**Important Dates**

**Wednesday May 20**
- P&C Meeting 7pm

**Friday May 22**
- Walk Safely to School
- NRPSA Cross Country

**Friday May 29**
- Performance MHS Y5-6 Assembly

**Tuesday June 2**
- Mareeba Stage 2

**Wednesday June 3**
- ICAS Science

**Monday June 8**
- Public Holiday
- School closed

**Friday June 12**
- Assembly

**Monday June 15**
- ICAS Writing

**Tuesday June 16**
- ICAS Spelling

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**Canteen Roster**

**Friday**
- Lisa

**Volunteers needed!**

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**Principal’s Page**

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Good luck to our team of Cross Country runners this Friday. They will be travelling to Corndale to compete in the Northern Rivers PSSA Cross Country. Mr Munro will be supervising the team.

**ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK**

This week is Allergy Awareness Week. Allergies affect quite a lot of our students and it is important to be aware of the consequences of allergies on the lives of the children and their families. All staff at school are fully trained and updated annually, to recognise and assist with allergy related symptoms. Further information can be found in this newsletter.

**STUDENT ARRIVAL TIMES**

There have been an increasing number of students who are arriving at school before teachers are on duty at 8.30am. Any students who arrive at school before this time are not supervised and this becomes a safety issue. Parents are asked to not drop their children at school before 8.30am unless absolutely necessary and to speak to a teacher before leaving so that they know the child is on school premises.

**ASSEMBLY**

The next assembly will be held on Friday 29 May at 2.15pm. The class to present an item will be 6M. Laura from the Commonwealth Bank will also be speaking at our assembly. Parents and community members are invited to come along and share the students’ successes.

**RECONCILIATION WEEK**

Reconciliation Week begins next Wednesday 27 May – 3 June. All classes will be looking at the significance of this week to everyone. Following class activities a display will be available for parents to see in the hall.

**CLASS EXCURSIONS**

Teachers have been very busy lately organising the overnight excursions for their classes from Years 3-6. To assist with organisation and to work out the costs expression of interest notes have been sent home. Prompt return of these notes would be greatly appreciated. If parents have any questions regarding the excursion please contact your child’s class teacher.
SCHOOL BOOKPACKS
Our school bookpacks have continued to be a success in the classroom with every child having the same books, textbooks and materials for completing their work. Thank you to the families who have already paid for their bookpacks. Every child has received their pack and we rely on families to pay for their packs during the year. Payments are very welcome whether it is $5 a week or a fortnightly payment -whatever suits best. If you are unsure about how much you owe on your bookpacks please see the ladies in the office.

P&C INFORMATION
A P&C meeting will be held tonight 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

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
The 16th annual National Walk Safely to School Day will be held on Friday 22 May 2015. All primary school children, along with their parents, carers, grandparents, siblings or other relatives are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

. To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary age children
. To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
. To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult’s hand when crossing roads
. To help children develop the vital road crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians
. To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
. To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
. To promote the use of public transport

If you and your child/ren would like to participate in this activity you are very welcome to. Please meet us at Gulmarrad’s Fire Shed Friday morning from 8:15am, leaving from 8:20. We will walk safely along the path to school, making sure we cross the roads and driveways safely. It would be wonderful and appreciated if adults/parents could help staff to ensure children under 10 walk safely across the crossings by holding their hand.

We hope the weather is as kind to us as our recent Ride2School Day activity and look forward to seeing you there, Ms Wallace and Mr Munro.

A WORD OF THANKS
On behalf of 1/2W, thank you to Alec Ward, Oliver Walker, Madison Skinner and their families for giving us some black socks to use as whiteboard cleaners. Also, thanks to Jake Townsend and his family for the pieces of PVC pipe. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Just to let you all know we no longer need any more donations. Ms Wallace

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
You can get the weekly newsletter emailed to you (just let the office know your email address) or view it in colour on the school website: http://www.gulmarrad-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/
AWARDS
Citizenship: Zoe Sonter, Abbigail Hind, Tana Lowe, Stacey Nowell, Zane Lowe, Rebecca Reynolds, Jake Townsend

BOOKCLUB
Term 2 Bookclub is due back on MONDAY 25th May. Please ensure all orders are returned to the office BEFORE the bell on the morning of the 25th for processing.

CHESS CLUB
We have been having a great time at chess club on Thursday afternoons 3:30-4:30. A big thank you to our high school ‘Chess Masters,’ Liam, Sam and Yee Ming who have been coming along to teach the children skills and strategies. If your child would like to join in then please ensure they bring in a note with parent approval. It is important that I know which children have permission to stay after school, ensuring parents know where they are.

ICAS
We had 10 students sit the Digital Technologies test yesterday and I am sure they all tried their best. The International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills based assessments with a competition element. The next test will be SCIENCE on 3rd June.

FOOD ALLERGY WEEK 2015
Be Aware
Australia has one of the highest reported incidences of food allergies in the world, and the numbers are growing at an alarming rate. In fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

An allergic reaction can quickly become life threatening and people can die from food allergy. While the risk cannot be removed, it can be managed. It’s up to all of us to be allergy aware – to know how to minimise the risk of a reaction, to know what to do if a reaction happens, and to understand and support family, friends and colleagues living with food allergies.

For more information go to: www.foodallergyaware.com.au

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

SCHOOL BANKING THURSDAY
Ding will be away on Friday morning, so this week School Banking will be Thursday (tomorrow).

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
The Mother’s Day Stall was a huge success, raising over $800. Thank you to the wonderful people who donated items for us to sell. An extra thank you to Judy Howell (Bailey Cameron’s Nan) who has been collecting things all year for our stall. Thank you also to Sandi Brien, Maria Fernance, Wendy Bell, Judy Howell and Ding Cassidy for running the stall on Thursday.

MASTERING SPELLING
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing
What’s Happening in 3-4O

Tightening Tension

This week 3/4O were introduced to the third step of the Seven Steps Writing Programme called Tightening Tension. Below are two examples of how tension is built by describing the senses. Below are two samples of our topic “A cemetery at night”.

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<th>By Mackenzie Howell Year 3</th>
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<td>It was a dark, stormy night and the car was parked in front of the cemetery. I walk in and said softly to myself, “I’m a bit lonely”</td>
<td>No one was around and it was starting to get late. “No wait Milo don't go in there!” Milo had run into a graveyard and I followed him but had escaped my sight. What I did see were tombstones lying around. The moon was shining down on all the graves. There were glowing bats eyes surrounding me. Howling wind made the bushes rustle and as I walked along I could feel twigs and sticks snapping underneath my feet. At least I thought they were twigs and sticks until I looked down…</td>
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<td>Lightning goes off nearby, then a scream from somewhere nearby. I ran back to where our car was parked but it wasn’t there…</td>
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Night & Day

In Science, 3/4O has been learning about how night and day occurs. We went out in the playground to compare how a tennis ball and a basketball might seem the same size when held by two different students. The first photo below shows a tennis ball and a basketball when viewed in a line. Just like how the sun and moon line up in the solar system. The second photo is a side view of our three students who haven't moved. We then used our maths skills to estimate the distance between each planet. Talk about multi-tasking!!!
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

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

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