Wednesday 2 September 2015

Week 8 Term 3

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SCHOOL MUSICAL
What a fantastic matinee performance today for our musical ‘There’s No Business Like Show Business’. In the audience were visitors from Mareeba Aged Care, the Whiddon Group, Cubbyhouse and Maclean Preschool. It was almost a full house, our largest audience for a matinee. Staff and students are looking forward to this evening’s show. I know tonight’s audience will be amazed. The amount of hard work and dedication from both staff and students will be evident by the performance. Thank you to all members of staff – teachers, school learning support officers and administration for all of the extra hours and effort that you have put in to make this show a success. Please note that both evening performances are sold out.

ATHLETICS
Congratulations to our team of athletes, Prea, Zali, Kele, Thor, Enya, Krystal and Trinity who travelled to Lismore last Friday to compete at the North Coast Athletics Carnival. This is a very high level of competition and our students certainly performed extremely well. Special congratulations to Thor Harradine who came first in the Junior Boys Discus and now travels to Sydney to compete in the State Athletics in October.

EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL UNSUPERVISED
Recently there have been quite a few students arriving well before our school start time of 8.30am some even before 8.00am. Teachers do not begin supervision of students until 8.30am. For safety reasons any students arriving before 8.30am must remain seated quietly in the assembly area until a teacher begins their duty. If your child is walking to school or riding a bike we ask parents to ensure their child does not arrive at school before this time unless due to family circumstances it is absolutely necessary. I appreciate your support in this matter as the safety of our students is paramount.

PARENT LITERACY AND NUMERACY WORKSHOPS
Next term parent workshops focusing on Literacy and Numeracy will be presented. Both sessions will focus on what is happening in our classrooms and how parents can support their child at home. The Literacy workshop will focus on reading and writing and the Numeracy workshop will focus on number and working mathematically. If you would be interested in attending either or both workshops please return the EOI attached to this newsletter.
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
The assembly for this week has been moved to Friday 11 September due to the Touch Footy Gala Day that all of Years 3-6 are attending. The assembly will start at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing parents and families at the assembly.

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.
This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
We are now accepting enrolments for the 2016 Kindergarten class. Enrolment packages are available from the office. Kindergarten Orientation sessions will be held on Thursdays 15, 22 and 29 October and on Thursday 5 November. Please contact the school for further information.

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

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.

2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
The results for the University of NSW ICAS Science and Spelling tests have arrived back at school. We had 8 students sit the tests and receive the following results:

**Spelling**
- Participation 2
- Credit 3
- Merit 2
- Distinction 1

**Science**
- Participation 6
- Merit 2

Well done to our students, we are very proud of them. Certificates will be presented to these students at our next school assembly.
Tennis News
On Monday, Gulmarrad had 5 students represent the school in the Lower Clarence Primary Schools Tennis Competition held in Maclean. Kele Jeffrey, Zane Lowe, Tyler Roigard, Jessica Roigard and Jorgi Jeffrey were the schools representatives and they participated with great enthusiasm and displayed excellent sportsmanship. The young team had a few wins and a few losses and finished 5th overall. The players need to be commended on their efforts as they played against older opposition and will no doubt gain a great deal of experience from the day.

Regional Athletics
Gulmarrad Public school sent a team of 7 athletes to the Regional Athletics Championships in Lismore on Friday 28th of August. The competition at the championships is extremely strong and the team acquitted themselves well. Senior Girls Relay consisting of Prea Cormick, Enya Britten, Kristel Gravolin and Trinity Minhinnick finished 5th in their heat. Prea Cormick ran 4th in her heat of the 11 year girls 100 metres but unfortunately her time wasn’t quick enough to get her into the final. Kele Jeffrey ran a game race to finish 10th in the 8-10 year boys 800 metres. Zali Bourke threw very well in her field events, finishing 5th in the senior girls discus and 7th in the senior girls shot put. Thor Harradine was a standout performer winning the 8-10 year boys discus. This result enables Thor to represent the North Coast in the State Championships in Sydney in October. A fantastic effort by Thor and by all of the athletes who represented the school in Lismore.

Touch Football Gala Day
Yamba Sports Complex
Friday 4 September
Stages 2 & 3
A bus will be leaving the school at 9am and return by 3pm. Students will need to bring recess, lunch, drink, sunscreen and hats. There will be a canteen operating on the day. Please return the permission note to the office ASAP.

Milo Cricket Day
Maclean - Friday 18 September 2015
Stages 2 & 3

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart

Water—Did you know?
85% of a child’s body weight is water. The human brain is 75% water; a living tree is also 75% water.
There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your tap could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank!
Water regulates the Earth’s temperature. It also regulates the temperatures of the human body, carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues, and removes wastes. Although the average person can live for about one month without food, we can only survive about a week without water.

Drink water: it’s Cool!
FATHER'S DAY STALL
Don't forget the Father's Day Stall tomorrow Thursday 3 September!
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.
Gifts up to $5 will be available for the children to purchase.

CANTEEN
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.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
Thanks for all the cakes and slices baked for the performance tonight and tomorrow. Tea and coffee will be served as well as all the home baked goodies.

P&C CONTRIBUTIONS
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 2\textsuperscript{nd} Dec at presentation night.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking will be on Thursday this week due to Touch Football Gala Day on the Friday.
Yamba Nippers Sign on Days

Nipper information and sign on sessions at Yamba Surf Club. We will need to sight a birth certificate for all new nipper registrations.

Sunday 13th September 10-11am
Sunday 20th September 10-11am
Sunday 27th September 10-11am

Nippers is a fun, family activity that teaches children about beach and surf safety. Children can join Nippers once they have turned 5. We do have some roles currently vacant. For Nippers to run successfully we need your help in fulfilling them. If you would like more information on how to become an Age Manager or join our committee please contact Danielle. Join our Facebook page, Yamba Nippers and have a look at all of the fun from last season.

The Nippers of Today are the Lifesavers of Tomorrow.

Please contact Danielle Connolly with any Nipper enquiries on 0497276805 or email yambanippers@live.com.au

SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

New friendships Fun Great value Safe

Our popular Spring Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include:
- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

Family Camps include:
- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

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BCU SPRING HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP 2015

The 2015 Spring BCU Holiday Sports Camp is on this September. Loads of fun activities & prizes to be won: including a brand new tennis racquet & bank accounts from our 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 the famous sausage sizzle on the Wednesday.

Tennis "Zumba" returns with Ms Sahnti & the tennis dance competition.

Also the big indoor soccer match will be on this camp as well.

When: Mon 21, Tues 22 & Wed 23 Sep
Where: LCTA Tennis Courts Cnr Union & McLachlan Sts Maclean
Time: 9:30am-1:30 pm
Cost: $100 (Day rate $40)

BUS PICK UP AVAILABLE FROM ILUKA SCHOOL @ 8.30AM DAILY. COST $5/DAY. ANY QUERIES PH ALAN