



# Clunes Public School Newsletter

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Week 1 Term 2

*'Learn to Live, Live to Learn'*

*Integrity, Responsibility, Respect*

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## ANZAC Day

It was wonderful to see so many students and their families attending the ANZAC ceremony at Clunes on Tuesday.

Our student leaders spoke with maturity and confidence, our choir sang beautifully, and all students participated in the ceremony with pride and respect.

Garry Lovell made the announcement that this would be his last year coordinating the service as next year he intends to march with his own battalion for the first time. I'd like to thank Garry for the many years he has coordinated the Clunes' ANZAC ceremony and contributed to our school ceremonies. Mr Lovell was a bombardier in the Vietnam War and we cannot imagine the horror he would have endured and the courage he would have summoned to carry out his duties and support his comrades. He has made sure that the services were personal, authentic and at a level



where our future generations could understand the meaning of ANZAC day. We thank him and promise to ensure that we honour this day of great significance, remembering and respecting those who gave so much for our freedom.

## UNCLE PETE'S BOOKS GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP

Uncle Pete's book shop has provided our school with \$5 vouchers for 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books to give to our fortnightly winners of the Citizenship Award. Russell and Cathy's children went to Clunes Public School and they are keen to support our school and contribute to our children's love of reading.

We thank them for this very generous donation and look forward to drawing our first winner in week four of this term.


## A NEW TERM FULL OF CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND EXCITEMENT!

After the terrible weather and floods at the end of last term, we were very fortunate to enjoy beautiful weather over the



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

*We are an accredited Waste Wise Ways School*

WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<b>Thursday 4 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grip Leadership Conference in Lismore</li> </ul> <b>Friday 5 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First North Cross Country at Clunes</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5</li> </ul> <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Assembly – 5/6 class</li> </ul> 	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Photos</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone Cross Country</li> <li>Student Assembly – 3/4/5 class</li> </ul>

Easter holidays. We hope everyone is well rested and ready for the term ahead.

Next week our Year 6 students and other Year 5 leaders, will attend the **GRIP leadership conference** in Lismore. The day promotes leadership and teamwork skills and the students always return with positive ideas to share with the rest of the school.

Friday of week two, Rosebank hosts the **Cross Country** on our school grounds. Due to extreme weather conditions, we were unable to hold our own school competition but will put in as much training as possible leading up to next Friday.

Yesterday Year 3 and Year 5 students received a letter regarding the **NAPLAN** assessments in week three. Reading and Language will be held in the morning of Tuesday 2nd May, Writing on the morning of Wednesday 3rd May and Numeracy on the morning of Thursday 4th May. Students will undergo some practices this week and next week to alleviate any anxiety they may have, and ensure they know what to expect on the day.

Unless you are withdrawing your child from the assessment or your child is very ill, it is vital that you enable them to attend the assessments on the correct day. Although we have back-up times for the test, it is very difficult to conduct the tests on another day and this requires a teacher to supervise the session and the class split. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I also want to emphasise that this is ONE tool to assess your child's ability. The school also uses other standardised testing throughout the year, in class assessment and observations as well as an array of opportunities for your child to demonstrate their level of skill and understanding. The school does however, find the assessments useful as a diagnostic tool in assisting us plan future personalised and cohort learning.

### TIME TO LOCK IN YOUR PLACE AT LAKE AINSWORTH

We still are waiting on a few students to return their EOI and deposit for our Y3,4,5,6 camp at Lake Ainsworth towards the end of Term 3. Please send in this vital information by the end of this week.

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Corrine Martin from Live Life Well will be coming along at 6pm next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May (prior to the P & C meeting) to discuss the new Canteen guidelines that will be phased in over the next 3 years. She will also provide some suggestions regarding healthy lunch menus and healthy fund raising options.



*Michelle Slee*  
Principal

### Expectation for the Week

***"Remember those who fought in wars to protect our freedom"***

### Student Assembly

Our next student assembly is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm when the 5/6 class will be performing an item for your enjoyment. All families are invited to attend.

### Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought/sold tickets or donated prizes for our Easter raffle.

In total we raised \$632.00, which will be used to purchase resources for the school.

