Wednesday 18 March 2015

Principal’s Page

STUDENT IMPROVEMENTS
I was privileged to have a group of students who have been working with Mrs Sonter come and see me yesterday and show me how their work has improved this term. It is wonderful to see the pride and happiness on students’ faces when they can see an improvement in their own skills and knowledge and it is also a terrific boost for their self-esteem.

HARMONY DAY
Students and staff are certainly looking forward to our annual celebration of Harmony Day to be held tomorrow. All classes are involved and I know the teachers have been very busy organising activities for the day. Parents and community members are invited to come along and watch the parade in the hall at 9.30 and later visit each classroom to see how they are celebrating the many different cultures.

HALOGEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Our Year 6 students will have a very early start this Friday morning when they leave for the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre to attend the Halogen Foundations National Young Leaders Day. The line-up of speakers includes Bindi Irwin and following reports received from schools attending last year it is sure to be a fabulous experience for our Year 6 students.

ASSEMBLY
The next assembly will be held this Friday 20 March at 2.15pm. The class to present an item will be 3/4S. The Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to chair the assembly as our Year 6 School Leaders will be attending the Halogen Leadership Conference in Brisbane. All parents and community members are invited to come along and share the Gulmarrad PS students’ successes.

EMERALD AWARDS ASSEMBLY
Our Emerald Awards for this term will be presented at the assembly to be held in week 9 on Friday 27 March. Students receive an Emerald Award by accumulating enough points from Star cards, Assembly awards, Sporting participation and representation, Academic activities and Leadership positions.

SOLID MOB
The Solid Mob group return next Wednesday to work with Years 5 and 6 on an exciting new program called ‘The Amazing Race’. The Amazing Race is a unique learning experience and focuses on developing leadership skills as well as learning about nutrition, physical activity, drug education, mindfulness and happiness.

Canteen Roster

Canteen is open
Wednesdays and Fridays

This Friday’s Special:
Emu Burger, Popper & Ice Block $ 5.50

Important Dates

Wed March 18
P&C Meeting

Thur March 19
Harmony Day

Fri March 20
Halogen Conference.

Fri March 20
Assembly

Mon March 23
B-Ball Gala Day Yr3-4

Tue March 24
School Photos

Wed March 25
Solid Mob

Thur March 25
School Disco

Fri March 27
Assembly

Mon March 30
B-Ball Gala Day Yr 5-6

Thur April 2
Easter Hat Parade

Week 8 Term

Recess: 11 - 11.30am
Lunch: 1.15 - 2.00pm
SCHOOL DISCO
A Kindergarten - Year 6 Disco will be held on Thursday 26 March from 5.30-7.30 pm. Entry is $2 per child. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a great night of dancing.

P&C INFORMATION
The next P&C meeting will be held tonight Wednesday 18 March 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.

Robyn Urquhart
Principal

HARMONY DAY
Tomorrow, Thursday the 19th of March, we are celebrating this event at our school. Students are asked to contribute $4 towards the cost of their class food/meal activity if they are participating. Classes will meet in their rooms at 9 in the morning and proceed to the Hall for a whole school parade from 9:30.

PSSA CRICKET
Last Thursday, Gulmarrad’s cricket team travelled to Lawrence to play Lawrence in the state wide PSSA cricket knockout competition. After losing the toss, we were made to bat with a damp outfield which made scoring difficult. Hayden Maloney and Will McGrath opened the batting and put on an 18 run partnership. Will was finally dismissed for 6 while Hayden continued to hold the innings together. Hayden top scored with 11 before being dismissed. We were all out in the 25th over for a total of 52. We bowled extremely well and managed to take 2 wickets and were unlucky not to take a few more wickets but the hard hitting Lawrence cricketers managed to pass our total after 15 overs. Our boys played extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts.

BASKETBALL GALA DAY
A Basketball Gala Day is being held for Years 3,4,5 & 6 on:
Monday 23rd March 2015 (3&4)
Monday 30th March 2015 (5&6)
at the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre Yamba. Cost is $7 per student, which includes a 45min skills session at school today, a minimum of 5 games at the Gala Day and the bus to Yamba!
Optional: BBQ sausage sizzle $2.50 (children to take money on the day)

SCHOOL PHOTOS
The school photos will take place on Tuesday 24 March. Sibling photo order forms are available from the office. Please mark the order envelope clearly and enclose the correct money. Alternatively payments can be done online, instructions on order envelopes.

P&C EASTER RAFFLE
The P&C will be running our annual Easter Raffle again this year. We hope that every family can donate an Easter Egg/Bunny which will then be combined into Easter Egg Hampers. Donations can be left with the lovely office ladies.

Booklets of raffle tickets are included with the newsletter today. Tickets are $1 each and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2 April.
5M Activities

5M displaying some of their fine paintings depicting a desert scene as part of their Science Unit. More paintings are on display in the office foyer.

Students having fun learning a Greek dance in preparation for Harmony Day on Thursday.

Students from 5M collecting leaves as part of their science research.
SCHOOL BANKING
Welcome to the 28 new bankers who have joined school banking since the beginning of the year. This brings our total number of registered bankers to 108. Last year, CBA paid the P&C over $544 in commission for our school banking program.

CALLING ALL CRAFTY PEOPLE
The P&C are seeking donations for our annual Mother’s Day Stall that will be held early Term 2. Donations of

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Understanding Your Child’s Brain
Thursday 19th & 26th March
9.30am - 12.30pm
Maclean TAFE, Room A1.10
Woombah St, Maclean
Understand why children choose tantrums, talking back and disobeying rules as part of their behaviour.
Learn ways of communicating and connecting with your child that use the whole brain to help build self-esteem and resilience.

Confident Parenting
Fridays 20th & 27th March
9.30am - 12:30pm
Maclean TAFE, Room A1.10
Woombah St, Maclean
Identify the values you wish to teach your children and use them to develop simple family rules.
Confidence, Consequence & Consistency

“Don’t have a rule without a consequence. Don’t have a consequence if you don’t follow it.”

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Writing Workshops: for Children
Prolific author John Heffernan will work with 9 to 12yrs to develop their creative writing skills.

WHEN: 2pm to 3pm, Monday 13th April
WHERE: Yamba Library, 45 Wooli Street, Yamba

WHEN: 2pm to 3pm, Tuesday 14th April
WHERE: Grafton Library, 126–144 Pound Street, Grafton

BOOKINGS: Contact Grafton 02 6646 2811 or Yamba 02 6641 0100