Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see the sun out again and we hope it stays out for our Cross Country on Friday. The cross country will be held at the Angourie Sports Field, starting just after 1.00 p.m. A permission note has been home with the details and we hope that lots of parents will join us.

If you have looked at our website recently you will see that our Annual School Report for 2014 has gone up on the site, along with our school plan for 2015-2017. Our school plan covers three areas: relevant, challenging and engaging learning; innovative, explicit and differentiated teaching; and strengthening community collaboration and cultural awareness.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kurtis Laurie for all of his efforts as our Aboriginal Education Officer over the last two years. Kurtis has moved to the Central Coast with his family and we wish him all the best for the future. Attached to the newsletter is an expression of interest for the role of relieving AEO for the rest of 2015.

Our P&C meeting will be held this evening in the staffroom at 6.00pm and all parents are welcome to join us. We also have a cyber-safety presentation this Thursday at 6.00 pm in the hall. The details are in an attached note and it should be an informative evening and something as parents, we need to be vigilant about.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have completed the working with children check. If you haven’t completed it yet, please see the office ladies next time you are in at school.

We have NAPLAN coming up next week for Year 3 and Year 5. This is a good time to make sure your child gets to bed early and is fuelled by healthy food.

Happy Mother’s Day for Sunday

Debbie Woods
Relieving Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS
May

- Thursday 7th
  Mothers Day Stall
  Cyber Safety 6 –7.30 pm

- Friday 8th
  School Cross Country
  12.45 - 3pm
  (Angourie Sports Field)

- Tuesday 12th
  NAPLAN (Yr3 & 5)

- Wednesday 13th
  NAPLAN (Yr3 & 5)

- Thursday 14th
  NAPLAN (Yr3&5)

- Friday 15th
  AFL Gala Day

Please Note:
The P&C have decided to no longer sell confectionary (lollies) at the canteen. 20 cent icy pole sticks are now the cheapest item available and for sale at lunch time only.
SCHOOL BANKER’S

DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BANK BOOKS ON WEDNESDAY. WE WILL RETURN THEM TO YOU ON THURSDAY.

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**Kids Club**

Every Wednesday in Term Time
Where:
Yamba Presbyterian Church
2 Presbyterian St
Time: 3pm - 5pm (meet leaders and walk from Primary School)
What is there: Games, Afternoon Tea, singing, activities, craft, colouring and more.
Grab your friends and come along.
Contact Ashan Armstrong 0448097790

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**SCHOOL BANKER’S**

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Entry to all UNSW competitions for Years 3-6 will close tomorrow - 6th May. Notes and payment should be returned to the class teacher. Please note that no further entries can be accepted for the Digital Technologies paper. Students wishing to have a copy of a past paper for practice can see Mrs Headon.
Dear Parents,

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Yamba Public School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

Yamba Public School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on:

Thursday, 7th May, 2015

Yamba Public School will conduct 3 sessions in the school hall:
2.00pm – 3pm Stage 3 Students presentation
3.15 – 4.30 Yamba P.S. Staff presentation
6.00pm – 7.30 Parents presentation

To register your attendance, please return your expression of interest to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Attendance is not limited to parents of students enrolled at Yamba Public School but to interested community members who wish to attend. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

Regards,
Mary Hogan
School coordinator

I ___________________________ am interested in attending the Cybersmart Outreach – Internet Safety Presentation for parents on Thursday evening 7th May, 2015 at 6pm in the school hall.
Last Friday 1st of May, 30 students from YPS participated in a full day workshop for World Dance Day at the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre. Students learnt dance styles such as Indonesian, Hip-Hop, African and Bollywood. The dance teachers came from Brisbane, Melbourne, Woolgoolga and Ghana in Africa. A great day was had by all and it is great to see such a wonderful opportunity for the students of Yamba Public.
The Play Drum is offering drum lessons and guitar lessons! Come and learn from an experienced musician with a degree in Music and a graduate certificate in Education. Performance experience spans two decades with well known bands in both Australia and abroad, including current local band The Moonshiners. Call The Play Drum to begin a quality musical education in a fun learning environment in Yamba!
Price: $25 for 30 mins
Huw Elias B.Mus, Dip. Ed. 0431 699 696
huwelias@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/theplaydrumyamba

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SESQUICENTENARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

This year we celebrate 150 years of Public Education in the Lower Clarence. The decision to establish the first school in Maclean, then known as “Rocky Mouth” was made on 17th May, 1865.

While there have been a number of different school locations since then, there has always been Public Education available to the students of the Lower Clarence.

