PRESENTATION NIGHT
What a lovely evening last week’s Presentation Night was. It is always a pleasure to be able to recognise our students’ achievements. Congratulations once again to all of our award recipients. Thank you also to our choirs, guitar groups and Ryan for providing such wonderful musical entertainment during the evening.

2016 SCHOOL LEADERS
The 2016 school leaders were announced on Presentation Night. Congratulations to: Madeleine Hollis, Prea Cormick, Henry Essex and Will McGrath-Moran. They certainly have ‘big shoes’ to fill following on from this year’s Leaders. Thank you to our four leaders for 2015 – Abby Anderson, Zali Bourke, Nicholas Sheehan and Jake Townsend. They have been great Leaders setting a positive example for the rest of the students and completing all of their responsibilities in an efficient manner. Well done!

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
Last night the Year 6 Farewell dinner was held. The students looked magnificent in their outfits and certainly enjoyed the dinner and dancing to celebrate the end of their Primary education here at Gulmarrad PS. A DVD looking back at the children’s years of schooling was the highlight of the night. The Year 6 group have been wonderful role models for our school and we wish them all the best for the future. Special thanks to Mrs Gannon, Mrs Cooper and Mrs McGrath for their superb organisation of the entire event and thank you also to Ms Kelly for her magnificent individual cupcakes for each student.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
The next school assembly will be held this Friday 11 December starting at 2.15pm. Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire awards will be presented at the assembly along with the Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates. We look forward to seeing parents and families at our assembly.

STUDENT REPORTS
Student reports were sent home yesterday. If any parent would like to discuss their child’s progress please contact the office to book an appointment time with the class teacher.
EXCURSIONS
It was an extremely busy Friday afternoon last week when the two excursions arrived back within a short time of each other. The children from Stage 2 returned from Yarrawarra camp happy but exhausted. Thank you to all staff involved in the organisation and supervision of the camp Mr Oehlmann, Mr Stanger and Mrs Gannon. Special thanks to Mrs Robinson for also attending and helping with the excursion. The Stage 1 children arrived slightly damp but very excited over their trip to the Macadamia Castle. Thank you to all staff involved Mrs Clifford, Ms Wallace, Mrs Munro, Ms Kelly and Ms Carrasco for making it such an enjoyable day for all of the children.

END OF TERM CLUBS
Clubs begins next Monday and continue through to Wednesday. They will run from 9.00-11.00. Each child has been told which club they are in. If parents are unsure there is a list on the noticeboard outside the staffroom.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS TERM 4
As for the majority of public schools there will be two Staff Development Days at the end of this term. This means that Thursday 17 December and Friday 18 December will be pupil free days. The final day for students is Wednesday 16 December.

2016 BOOKPACKS
Student book-packs for all students K-6 will continue for 2016 as they have been so successful in assisting with classroom organisation for classes this year. The book-packs will provide exercise books, document folders, display folders, scrapbooks, rulers, erasers, glue sticks, lead pencils, sharpies, and textbooks to meet the class requirements. All Kindergarten students will receive a homework pack. The cost of the book-pack will remain at $50 as we are able to place orders early and receive a discount for this. Book-packs may be paid at the office at any time before the end of the year or early in 2016

STUDENTS RETURN DATES
Students in Years 1 - 6 return to school on Thursday 28 January. Due to Best Start interviews Kindergarten children will start school on Monday 1 February. All parents of new 2016 Kindergarten students will be contacted regarding the time of their child’s Best Start interview for either Thursday 28 January or Friday 29 January.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
This is the final newsletter for the year. All newsletters can be accessed online at our website.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
On behalf of all the staff at Gulmarrad Public School I would like to wish all families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone back here at school after the break.

Regards,

Robyn Urquhart - Principal
Presentation Night at Gulmarrad Public School

Another successful year culminated on Wednesday 2 December at Gulmarrad Public School when we hosted our annual Presentation Night. This is always a special evening as it is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievements of our students as well as acknowledging the amazing contribution of the P & C, staff and fabulous volunteers who contribute so much to the school community.

A highlight of the evening were the choir and guitar performances led by the entertaining Ryan, the unveiling of the school song written by Paul Oehlmann and Year 6 and paying tribute to retiring teacher Mr Rob Miani, a Gulmarrad stalwart who has seen the school grow over the past 30 years.

A special thank you to our guest presenters: Rex Wiseman (Rotary Club of Maclean), Mr Rob Miani, Mrs Maria Fernance, Mr Bill Ellem, Ms Maureen Duncan-Watt, Ms Alison Merrin (for Kevin Hogan), Jake and Luke Mitchell, Mr Craig Moran, Harry Nicholson and Niamh Cormick.

