Wednesday 21 October 2015

Principal’s Page

2016 KINDERGARTEN
It was lovely to see so many children, as well as mums and dads, for our Kindergarten Orientation session last Thursday. Tomorrow and next week’s session will be for children only from 9.00-11.00am. Parents are invited to stay on Thursday 5 November as we have guest speakers coming along and a morning tea. All interested Kindergarten 2016 children and their parents are invited to attend.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION
Today our Year 6 students participated in the Maclean High School Orientation along with all other Year 6 students in the Lower Clarence. These days are extremely valuable for the students to gain greater knowledge of subjects they will participate in throughout their High School education as well as get familiar with the school grounds, meet teachers and students from other schools. I’m confident all the students had a wonderful time and represented our school with pride.

STAFF NEWS
I am very pleased to announce that our Assistant Principal position, left vacant by Mr Speirs promotion, will be filled by Ms Rachel Armer. Rachel will be taking up the position from the beginning of 2016.

PARENT LITERACY AND NUMERACY WORKSHOPS
Last term an EOI regarding possible parent workshops focusing on Literacy and Numeracy to be presented this term was attached to a newsletter. At this stage we have only had around four responses. In previous years these workshops have been very valuable for parents as they focus on what is happening in our classrooms and how parents can support their child at home. If you would be interested in attending either or both workshops please return the EOI attached to last week’s newsletter.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
The next school assembly will be held on Friday 30 October starting at 2.15pm. The class item will be by 1/2C. We look forward to seeing parents and families at the assembly.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 21 October
P & C Meeting - 7pm

Thursday 22 October
Kindergarten Orientation
9am - 11am

Friday 23 October
Sport years 3 - 6
Learn to Swim notes due

Thursday 29 October
Kindergarten Orientation
9am - 11am

Wednesday 11 November
Yr 5 lake Ainsworth Excursion

Monday 16 November
“Learn to Swim” starts

Canteen Roster

Sorry, We’re CLOSED

Recess: 11 - 11.30am
Lunch: 1.15- 2.00pm
P&C INFORMATION
The P&C meeting will be held tonight starting at 7pm. This is held in the school staffroom. The P&C meetings are an opportunity to become an active member of the parent school community and to support your child’s school so please come along.

Regards,

Robyn Urquhart
Principal

YEAR 2017 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL
Applications for entry to Year 7 high school placement in government selective schools for 2017 are now being accepted. Applications are online only and can be made between 13 October and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016. Further information is available at the school office or the application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

GULMARRAD AT THE COLDSTREAM
Overlooking the beautiful ocean on top of Yamba Hill, 30 students from Gulmarrad Public School joined children from other schools to sing for a large audience at the Yamba Coldstream Festival last Saturday. The children performed a number of songs including the Pirate Song and the song about “Going to the Beach” that the students from Gulmarrad helped to write last year. The students looked smart in their school uniform and represented our school beautifully. Thank you to all of the students and families that were able to come along for the performance at the festival. Thank you also to Ryan for organising the choir performance.

KINDERGARTEN COLLECTION
KM’s science unit this term is ‘What’s it made of?’ We intend to make a special fly curtain out of plastic lids. If you have any lids from milk containers, juice bottles etc we would greatly appreciate it if you could collect them and bring them to school. (Please wash them!) A container will be outside KM’s classroom for you to put them in.

Thanks
Mrs Doc Munro
What’s News In 3-4 S?

Term 4 is well and truly in full swing. The students have settled back into the daily class routine well and have been working hard across all curriculum areas. Take a sneak peak!

**SCIENCE**

“Night and day”

Our place in space as human beings living on Earth is simply remarkable. The kids have been actively investigating topics relating to Earth, the atmosphere, gravity, our galaxy and in particular the sun and moon.

Why not do some investigating with your child at home? Try logging on to some of the following websites:

NASA Kids Club: [www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home/index.html](http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home/index.html)


The Nine Planets: [www.nineplanets.org](http://www.nineplanets.org)

**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

“Child Protection Education”

The students have been learning skills that will assist them in recognising and responding to unsafe situations. The unit aims to teach students about their right to be safe and how to recognise appropriate and inappropriate behaviours. It also offers students information relating to various support systems.
Welcome!
The Students of 3-4 S have welcomed three new class members this term. Ashleigh, Alintah and Jacob have become a part of our team. We are confident that they will enjoy all of the fabulous things that our school has to offer.

Technology
The students of 3-4 S continue to benefit from our schools supply of Lap Tops and I pads. With such a large amount of programs and Apps on offer, the students are able to use these devices to reinforce and further explore topics addressed in the classroom. These resources offer students variety in learning and provide them with the necessary and relevant skills that relate to technology in society today.

With Christmas fast approaching the students will be learning both traditional and non-traditional Christmas songs with our fabulous choir teacher Ryan.

AWARD RECIPIENTS WEEK 2
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last weeks assembly:

Citizenship:
Shahri Ware, Nathan Bell, Daniel Causley, Jasmine Phillis-Mather, Kaia Mercy, Khyann Henderson, Jake Townsend.

Merit:
KM - Blake Baker, Zoe Sonter, Meena McLeay-Aggarwal
1/2W - Zac Salmon, Jorgi Jeffrey, Alex Doherty
1/2C - Anna Daley, Oslo Harradine, Jett Bourke
3/4O - Claudia Robinson, Brodee-Lee Baker, Mackenzie Howell
3/4S - Thor Harradine, Carina Quick, Joshua Cootes
5M - Eli Clarke, Emma Causley, Taylah Baker
6M - Abby Anderson, Lachlan Gauci, Lakesha Chaseling
Notes for the School Swimming Scheme were sent out on Monday. These need to be returned by Friday 23 October. The scheme starts on Monday 16 November and runs till the 27th November and there are 75 places available. Transport to the pool is $3.00 per day ($30 total) and pool entry without a pass is $3.00 per day. Payment can be made in full or daily.

FRIDAY SPORT YEARS 3 - 6
Friday sport continues this week for years 3 - 6 for 9am - 11am. Students doing tennis and school sport are reminded to make sure they bring their hats and water bottles and are wearing appropriate shoes.

Sunday, October 25 2015

This Sunday, October 25 is National Grandparents Day. “Grandparents Day acknowledges the vital role that grandparents play in our society, both the custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care, love and guidance to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community.”

Happy Grandparents Day and a sincere thank you for all you do to ‘make moments matter.’

POOL PARTY at the MACLEAN POOL
Saturday 24/10/15
12 - 4 pm
Aqua challenge, Aqua Splash, Waterslide, Slip n Splash & Rolling Log
Cost $10 per person plus pool entry - Canteen will be operating
Gulmarrad Public School
Kindergarten 2016

Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs 15 Oct 9 - 11am (Parent Info Session)
Thurs 22 Oct 9 - 11am
Thurs 29 Oct 9 - 11am
Thurs 5 Nov 9 - 11am (Parent Info Session)

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