Dates to Remember

Thursday 27 August
BIG Vegie Crunch - 11am

Friday 28 August
North Coast PSSA Carnival - Lismore

Monday 31 August
LC Tennis Championships

Wednesday 2 September
School Performance Matinee - 12pm
Evening - 7pm

Thursday 3 September
School Performance Evening - 7pm

Friday 4 September
Touch Football Gala Day Stages 2 & 3

Friday 11 September
Assembly

Friday 18 September
Milo Cricket Gala Day Stages 2 & 3

Principal’s Page

SPELLING BEE FINALS
Congratulations to our Spelling Bee finalists from last week. It was a very nerve racking time for the children during the contest and each child certainly did their very best spelling some extremely tricky words. Special congratulations to our Stage 2 winner Keiran Karstens and runner-up Kaia Mercy and to our Stage 3 winner Alyssa McGrath and runner-up Enya Britten. The four students will now represent our school in the next division on September 17 at Maclean PS.

SCHOOL MUSICAL
Our whole school musical spectacular is only one week away and everyone is buzzing in anticipation of the big event. Class teachers have been extremely busy organising costumes and props for each class performance and have sent home notes outlining each class’s details for the performances. The tickets are selling very fast and the two night performances are almost sold out so be quick to secure a seat. Performances are on Wednesday 2 September at 12pm and 7pm and Thursday 3 September at 7pm.

STAFFING NEWS
I will be on long service leave beginning next Thursday 3 September. Mrs Munro will be relieving Principal during my absence and Mrs Doyle will be teaching the Kindergarten class. Mrs Clifford will be relieving Assistant Principal K-2 during my absence. Mrs Menzies and Mrs McGrath will be relieving Assistant Principal Years 3-6 until the end of the year.

NEW SCHOOL EQUIPMENT
Special thanks to our hard-working P&C who donated funds for the purchase of a full softball kit and ten ipads. These resources are valuable additions to our school and allow us to continue to offer opportunities to the students. The total donation from the P&C was over $5000.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Due to the touch football gala day the next school assembly will be held on Friday 11 September. The assembly will start at 2.30pm.
THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY
Thank you to the parents who have already accessed the survey. There is still time for parents to go on to the survey.

Simply go to the Tell Them From Me website and the 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.

P&C INFORMATION
The P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 September 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

ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 6
Congratulations to the following award recipients:
Citizenship Award: Madeleine Cassidy-Thomason, Abbigail Hind, Isabelle McGrath-Moran, Laiza Anaya, Chloe George, Angus Cassidy-Thomason, Nicholas Sheehan
Merit Award: Jacob Moubarak, Jorgi Jeffery, Tana Lowe, Brock Fitzpatrick, Sean Phillis-Mather, Alyssa McGrath, Rixon Lindsay, Zoe Sonter, Zac Salmon, Daniel Causley, Corey Salmon, Eden Maitz, Emily Dewsbury, Jake Townsend, Sharlese Dewsbury, Xavier Cassidy-Thomason, Kyan Watson, Boan Cunningham, Zack Quick, Shay Mercy, Trinity Minhinnick.

CHOIR NEWS
Ryan has asked families to mark the date for the choir performance at the Surfing the Coldstream festival. The performance will be on Saturday 17 October in Yamba.

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier's Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015 has now closed. Congratulations to the 35 students who completed the challenge this year. We certainly have some great readers in our school who have benefitted greatly by immersing themselves in the wonderful world of books!

Book Fair
A big THANKYOU to all the families who purchased books and supported our school at the recent Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity we have earned several hundred dollars in Scholastic Rewards towards the purchase of resources to go back into the Library.

There will be no Book Club this term due to the Book Fair being held. Book Club will return Term 4.
What’s Happening in 6Mc?

Year 6 – Performance
It began as a simple idea, then a script, then some auditions and after weeks of practise, perseverance and dedication the performance by Year 6 for the school musical “THERE’S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS” is all coming together beautifully. Set in a theatre the play tells of the struggle by a director and her writers to come up with a new show that will coax the audiences to come back to the theatre. The Year 6 students dance, sing and act their way to an entertaining performance.