Congratulations to the many winners [especially Ross Meldrum who took home first prize]; we hope you enjoyed your bounty!

### Small Schools Choir – last call

Last call for notes for the Small Schools' Choir. Anyone who has returned their note but not paid the \$15 levy, could you please send in your payment by next Wednesday.



### Transport for GRIP Conference

Some of our Year 5 and 6 student leaders are attending the GRIP Leadership conference in Lismore next Thursday. If you are having difficulties with transport, please contact the office as some parents have indicated that they can assist with transport.

### School Photos

The School Photographer will be here on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May to take our school photographs.

Envelopes for ordering will be distributed early next week and need to be returned on or before the day. Each student needs to complete their own envelope with correct money or payment details enclosed.

### Dance with Miss Jess

With the Lismore Performing Arts Festival happening in Term 3, we are again offering a 10week dance program to interested students in Years 4 to 6 with a view to performing at the Festival.

Dance lessons will commence in Week 7 of this term.

If we do not get sufficient numbers, we will open up the group to keen Year 3 students.

Notes will be sent home in the upcoming weeks. Cost should be around \$30.



### Notes due in

Scripture and Ethics note  
Lake Ainsworth EOI (Y3-6)  
Small Schools Choir  
Stewart House Donation

**OVERDUE**  
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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May



## Stewart House Donation Drive

Envelopes were distributed yesterday for the annual donation drive for Stewart House. Donations of \$2 or more go into the draw for a \$4000 family holiday. All donations need to be returned to school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May to be eligible to go into the prize draw.

### About Stewart House -

*Every year 1,800 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.*

*This experience provides children with a much-needed break from their current circumstance. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.*

*Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.*

*All other costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.*



## Brainy breakfast

Nearly 1 in 5 Australian children skip breakfast. Without breakfast these children may not have anything to eat for 14- 16 hours!

This affects their concentration at school, mood, behaviour & energy levels. Some easy breakfast ideas, that only take a couple of minutes to make and will fuel your child throughout the day, include:

- Smoothies: Mix any fruit with low fat dairy to keep them full
- Muesli, fruit & yoghurt: you can make your own over the weekend & store for use throughout the week.
- Toast: Toppers include avocado, beans or cheese & tomato
- Overnight oats: just spoon out a portion in the morning. Frozen berries also work great!
- Eggs and soldiers (toast)

## P & C News

**P & C meeting** - next Monday 1st May in 5/6 room.

There will be a Parent Information Session with Corrine Martin from Live Life Well at 6pm before the meeting. Corrine will be discussing the new Canteen guidelines that will be phased in over the next 3 years. She will also provide some suggestions regarding healthy lunch menus and healthy fund raising options.

Our annual **Pie Drive** is now on. Order forms are due back tomorrow Friday 28 April (end of week 1 of term 2). Pies

and sweets are from Modanville Takeaway and the gluten free options are from Byron Bay Gourmet Pies.



Delivery is scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please do not hesitate to contact **Ay-Shin** 0411446861 if you have any queries.



COOSH news will be sent out tomorrow as an addendum to the newsletter.

Hannah & the COOSH team

## Community News

### Need Child Care in the local area? Anne's Family Day Care has vacancies.

Hi, my name is Anne Hosking from Anne's Family Day Care. I am diploma trained with 20 years experience in the child care industry. The last 4 of these running a family day care service in Eltham as a registered Educator with Ballina Byron Family Day Care.

I currently have vacancies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's. Call me on 0402342292 to organise more information about my service.



## Nurturing Mum's Day

**Saturday May 13th 2-4pm**

**Mothers (of all ages!) are invited take a couple of well-earned hours out of their day for deep rest, pampering and supportive discussion.**

**Discussion on exhaustion, nutrition and self-care by local Naturopath Zoe Sherrin.**  
**+ a free healing session by qualified practitioners.**

**A perfect gift to yourself before Mother's Day & bring a friend along!**

Venue - Care-Ring Children's Centre, 1 Hayes street, Goonellabah  
PLEASE RSVP via email: [careringchildrenscentre@gmail.com](mailto:careringchildrenscentre@gmail.com) or text 0403076782

