Principal’s Page

CROSS COUNTRY
Special congratulations to Kele Jeffery who came first in the 10 year age division in the Northern Rivers Cross Country. Kele will now represent the school and Northern Rivers at North Coast level to be held in Kempsey this Friday. The entire school wishes Kele the best of luck.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SCHOOL FINALS
Good luck to our finalists in Stages 2 and 3 as they present their speeches this Thursday at our school’s final for the Multicultural public speaking competition. All four classes have been very busy honing their public speaking skills and I know the finals will be very entertaining. Parents are very welcome to come along at 12.15 this Thursday to hear the speeches for Years 3-6 and at 2.00 for the Years 5-6 impromptu speeches.

TECHNOLOGY
Throughout the year our weekly computer lessons have been taking place with all classes visiting the technology room each Wednesday for explicit activities with Mr Stanger and their class teacher. It has been wonderful to see the improvement in the skill level of students as they use power-point, send emails and insert photos into documents to name a few skills. Mrs Menzies has been busy ensuring that our ipads have useful apps installed and they are now ready to use. The ipads are another tool that our students can access to support their learning.

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.

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
We are looking at starting a dress up borrowing system for students to access during play at lunchtime break. 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
Principal
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 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.

GULMARRAD NETBALL PSSA
“The Chatsworth’s netball team is here!” said Ms Connolly with excitement as we looked over and saw the maroon T-shirts walking through the gates. The teams came onto the court the umpires announced “Ready to play” and blew their whistle to start the game.
On the 2nd of June 2015 the Gulmarrad netball girls played Chatsworth in a friendly game of netball for the PSSA competition. The game was played on the school netball court. We played amazingly against them with good luck and lots of team spirit and in the end Gulmarrad won 17-0. We all had an amazing and fun day and the girls can’t wait to go. Thank you also to Ms Connolly for coaching us. Finally, thank you to the umpires for having time off school to come and umpire our game.
Written by the girl’s netball team.

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 on Thursday 11 June.

SESQUICENTENARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MACLEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
This year we celebrate 150 years of Public Education in the Lower Clarence. The decision to establish the first school in Maclean, then known as “Rocky Mouth” was made on 17th May, 1865.
While there have been a number of different school locations since then, there has always been Public Education available to the students of the Lower Clarence.
On Sunday 7th June 2015, celebrations will be held to mark this important occasion. There will be a showcase of Public Education both present and past with dance, song, instrumental ensembles, displays both static and interactive and open classrooms to which past and present staff, students, parents and the general public are warmly invited.
The day will commence with a formal assembly at 10.00am, Sunday 7th June in the Maclean Public School Hall, corner of Woodford and Clarence Streets Maclean. For more information visit the Maclean Public School Website at http://www.maclean-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/SESQUICENTENARY or call Sesquicentenary Coordinator, Marilyn Donelan on 0407 452 967 or Principal, Sandra Armstrong on 66452544.

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 through the Planet Ark program. Just bring in your used cartridge and place in the collection box in the office foyer.
P&C needs your Beautiful Baking

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We are looking for donations of cooking to sell at the canteen, or ingredients if you aren’t a baker.

If your baking can be frozen, you can bring it in anytime from now on. … or bring it along to the canteen on Friday 3 July.

Please return this slip to let us know what you can help provide:

☐ Biscuits            ☐ Cake            ☐ Slice            ☐ Cupcakes
☐ Scones             ☐ Quiche           ☐ Gluten Free
☐ Pumpkins           ☐ Eggs             ☐ Surplus Garden Veges

Name: ________________________________ Child & Class __________________

Contact Number (mobile preferred) __________________
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We are looking for volunteers to donate 2 hours to help with BBQ cooking, canteen service, tea/coffee making or food preparation.

Please return this slip to let us know how you can help:

☐ I can help with the BBQ on Fri/Sat/Sun for 2 hrs from ____________
☐ I can help with food preparation on Fri/Sat/Sun for 2 hrs from ____________
☐ I can help with hot drink making on Fri/Sat/Sun for 2 hrs from ____________
☐ I can help with the canteen service on Fri/Sat/Sun for 2 hrs from ____________
☐ I can help with anything on Fri/Sat/Sun for 2 hrs from ____________

Name: __________________________    Child & Class _______________

Contact Number (mobile preferred) ___
Recently 5M had the pleasure of having a teaching prac student from Zimbabwe teaching our class. Miss Walsh showed us pictures of Zimbabwe including the resort belonging to her grandfather in Victoria Falls and some of the animals found on her family’s park. Miss Walsh talked about her life in Zimbabwe and how most of the shops were empty. They didn’t have the variety of food in Zimbabwe as we do in Australia. She got sick of eating apples. She showed us pictures of some of Zimbabwe’s currency including a trillion dollar note which was worth about $3.00 Australian. You had to carry a lot of notes with you when you went shopping. Each cash register had a note counting machine because you had to have so many notes to buy your groceries.
Community News

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

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

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