High School Orientation
Making pikelets in Food Tech, developing and processing photos in Art and building a wooden pencil holder in Wood Tech is all part of a day at Maclean High School for Year 6M students from Gulmarrad Public School when they visit High School for the Year 6 Orientation. Students from Year 6M have travelled to Maclean High School for one day each term over the past three terms to ready themselves for their big adventure to their new school next year. Some of the other activities they have completed during their visits are games and trampoline work in PE, talking, sharing and writing in English, an experiment involving fire and tea bags during Science, problem solving in Maths and finally a get to know the school session. Year 6 students will again visit the High School for an entire day in Term 4 where they are treated to a BBQ lunch.

Reading Groups
Brand new stories, ideas and adventures fill the shelves of the Year 6M room this term after we were lucky enough to receive some exciting new novels recently purchased by the school. The novels include Storm Boy, Thai-Riffic, Hating Alison Ashley, Little Brother, Surviving Sydney Cove and The Burning Stick, The Silver Sword, The Hatchet and Boy Overboard. These novels explore themes such as friendships, betrayals, hope, survival, Stolen Generation, Refugees, Australian Colonial History and multiculturalism Australia. These new additions to our shelves allow the Stage 3 children to read rich literature and explore complex and interesting themes while using the Super Six Comprehension Strategies.
Good luck to our tennis players: Zane Lowe, Kele Jeffrey, Tyler Roigard, Jessica Roigard and Jorgi Jeffrey who will be competing in the Lower Clarence Tennis Championships on Monday 31 August in Maclean.

**Athletics**

Good luck to the following athletes who will be competing in the North Coast PSSA Regional Carnival in Lismore on Friday 28 August:

- **100 metres**: Prea Cormick,
- **Discus**: Thor Harradine
- **800 metres**: Kele Jeffrey,
- **Shotput & Discus**: Zali Bourke,
- **Senior girls relay**: Enya Britten, Trinity Minhinnick, Kristel Gravolin & Prea Cormick

**Lower Clarence Tennis Championships**

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**Touch Football Gala Day**

Yamba Friday 4 September Stages 2 & 3

**MILO CRICKET GALA DAY**

Maclean - Friday 18 September Stages 2 & 3
THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS

TICKETS ARE 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

For the consideration of the students performing and the audience; 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 event.

Jump Rope for Heart

Hi Kids! How are your skipping tricks going? Can you do double-unders and criss-cross yet? It’s not long until your Jump Off day, so keep practising.

Have you got any sponsors yet? Why not get Mum and Dad to help you use the computer to get online sponsors. It’s easy and it’s fun!! Log on to: www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions!

The Big Vegie Crunch

Don’t forget the big Vegie Crunch is on tomorrow 27 August! Our students are being part of a record attempt to have the greatest amount of children eating vegetables at a given time. This is to raise awareness of the importance of eating vegetables every day.

Less than half of Australian children eat the recommended 5 serves of vegetables per day, while most eat 2 serves of fruit. To raise awareness about the benefits of eating vegies our school is participating in the Big Vegie Crunch.

Don’t forget to pack your children a vegie to crunch on. Some great ideas include: Carrot, celery, cucumber, capsicum, corn (baby corn spears or cobs), broccoli, cherry tomatoes, beans, snow peas or mushrooms.
The P & C have generously donated money to purchase a new softball kit and ten Ipads. Our hardworking P & C is an integral part of our school community. We would like to thank them for their continued support and their commitment to providing new resources and equipment.

![Girls Softball team with the new kit](image1)

Hayden, Riley and Sharlese with the new Ipads

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**FATHER’S DAY STALL**
Spoil Dad with a gift from the P & C
Father’s Day stall
Thursday 4 September
Gifts up to $5.00 available

Father’s day stall donations are still needed for the children to celebrate this special day! Please drop off at the school office at any time, thank you. Mrs Alison Kelly will have more information. Helpers for the stall are urgently needed!

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The P&C contributions are due, this year we have decided that this will be $10 per child; each child will go into a draw for a $50 meal voucher at the top pub, and a $50 voucher at toy world Maclean.

Good luck to you all!!

The draw will be drawn on the 2nd Dec at presentation night.

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As the canteen has been recently closed, we are undergoing some changes, we are in the process of organising renovations for our canteen, as well as a fresh, creative, healthy, positive environment for all to enjoy. I have been volunteering since my son started kindy; I have loved working in the canteen just to see my son so happy that I’m there, so I encourage anyone to come along.

There will be a canteen meeting Thursday 27th Aug at 2.30pm, in the undercover if anyone would like to come and share ideas, the canteen is very important to our school and I know the students are missing it, so please come along, I hope to see you there. - Michelle Turvey.