Congratulations to our award recipients for 2015:

Dux – Enya Britten
Citizenship – Nicholas Sheehan
Baldwin Award – Alyssa Loy
Cultural Award – Zali Bourke
Positive Role - Model Award – Finlay Edwards-Ryan
Ellem Award for Creativity – Chloe George
Ellem Award for Literacy – Finlae Cassidy-Thomason
Sports Encouragement – Hayden Moloney
Premier’s Sporting Medal – Trinity Minhinnick

Senior Sports Champions – Jake Townsend & Prea Cormick
Junior Sports Champions – Ricky Cleary & Jasmine Britten
Quota Award for Literacy—Rachel Kennedy
Kevin Hogan Award for Improvement in Literacy—Jahzia Brewer-Takarangi
Library Awards — Emma Inmon & Tana Lowe

Class Awards:

Academic
Hayden Whyte
Xavier Cassidy-Thomason
Aedan McPherson
Kieran Karstens
Kaia Mercy
Alyssa McGrath

Consistent
Zoe Sonter
Summer Ryan
Zoe Snape
Claudia Robinson
Sam Ford
Sarah Cassidy

Improvement
Cooper Lynch
Bradley Roberts
Jett Burke
Tyler Roigard
Joshua Bell
Emma Causley
Aimee Jeffrey

Citizenship
Jasmine Nemeth
Jorgi Jeffrey
Isabelle McGrath-Moran
Jesse Ryan
Jasmine Anderson
Angus Cassidy-Thomason

Academic Encouragement: Liam Odgers
Creativity: Ella Jeffery
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Diamond Awards

Stage 3
Zali BOURKE  Aimee JEFFREY  Jake TOWNSEND  Trinity MINHINNICK  Kristel GRAVOLIN  Enya BRITTEN  Liam ODGERS  Madison HOWARTH  Finlay EDWARDS-RYAN  Abby ANDERSON  Lachlan GAUCI  Hayden MOONEY  Tahlia CAUSLEY  Emma INMON  Nicholas SHEEHAN  Alyssa LOY  Enya BRITTEN  Mia POSTLE

Stage 2
Ella JEFFERY  Madeline HOLLIS  Bailey CAMERON  Will MCGRATH-MORAN  Prea CORMICK  Alexis BENNETT  Bryce NOWELL  Ricky CLEARY  Emily DEWSBURY  Reece BAKER  Sarah CASSIDY  Eli CLARKE  Alyssa MCGRATH

Stage 1
Isabelle MCGRATH-MORAN  Oslo HARRADINE  Abigail OEHLMANN  Jessica ROIGARD  Thor HARRADINE  Kaia MERCY  Eden MAITZ  Chloe GEORGE  Kele JEFFREY  Claudia ROBINSON  Kieran KARSTENS  Zac PAPADOPOULOS  Erin GOAD

Movie Day this Friday

Addison Robinson  Rosw Essex  Mackenzie Howell  Jesse Ryan  Will Lindsay  Gloria Mercy  Tyler Roigard  Corey Salmon  Ryan Anderson  Jasmine Britten  Jack Cassidy  Ewan Gouttman  Eden Maitz  Carina Quick

Addison Robinson  Sam Ford  Bradley James  Skyla Moloney  Charlee Power  Zac Quick  Josh Bell  Eligh McLeay  Cooper Ryan  Kaiden Stewart  Jahzia Brewer-Takarangi  Daniel Causley  Tristan Donnelly  Jack Inmon

Tana Lowe  Zara pulling  Madison Skinner  Telleah Neylon  Daniel Rawlings-Connolly  Bradley Roberts  Zac Salmon  Maya Crowley  Riley Goad  Nathan Goldie  Jacob Moubarak  Hayden Whyte

Term 4 Sapphire Awards

Morning Tea this Friday

Harrison Kendrick  Jaywin Russell  Jye Whalon-Hollebone  Laiza Anaya  Joshua Cootes  Sean Phillis-Mather  Joshua Bell  Xavier Cassidy-Thomason

Riley Butcher  Finn Dobbin  Lily Fuller  Madison Skinner  Max Wallace  Blake Baker  Isabella Causley  Lachlan Cupitt  Nathan Goldie  Meena McLeay-Aggarwal


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Whiddon Group Aged Care Facility visit

On a warm Monday morning, the SRC members visited the Whiddon Group aged care facility in Maclean to spend some time with the residents including two silky chickens who live in the courtyard. We dressed up in a few costumes from the musical and even managed to convince Mr O to dress up for the occasion. The new school song was sung for the eager audience along with a performance of the Chicken Dance and the Hokey Pokey.

Help Bailey Walk

Bailey Jensen is a 9 year old boy who attends Yamba Public School. He has played football with and against current students of Gulmarrad Public School. Although he has an adventurous spirit, Bailey can't walk because he has Cerebral Palsy. Bailey is going to have a major operation next March to help him walk on his own.

We would like to help him walk so we will be having a mufti-day on the 15th of December with a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go directly to the cost of the operation. If you'd like to help Bailey, tax deductible donations can be at:


To All The Families Of The Gulmarrad Public School

Firstly, thank you so much to all the families who have already paid their fees. It is greatly appreciated !!! The P & C fees collected will help us to raise the necessary funds to install the fantastic new playground equipment the P & C has ordered.

The cost is $10 per child, 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.
3/4 Excursion
“Are we there yet?”

Bush tucker tour

Through the stringy bark forest

Clay modelling

Aboriginal boomerang designs

Damper time for afternoon tea

Exploring the beach

“Time to go home buddy!”

“It’s movie night!”

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