Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Tameka who ran in the 1500m race at the State Little Athletics Carnival in Sydney recently. She ran her PB. Well done Tameka!!

Staff News: On behalf of our school community, I would like to congratulate Erin on her great news - baby number two on the way! Erin’s due date is mid-August. It is planned that she will work up until late July. Her replacement will be decided by merit selection towards the end of term 2.

Collecting Cards: Students have a lot of fun collecting and showing off their card collections at school. It also gives them an opportunity to trade cards with other students to complete their set. From time to time, dramas occur during these interactions. Students need to deal with these situations, as it is often impossible for teachers to clarify who ‘said’ or ‘did’ what. If parents believe their child will have difficulty dealing with issues around their cards, they should encourage their child to leave their cards at home.

Midginbill Hill Excursion: Next term is a short term, only 9 weeks. At the end of the term is the major excursion for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Midginbill Hill. Please remember, that if it is helpful to you, you can begin making payments to the school for this excursion from now until they go.

Year 6 Interrelate: Next Tuesday our Year 6 students are heading off to The Channon Public School to participate in an Interrelate program, the ‘My Family’ project. Parents, who have offered to transport students, please be at our school by 9:30. If you have not already done so, you will need to complete the appropriate forms: 1. Working With Children Declaration and 100pt ID, 2. Drivers licence, 3. Car rego papers.

Have a safe and restful school break.

Regards,
Barry

Pumpkin Patch Progress:
This is our pumpkin at 3 weeks

Special Assemblies
Year 1/2 Friday 21/3 at 2pm
Kinde/Y1 Friday 4/4 at 2pm
Visiting Mobile Library
The mobile library comes to the school on a regular basis and community members are welcome to make use of this service. The dates are:
   April 8, 22
   May 6, 20    June 3, 17
It is here between 2pm and 3:30pm

Working With Children Declaration for Volunteers:
We are posting out these new forms to all families. They are the new requirement for volunteers that come to our school. Basically, you fill in the form and then bring it in to the school with 100pt ID. We will take a photocopy of your ID and keep it in a file here at the school.

We value and appreciate everything that parents and community members contribute to enhancing what is offered to our students.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014: The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. Participation by schools and students is voluntary.
The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.
The PRC runs from the 3rd March to the 29th August, 2014. Miss Kerr is coordinating the challenge at our school and has distributed personal reading logs to interested students. These logs are also available from the school office and from the website http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Students in years K-2 need to read 30 books to complete the challenge (25 PRC books and 5 personal choice books). Students in years 3-6 need to read 20 books to complete the challenge (15 PRC books and 5 personal choice books). Many of the books in our school library are marked with PRC stickers. Lists of books can be found on the website. Please see Miss Kerr if you have any questions about the challenge. Get reading!

Easter Fun: On Wednesday April 9th our school day will involve some Easter fun activities. One of those activities will be the all-important drawing of the Easter Raffle. Thank you to everyone who has been selling raffle tickets and we hope to make a good profit for the SRC, who use the money to support school programs, excursions, and purchase of equipment.

On this Wednesday we will also be having a SPECIAL LUNCH. This is going to be pizza from the Modanville Takeaway shop and will cost $2 per slice. Please put your order in a paper bag with your name and class on it and the money.

There will also be a parade of all the Easter craft that has been happening in the classrooms.

Book Fair: Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair and we hope that you are enjoying reading the wonderful books you bought. The Fair sold just over $1000 worth of books. What a fantastic result! This gives the school approximately $300 to redeem in books for our library.

Thank you to Max, Harry and Georgia for purchasing and donating books for the library. These books will have a commemorative sticker put in the front of the book, acknowledging the person who donated.

Text Messages: The school uses text messaging to communicate last minute changes that parents need to know about for their child’s school day.

Please do not send text messages to the school, eg: for after-school travel arrangements or absences. It puts too much responsibility on the person receiving the text message to remember to give it to the school.

Messages are best dealt with by a note to the office or a phone call to the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Lunches available Monday and Friday only

The Canteen Menu is on our website

Please keep in mind that staff do not have a lot of time during their break and it imposes on them to have to heat up food for students brought in on days that are not canteen lunch days.

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Encourage fair play: sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity. Parents can encourage fair play by:

- Emphasising effort and having fun, not just winning
- Cheering and acknowledging good play by both teams
- Talking about the game not just the result

For more information about encouraging fair play, go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website, www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Community News

The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child: this program, presented by Interrelate, assists parents with constructive techniques in disciplining and encouraging their children.

Monday, 14th April, from 10am to 1pm at 5 Market Street, Lismore. Cost is $25 ($15 concession). For more information ring 6623 2750

Kids Art Lab Holiday Program: at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium, Lismore. Phone 0429 384 677

NSW Sport & Rec school holiday activities: go to http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or phone 131302

The Clunes Netball Club is seeking players in the following divisions:

- Nettas: 8-9 years (modified game for beginners)
- 12s: 10, 11 and 12 year olds
- Intermediates: 13 to 15 years
- Cadets: 15 -16 years
- Seniors

For information contact Annette on 66291678 or email: mcgrathx4@westnet.com.au

Games played Saturdays at the Lismore courts. Come and join the best club in the competition!

Northern Rivers Family Day Care,
Providing high quality childcare in a family home environment.
Vacancies are available in Dunoon / Modanville / Tullera
For more information phone 6621 6437 Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm