**News from the Principal**

**FRIENDLY FIVE**

“The Friendly Five” are our rules consistent across the entire school. They are **Act Safely, Respect, Co-operate with Others, Use your Manners and Show Initiative**. The “No Bullying” has been replaced by “Show Initiative” to ensure the “Friendly Five” promote positive behaviour in the classroom and the playground. Each fortnight a different rule will be the focus in the classroom and will be explicitly taught to the children. Parents talking about what each focus rule ‘looks like’ and ‘sounds like’ at home will help to reinforce our Friendly Five.

**LEADER INDUCTION ASSEMBLY**

A special School Leaders Induction assembly will be held tomorrow morning at 9.15am. Letters have been sent home with each School Leader, Sports Leader and SRC representative inviting parents to attend the assembly. The assembly will be followed by a morning tea for the leaders and their parents.

**K-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

What a fabulous day it will be this Friday at our whole school Swimming Carnival which is being held at Maclean pool. Students are able to participate in many different events and there are special activities for children in K-2. All families are invited to come along to the pool and enjoy a fun day with the students. Good luck to all Dingoes, Emus and Kangaroos!

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Did you know that if a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over one year of education? It is compulsory for students to attend school each day. If your child is going to be absent from school for 2 or more days please contact the school to let us know. All student absences must be explained. This can be done via a note to the school, an email, fax, or by telephone.
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the parent information evening held last night. Staff appreciate the opportunity to meet parents and explain what will be happening in their classrooms this year. An information letter from your child’s class teacher was handed out however if you were unable to attend, the letters will be sent home today and also put on the school website in class information.

PERPETUAL SHIELDS
Students who received a perpetual shield on Presentation Night are asked to return them to the school so they may be put on display in the front office. If you know of a student who received a shield and has left for high school please let them know.

NEWSLETTER EMAILING
This year to ensure parents receive newsletters the office will be emailing newsletters directly to parents. If you would like the newsletter emailed please contact the ladies in the office or send an email to Pattie at: gulmarrad-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

P&C INFORMATION
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 February at 7pm. A discussion regarding the school canteen and fundraising to install the newly purchased playground equipment will be part of the agenda. 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.

Kind Regards,

Robyn Urquhart - Principal

COMING SOON

Presented by
School Performance Tours
FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY - 2:15pm
Cost: $4:00 per student

Using a blend of drama, poetry and puppetry the show explores the effects of bullying as well as offering strategies to help deal with bullies.

*More information and permission notes will be sent home next week.

IMPORTANT

SCRIPTURE
Scripture started this week. If you DO NOT wish your child to attend Scripture classes please send in a note to the office stating your preference.

BOOK PACKS
Thank you to the families that have already paid for their children’s Book Packs.
This is greatly appreciated.
Just a reminder to those that are still yet to pay these are now due. Payments can be made at the office, or online (see office for details).
GULMARRAD PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

Our school swimming carnival will be held at Maclean Swimming Pool on Friday February 12th beginning at 9.30 am.
The anticipated finishing time will be 2.30 pm.
Your child/ren may be taken to the pool privately or catch the bus from school at 9.00 am.

WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO BRING
Please make sure your child is suitably attired with a hat, sunscreen, drinks, recess and lunch etc. The pool canteen will be open.
House colours may be worn.

Emu house is **RED**, Kangaroo house is **BLUE** and Dingo house is **GREEN**.

When the carnival has been completed your child may accompany you home but please let your child's teacher know if this is occurring. All other children will travel back to school by bus.

- All classes from Years K-6 will be attending the carnival.
- Only students who turn 8 years old this year are eligible for the Northern Rivers Zone Carnival.
- As this is a structured event there will be minimal (if any) free time for swimming at the end of the day.

Regards,
David Stanger

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Hi Readers,

This week was the first week of Library borrowing. Everyone was very excited to borrow a book and for some of the Kindergarten children it was their first time.

Please ensure the children care for their books and bring them back to the Library on the following week or place in the returns box inside the Library door.

We still have students without book bags. Kindergarten to Year 4 still require them to ensure books are not wet or damaged.
Books returned damaged to school may result in families covering the cost of that book.

Book Club orders are due to the office by Thursday 17th February.
The Library has spare order forms if you should require one.

