CHOIR AND GUITARS AT YAMBA MARKETS

Thank you to the families and children who came along to the Yamba Markets on Sunday and performed in the choir and played guitar. The children looked wonderful in their uniforms, sang beautifully and their talents were certainly appreciated by the audience. It is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our students’ talents. A special thank you to Ryan for his organisation of the event.

PARENT SURVEY
Thank you to the families who have returned the survey included in last week’s newsletter. Surveys can be dropped into the box in the foyer. Please remember to pick up your ticket for the lucky draw from the ladies in the office. The survey will assist staff in our school evaluation process. Every completed survey that is returned receives a ticket in the draw for a $50 shopping voucher. Please return the survey by this Friday 27 November.

STUDENT SCHOOL LEADER SPEECHES
It has been very pleasing to see the number of Year 5 students who have nominated themselves for our 2016 School Leader positions. It is evident that the children have thought carefully about why they would like to be voted as one of our school leaders. The nomination sheets should be returned by the end of this 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 this 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 next Wednesday 2 December. We ask that all students are seated and ready by 6.55pm for the evening to commence at 7.00pm. All students and their families are invited. Students are expected to wear full school uniform. Each of our choirs and two guitar groups will also perform on the night.

STUDENT REPORTS
Student reports will be sent home on Tuesday 8 December. The eldest in each family will take home the envelope containing all reports for the family. If any parent would like to discuss their child’s progress please contact the office to book an appointment time with the class teacher.

Regards,

Robyn Urquhart - Principal

Abbigail’s “Act of Kindness”

On Friday 13 November, Quota club representative Maureen Duncan-Watt presented the “Act of Kindness” award to Abbigail Hind from 1/2W.

Quota’s motto, “We Share,” empowers members to develop friendships, encourage others, and promote international understanding.

The “Act of Kindness” Award is for a student that has shown a kindness or thoughtful action to a fellow student/s.

KATE THOMSON - Year 6 2010
Musically gifted Kate Thomson has had a busy year starting with a leading role in the school musical ‘The Addams Family’ as well as performing on violin as part of string duo ‘Pizzicato’.

She appeared as a guest artist at Opera in the Valley and was selected to play violin in the orchestra at the Sydney Schools Spectacular.

A former Gulmarrad School Captain she is continuing the tradition having been selected as one of the School Captains for Maclean High School, 2016. A confident public speaker she was awarded first place in both the Maclean Lions Club and Rotary Public Speaking competitions.
What's happening in 1/2W?

Maths is fun

SCIENCE

LOOK!

All around
AWARD RECIPIENTS WEEK 6

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the week 6 assembly:

Citizenship: Riley Goad, Bradley Roberts, Aeden McPherson, Jayvin Russell, Jasmine Britten, Ethan Hartnett.

Merit:

KM - Joshua Britten, Jaydah Baker, Lachlan Moloney

1/2W - Daniel Rawlings-Connolly, Jayden Mills, Summer Ryan

1/2C—Rachel Kennedy, Tana Lowe, Kaiden Stewart

3/4O—Laiza Anaya, Jharn Brewer-Takarangi, Stacey Nowell

3/4S - Skyla Moloney, Sam Ford, Ryan Anderson

6M - Joshua Fernance, Emma Inmon, Tahlia Causley

POSTCARD

Hello from Mr Munro, Mrs Menzies and Year 6.

We are having a great time.

Yesterday we went to the Police and Science Museums. Today it was off to the Aviation Museum and Australia Zoo. Ten pin bowling tonight.

See you when we get back.

LEARN TO SWIM

Learn to Swim is going swimmingly. Don’t forget to keep bringing in your: swimmers, goggles, rash shirt, towel, sunscreen and plastic bag till the end of the week.

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.

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ROAR’s at Lake Ainsworth

On Wednesday 11 November, Gulmarrad Public School’s Year 5 headed north with Mr Munro and Mrs Niemiec to Lake Ainsworth for their annual class excursion. Set on 118 hectares, the Sport and Recreation Centre’s school camp ROAR encourages students to take part in fun group challenges and activities that promote key learning through:

**Relationships** - developing skills in communication, problem solving, cooperation, negotiation, respect and care.

**Outdoors** - nurturing an appreciation of the natural environment and sustainability.

**Action** - reinforcing the importance of physical activity for wellbeing.

**Resilience** - collaborating, negotiating and reflecting on difficult challenges to build courage and strength.

To encourage the development of team spirit and increase the core values of respect, trust and honesty the students worked together in teams to build rafts, navigate sailing boats and socialised with students from other schools. Out on the archery course, at the indoor rock climbing wall and on the rope challenge they encouraged and supported each other to aim high and do their best.

“These school camps are a wonderful way of getting the students out of the classroom and into an environment where they practice self-reliance and independence,” said class teacher Mr Glenn Munro.

When the bus arrived home Friday afternoon everyone disembarked exhausted but happy with smiles all round. Judging from the students comments it was definitely the best camp EVER.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Please note that the Invisible Ink Martian Pens are low in stock, so if you are redeeming your tokens, please include a second choice in case they have run out.

Also, please note that the cut-off date for any School Banking reward orders is Wednesday 2 December.

This means that this Friday is your last week to choose a 2015 reward.

Don’t worry, your tokens will carry over to next year if you have not used them. If you are unsure as to how many tokens you have, just come see me on Friday and I can look it up.

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**P & C Christmas Raffle**

Donations still being accepted.

More tickets available from the office.

**YEAR 6 FAREWELL FUNDRAISER**

ZOOPER/DOOPERS FOR SALE

50c EACH

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS AT LUNCH