Dear Parents,

As I walked around the school yesterday, it was wonderful to see the myriad of activities that our students have the opportunity to participate in. Students were gleefully drumming in the hall, kicking a ball at AFL and in the Life Education van. Others were happily reading with parents outside the classrooms and some still seemed a little tired from their camps the week before. All the staff and students reported having a great time - even Mr Buks and Mrs Roberts who with their band of helpers, braved and beat the weather.

Last Friday we had a very successful “Grandparents Day”. It was a wonderful morning and we were thrilled with the turnout - so much so we have decided to make it an annual event! We would especially like to thank Barry and Pat DeBomford for joining us. Barry and “Nanny Pat” are long-time friends of our school and our honorary grandparents. Thank you to the grandparents who travelled to be with us and also those grandparents who help in our school on a regular basis. It is a great way for our school to provide the students with wider connections to the community.

We would also like to thank the Lions Club for their ongoing support for our school and students. They recently donated via the rides they have at our fete, which are always very popular!

We received notification this week that two of our students, Toby Austin and Tyeka Ferguson-O’Shea, as well as Mrs Edwards are to receive North Coast Aboriginal Education Awards, next Tuesday at a special presentation at Woolgoolga Primary School. We are very proud of their achievements and they are all wonderful role models for the whole school community.

You will see attached to this week’s newsletter some information about the ongoing Gonski campaign. For a school like ours which receives very little in the way of extra funding, having this money has meant we can offer specialised programs such as Mr Anderson’s Literacy program and extra assistance to students through the use of aide time. Please take the time to read the information and if you haven’t already done so, please go on line and register your support.

The students are enjoying their visited to the Life Education Van. If you have a student in Years 2, 3 or 4, could you please pay the $6 for your child as soon as possible. The actual cost of presenting the program is $10 per student, but Life Education subsidises it to make it more affordable for parents. We would also ask that if your child is participating in drumming, that you pay their $2 per week, or as a lump sum.

Our new Kindy’s had another great experience at school this morning and just a reminder that next Tuesday’s Orientation includes a parent information session.

Debbie Woods
Relieving Principal
Congratulations to Tyeka and Toby, who along with Mrs Edwards are to receive North Coast Aboriginal Education Awards. Well Done!

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

Grandparents Day
A Big Success!
YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO BLUE DOLPHIN HOLIDAY PARK

Blue Dolphin by Taylor White 3B

When Year 3 got to camp, and set our tents up we went on the water slides. After that we had to go to the stage, then we went back in the pool. One of the slides was hit by lightning and luckily nobody got hurt! We started to walk back to camp, it was starting to get dark. So we had sausages and steak sandwiches. They were really yum.

It was a great camp!

Year 3 Camp at Blue Dolphin by Dayna Roberts 3R

First Summah and I set up the tent and got ready to go swimming on the awesome water slides. But there was a big problem.....it was raining and there was humungous strikes of lightning! So we all went undercover and played some games. After about half an hour the storm stopped and we all went swimming. Then we all went and had some nice warm showers and got dressed for dinner and a disco. For dinner we had sausage sandwiches and they were delicious. After dinner we had our disco with an awesome disco ball. Then we had our talent quest and I did sock puppets with Melody, Milly, Edie and Torah.

After the talent quest we had cake and milo. Then we went to bed.

Goodnight!

Year 3 camp was the best!
FOUR THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT GONSKI SCHOOLS FUNDING

WHAT GONSKI MEANS
Australia remains a high-achieving nation in education but our overall performance has slipped in the last decade – at the same time as schools funding has become less equitable.

The Gonski Review found that Australia is investing too little in schools, and that the way we distribute the money is neither fair nor effective.

Students in disadvantaged areas are up to three years behind those of the same age who live in wealthy areas. One in five 15-year-old students does not have basic reading skills – the kind they will need to apply for and keep a job.

The Gonski funding arrangements are designed to ensure that the right resources are in every school to give children the individual attention and support they need to excel.

The six-year Gonski agreements the Federal Government signed with five States and Territories began in 2014 and were designed to bring schools up to an appropriate level of resources in six years.

GONSKI IS GETTING RESULTS
Where Gonski funding is being delivered it is having a significant impact on what students achieve.

Schools are able to provide:
- Smaller class sizes
- Extra literacy and numeracy programs
- Speech therapists and psychologists
- More one-on-one support for struggling kids
- Better training for teachers

THE THREAT TO GONSKI
The Federal Government has refused to honour the signed Gonski agreements or even require State and Territory Governments to spend the Gonski funding on schools.