On Sunday 7th June 2015, celebrations will be held to mark this important occasion. There will be a showcase of Public Education both present and past with dance, song, instrumental ensembles, displays both static and interactive and open classrooms to which past and present staff, students, parents and the general public are warmly invited.

The day will commence with a formal assembly at 10.00am, Sunday 7th June in the Maclean Public School Hall, corner of Woodford and Clarence Streets Maclean. For more information visit the Maclean Public School Website at http://www.maclean-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sesquicentenary or call Sesquicentenary Coordinator, Marilyn Donelan on 0407 452 967 or Principal, Sandra Armstrong on 66452544.

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SESQUICENTENARY of PUBLIC EDUCATION in MACLEAN

10am Sunday, 7th June 2015. Maclean Public School Hall.

~PROGRAM~

Ringing of the old school bell
Scotland the Brave played on the bagpipes by Alistair Wallace – please take your seat in the Hall
National Anthem – led by Mrs Elisabeth Moore
Welcome to Country – Aunty Muriel, Yaegg Elder
Smoking Ceremony
Official Welcome Maclean Public School Principal - Sandra Armstrong
Performance by the Maclean Public and Maclean High Schools Combined Choir
Glen Brown representing Maclean High School
1988 time capsule display and film presented by the Maclean Public School Ministers for Education
Aboriginal Education in the Lower Clarence Valley – Mrs Beris Duroux
Maclean High School Dancers (TBC)
Ex Principals Lorraine Bryant & Paul Heaton
Brief history of Education in the Lower Clarence- Mrs Marilyn Donelan
Maclean Public School Instrumental Ensemble
Cake cutting by the oldest ex-student and youngest current Maclean Public School student
Mr Chris Gulaptis, MP will address the gathering in the hall
Everyone invited outside for the tree planting – Mr Chris Gulaptis & Mr Trevor Kapeen
Food and Refreshments served adjacent to the hall and in the school canteen
Open Classrooms and Displays from Midday till 3pm

All Welcome
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD ON THE INTERNET?

Yamba P.S. will be hosting a

FREE SEMINAR

on Internet Safety Awareness

Presented by ACMA

Australian Communications and Media Authority.

Thursday, 7th May 6pm—7.30 School Hall

Parents and friends welcome

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- Tips to help children stay safe online.

CANBERRA EXCURSION PAYMENT INSTALMENT

22 - 27 NOVEMBER

COST $515 PER STUDENT

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LAKE AINSWORTH EXCURSION PAYMENT INSTALMENT

19 - 23 OCTOBER

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CVAS Scholarships

The Clarence Valley Anglican School at Clarenza (southern outskirts of Grafton) are offering scholarships in Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 in 2016. Information about our different scholarships and application forms can be found on our website at


Applications open on Tuesday, 21 April. Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 27 May and testing is on Saturday, 30 May.
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School and Community Newsletter

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
RELIEVING ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER 2015

A position as Relieving Aboriginal Education Officer has become available at Yamba Public School commencing 25th May 2015, and ceasing 16th December 2015. This is a full time position, 6 hours 15 minutes per day. Employment conditions are those as prescribed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for School Administrative and Support Staff.

Position Information:
The role of the Aboriginal Education Officer within the NSW Department of Education and Communities is to be responsible to the principal for providing assistance to Aboriginal students, parents and their teachers. They will be a point of contact between the school and the Aboriginal community. They will work as part of a team to support and develop partnerships.

Specific Selection Criteria:
1. Aboriginality.
2. Understanding of the learning, cultural, and social needs of Aboriginal students.
3. Knowledge of Aboriginal communities and cultures, in particular the local Aboriginal community
4. Effective communication skills with the ability to relate with students, teachers, parents and the community.
5. Ability to interact with Aboriginal students and parents to increase engagement and connection with the school

Applications addressing the selection criteria need to be in writing, not exceeding 2 A4 pages, plus the following cover sheet. They should addressed to The Principal, Yamba Public School. Applications should include 2 referees, and will close at 3 p.m. Friday 15th May. For further information, please contact Yamba Public School 66462420.

Please note, applicants must hold or be willing to obtain a paid Working with Children Check and a current NSW Driver’s Licence would be an advantage.
## Expression of Interest

**Position Applied For:** Yamba Public School Temporary Aboriginal Education Officer

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**Applications To:**

Debbie Woods  
Phone: 66462420  
Fax: 66461578  
Email: debbie.woods@det.nsw.edu.au

**Closing Date:** 3:00pm Friday 15th 2015