It has been a very exciting and busy start to the year. Thankyou to everyone that has assisted both in and around the school to make it a successful term. I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break and holiday and look forward to seeing you in term 2.

Wendy Brierley

EASTER RAFFLE
We have had a wonderful response to our Easter raffle this year. The prizes were amazing. The raffle was drawn this morning. We thank everyone who contributed to this. All prizes were collected on the day. Thankyou.

ANZAC DAY MARCH
ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday this year. I would really encourage School leaders, in particular, and other students in K-6 to represent Bexhill PS in the March in Lismore. Mrs Brierley and other staff will be attending. Please meet at the Browns Creek / Clyde Campbell Car Park, Lismore at 8.30am in full school uniform, including your hat. The March will begin at 9am.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY TERM 2; WEEK 1
Parents and friends are invited to join us for our Anzac Assembly Friday 24th April at 9.30am. We have invited a special guest speaker.

GYMNASTICS
From Tuesday 28th April for 8 weeks we are running an in-school Gymnastic program taken by highly trained accredited gymnastics coaches. We would like all students to participate in this activity.
Please sign and return the permission note, with payment to school. You are welcome to pay by weekly instalments.

ICAS – Years 2-6
The University is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools in Digital Technologies (Yrs 3-10), Science (Yrs 2-12), Writing (Yrs 3-12), Spelling (Yrs 3-7), English (Yrs 2-12), and Mathematics (Yrs 2-12). There is a cost for each assessment. Should you wish your child to participate in one or more of these assessments, please ask the office for further details. Registration and entry fee for Digital Technology and Science will need to be returned to school no later than 21 April 2015.

ELTHAM RAFFLE
Thankyou to Mel and Brooke for selling tickets last Sunday. This is a valuable fundraiser for the school.

SPORT
Congratulations to Charles C & Georgia P on their selection in the N R Zone PSSA Hockey trials last Monday. Good luck at your next trial.

FIRST NORTH CROSS COUNTRY – CLUNES PUBLIC SCHOOL, THURSDAY 30th APRIL
All students are expected to attend. Parents are most welcome to come and cheer us on! Bus seats are limited so return your note (page 7) as soon as possible.
CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

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BEXHILL CROSS COUNTRY
We had a wonderful day at Sam Trimble Oval for our Cross Country. Congratulations to all students for their great sportsmanship. The total point score for the day was Withers – 172 and Bennett – 166. A big thankyou to our wonderful parents who supported our children throughout the day. A special mention to Mr Peachey, Ms McLean and Tracey Clarke for their on course assistance. A great day was had by all.
NEWS FROM 2/3H

Our Excursion Day
Last Thursday the whole school went to Rocky Creek Dam. Year 1, 2 and 3 went on a big walk called the Platypus walk. First we crossed the dam wall, then we walked through a big forest and saw the spillway. After that we went in the rainforest and we talked about the strangler fig tree. Next we walked on the board walk. We tried to spot a platypus in the pond. We saw some termite's nests, they were gigantic. We saw some Aboriginal medicine plants and a stinging tree. Then we walked up some stairs and it was exhausting. The stairs led us to the meeting area. Mrs Jensen, the lady who led us around in the rainforest said Summer and I would be great rangers. Finally we got on the bus and went back to school.
Written and typed by Kate.

In 2/3 last week we went to Dorroughby and it was fun! First we walked across the road into a paddock. We sat down in groups. Then we walked to the river and put the nets in the river. We emptied the net into a tub and some kids caught bugs. It was cool! After that we walked back to Dorroughby and we went in our groups. Next we walked around the shed to the ramp and into the lab. We used the microscope and it was very interesting. Then we looked at the computer with the bug magnifying glass. Finally we went back to school and ate recess.
Written and typed by Zach.

ART
In class 2/3 we have been learning how to paint landscapes. First we mixed some dark brown and some blue to make navy blue. Then we got some blue and we painted the river. Next we used the navy blue to do the mountains. After that we mixed a tiny bit of blue with a lot white to make light blue and then we mixed some greyish-pink and some light brown and a tiny bit of black with lots of white for the branches. We also got some green for the leaves and a tiny bit of brown. Really quickly, we went side to side with our brush and then we painted green bushes. It was finished and it looked fantastic!
Written and typed by Louis.

