Wednesday 5 August 2015

Week 3 Term 4

Principal’s Page

MUSIC GRANT
Special thanks to the Lower Clarence Music Group. Our school has been the beneficiary of a grant for $2000 to purchase musical instruments to be used by the students in the classroom music programs. The instruments have been ordered and will certainly make a difference.

FRIENDLY FIVE CARDS 🌈🌈🌈🌈🌈
This term we have introduced our ‘Friendly Five’ cards for staff to hand out in the playground. The ‘Friendly Five’ cards replace the Star cards and bring the cards in line with our positive behaviour program. The cards are for showing Respect (green), Co-operation (orange), Acting Safely (yellow), Using Manners (red) and Being Kind (blue). Once children have collected one of each of the five cards they are asked to bring them in to me to receive a ‘High Five’ card and select something from the ‘High Five’ lucky dip box. It is up to the children to keep tabs on when they have collected one of each of the cards. I look forward to handing out many ‘High Five’ cards.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
It was wonderful to see so many parents at the two parent information sessions we held this week to find out about our Kindergarten 2016 program. The Orientation sessions for the children will be held in term 4 for four weeks starting on Thursday 15 October. If any parents missed our information sessions or would like further information including an enrolment package please contact the school. We are accepting enrolments as of this week for the 2016 Kindergarten class

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
What a beautiful day for our annual Athletic Carnival last Friday. Student participation in all of the events was terrific. Thank you to all of the parents, friends and family who came along on the day to support the event. Thank you also to Mr Stanger for his organisation of the day, the Maclean High School students who capably assisted and to all of the canteen workers.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 6 August
Naplan trials Yr3
Softball

Friday 7 August
Naplan trials Yr5
Assembly

Mon 10 August
Chess Competition

Mon 10 – Fri 14 August
Book Fair

Tuesday 11 August
Book Character Parade

Wednesday 12 August
Yr 6 Transition Day MHS

Thursday 13 August
K-2 Ear Health Lessons
Little Athletics Visit

Friday 14 August
District Carnival Lismore

Friday 21 August
Assembly

Canteen Roster

Sorry, We’re CLOSED

Orientation Days
Thurs 15 Oct 9 - 11 (Parent Info Session)
Thurs 22 Oct 9 - 11
Thurs 29 Oct 9 - 11
Thurs 5 Nov 9 - 11 (Parent Info Session)
**NED SHOW**
The NED show was great and Hayley was terrific at inspiring the children to *Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best*. The yo-yos are for sale until Friday this week. If there are any faults with any yo-yo please return it and it will be replaced.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**
The next school assembly will be held this Friday 7 August. The assembly will start at 2.20pm. Our Athletic champions and winning house will be announced at this assembly.

**NAPLAN TRIALS**
As I mentioned last week the Year 3 and Year 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN trials for writing this week. Tomorrow is for Year 3 and Friday is for Year 5.

**P&C INFORMATION**
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 August 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

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**ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**
Students from Gulmarrad Primary School achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS Digital Technologies. Those students were rewarded with certificates of Merit, Credit, and Participation.

Congratulations to the following students on their results;

- **Distinction** - Madeline Hollis Alyssa McGrath Kieran Karstens
- **Credit** - Alec Ward Sarah Cassidy Sam Ford
- **Participation** - Emma Causley Thor Harradine Zali Bourke Tahlia Causley

*ICAS Maths will be held on 11th August

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**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2015**
Our school K-6 is participating in this worthy cause this year. Your child will be skipping at school as part of our school’s PD/Health/PE Program but gaining sponsorship is ultimately your decision as parents/carers. It is therefore a non-compulsory activity however we are encouraging all to get involved. All students have received a sponsorship form. Please read it and monitor your child’s sponsorship either on the form or online. The students who gain sponsorship will participate in the “Jump Off Day” during the last week of this term, Wednesday the 16th of September. So get skipping and gaining sponsorship to be a part of the fun! Skipping ropes are available at school during break times but we are suggesting you purchase your own for home practise. Great prizes are promoted as part of the sponsorship but we are also promoting healthy hearts and being active at school and at home. If you have any questions, please see Ms Connolly or Mr Munro.
SEA EAGLE FASHIONS - UNIFORMS IN STOCK

Sea Eagle Fashions in Maclean now has Gulmarrad Public School uniforms in stock. The store is located in Johnno’s Car Sales building in Stanley Street, Maclean. Contact Tina 6645 3778 for all your uniform and embroidery needs.

MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL 2016

All High school enrolment forms and buspass applications for attendance in 2016 need to be taken to Maclean High School (not Gulmarrad PS). The next Transition Day at the High School is on Wednesday 12 August 2016.

BOOKPACK

Invoices for bookpacks went home last Term. Thank you to the families who have paid for their child’s bookpack. Remember that part payments are welcome!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

You can get the weekly newsletter emailed to you or view it online on the school website: http://www.gulmarrad-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ where you’ll also find news stories, class activities, photo gallery and upcoming events on the calendar.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Printer cartridges can be recycled at the school through the Planet Ark program. Just bring in your used cartridge and Place it in the collection box in the office foyer.

CHESS CLUB

Good Luck to our chess players who travel to Yamba Public School on Monday 10th August to represent our school and compete in the Interschool Chess Competition.

The chess team comprises of Thor Harradine, Oscar Oehlmann, Alec Ward, Will Lindsay, Alyssa McGrath, Bailey Cameron, Maddie Hollis and Sarah Cassidy.

Chess club is ON this Thursday afternoon 3:30-4:30pm. We have only one after school session left this term. Thursday 6th August will be our FINAL afternoon. It has been great to see so many enthusiastic chess players coming along in the afternoons.

BOOK WEEK and BOOK FAIR

10-14th AUGUST

Book week festivities will begin with our annual Book Character parade on Tuesday 11th August. It is always a fun morning as children and staff come dressed as their favourite book character, so get thinking now!

The Book Fair will be operating that week for the purchasing of books which helps raise funds for our school.

Performance dates:

Wednesday, 2nd September (Matinee)
Wednesday 2nd September (Evening)
Thursday 3rd September (Evening)

Tickets on sale week 6
Athletics News 2015

And the winning house is…… ?????????
We will find out at the Assembly this Friday!

A great day was had by all last Friday. A big thank you to the High School students and our school staff for their tremendous assistance to make our Carnival the best it could be!

At the Assembly we will be announcing our Champions and Runners Up and the team to travel to Lismore to represent the school on Friday the 14th of August.

Congratulations to our athletic champions and the runner-up students on their achievements.
Good luck to our school team of over 40 students as they travel to Lismore next Friday 14 August to compete in the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Athletics. Mr Stanger and Mr Munro will be accompanying the team.

SOFTBALL NEWS
The senior girls softball team will travel to Lismore tomorrow to play Brunswick Heads in the next round of the PSSA Championships. Good luck to all the players and thank you to coach Ms McGrath for organising the game.

Science Day

Dancing raisins, weighty gumnuts, perfect planets, paper planes, floating eggs, walking water and super smart Smarties ….. On Wednesday 29 July students at Gulmarrad Public School celebrated Education Week with a mad science day. By exploring concepts such as air pressure, space, density, force, colour science and chemistry with hands on experiments the students learned that this fascinating subject can also be exciting and fun.