MUSIC GROUPS
I was lucky enough last Friday to visit the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms while their music groups were happening. The children were enjoying singing and dancing with Ms Wallace, playing instruments while identifying the rhythm and beat with Mrs Munro and acting out the identified actions in a song in drama with Mrs Clifford. There was a high level of participation as the students showed their creative talents in each group. Our school has so many talented teachers who ensure that the students participate in many activities to reach their full potential.

PARENT AND CARER CONTACT DETAILS
It is important that parents keep the school updated with any change to parent contact details or emergency contacts. It is not often that we need to contact parents however it is vital that when the need arises we can do so quickly. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

CRICKET TEAM
Congratulations to the boys cricket team and Mr Munro on their terrific efforts and good sportsmanship displayed last week in the knockout game against Ballina PS. It was a very warm day however the boys, and Mr Munro as umpire, each put in 100% with everyone here at school very proud of their endeavours. Special thanks to the parents who were able to assist with travel to the game.

FRIENDLY FIVE FOCUS
The Friendly Five focus for these three weeks is ‘Show Initiative’. This aspect covers many different types of behaviours but in particular encouraging children to think for themselves and act independently making positive choices. Parents talking about what ‘Show Initiative’ looks like and sounds like at home will help to reinforce our Friendly Five.

ASSEMBLY
The next assembly will be held on Friday 18 March at 2.15pm. The class to present an item will be 3/4M. All parents and community members are invited to come along and share the students’ successes.

Kind Regards,
Robyn Urquhart - Principal
Harmony Day at school - Wednesday 16 March

DON’T FORGET: Harmony Day is on at Gulmarrad on Wednesday 16 March. Everyone is invited to wear orange on the day as it is the official colour of Harmony Day. Please ensure appropriate clothing is worn, including sun safe tops and covered footwear. Classes will complete activities including discussions about the words ‘harmony’ and ‘diversity’ within Australia. On the day the SRC will be holding the 5 cent challenge. Students are encouraged to bring in 5 cent coins to help support the Ygap charity.

Harmony Day at Harwood - Saturday 19 March

Students from our local area have been invited to perform an item in the Harwood Hotel carpark on Saturday 19 March. At the moment four schools are attending and are performing at certain times. Gulmarrad students will be singing with Ryan and Mr O from approximately 1pm -1:15. Please wear school uniform and meet us there at around 12:50. All students K-6 are most welcome to join us as a combined school choir.

Any questions, please contact Ms Wallace.
What’s happening in 3/4M?

The Daily Five

Group work have been revitalised in Year 3/4M this year with the introduction of the Daily 5 Literacy Groups. Each day, students are involved in focus lessons given by the teacher and then they are asked to move off to work in small group situations. The groups are called Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Works (spelling) and Work on Writing. The students need to choose a different group each time and ensure they get all of them completed each day.

Sizzling Starts

“Rachel” I yell as she was running across the classroom. Zoe then yelled “paper fight”. Paper was flying everywhere and then my friend came in with cupcakes. All of a sudden, Maddi grabbed a cupcake and threw it at Stacey who then grabbed it and threw it back. Everyone started throwing cupcakes everywhere. I turned and yelled “Where is the teacher?” - By Brodie –Lee

“Woosh” went a paper plane as it whizzed past my forehead. I heard another noise. I looked on the white board and the kids were watching a movie. I was worried. I said to my class “What is going on? Where is the teacher?” - By Summer

As I walked into the classroom a shiver went down my spine. I heard a clunk sound. What was that sound? Then I saw something that I thought I was never going to see in my entire life.

Whizzzzz! Pop! The fireworks shot into the sky. They were coming up faster than a racing car. But then it happened. The firework shot into sky but did not explode. Then it came flying towards me.- By Addison

Tall Ships

Year 3/4M have been learning how to draw Tall Ships during Art Lessons. They have also been learning how to use Charcoal as a medium for shading.
Ride2School 2016

What a fabulous morning last Friday the 4th of March! Almost 80 students as well as some siblings, parents, grandparents and even a pet dog joined together and rode/scooted or walked to our great school. A huge thank you to the adults who assisted with supervision responsibilities along the way. Participation certificates will be issued once stickers for the event arrive at school.

Ms Wallace 😊
Congratulations to the following award winners from last week's assembly - Term 1 Week 6


Gulmarrad Primary School Parents and Citizens Association would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and caregivers of our students to come along to our meetings and take part in a rewarding organisation.

What does the P & C do?

The P&C is about people - people just like you - parents, carers and community-minded people who want to help their school. You work very closely with your school, building a stronger school community, where all children benefit.

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child's learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P & C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, our P & C needs people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school.

Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people who are involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

P&C News

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 4pm in the Library.

THANK YOU to all the wonderful families who have paid the P & C Contribution. A reminder that ALL contributions go directly towards the costs of having our beautiful school playground installed. To assist us in having this amazing playground installed ASAP it would be greatly appreciated if this contribution could be paid either at the office or via direct deposit. The contribution is $10 per child.

Westpac Account Gulmarrad P & C
BSB: 032 562,
Account Number: 141 577

Please include child's name in the reference area.

DON'T FORGET OUR EASTER RAFFLE IS COMING UP
Donations of Easter eggs/items would be very much appreciated and can be left in the grey tub in the office foyer.

Join us on the Gulmarrad P&C Facebook page to keep up to date with all our latest news and information.

Gulmarrad Public School Website:
www.gulmarrad-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
BCU YAMBA HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP
2016

The 2016 BCU Yamba Holiday Sports Camp is on this April. Sports to be played will include: tennis (racquets available), basketball, futsal, volleyball, netball, table tennis and finishing with a swim & sausage sizzle on Thursday & the mini gymnastics with Clarence Coastal Gymnastics. Also appearing will be Mel & Vanessa from 24/7 gym with special running races & field games. Special guest this camp will be Gina from the Farmers Market with "What's In The Box!" Canteen facilities available at pool & indoor centre. Venues to be used: Yamba Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts and Raymond Laurie Sports Centre. Lots of prizes including BCU bank accounts to be won!!

When: Tues 12th, Wed 13th, Thurs 14th APRIL

Where: Pool Tennis Courts Angourie Road, Yamba

Time: 9:30am - 1:30 pm
Cost: $100 (Day rate $40)
Organised pick-up from 8:45am Iluka ferry, returning 2:30pm ferry Yamba.
Any further inquiries please phone Alan on 0416016775.
Enrolment forms available from school office.