STAFF UPDATE
I have been informed that Mr Rob Miani is officially retired from teaching. Mr Miani has been teaching at Gulmarrad PS since 1984 and was a highly dedicated and valuable member of staff during this time. His contributions to the school over these many years have been significant as the school grew from only 3 teachers and less than 50 students to now 11 teachers and over 190 students. Mr Miani will be sadly missed by students and staff. On behalf of the entire school community I wish Rob the very best and a happy retirement.

SCHOOL EVALUATION PARENT SURVEY
A parent survey is included with this newsletter. The survey will assist staff in our school evaluation process. Every completed survey that is returned will receive a ticket in the draw for a $50 shopping voucher. Please return the survey by Friday 27 November.

STUDENT SCHOOL LEADER SPEECHES
The students from Year 5 have been invited to nominate themselves for the position of School Leader for 2016. Their nomination sheets should be returned to either Mr Munro or myself by the end of next week. The students will be delivering their speeches on Monday 30 November from 11.30am in the hall. Parents are very welcome to attend. The four School Leaders for 2016 will be announced on Presentation Night.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
The next school assembly will be held on Friday 27 November starting at 2.15pm. The class item will be by 1/2W. This will be our last class item at assembly for the year. I hope parents and family have enjoyed the class items throughout the year as much as the children have enjoyed presenting them. We look forward to seeing parents and families at our assembly.

PRESENTATION NIGHT
Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday 2 December. The evening will commence at 7.00pm. All students and their families are invited. Students are expected to wear full school uniform.
STUDENT ENROLMENTS 2016
The staff are organising classes for 2016 and as we have a large number of Year 6 students leaving for high school it is important that we know whether or not your child will be returning to Gulmarrad PS in 2016. If any families know they will be leaving the area and not returning to our school, or if you know of any new families moving to the area please let us know as soon as possible. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

P&C MEETING
A P&C meeting will be held tonight starting at 7pm. At this meeting a decision will be made regarding the new playground equipment to be purchased. This will be the final official P&C meeting for 2015. The December meeting will be an end of year get together. Everyone is welcome to attend this evening’s meeting.

Regards,

Robyn Urquhart - Principal

ALYSSA CASSIDY - Year 6 2010

Former Gulmarrad Public School student Alyssa Cassidy was named Maclean Lions Youth of the Year 2015-16 earlier this month and goes on to the next round in March 2016.

Her other achievements include:
Runner up in Maclean Lions AND Maclean Rotary Public Speaking Competition.
Selected as one of 16 students from the North Coast and SE Qld to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) at the Australian National University in January.
Voted Vice Captain of MHS for 2016.
In February she shaved off her hair for The World’s Greatest Shave and raised $2,000.
Last year she was invited to attend a 3 day Gifted & Talented Program at Sydney Uni after she ranked in the top 3% of applicants.

Remember all Goldfish, Seahorses, Dolphins and Marlins - Swimming continues next week!
Don’t forget to keep bringing your - swimmers, goggles, rash shirt, towel and plastic bag.
Please get mum or dad to put on your sunscreen before you come to school. A roll-on sunscreen is good to bring to school to make it easier to put more sunscreen on if you need it.
What’s been happening in 1/2C?

We worked out that we only have 4 more weeks together as a class. Where has the year gone?????????

For sport we have been playing duster hockey in the hall. We have some really great rallies and work up a sweat.

We have enjoyed ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ and some of us received gifts for the money we raised.

Lots of us have brought in ‘things’ from the past and we have enjoyed learning about what life was like as a child when our grandparents were children. We made a loaf of bread and ate it while it was still warm.....Yuuuuuuuuuum!

For Remembrance Day we drew poppies and talked about the sacrifices made by so many people.

We completed activities in phonics, spelling, vocabulary and reading using the ‘Tutor Systems’.

In Maths we have been learning how to sketch 3D objects and we are much better than when we started.

Macadamia Castle here we come!

