Welcome back to all of our returning families and to the new families who have joined our school community this year including the new Kindergarten children. All staff members look forward to working together with students and their families to achieve the very best for every child this year.

STAFFING 2016
There have been some changes to staffing this year. We welcome Mrs Rachel Armer who is our newly appointed Assistant Principal. Mr Munro is relieving until a permanent teacher is placed following Mr Miani’s retirement at the end of last year and Mrs Patricia Woodhouse is relieving as School Administrative Manager for the year while Mrs Robinson is on leave.

ASSEMBLY
The first assembly for the year will be held this Friday at 2.15pm. The class to present an item will be 6A. Friday assemblies will start at 2.15pm and include a class item each fortnight. All parents and community members are invited to come along and share the students’ successes.

CLASSES
The classes for this year have been determined based on enrolments as of today. They are:
KM - Mrs Munro
K/1W - Ms Wallace
1/2C - Mrs Clifford
2/3M – Mr Munro
3/4M – Mrs McGrath
4/5M – Mrs Menzies
5/6S - Mr Stanger
5/6A - Mrs Armer

Library - Ms Connolly
Learning and Support – Mrs Sonter
Release from face to face component and Technology – Mr Oehlmann
Reading Recovery – Mrs Miani

SAFE STUDENT PICK-UP
To assist with a smooth transition home of an afternoon parents are asked to please wait in the undercover area for their children at the end of the school day. This helps to avoid confusion with so many parents waiting outside classrooms particularly for the younger students. All students travelling on a bus are seated in bus lines and students being picked up are in a separate line. Thank you for your support in this matter.
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PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
A Parent information evening is planned for next Tuesday 9 February. This session will allow teachers to better inform parents about what will be happening in their classroom this year, for parents to meet their child's teacher and ask any relevant questions. The first session for classes K, K/1W and 1/2C will begin at 6.00pm. The second session for 2/3M, 3/4M, 4/5M, 5/6S and 5/6A begin at 6.30pm. All sessions will be 30 minutes for each class. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend the evening.

BOOKPACKS
All students will be receiving their book packs this week. The contents of the book pack are to stay at school for use in the classroom. The cost per student remains at $50. The bookpacks include exercise books, textbooks, glue stick, ruler, highlighters, markers (Sharpies), lead pencils, eraser, pens, display folders and document wallets. Art aprons are also provided for each child. Students in Kindergarten and new enrolments in Years 1 and 2 receive a homework pack. It would be appreciated if payment could be made before the end of term. Parents may pay in one payment or in weekly or fortnightly instalments.

SCRIPTURE
Scripture classes are held once a week for 30 minutes on a Tuesday after recess. Scripture classes will begin on Tuesday 9 February. If you do not want your child to attend scripture classes this year, please inform the office in writing. To cover any change in circumstances a letter requesting non-attendance is required every year.

CRUNCH & SIP
The very popular Crunch & Sip program will continue this year. The program is an important way to encourage students to eat healthy food in a fun way. Students are encouraged to bring along vegetables and fruit cut into easy to eat bite size pieces daily. Crunch & Sip is held at approximately 10am each day.

NEWSLETTER EMAILING
The school newsletter is sent home every Wednesday with the eldest child in each family. To better inform parents about what is happening in the classrooms there will be a news page from a class each week. The newsletter is also available on the school website. To promote sustainability practices and to look after our environment I would like to encourage as many families as possible to receive their newsletter via email. A tear off slip to indicate how you would like to receive the newsletter is at the end of this newsletter.

Kind Regards,

Rebyn Urquhart - Principal

2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our school swimming carnival for K - 6 will be held at Maclean Swimming Pool on Friday 12 February beginning at 9.30 am. The anticipated finishing time will be 2.30 pm.

Buses have been booked to transport students to and from the pool.

A separate permission note with more information will be sent out separately by the end of the week.

Come along and cheer for our Houses!
KM Diving into Learning.

The students in KM have made a wonderful start to their schooling. We have learnt about our magic pointer finger that is going to help us learn to read, read stories, made patterns and number groups, drawn pictures and played games. We are all very good at sharing, helping each other and listening.

It is going to be a GREAT year!

A BIG THANKYOU goes to our Year 6 Buddies for being such wonderful helpers. You have made coming to school much easier and lots of fun.
Library borrowing will start next week. Times are as follows-

**Mondays:**
- 9am - 2/3 M
- 10am - 5/6 A
- 12.15pm - K/1 W
- 2pm - 5/6 S

**Tuesdays:**
- 9am - 4/5 M
- 10am - 1/2C
- 12.00 - 3/4 M

Number of books able to borrow - K-4- 2 books  
- 5-6- 3 books

Children must have a library bag and good care of books and the safe return the following week is to be encouraged. Library will be open at lunch from 1.30 until 1.55pm on Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri.

Upcoming events-
*Book Club
*New books (displayed in front of the library office)

Book reviews and good read suggestions are welcome. Please see me if you wish to create and display a book review.

Book club brochures were sent home yesterday (Tuesday 2 February). Orders are due back on Thursday 11 February by 3.30pm.

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**STUDENT EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

Copies of student emergency contact details have been sent home today. Please check the information is correct and make any necessary changes. All reports will need to be returned to the office.

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**SCHOOL BACKPACKS FOR SALE**

$40.00

Available from the office.

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**GUITAR LESSONS WITH RYAN**

Ryan Enns is one of the more experienced and professional guitarists in the Clarence Valley. He is working with students of Gulmarrad Public School developing their musicianship and performance skills on acoustic guitar. Lessons are scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays during school time.

