Principal's Page

PUBLIC SPEAKING SCHOOL FINALS
I have heard some wonderful reports regarding the high level of speeches from the Public Speaking finals held last week at school. Congratulations to every student who competed. It is always daunting to stand in front of an audience and the children certainly did themselves proud. Thank you to Mrs McGrath for her organisation of the event.

STAFFING NEWS
We have a few staff changes happening at the moment. Mr Miani will be continuing his leave until the end of the year and Mr Oehlmann will remain on the 3/4 class. Welcome back to Mrs James, our school counsellor who has been on long service leave. Farewell and thank you to Mrs Gardam for relieving during this time. Farewell also to Mrs Sonter. She has a position at Palmers Island PS and we thank her for all of her dedication and efforts here at Gulmarrad PS over the years and wish her the best in the new school.

ASSEMBLY
Our next assembly will be held on Friday 12 June 2015 at 2.15pm. The class to present an item this week will be 5M. Parents and community members are invited to come along and share the students’ successes.

STUDENT REPORTS
An interview schedule for parents has been sent home with today’s newsletter to allow parents to book a time to discuss their child’s progress this semester. Student reports will be sent home to parents on Friday 19 June. If you are unable to attend the times listed on the sheet please contact the teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

LOWER CLARENCE ART AND CRAFT FAIR
We hope our students are busy organising their entries for the Lower Clarence Art and Craft Fair. Entry forms for the Fair are due in by Monday 22 June with artworks to be delivered to the school by Monday 30 June. Don’t forget that the P&C are in need of helpers over the weekend and if you can spare even a few hours it would be greatly appreciated.

LUNCHTIME DRESS-UPS
Thank you to the families who have already donated items for our new dress-ups box. If you have any dress-up clothes you are able to donate to the school please bring them in to the front office.

Robyn Urquhart

Wednesday 10 June 2015

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Canteen Roster

| Friday 5 June                |               |
| Lisa                         |               |
| Friday Special:              |               |
| Spaghetti Bolognaise         |               |
| and drink $4                 |               |
| Wednesday 10 June            |               |
| Lisa                         |               |
| -Volunteers needed!          |               |

Recess: 11 - 11.30am
Lunch: 1.15- 2.00pm
AWARDS T2 W6
Citizenship Award: Lachlan Cupitt, Daniel Rawlings-Connolly, Oslo Harradine, Jesse Ryan, Kaia Mercy, Rhyannon Howell, Trinity Minhinnick.

FOOTSTEPS
This term our school will be participating in a one week dance programme with Footsteps Dance Company Monday 15-Friday 19 June 2015. A Disco will be held Thursday 18 June. This is included in the price of the dance sessions. The cost of this course is $20
We highly encourage participation from all students and feel that this dance course is highly beneficial to your child. No previous dance experience or skills are required to partake in the programme as exciting new skills for all abilities will be taught during the duration of the term.
Please return permission note and payment by tomorrow Thursday 11 June.

SCHOOL CROSSING VOLUNTEERS FOR FLAGS
Many people are not aware that the crossing area outside the school is not a school crossing where drivers have to stop unless there are school flags up. The flags may only be out from 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm.
To allow the area to be a safer crossing for the children volunteers are needed to put the flags out during these times. If you are able to volunteer for any time or day please let the school office know.

BOOKPACK
Thank you to all the parents who have paid for their child’s bookpack this semester. Part payments are very welcome. To assist families so that they know how much is still owing on their child’s bookpack, invoices will be sent home tomorrow.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2015
Congratulations the following students who have completed the 2015 Challenge so far.
Year 1 Oslo Harradine, Max Todhunter
Year 2 Hailey Rutkowski, Ashley Rutkowski
Year 3 Eden Maitz
Year 4 Jasmine Anderson, Thor Harradine, Zane Lowe,
Brittney Rutkowski
Year 6 Zali Bourke
There are many students who are very close to finishing so keep reading!

CHESS CLUB
There will be NO chess club after school this week.

LOST & FOUND
Girls plain round gold bangle. Has very sentimental value. Please check if it has been accidentally taken home and kindly return to the office. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
You can get the weekly newsletter emailed to you, just email your details to: gulmarrad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or view it in on the school website: http://www.gulmarrad-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

PRINTER CARTRIDGES
Printer cartridges can be recycled at the school. Collection box in school foyer.
BOYS PSSA BASKETBALL
Yesterday our boys’ basketball team travelled to Goonellabah to participate in the State PSSA Basketball Knockout Competition. The boys in the Gulmarrad team were; Craig Mercy-Bushell, Heath Edwards-Ryan, Logan Mills, Rixon Lindsay, Jake Townsend, Will McGrath-Moran, Ricky Cleary and Thor Harradine.

Our first game against Maclean Public School was an exciting and close game. We won this game 25 to 22. Our second game was against West Casino Public School where once again we were the victors by 16 to 10. This placed our team in the final against Lismore Public School. The final score, in which we were beaten 99 to 8, does not depict the amazing effort and attitude displayed by our boys. No other team throughout the day scored against Lismore Public School, who came third in the state last year, so our boys deserve to be very proud of their efforts.

Our team displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day and gave it their best at all times. They were outstanding representatives of our school and I’m very proud of them. Well done boys! I would like to thank those parents that assisted with travel and organisation on the day.

Photos from the day can be viewed on the school website in the gallery section.