We are all excited to be going on our day excursion to learn about an assortment of animals and reptiles. A bus ride with our friends from 1/2W and KM, a lovely packed lunch, and lots to talk about on the trip back to school. We can’t wait!
News from the Library

This week (Week 7) was the final week for library borrowing. Please ensure books are returned by Tuesday 24 November ready for stocktake.

Excursion Update

Years 3 & 4 - Yarrawarra
Week 9: 3 Dec - 4 Dec
Payments to be finalised by Friday 27 November

K-2 Excursion - Macadamia Castle
Friday, 4th December.
Permission notes by Friday, 20th December.
Payments to be finalised by Friday 27 November

To All The Families Of Gulmarrad Public School

Firstly, thank you so much to all the families who have already paid their fees. It is greatly appreciated!!!

The cost is $10 per child.
For families still to pay: please pay either at the front office
Or by direct deposit to:

Westpac Account Gulmarrad P & C
BSB : 032-582,
Account Number : 141 677
Please include child’s name in the reference area.

Every family who pays will go into the draw to win a $50 voucher at the top Pub & a $50 voucher to Toy Kingdom.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL FUNDRAISER
ZOOPER/DOOPERS FOR SALE
50c EACH
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS AT LUNCH

For more school information please view our website on:
www.gulmarrad-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

CHOIR NEWS

Don’t forget, the Gulmarrad choirs will be singing at the Yamba River markets this weekend - Sunday, 22nd of November.
The choirs will be singing from 10:30-11am.
Please meet up at the big green marquee in the centre of the markets a few minutes early. The Gulmarrad Guitarists will also be performing from 11:00 - 11:30.
Year 5 Lake Ainsworth Excursion
You’re Invited

Services, Community Groups and Stall Holders are invited to attend We R One community fun day to help promote social inclusion within the valley.
If you wish to attend, please contact us on one of the below numbers

✓ Market Stalls
✓ Food
✓ Entertainment
✓ Much more...

FREE Face Painting
FREE Petting Zoo
FREE Sand Wizard

Sunday 6th December, Grafton Showground
9.00am til 1.00pm

Contact Jason Kingsley 0428 067 581 or Di Appo 6642 7257

Those advertisers support us, please support them:

Maclean Variety Meats
22 River Street. Phone: 6645 2142

DANIEL BUTT & CO SOLICITORS
Providing comprehensive legal services!
Legal documents and advice that you can understand.
Tel. 66 453 022 1 Stanley Street MACLEAN

need a printer that understands your marketing goals?
call our design & print consultants to help bring your ideas to life
1800 245 077
art@austnews.com.au

Maclean Music Academy
205 Broadway St
McIntyre Lane
Phone: 6645 2028
Email: macmusicacademy@bigpond.com
ANR: 61 004 147 021
Offering Tuition for All Ages in a Wide Variety of Musical Instruments, Voice and Ensemble Music and Exam, Embedded, and Performance Preparation.
Pre-school music groups, individual or group sessions for special needs (all ages)

Clarence Property Agents
169 River Street, Maclean
Ph: 6645 1165
www.clarencerealestate.com.au

advertise here!
to be seen by local families
1800 245 077
sales@austnews.com.au

PASSMORE AUTO AIR & ELECTRICAL
Ph: 6645 1100
CAR AIR-CONDITIONING REPAIRS
BATTERY SALES
AUTO ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
7 Ironbark Dr, Townsend

Buy 1, Get 1 FREE McCafé® Coffee
To the same (or lesser) value
Valid until 31/07/16 at McCafé, Yamba

Austnews MADE IN PRINT WITH CARE
Australian Newsletter Services P/L, Authorised Supplier of Free Newsletter Covers For Schools & Churches
PO Box 1878, Springwood B.C., Q. 4127 Ph: (07) 3290 1966, Freecall: 1800 245 077, Fax: (07) 3290 1988, Email: info@austnews.com.au