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Teachers work an average of 42.7 hours per week, compared with the OECD average of 38.3, and spend 7.4 hours doing administration or management, compared with the 4.5 hour OECD average. This is certainly true for our staff. Congratulations to Zeah Fox who came 5th in the state for high jump at the recent State Athletics Carnival. This is a fantastic achievement, and one Zeah should be very proud of. It was a close competition, with the winner only jumping 5cms higher. Congratulations also to the school mountain bike team who under the guidance of Mr White recently competed in the 6 hour G-Bomb race at Bom Bom. Our teams placed 1st and 2nd in their division. The medals will be presented to the students after recess on Monday. We had our second Kinder Orientation this morning and on Friday we are having a Grandparents Morning for Stage One students to recognise the important role grandparents play. On Friday there will be morning tea in the hall at 11.00am for grandparents and their grand children. This will be followed by a Stage One Assembly and open classes for K-2. We hope that lots of parents and grandparents will be able to join us. Congratulations to Mrs Diana Foley, who has been appointed Principal of our school from the beginning of 2016. She has been an Instructional Leader at Casino and Principal at Lismore South. Thank you to everyone, I have loved my time as boss.

Enjoy your week….some houses will be very quiet this week!

Debbie Woods
Relieving Principal

P&C NEWS

The P&C are organising a massive toy raffle which will be drawn in week 10. Tickets will cost $1 each. Books of 10 tickets will be sent home with your child soon.

Lou Johnson
President

There will be a Yr 6 parent meeting on Wednesday, 21st October regarding the organisation of the Year 6 Farewell. The meeting will be held at 3.15pm in the staff room for those who wish to attend.

Reminder

UPCOMING EVENTS

October
Tues 20th
Kinder Orientation (9.30-11)
Wednesday 21st
Cascades (4W) 9am departure
Yr6 Parent Meeting
(re:Yr 6 Farewell 3.15 in staffroom)
Thursday 22nd
Yr 3 camp (Blue Dolphin)4pm
Friday 23rd
Grandparents Morning (Stage 1)
Monday 26th
Life Education (Yrs 2, 3 & 4)
Tuesday 27th
Life Education
Kinder Orientation (9.30-11)
Wednesday 28th
Life Education
LCAECG meeting & AGM 3.15
Thursday 29th
Tournament of Minds (Yrs 5 & 6)

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 21st - J. Eimer
Thurs 22nd - Melanie M.
Friday 23rd - L. Redman
Mon 26th - Help Needed
Tue 27th - C. Ward

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Internet Safety Tips for Teachers, Parents and Carers:-

- All internet enabled devices (iPad, phone, iPod, Xbox) **SHOULD** be in a common area of the house, **NOT IN THE BEDROOM**! Need an alarm - buy a clock radio!
- Parental monitoring is vital – walk past and see what your child is doing, who they are talking to and what sites they are on...be aware if their mood changes. This is **NOT** invading their privacy at all...it is parenting in the digital space.
- Make sure there is no response to rude or harassing comments. (keep a record in case of further investigation)
- Advise your student/child to immediately exit any site that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. Basic protective behaviour principles apply.
- If harassment continues...the current accounts can be deleted and a new one started. The new account details should only be given to a selected few.
- If receiving harassing messages on social media - have the sender blocked & report to the site.
- If you have found inappropriate content about your child or one in your care on a website or are informed about this situation please contact the ISP and or Police or advise the parent to do so a.s.a.p.
- Have a family internet contract and set house rules about what information your child can put onto websites or share with others, where they go online and what they do. You (adult) need to be in charge.
- Be aware the majority of children **WILL NOT** tell a parent/teacher if bullied or harassed online for fear that they will lose internet access!! NEVER threaten total disconnection!
- Make sure that your children understand that they will not get in trouble if they tell you about a problem.
- Parents must learn about the internet with their child – get students to share their knowledge of the internet with their parents in a fun environment.
- Spend time online with children, just as you would with many other activities such as sport, board games and walking the dog - learn and explore together.
- Install filters and other monitoring/blocking software to minimise dangers. This is already done in schools but homes should have up to date filtering software installed at home.
- Know the sites they are accessing to ensure suitability. Filters **CAN sometimes** fail to protect and can be bypassed by a ‘tech savvy’ child.
- Learn the lingo so that you can decipher some of the content if required. Advise parents to do the same.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCHANGE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION!**
- Children Under 13 **ARE NOT ALLOWED** on Facebook, Instagram, Kik, SnapChat, iTunes and many more. Don’t support your child to break the rules & they won’t be the only one without these accounts. Learn to say NO!
- Social Networking Profiles **MUST BE SET TO PRIVATE.** Use all the security settings available to make the site as safe as possible.
- Social networking site friends should be people that your child knows in real life. This is one way to reduce possible risks. Anyone can be anyone online.
- Teach children that information on the internet is not always reliable.
- Very close supervision for young children is recommended. There should be a limit to the number of people kids talk to online and the parent/carer should know who they are too approved.
- Whatever your children use, you must use as well. Set up accounts on the same sites to ensure that they are suitable and the interactions appropriate. Engage with them online. This also allows you to know how these applications work.
- If your child is playing online games it is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure that **YOU** know how to play the game too in case of problems. Play online games together.
- Do not let young children ‘google’ aimlessly with no supervision. Children need to be taught about search engines and how they work.
- The internet and the various applications are a lot of fun and a wonderful tool...maximize the benefits and surf safely together!