In class 2/3 we have been on the computer typing a story about a made up character. It was lots of fun. The character had to get into trouble and in the end it all had to work out happily. My characters name was Debbie. It all started with Gog the Great. Gog the Great was a story from Reading Eggs we read in class. Debbie was not off Reading Eggs. I made Debbie up and it was so much fun planning her adventures.
Written and typed by Kane.

How to make a Pygmy Possum
2/3 has been making art. This week we made a pygmy possum. We stuck them up at the back of our classroom on the wall, when we were finished.
Materials needed
A sock, stuffing, pencil, pink buttons, two brown or black buttons, one pink pipe cleaner cut in half, pink wool for the tail and a hot glue gun.
Procedure
Step 1. Get a sock and put the stuffing in to make the body.
Step 2. Get a pencil and put it inside the sock to make a pointy nose.
Step 3. Tie the back up.
Step 4. Tie off the back with some wool and a small rubber band.
Step 5. Put the hot glue on.
Step 6. Glue on the buttons for the eyes, ears and nose.
Step 7. Glue the pipe cleaner on to make the legs.
Written and typed by Samuel
NEWS FROM YEAR 1

Recounts - Dorroughby and Rocky Creek Dam Excursion

Last Wednesday we went on an excursion to Dorroughby and Rocky Creek Dam. When we arrived everyone saw a big goanna. On the bush walk we went on a floating bridge and we saw the spillway and we also saw rapids.

By Boyd

Last Wednesday Bexhill Public School went to Rocky Creek Dam and Dorroughby. At science we did water testing and dip netting and on the way back we looked at mini beasts under the microscope. We went on a bushwalk and saw water flowing over the spillway near the big kids and that was at Rocky Creek Dam. We went on the bus back to School for recess.

By Zane

Last Wednesday we went on an excursion to Dorroughby and Rocky Creek Dam. My favourite part was the spillway. We also put the nets in the dam and I caught a bug.

By Blake

NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

Recently Mrs Baxter visited the Kindergarten Classroom. Direction was given on appropriate behaviour for ‘blowing your nose’, coughing and in caring for your ears.

Highlights of kindergarten's recent school activities

Ed's Egg

Ed has hatched out of his egg and is grown up.

Ed's Egg

Ed is in his shell.

Kinder running at the cross country.

The twins at the Bippolo Seed.

by Molly.

Amelia running and people clapping.

by Amelia
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
CLASS / MERIT AWARDS

KINDER - Elijah, Thomas, Sophie, Ethan, Arlo & Molly
Y 1 - Boyd, Connor, Sebastian Ziggy
Y 2/3 - Zach, Kane, Louis, Claire, Kate & Laura
Y 4/5 - Tom, Sophia, Jaimie, Harry, Maddi & Harrison
Y 5/6 - Lachy, Bodhi, Seb, Issy, Dylan & Ziggy

YOU CAN DO IT! TERM 1 - ORGANISATION KEY
Tilly M, Sienna, Jorja, Jeffrey x 2, Wilson, Ruby L, Johny, Grace, Willow,
Zane, Zach, & Cooper

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Visit
The Gardening Club has been working hard.
Many thanks to Amanda, Emily & Janneke for the time and energy they have contributed to make this a lovely learning space for our children.

