducted by Hot House Music at the school on Wednesday mornings. All fees/ invoices are set by Hothouse and money is payable to them directly. Please see the music note which has been distributed today.

New Staff

We have had three new staff members join our school this year. Here is some information about them.

MISS LAUREN

Miss Lauren taught at a school in Moree before coming to teach here at Clunes. Some of her interests are swimming, reading, and playing with her dog. What she likes most about teaching is meeting the children and watching them



learn and grow. The subject she enjoys teaching most is English, but she enjoys teaching other subjects as well. Miss Lauren is looking forward to meeting all of the students here and their families, and becoming part of the Clunes community.

MISS HELEN

Before coming to Clunes, Miss Helen was a School Learning and Support Officer (SLSO) at Casino West P.S. She enjoys going to the beach and bushwalking. What she likes most about teaching is watching the students grow and learn.



She doesn't have a favourite subject to teach, she likes helping in all of them. Miss Helen is looking forward to

getting to know everyone at our school, and being able to help and teach the students.

MISS SHERLOCK

The schools Miss Sherlock taught at before coming here are South Coogee P.S. and Strathfield North P.S. She enjoys photography, travel and the outdoors. What she loves most about teaching is interacting with others and seeing growth in the students. Miss Sherlock is looking forward to being able to know an entire school, because the schools she has previously taught at have been much bigger than our school and it is hard to remember everybody. She enjoys teaching



science because the students get to explore different areas of it and do experiments, but she also likes teaching art and all other subjects.

By reporters - Marnie Morton and Hannah Hills

Book Lists

Text books will be purchased by the school and supplied to students for cost price. We have also resubscribed to Mathletics and Reading Eggs for 2017. All families will be invoiced early in Term 1 for textbooks and online subscriptions.

Class equipment lists will be distributed by teachers either this week or next.

P & C News

Welcome to the New Year.

We are getting straight into the year with the first P&C meeting to be held next Monday the 6th of February. All parents and carers are more than welcome. The P&C are an integral part of our school community helping raise the funds needed for Clunes School to stay at the fore front of school education.

If anyone would be interested in running a canteen this year, you have free choice in what you would like to serve and the date you would like to hold it. The children love to see their loved ones at school and canteen is a great opportunity for you to be involved. Emma can answer any questions you have about canteen and some ideas about healthy wholesome food. Please contact me at snaily363@hotmail.com or Emma at ms.emma.cronin@outlook.com

Laura Hayward
P & C President