To be involved in this great program all you require is to fill out a CVCon enrolment form and have your own guitar. Those returning students will need to reenrol and new students can also apply. These forms will be available from Ryan, the school office and are also available on the website www.cvcon@cvcon.com.au.
SCHOOL BANKING 2016 IS SET FOR THE OUTBACK.

Remember, School Banking day is FRIDAY. Leave your deposit books at the front office, or hand to the School Banking Coordinator Ding who is usually in the undercover area by 8.45.

Your deposit book will be returned to your classroom the same day. In general, if there is a carnival or gala day etc on a Friday, School Banking will be held the day before (Thursday).

A parent pack has been attached to this newsletter and includes all the gear you need to get started for an successful and exciting 2016.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills. This year’s program invites your child to join the Dollarmites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 are the Flying Snake Tails and the Wildlife Writer Sets.

This year, we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:
- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

SCHOOL BANKING IS FUELLING FINANCIAL EDUCATION.

Each term, the School Banking program will be sharing with parents, key articles and fun financial activities from the Beanstalk. The Beanstalk is our online resource designed to help parents bring money to life for their children. Check out this term’s articles and activity below.

Money and maths
Whether your child is or isn’t the biggest fan of maths, you can make sure their financial literacy develops strongly with fun money lessons. One tip is to get your child to sort a mixed pile of coins into individual $2, $1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c piles. Then, challenge them to make a dollar in as many different combinations of coins as they can think of. Read on for more tips at: commbank.com.au/moneyandmaths.

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AIA VITALITY MINI-ROOS PRE-SEASON SOCCER ACADEMY

Yamba FC are hosting the AIA Vitality Mini-Roos "Kick-off" program this February & March. The 6 week program is for U/4's to U/9's and will start on Wed 10th February. The program is for returning players as well as players who might be keen to try the sport for the first time. Players receive a drink bottle, backpack.
Contact Rod Menzies on 0455 147 459 if further information is needed.

# Yamba – Ages 4 to 9
# Wednesday (4:00pm – 4:45pm)
# Angourie Oval (Angourie Road Yamba NSW 2464)
# Program Start Date: 10/2/2016
# Program Length: 6 weeks
# Program Cost: $80

AIA Vitality
SPORTS FOR 2016 AT THE MACLEAN SPORTS CENTRE

Monday - Junior squash coaching - 4.30pm
   - Senior squash competitions - 5.30pm
   - Junior cricket - 6.00pm

Tuesday - Junior/Senior squash competitions - 5.30pm
   - Junior Basketball - 4.00pm
   - Volleyball - 6.00pm

Wednesday - Junior/Senior squash competitions 4.30pm
   - Junior futsal - 3.45pm
   - Senior futsal - 5.30pm

Thursday - Junior netball - 4.00pm

Clarence Coast Magpies Junior Rugby League Sign On
Yamba Shores Tavern, Saturday 6th February 9am to 12 noon
Cost for the 2016 season is:
   Mini's (U7's, U8's and U9's) $65
   Mod's (U10's, U11's U12's) $75
   International's (U13's +) $95
All new players must bring their birth certificate.

Week 2 Term 1
Gulmarrad Public School Newsletter

(Select option below receive the Gulmarrad Newsletter)

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Lower Clarence Women’s Wellbeing Group

What are healthy relationships with
Your family, children, partner, extended family etc.
Would you like to know more?

If so we would love you to come along have a yarn and a cuppa
relax and be pampered

Some of our topics will include
Looking after yourself and Women’s health
Social and emotional wellbeing
Listening to your children
You will meet other women and mothers, socialize, have a yarn or 2
Enjoy some down time and do a little art/craft and of course pampering

Where: CWA River Street Maclean
Commercing: Friday 12th February 2016 for 6 weeks
Time: 10.00am – 1.30pm
LUNCH PROVIDED
Cost: FREE
RSVP by 9.00am each Wednesday morning
For catering purposes
For more information please feel free to
Contact:
Karen Maclean Community Health
0436439915
Sue Howland Lower Clarence Women’s Inc.
0419980370

Free Come and Try BMX
Saturday the 6th of February 2016

Two Free coaching and training Sessions to choose from 9.30 am to 11.30 am or 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm for new riders to gain basic bike skills and confidence to ride on the BMX track.

This will be a great opportunity for anyone who rides a bike and is interested in having a ride on a BMX race track. Riders of all ages above 2 years can join in the fun and have a ride around the BMX track.

BMX is not just for the boys as the number of girls riding and racing BMX bikes is on the increase throughout Australia. The great thing about BMX as a sport is that the whole family can get involved, and all the family can do the same sport at the one place and time. Riders and spectators will experience the thrills and excitement of this family orientated sport.

Bring along a good working order bike (Bike size can be from a 16 inch BMX to 26 inch mountain bike or strider balance bikes for the very young) and safety gear – bike helmet (preferred full face) long pants and long sleeve shirt, shoes and socks that cover the ankle, gloves (any type will do). If you do not have some of the safety gear just ask at the canteen on the day as we do have a limited number of helmets and gloves to loan out.

The club will have someone on hand to checkout your bike and help with making it safe to ride.

Stay around after the last session and watch as the BMX club holds club racing with sign-on from 4.00pm and racing at 5.00pm (new riders can race if they join the club). The canteen will be open during the day for cold drinks and hot food.

Tell all your friends and your parents.

The Clarence Valley BMX Club’s race track located at the corner of Abbott and Vere Streets in South Grafton.

More information is available at the Clarence Valley BMX Club’s website and updates on the Clarence Valley BMX Club facebook page.

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