**CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all of our students on their terrific efforts at last week’s Cross Country. We were lucky to have such good weather for the event. It is always a huge task to run 2 or 3 kilometres or even the shorter course around the school for our younger children. Thank you to Mr Stanger for his organisation and to all of the staff and parent helpers for their work on the day.

**CHESS CLUB**

Last Thursday after school I visited our school Library to see the Chess Club in action. Mrs Menzies with the assistance of some Maclean High School students operates the chess club each Thursday afternoon. The students were very focused on the game and what their next move would be. The chess club is another opportunity available for our students to participate in and Mrs Menzies reports that it has been a huge success. Special thanks to the Maclean High School students who are giving up their afternoons to support and mentor our students.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**

The 2014 Annual School Report is available on our school website. The report outlines the school’s and students’ achievements for 2014 and is certainly worth a read to see the year’s successes.

**2015-2017 SCHOOL PLAN**

The 2015-2017 Gulmarrad PS plan is also available on our school website. The plan is a culmination of staff working closely with the community to develop the vision, strategic directions and the actions that will occur for our school over the next three years.

**ASSEMBLY**

Our assembly will be held this Friday 15 May at 2.15pm. The class to present an item will be KM. All Cross Country place getters will be recognised at this Fridays assembly. Parents and community members are invited to come along and share the students’ successes.

**2015 NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 have been held this week and finish tomorrow with the Numeracy assessment. Results are usually available late in term 3.
STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AND FOOD
I recently sent home information regarding food additives from Dr Alison Knight. Parents who would like further information can visit Alison's website www.behaveability.com.au.

P&C INFORMATION
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May 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

RIDE2SCHOOL
What a wonderful turnout we had for our second ride/scoot/walk to school morning! The weather was glorious for the event and everyone who participated showed respect for all whilst acting safely and cooperatively. Community members using the walk way at the time praised the students for their wonderful behaviour. A big thanks to the 89 students, teachers, parents and other family members who joined us. A special thanks to the volunteers who assisted at crossings and ensured the event occurred safely. I know many of us are already looking forward to next years’ ride2school morning!

NATIONAL WALKSAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Our school is registered to partake in this event on Friday 22nd May. Similar to the ride/walk/scoot to school activity last week, we will meet at Gulmarrad’s Fire Shed at 8:15am and walk along the path to school (leaving at approximately 8:25) If you would like to join us please feel most welcome to. If anyone can assist at the crossings along the way, please see Ms Wallace.

MISSING
Bike went missing from school last Friday. It is a 24” orange ‘Apollo Panther’ boys 21 speed. If you have seen or have any info regarding this bike please call Darlene 0417 671 260 or the school 6645 2587.
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Last Friday saw the running of our school cross country carnival. Congratulations to all students on their enthusiasm, effort and encouragement. It was great to see each and every runner give 110%. Congratulations to the following students and good luck at the Zone Carnival on Friday May 22nd to be held at Corndale via Lismore.

2015 ZONE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

8/9 BOYS
Zane Lowe, Thor Harradine, Jesse Ryan, Jimmy Corbett

8/9 GIRLS
Jorgi Jeffrey, Hailey Rutkowski, Jasmine Britten, Zoe Snape

10 BOYS
Kele Jeffrey, Ricky Cleary, Zac Quick, Max Odgers

10 GIRLS
Erin Goad, Jasmine Anderson, Brittany Rutkowski, Emma Causley

11 BOYS
Will McGrath- Moran, Reece Baker, Eli Clarke, Eli Currie

11 GIRLS
Prea Cormick, Alexis Bennett, Mia Postle, Sonya Britten,

12 BOYS
Jake Townsend, Heath Edwards-Ryan, Nathan Roberts, Nic Sheehan

12 GIRLS
Aimee Jeffrey, Finlay Edwards-Ryan, Ella Jeffery, Kristel Gravolin

On Friday the 22nd of May, our Cross Country Team will travel to Corndale via Lismore to compete in the NRPSSA Cross Country Championships. Our team of 32 students will give it their all and we would like to wish them good luck, we know you will do us proud!
Our mums are very special. We made her a card, a bookmark, a wall hanging, some flowers and the chocolate balls.

An example of a procedure is a recipe. Here is the recipe for the chocolate balls we made. You might like to make a batch. You'll make approximately 40 with this mixture.

**Chocolate Balls**

**Ingredients** (what you need)
- 180g butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon (t) vanilla essence
- 1 cup (C) desiccated coconut
- 3 crushed weetbix
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup (C) plain flour
- 1 teaspoon (t) baking soda
- 3/4 cup cocoa
- Extra coconut for rolling balls in

**Method** (what you do)
1. Melt butter.
2. Add vanilla.
3. Combine dry ingredients in a bowl.
4. Pour butter mixture into bowl and mix all ingredients.
5. Roll mixture into balls.
6. Coat balls with coconut.
7. Refrigerate for two hours.
8. Enjoy!
Ride to School was so much fun last Friday!

We enjoyed the cross country last Friday as well

We had a great time with 1/2C at Mareeba Nursing home last Tuesday.

Requests

1/2W use black socks as whiteboard cleaners. If you have any odd/spare black socks and no longer wear them, please send them in. Also, if you have any (round) PVC pipe you don’t need, we’d like to use it. (any length, colour and diameter) In appreciation,

Ms Wallace and 1/2W students
Community News

SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way...

to prevent skin cancer.

Autumn is well and truly here, and as the days get shorter and cooler it’s easy to think that we don’t need to be as vigilant about sun-safety.

However UV levels are not linked to the temperature, and can still be high enough in Autumn to damage children’s skin.

To help keep your kids safe, check the UV Alert daily. Where possible, it’s best to minimise outdoor activities when the UV levels are three and above.

You can check and download the SunSmart UV alert at cancer council.com.au/sunsmart

For information about SunSmart visit: www.sunsmartsnsw.com.au

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YAMBA MUSEUM
PO Box 100 Yamba NSW 2464
Phone: 02 6646 1399

The Beneath Gallipoli Exhibition is a collection of photographs of the silent ruins of the underwater battlefield that has remained hidden since the first troop landing at Gallipoli, almost 100 years ago on April 25, 1915. This exhibition has been extended until 20 May 2015, so there may still be an opportunity for your pupils to visit and glimpse the poignant aftermath of the Gallipoli landing.

Other special exhibitions planned for 2015 include:

- Rugby Exhibition - exhibition of rare & private collection of Rugby photos and memorabilia - 9 June to 17 July.
- Robyn Tyschen Art Exhibition - 18 September to 1 October
- Graham Mackie Photography Exhibition - 17 October to 14 November

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association
(a not-for-profit community volunteer organisation)

50th Annual Open Competitive Original Arts Crafts & Quilts Exhibition at
Gulmarrad Public School Hall 3-5 July 2015
Friday & Saturday 9.00-4.30pm
Sunday 9.30—2.00pm

Entry Forms are available from Ferry Park Gallery Maclean or go to www.ferrypark.org

Junior Art entry forms are also available from the school
Send entry forms and fees to PO Box 194, Maclean NSW 2463 or by hand to Ferry Park Gallery, Maclean
Monday 22 June closing date for entries
Tuesday 30 June delivery of works 9.30-2pm to Gulmarrad Public School Hall

For program details go to:
http://issuu.com/clarencevalleycouncil/docs/