Dear Parents,

Once again we have lots happening around the school this week. We have recycling visits from North East Waste as part of National Recycling Week. On Thursday we have a visit from the NRL development program for Year 1 and on Thursday night we have our P&C Disco. The theme for the disco is “Summer Santa”

A note went home recently to children in Years 3-6 seeking permission for them to participate in a survey, identifying what successful schools do to help children learn in maths. Our school has been selected as our students consistently show growth in NAPALN results in this area. If you are happy for your child to participate, please fill in the form and return to school as soon as possible.

A note has also gone home about learn to swim for K-2. This is always an enjoyable and successful program and all K-2 students are expected to participate as part of the PE curriculum. A separate note will come home to students in Year 3-6 who are identified as not being able to swim 50 metres, using correct stroke. Living in the area we do, it is vital that students develop their swimming ability and understanding of water safety.

Students are busy completing assessments as teachers begin to write reports. These reports will go home on Tuesday 8th December. Good luck to Sophie Jillett who is off to Sydney to compete in the state finals of the NSW Premier’s Spelling Bee. This is the first time we have had a student reach this Sophie’s efforts.

We have made some changes to the nomination process for school leaders. Any Year 5 student who is interested in being a school leader in 2016 needs to write a note to me indicating that they wish to stand. This needs to be to me by Thursday 12th November at 3.00 p.m. and I will then draw their names out to give them an order to speak in at a Year 5 Assembly on Tuesday 17th November at 9.30 a.m. Year 5 parents are welcome to join us for this. Year 5 will then vote and the 10 students with the most votes will become the school leaders for 2016. They will then give their election speech to K-5 on Thursday 19th November at 9.05 a.m. Once again parents are welcome to join us.

Don’t forget there is a P&C meeting at 6.00 p.m. this evening in the staffroom. We hope to see lots of parents there.

Enjoy your week.

Debbie Woods
Relieving Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

November
Tuesday 10th
P&C Meeting 6pm
Thursday 12th
Disco
(Summer Santa)
NRL Development Day (1C, K1/G, 1/2AG)
Monday 16th
Assembly (item CQ)

Tuesday 17th
School Leader Selection
Thursday 19th
Captain Election (speeches)
Monday 23rd
Library Closes
Year 6 to Canberra
Swimming Scheme commences

December
Thursday 10th
Year 6 Farewell—Golf Club
Wednesday 16th
Students Last Day

P&C NEWS

Our disco this term will be held on Thursday, 12th of November from 6-8pm. The theme is “Summer Santa”. The cost of entry is $6 which includes a packet of chips and a drink.

The P&C are running a toy raffle! All proceeds will go back into the school. Books of 10 tickets at a cost of $1 per ticket will be sent home with your child today. Please return books and money to the school office. More tickets are available if needed.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November at 6pm in the staff room.

All welcome.

Lou Johnson
President

Canteen News

If for any reason your child is supplied with recess or lunch from the canteen, it would be appreciated if the account could be settled quickly.

The canteen likes to keep some second hand uniforms in stock for parents to purchase. If you have any uniforms that you are happy to donate they would be much appreciated.

CArbEEN ROSTER

Wed 11th- HELP NEEDED
Thurs 12th—L. McEvoy
Friday 13th—L. Redman
Mon 16th—P. Craigie
Tue 17th—HELP NEEDED

“Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.”

James Baldwin
The P&C are running a massive toy raffle! The raffle will be drawn following the Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 9th December. More tickets are available from the school office.

There are some great prizes to be won:

- 2 Bikes with Helmet Vouchers
- 1 Electric Scooter with Helmet Voucher
- 2 Ipod Shuffles
- 1 Elsa Doll
- 1 Nerf Gun
- 2 Children’s Scooters
- Lego

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you’ve been immunised.

How is it prevented?

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

Immunisation for babies

- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.
- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.

WHOOPING COUGH

A diagnosed case of whooping cough was reported to the school office this morning. Please read the information below from NSW Department of Health.

Immunisation for older children

- A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their blue book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 803.
- A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School-based Immunisation Program.

Immunisation for adults

A booster for adults is recommended for:

- Women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, preferably at 28 weeks. Fee vaccine is provided in NSW through GPs and hospital antenatal clinics.
- Other adult household members, grandparents and carers of infants under 12 months of age.
- Adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:

- You may have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may ask about your symptoms and whether there you’ve had any contact with whooping cough. If your doctor thinks you have whooping cough, a swab from the back of the nose or throat can confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

- Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 3 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- This cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Lukelous children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

Identity - Protect - Prevent


For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au
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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.

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Food and drinks available.

Lost

Boys bucket hat, reversible with Star Wars themed fabric on one side and red fabric on the other with black stitching.

Lost at the school.

If found please drop in to the school office.

Come and Try BMX Racing

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

The Clarence Valley BMX Club is offering a 4 month BMX Australia racing Licence of $40
The licence allows riders to race on all BMX tracks in Australia. You can start racing straight away once you have a licence or just come along and have look and enjoy the racing.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who rides a bike and is interested in racing on a BMX track to learn new bike skills. Coaches and trainers are always available to help new riders.

BMX is not just for the boy’s as there is a number of girls are racing BMX ranging in age for 2 to 50+ years old.

The great thing about BMX as a sport is that the whole family can get involved, no matter what age the kids are they all can do the same sport at the one time and place.

The BMX Club has practice and training nights most Wednesday’s and racing most Saturday afternoons.

Bring along a good working order bike. Bikes sizes can be from a 16 inch BMX to 26 inch mountain bike. For your protection you will also need a good 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. The club will have someone on hand to check out your bike and help with making it safe to ride.

If you cannot make it this year the BMX Club will be holding a Free Come & Try BMX Day at the beginning of February 2016.

More information is available at the Clarence Valley BMX Club website or the Facebook page.

Club President
David Landenberger
Ph 0439424455

PH. 0434 811 180 for information.
OPENING HOURS

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Thursday 3.30 - 6.00pm
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