*Please note that this list is by no means exhaustive and that there is no guarantee that adherence to these tips will provide 100% protection or safety for those using the various applications of the internet.*
Navrin and Thomas travelled to Melbourne last weekend to compete in the Jujitsu Pan Pacific Championships where they placed 2nd and 3rd in their divisions. WOW! What a fantastic effort. Congratulations to you both!
ON EXHIBITION

At its ordinary meeting of 15 September, Council resolved to seek public comment for a period of 28 days on a draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP).

Council has produced a draft PAMP to update and replace all previous PAMP documents. The purpose of the PAMP document is to identify both existing footpath infrastructure, and that required to further promote and develop adequate pedestrian infrastructure within the local communities of the Clarence Valley Council area.

Copies of this draft PAMP are available from Council offices in Grafton and Maclean and also on our website at www.clarence.nsw.gov.au.

Your submission can be made by email to council@clarence.nsw.gov.au, by post or fax and should be marked “Draft PAMP Submission”.

For any further information contact Michael Braby on 6641 7230.

Submissions close Friday, 13 November 2015 at 4 pm.

ON EXHIBITION

Draft BICYCLE PLAN

At its ordinary meeting of 15 September, Council resolved to seek public comment for a period of 28 days on a draft Bicycle Plan.

Council has produced a draft Bicycle Plan to update and replace the bicycle related sections in all previous PAMP documents with a separate document. The purpose of the Bicycle Plan is to identify both existing infrastructure and that required to further promote and develop adequate bicycle networks within the local communities of the Clarence Valley Council area.

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Yamba Public School Kinder Orientation

Students who will be starting Kindergarten in 2016 are welcome to come along to our orientation sessions which will be held on:

Tuesday 13th October - 9:30 -11am
Tuesday 20th October - 9:30 -11am
Tuesday 27th October - 9:30 -11am
Tuesday 3rd November - 9:30 -11am (the final day includes a parent information session)

ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE AT YAMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to the school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related expenses. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

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♦ Voluntary School Contributions
♦ Excursions
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♦ Sales to Students

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Yamba Orcas Swim Club

- Fun kids swimming races Friday Evenings!
- At: Yamba Community Pool
- Racing your own times, not each other!
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- Levels start at 25m Assisted races
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- Warm Up 5:30pm - 6pm Start

New Members Register at:
http://yambaorcas.swimming.org.au

Contact: Sally Gilbert
Ph: 0437297096

Don’t forget our reversible school hats are available from the office for $20.

Congratulations Zeah!
5th place at State.

Kindergarten Oral Health Survey

Parents of kindergarten children were recently asked to complete an oral health survey. These were the results for your school:

Who brushes your child’s teeth?  Parent/Care 17  Child 12

Is it recommended children have parent/carer assistance to brush their teeth until age 6-10?

How often?  Once daily 8  Twice daily 22  Other 0

It is recommended that everyone brush their teeth twice per day, particularly children.

Does your child use fluoride toothpaste?  Yes 27  No 2

It is recommended that fluoride toothpaste be used twice per day, low fluoride toothpaste from 18 months to 6 years old unless otherwise directed by a health professional.

Does your child drink tap water?  Yes 26  No 6

It is recommended children drink only tap water between meals.

Does your child drink soft drinks or juice daily?  Yes 4  No 26

It is recommended that sugary drinks including juice are limited to special occasions and consumed only at mealtimes.

Does your child have more than 3 meals and 2 snacks per day?  Yes 15  No 15

It is recommended that snacks are limited, unless advised by a medical practitioner. Regular snacking increases the risk of tooth decay.

Are the snacks packaged processed foods?  Yes 15  No 15

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The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

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Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fees).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

KEEP THE DATE!!!!

Year 6 Farewell

Our farewell will be held at the Yamba Golf Club on Thursday, 10th December.

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