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SPELLING BEE FINALS
Best of luck to our stage spelling bee finalists for the school’s Premier’s Spelling Bee final being held tomorrow morning at 9.15am in the hall. The school finalists are for Stage 2: Kaia Mercy, Jack Cassidy, Kieran Karstens and Finlae Cassidy-Thomason, and for Stage 3: Alyssa McGrath, Angus Cassidy-Thomason, Tahlia Causley and Enya Britten. Parents are very welcome to attend.

SCHOOL MUSICAL
Our whole school musical spectacular is only 2 weeks away and all classes are very busy rehearsing and organising their costumes and props. Every child is involved in the production and will be needed at each performance. There will be three performances - Wednesday 2 September there is a matinee at 12pm and an evening show at 7pm. Thursday 3 September there is an evening show at 7pm. Please look out for individual notes from class teachers being sent home this week outlining last minute details including arrival times at school for the evening performances. Tickets are already selling fast and are available from the office.

STAFFING NEWS
Mr Stanger is on long service leave for the next three weeks. Mrs Sonter will be teaching the 3/4S class during this time.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
The next school assembly will be held this Friday 21 August. The assembly will start at 2.30pm.
NAPLAN YEAR 3 & 5
NAPLAN results have been sent home with students in Years 3 & 5 today. If any parents’ would like to discuss their child’s results please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

BOOKFAIR
Thank you to all of the children and their families who have supported our annual book fair. The money raised by the fair goes straight back to purchasing books for our Library.

STUDENT BELONGINGS
Parents are asked to please check that other children’s belongings have not accidently come home in their child’s bag. This could include hats, jumpers, jackets and lunchboxes. We have also had an incident with one of the yo-yos purchased at school recently where it was taken from a bag.
If anyone has information about the yo-yo please contact the office.

TELLTHEM FROM ME STUDENT SURVEY YEARS 4 - 6
Information was sent home last week regarding the Years 4-6 student survey. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 21 August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website.

THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY
The parent survey is now available for parents to access. Simply go to the Tell Them From Me website:

username is: parent17027 and password is: Gul2099.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.
The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

P&C INFORMATION
The P&C meeting will be held tonight starting 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
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL BBQ

Thank you to all the people who baked and donated goods for the Athletics Carnival BBQ and Stall. Unfortunately I don’t have a full list of everyone who donated items so I can’t list your names here, but your efforts were truly appreciated.

A big thank you to the following people who gave up “watching time” to help out at the stall: Cathy Ferguson, Jenn Chisholm, Audrey Harradine, Melissa James, Ding Cassidy, Amanda Fitzpatrick, Maggie Kelly, Michelle Turvey, Renee Bourke, Paola Sisson and Phil Cormick.

SCHOOL BANKING – Cosmic Light Beam Torch

Have you received the Term 3 Cosmic Torch as a reward? Please read the following.

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

URGENT HELP NEEDED

This stall seems to sneak up every year! The planned Stall date would be Friday 4 September

We urgently need donations (or commitment to donate) of items to sell, or this stall will NOT go ahead. Father's Day is always harder to organise than Mother’s Day, so any help would be greatly appreciated. A decision will be made by next Wednesday, so please leave your donations (or a note with your offers of donations) with the office by no later than Tuesday.

P&C INFORMATION

P&C meeting Wednesday
19 August starting at 7pm.
All welcome

SPORTS ROUND UP

Last Friday athletes from Gulmarrad Public School travelled to Lismore to compete in the Northern Rivers PSSA Carnival. Well done to everyone involved for your fantastic effort and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Munro, Mr Stanger and the parents who travelled to support the students.

Congratulations to the following students who made it to the North Coast PSSA Regional Carnival in Lismore on Friday 28 August:
Prea Cormick, Kele Jeffrey, Zali Bourke, Enya Britten, Thor Harradine, Trininity Minhinnick and Kristel Gravolin
5M Class Activities

Keeping fit and active.

Creating artwork to celebrate NAIDOC Week

Students of 5M had a great time dressing up as their favourite character during Book Week Celebrations

5M students enjoying the new iPads to practise their spelling words.

Students working cooperatively in small groups implementing Focus on Reading Strategies.
There's No Business Like Show Business

Ticket ~ Tickets ~ Tickets
!!!! Selling Fast !!!!

Available for purchase from Mrs Gannon in the undercover area
8.30am — 9 am
or from the office
Wednesday 2 September - 12 noon & 7 pm
Thursday 3 September - 7 pm
Tickets $5.00 each

There's No Business Like Show Business

For the consideration of the students performing and to the audience members, filming and still photography will not be permitted during the performance. However, photos of students will be available for free download and DVD copies filmed by a professional videographer will be available for purchase following the performances.

On with the Show This is It . . . . . .

Assembly Week 4:

Congratulations to the following award recipients -

Citizenship Award: Madeleine Cassidy-Thomason, Abigail Hind, Isabelle McGrath-Moran, Laiza Anaya, Chloe George, Angus Cassidy-Thomason, Nicholas Sheehan

Merit Award: KM - Jacob Moubarak, Zoe Sonter, Sharlese Dewsbury 1/2W - Jorgi Jeffrey, Zac Salmon, Xavier Cassidy-Thomason 1/2C - Tana Lowe, Daniel Causley, Kyan Watson 3/4M - Brock Fitzpatrick, Corey Salmon, Boan Cunningham 3/4S - Sean Phillips-Mather, Eden Maitz, Zac Quick 5M - Alyssa McGrath, Emily Dewsbury, Shay Mercy 6M - Rixon Lindsay, Jake Townsend, Trinity Minhinnick

Hi Kids!
Thanks for joining your schools Jump Rope for Heart team. Together, we can have fun and help others. Your school Jump Off day is coming up soon so get skipping. Simply ask family and friends to help you raise money for a great cause! Why not try to use the internet to get sponsors. It’s fun! Log on to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropoforheart and follow the directions! All you need to do is Click, Flick and Skip!

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart
LOWER CLARENCE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Come and give Little Athletics a go!

When: Monday 14th September
Time: 3:45pm – 5:00pm
Where: Maclean High School
(park in TAFE car park)

For more information:
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FB: Lower Clarence Little Athletics
P: Audrey: 6646 8081 or 0402 335 628
P: Cathy: 6645 3996 or 0416 201 103