P&C NEWS

MASTERS BBQ

Please call Kath Degier on 0424 436 474 if you can assist.
Roster for Masters BBQ Sunday April 19th

7:30am - 9:30 (set up / induction )
Tanya Coles
Andrew Robinson
Kathy Degier

9:30 - 11:30/12pm
Steve / Merrin Stacey
Bruce Nixon
Louise Newberry
Nick Lake

11:30 - 2:30 (pack up)
Kerrilee Lake
Jason Degier
Brett Newberry
Brooke Devine
Kath Degier

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have volunteered to help for the Masters BBQ. This is a significant fundraiser for the P&C and we would appreciate any help that anyone can offer. 2 or 3 more people would be great. Please make sure that you wear suitable footwear on the day. (no sandals or thongs)

ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL

A huge thank you to all our families who helped on the Election Day BBQ and cake stall. The baking was really amazing and I was overwhelmed at how much there was and how many helpers we had! Thank you to Jason Cravigan, Steve Stacey, Darren Bird, Matthew Bleakly and Nick Lake. How wonderful to see so many dads contributing and helping wherever they can. It is greatly appreciated! Thank you also to Louise Newberry, Kara Cravigan, Gemma Hall, Brooke Devine, and Christine Freeman for all your fantastic sales pitches on the day. We raised over $500 on the day, which is really great, considering it was only a half day.

P & C MEETING

At the P&C meeting last night we had a lot to discuss and many agenda items to get through. Once again I was overwhelmed at how many people came and are willing to put in their opinions and help.

It was a unanimous decision last night that the P&C will fund the solar panels for the school. The Lake family have offered the whole solar panel system at a price that is too good to refuse. This is a great legacy for the past and present P&C committee. The school and our children will benefit from this in so many ways, not only by saving energy and money but it is a great educational tool for the students. It is something that will keep giving for many many years.

It was also decided last night that the P&C will be holding a family movie night as one of our major fund raisers for the year. This will take place around the first week of spring, and we are hoping it will prove to be a huge success. We will also be helping the gardening club cover some costs that are involved with building and creating their wonderful vegetable and plant garden.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5th. Our agenda for this meeting will be what our major goal is for the year, so if you have any great ideas please come and tell us your opinion, as we value and respect everyone’s input.

I hope all our families have a safe and relaxing Easter break, and I will see you at the Masters BBQ!

Kathy Degier
FIRST NORTH CROSS COUNTRY – CLUNES PUBLIC SCHOOL, 30TH APRIL 2015

All students are expected to attend the cross country at Clunes Public School on Thursday 30th April. It is a 10:00 start at Clunes PS oval.

A bus has been booked to transport children whose parents are not attending, leaving Bexhill at 9:30am, cost $3 per child. Seats are limited as there is only one bus booked to transport children.

Please return the permission slip as soon as possible confirming your child’s attendance and mode of transport.

Full sports uniform, including your HAT, is to be worn. A canteen will be operating on the day. Parents are most welcome to come and cheer us on.

CLUNES CROSS COUNTRY – Thursday 30TH April 2015

I give permission for my child/ren ________________________________ to attend the First North Cross Country at Clunes Public School on Thursday 30th April.

☐ I will provide transport for my child/ren, as well as;

☐ My child/ren will be travelling by bus at a cost of $3 each. Total enclosed $__________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________
Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.

- It is recommended that children have regular dental checkups starting at 1 year of age.
- Regular dental checkups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
- Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

BOOK WAREHOUSE – Keen St, Lismore - Do you have a young person in your life who loves to read? Then bring them along to meet three of Australia’s best children’s authors right here in Lismore. We are very excited to announce that during the school holidays we will be welcoming children’s authors Samantha Turnbull, Tristan Bancks & Jesse Blackadder to our store for a book signing at The Book Warehouse, Keen Street from 10.30am Saturday 18th April. All welcome!

CREIGHTONS BUS SERVICE
This bus service is a private arrangement between Bexhill P&C Association & Creighton’s Bus Service. Just a reminder that unless your child is a regular traveller & your PVC is paid to Bexhill P&C Association bus travel is $3 per child each way.

LOOKING FOR A NEW SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY?
COME TO ‘WATER LAB WEDNESDAY’

Dates: April 8th & 15th, 2015
Time: Opens 10am and closes at 3pm, last entry 2pm.
Where: Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre, 210 Duneen Rd, Dorrroughby.
For children 5 to 14 years with a supervising adult.

Water science experiments, investigations and games: www.watersciencelab.com.au

The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL

FREE Dental Treatment for children under 18 yrs
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