Its refusal to pay its share of the last two years of Gonski funding will leave schools across the country without the resources they need to educate every child to a high level.

This decision will cut $2.8 billion from public schools alone – enough funding to pay for more than 20,000 teachers.

WITHOUT GONSKI SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS WILL BE LEFT BEHIND
Gonski is all about bringing every school up to the level where it has the resources to properly educate every child.

Without the full funding, children in schools will continue to miss out on the support and attention they need to reach their potential.

The worst-affected will be the ones who stand to gain the most from Gonski: children with disability, those from disadvantaged and non-English speaking backgrounds and Aboriginal students.

We cannot as a nation accept a situation where some students are educated in schools which are properly resourced while others are held back by a lack of resources.

All governments and all political parties need to support this once-in-a-generation opportunity to work together and properly resource our schools.

REGISTER YOUR SUPPORT WWW.IGIVEAGONSKI.COM.AU / @IGIVEAGONSKI / @GIVEAGONSKI

Authorised by Susan Hopgood, Federal Secretary, Australian Education Union, 120 Clarendon St, Southbank 3006,
Kinder Orientation

It has been great getting to know many of our new Kindergarten students and their parents while they have been visiting our school for their Kindergarten Orientation mornings. Our final orientation morning will take place on Tuesday 3rd November commencing at 9:30am. While our new Kindergarten students visit, parents are invited to an information session in our school hall. This is a valuable talk which provides parents with lots of information about our school and about the routines of Kindergarten. The information session will be followed by a morning tea. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Miss Vidler
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.

What expenses can be paid online?

♦ Voluntary School Contributions
♦ Excursions
♦ Sport (excluding PSSA)
♦ Creative and Practical Arts
♦ Sales to Students

How?

Log onto the school site at www.yamba-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard.
**Kids Club**

Every Wednesday in Term Time

Where:
Yamba Presbyterian Church
2 Freeburn St
Time: 3pm - 5pm (Meet teachers and walk from Primary School)
What’s there: Games, Afternoon Tea, singing, activities, craft, blue toys and more.
Grab your friends and come along.
Contact Adrian Armstrong 0448 997 76

**Openning Hours**

Wednesday 3.15 - 5.30pm
Thursday 3.30 - 6.00pm
Friday 3.30 - 5.00pm
2a/4 Mooli Place YAMBA
Ph:- 0401 182 287
Email:- thedancingtutu@outlook.com

**Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for Kids!**

Do you have children 4.5 to 13 years? Are you worried about their weight?
The Go4Fun program includes:
- Weekly games and activities for kids
- Tips to improve family nutrition
- Ways to maintain a healthy weight

Term 4 Program in YAMBA! - Call Now -
To book or find out more, call: 02 6620 7502

**Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive lessons**

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help young people learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

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

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout Regional NSW.

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 fee).

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

**Minecraftedu After School Minecraft Group**

Students will discover worlds themed to ancient civilizations, ganze quests, meet famous historical characters, and collaborate to build themed projects.

Students earn experience points, gain levels, find secret areas, collect items, and gain coins and riches as they complete quests and learn about history.

$5 per session. All funds go to P&G.

Every Wednesday afternoon
3pm - 4.30pm
Email: rob@yamcon.com.au
to book, places are limited.

**Mainly Music**

Mainly Music is music tuition for young children and their parents/caregivers. Jammers jam together in a fun, relaxed setting. Mainly Music is an activity you and your child can both enjoy together.

Fridays (during school term)
10.00am - 11.15am
Yamba Presbyterian Church
2 Freeburn Street, Yamba
85p per family

For more information:
Contact Yancy: 0458 280 426
www.mainlymusic.org

**Keep the Date!**

**Year 6 Farewell**

Our farewell will be held at the Yamba Golf Club on Thursday, 10th December.
PARENTS & CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION
Meets—Second Tuesday of each month.

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2 Freeburn St, Yamba
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Sunday Service - 10.15am
Bible Study Groups
KIDS’ Youth Group
Friday 6pm-8pm
Kids Club
Wednesday 3pm-5pm

THE UNIFORM SHOP
@ Maclean
Phone: 6645 3778

Yamba Dental Centre
on the top of the hill overlooking Yamba Main Beach
www.yambadental.com.au

We welcome students, families and friends of Yamba Public School.
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