Mrs D Munro

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The school final of the NSW Multicultural Public Speaking competition was held at our school last week. Eight students from both Stage 2 and Stage 3 were required to present a prepared speech with a theme of multiculturalism. The students were also required to present an impromptu speech. The Stage 2 students were Kieran Karstens, Claudia Robinson, Mackenzie Howell, Jesse Ryan, Sam Ford, Oscar Oehlmann, Kaia Mercy and Corey Westcott. The Stage 3 representatives were Madison Howarth, Aimee Jeffrey, Zali Bourke, Keira-Lee Gray, Bailey Cameron, Alyssa McGrath, Madeline Hollis and Sarah Cassidy. The students performed beautifully and with a lot of courage – we are extremely proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Zali Bourke, Bailey Cameron, Claudia Robinson and Oscar Oehlmann for winning the school final. These 4 students will now compete at the North Coast Final 3 of the NSW Multicultural Public Speaking Competition in Alstonville this coming Monday. Good luck to these students.

PARENT—TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent—teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 23 June for Yr 3-6 and Wednesday 24 June for K-2. A form is attached with this newsletter. Please return note to your child’s teacher with preferred times.

CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to Kele Jeffrey on coming 4th in the PSSA Cross Country in Kempsey. Kele will now go on to State championships.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Sea Eagles are temporarily operating out of ‘Johnno’s Quality Cars’ in 4 Stanley Street, Maclean. School uniforms can be purchased from there.
What has been happening in 6M?

Rivers of Learning

Over the past few weeks the Year 6 class have had to ponder the question “What does the River mean to me?” Based on this question, students had to then create an artwork which would reflect their feelings and thoughts. Works ranged from beautiful traditional dot paintings to sketches of a journey on a speed boat to a wonderful watercolour painting of the Harwood Bridge. All of the art works, along with other art pieces from students from other local schools, were displayed in the “Rivers of Learning” art exhibition. This exhibition was held at Maclean High School in their school library on Tuesday evening, 2nd June 2015.

The theme of the artwork was “What the River means to me?”

The students from Year 6 are extremely proud of their effort with their art pieces and we are also proud to announce that three students from our school were awarded prizes for their art pieces at the exhibition.
Sizzling Starts!

6M have continued to work hard this term learning how to write beautiful stories using the “Seven Steps to Successful Writing” strategies. The first part of the narrative should contain a sizzling start – a sizzling start is the first paragraph of the story and should start at the action and capture the attention of the reader. It should make the reader want to keep reading the rest of the story. Here are some more sizzling starts written by some of the students from 6M

“Oh my god” I screeched loudly as I looked up and saw only the feet of my best friend hanging out of the huge evil looking oak tree. “What on earth is going on?” I gasped loudly and I started to feel sick so I clamped my mouth shut to stop myself from vomiting. “Lilly” I screamed loudly “Lilly, are you alright?” I stood at the tree yelling. I stood in front of the tree crying and I kicked the tree’s trunk. Then I heard a faint muffled sound from inside and I quickly stopped crying.

By Enya Britten

“Woosh!” was the sound from the big yellow ball as it gushed through the air and into the goals. “Nooooo!” the goalie shouted as everyone stared with amazement at the girl who took the shot.

By Emma Inmon

Bang! Crash! “Run everybody, it’s an earthquake!” screamed Mrs Cootes as she ran. Cracks were starting to appear in the ground. “Where’s Mum, where’s Dad, where’s everybody?” I yelled as my house crumbled to the ground.”

By Ethan Hartnett
Parent Teacher Interviews

Please indicate if you wish to have an interview with your child’s teacher on either Tuesday 23 June for classes 3 – 6 or Wednesday 24 June for classes K – 2. The interviews will start at 1.30 and be 10 minutes duration. If you require a longer interview to discuss your concerns please make an appointment with the class teacher to meet at a convenient time.

Please return the lower section of this letter ASAP so times can be organised by the teachers. You will be informed of your interview time on Monday afternoon.

Yours kindly,

Mrs R Urquhart
Principal

I /We _______________________________(Parent/Carers). Student_________________ Class_______
would like to meet with _____________________ (teacher)
To discuss my child’s progress on Tuesday 3-6 / Wednesday K-2 (please circle date and time)

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Or please indicate if you require another time __________________________

P&C NEWS

WE NEED YOUR HELP

With a little over 3 weeks before the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Fair, we are in need of helpers and donations to make this a success for our school.

A note went home last week with the newsletter asking for help with donations of cooking and helpers at the canteen over the three days.

Please find a few minutes to fill out the note with how you can help our school out with this major fundraising event. If you have misplaced your note, you can pick up another from the front office, or just write a note saying when and what help you can provide. Please don’t assume that we know you can help, even if you are one of those generous people that helps at everything, please fill out and return the note so we know exactly what help we will have over the weekend.

As a reminder, we are after donations of cakes, biscuits, slice, cupcakes, eggs, quiche and surplus garden vege.

Help is required between 9am and 4pm on Friday 3, Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July. We need help on the BBQ, making hot drinks, plating up orders, and taking orders.

Thank you
BCU WINTER HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP

The 2015 Maclean BCU Holiday Sports Camp is on this June/July. This year's new activity will be Meta-fit classes with Vanessa from Yamba 24/7, there will be a free class for parents on Tuesday morning as well. Loads of fun activities & prizes to be won: including a brand new tennis racquet & great awards from our new sponsor partner BCU (Banana Coast Credit Union). Full canteen facilities available including hot chips, scallops, toasted sandwiches, drinks & slushies of course & more. As well as a sausage-sizzle on the Wednesday. In case of wet weather Maclean Indoor Sports Centre will be used.

When: Mon 29th, Tues 30th June & Wed 1st July
Where: LCTA Tennis Courts Maclean
Time: 9:30am-1:30pm