Have fun and keep reading!!

Miss Connolly

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Congratulations to the following award winners from last weeks assembly - Term 1 Week 2

**Citizenship:** Byron Oehlmann, Lachlan Cupitt, Jorgi Jeffrey, Nathan Bell, April Ellis, Zane Lowe, Molly Dobbin, Angus Cassidy-Thomason.

**Merit:**
- K/1W - Kali Shannon, Isabella Causley, Chase Burke.
- 1/2C - Max Todhunter, Amelie Mikkelsen, Flynn Matthews.
- 2/3M - Jett Burke, Daniel Causley, Isabella McGrath-Moran.
- 4/5M - Skyla Moloney, Will Lindsay, Kennyon Elisia-Thomas.
BUSY BEES IN K/1W

The class have been busy creating sentences. Here are some Year 1 have created so far this Term.

On the weekend I saw Noah at lunch. On the weekend I saw lots of motorbikes.
By Nathan.

On the holidays I lost a tooth. On Saturday it’s my Great Grandad’s birthday.
By Isabella.

On the holidays I went for a drive to Hanging Rock. On Tuesday I went to a café and had a milkshake with Kali. By Zoe.

On the holidays I went to Movieworld. I like holding Justin’s snake. I like playing with Lucy our dog.
By Riley.

Mum and I decorated our Christmas tree. My tooth is almost falling out. I like reading books with Mum.
By Lachlan C

On the holidays I went to the Butterfly House. After school yesterday I went to dancing and saw Sara.
By Jaydah.

On the holidays I went to Jackadgery. I moved into a new house at Gulmarrad.
My Mum made me something special.
By Sara.

On the holidays I went on the jet ski. I like swimming in my pool. I like riding my motorbike.
By Joshua.

On the holidays I played with Brock. When I went to Nan and Pop’s I saw a wild dog.
By Ian.

On the holidays Dad pulled a tooth out. I like to watch Transformers prime shows.
Last night I watched Alvin and the Chipmunks movie called Road Trip.
By Lachlan M.

On the holidays I went to my Nan’s and picked some cherry tomatoes. I went to my Grandma’s and had a sleepover.
By Noah.

At home I like to play with my train set. I used to live in Bundaberg.
I am good at adding up dice dots.
By Connor.

On the holidays I stayed at the beach. Yesterday I went to the pool.
I have a special dog and cat toy.
By Mia.

On the weekend both of my front teeth came out. I like our class bird. Her name is Mia.
By Sharlese.

When it was nearly Christmas, we went to the beach. I got some water in my mouth.
Yesterday I went home and played with my little dogs.
By Ella.
**Kindergarten have been creating great sentences as well.**

I like playing with my sister.
I like teaching my sister how to swim in the pool.
By Sabina.

I like to play in the park pool.
I like playing with my dog. Her name is Jedda.
I like playing with my cat Boo-Boo.
By Jordaan.

On the weekend I went to my Mum’s Mum and Dad’s house.
I found two feathers in my garden.
I have a cute dog and her name is Bella.
By Maliyah.

I like to play with the cat at Nan’s.
Last week I got an Assembly Award.
One time I went fishing and caught a catfish.
By Chase.

I like playing with my brother.
I saw Nanny and Poppy on Christmas Day.
By Kali

On the holidays I got nine boxes of Lego.
Last week I went to Sydney and Wollongong.
One day we went to Coffs Harbour and picked up our new puppy named Scooby.
By Jason.

I like playing with my brother and sister.
I like coming to school.
When I went to the beach I picked up some cuttlefish for Mia, our class pet.
By Jack.
Maclean Adventurer Club

Worldwide program designed for children 6-9yrs.

Help your child/children learn valuable life skills through crafts, family camp and social events, games, age appropriate awards, nursing home visit.

Values such as respect, honesty and service are exhibited by the experienced leaders.

The leaders have the Working With Children Check and work by a Child Safe Environment policy which includes a Code of Conduct and a Volunteer Pledge.

Held 2nd Saturday 1.30-3.30pm of the month at Maclean Seventh-day Adventist Hall, 39 Church Street. For more information and to register your interest call Christine on 66460213 or 0432 793 041

Registration and commencement of activities Sunday 14th February 2 – 4pm (this day and time is just for this event)