Dear Parents,

This week’s quote, reflects the determination our students demonstrated in completing the cross country course last Friday. They may not have finished first but they certainly felt a sense of achievement in finishing the course and they were supported by their peers which was great to see. Congratulations to all of our students and to those children who will be representing us at the Northern Rivers Cross Country at Corndale on the 22nd May, we wish you all the best. A special thank you must go to Mr Menzies our general assistant for preparing the course and to Mr Clifford for his organisation...he even managed beautiful weather!

Our session on cyber safety last week was very informative and it was a pity that more parents couldn’t join us for the parent session. Mrs Hogan did a great job in arranging this visit and I know some of the information that came out of it both shocked and surprised us. Please consider carefully not only the types of apps students have but the computer games they are playing. Primary school students should NOT have apps such as Instagram and snapchat and should NOT be on Facebook. They definitely should NOT be playing R rated games such as “Grand Theft Auto”. Please supervise your child and know what they are doing on the internet and who they are interacting with.

This week we have NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5. The students are assessed in numeracy, reading, grammar and language conventions, and writing. These tests provide valuable information for parents on their child’s progress and to the school on areas of success, and areas for development. Parents should however remember, that they are just a snap shot of their child’s learning and if they have any concerns at all, make a time to see the class teacher. That being said, it would be good to make sure that your child has an early night and a good breakfast before the NAPLAN.

Congratulations to Connor Bridges who has been selected in the North Coast football team.

This Friday we will be participating in the Paul Kelly Cup (AFL) and it will be held at school on Friday. More details will come home to those students who are participating.

Debbie Woods
Relieving Principal

Condolences
The school would like to express its sympathies to Mr Greg Perry, one of our ex-teachers. Mr Perry’s wife passed away on the weekend and the staff’s thoughts are with him. As a valued member of our staff, many teachers would like to pay their respects and attend the funeral this Friday at 11.00 a.m. As such, normal lessons will not run between 11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m., however, minimal supervision will be provided. This will affect the organisation of the AFL gala day for Years 5 & 6. The first three games will be played before 10.45 and the last three games will be from 1.30-3.00. We do apologise for the disruption but we are sure you will understand.

P&C NEWS
I hope all mother’s had a lovely day on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother’s Day stall last week. If your child chose a gift at the stall and forgot their money please send $5 in to the school office to reimburse the P&C.

Our new school hats have been very popular and are available to buy at a cost of $17 from the office.

Lou Johnson
President

UPCOMING EVENTS
May

Wednesday 13th
NAPLAN (Yr3 & 5)

Thursday 14th
NAPLAN (Yr3&5)

Friday 15th
AFL Gala Day

Monday 18th
Assembly (item 1C)

Tuesday 19th
Busways visit (K-1)

Wednesday 20th
Honey Eater Performance

9-11am (K-2)

Friday 22nd
NR Cross Country
(Corndale P.S)

Please Note:
THERE WILL BE NO BIKE BUS THIS THURSDAY.
The Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club have started a coaching session every Friday night for kids aged 6-10. In the past there has been no competition or coaching organised for kids under 10 & the club hopes this new program will get kids interested in rugby from a younger age & the earlier training will greatly assist the kids when they get older & can play in the formal Far North Coast Junior Rugby competition which normally commences in under 12s.

The sessions kickoff at 5.45pm every Friday & include skills sessions followed by a game. The sessions finish at 6.30pm & are usually followed by games from the clubs other junior sides. Senior players in the club will be assisting with the sessions which will be co-ordinated by former senior coach Tim Gooley. Enquiries can be made to Tim on 0418 641 383.

The National Primary Games is an inclusive festival of sport which includes 14 different codes for children aged (U11/12) catering for teams of all standards over the weekend 11th and 12th July 2015.

The festival will be held in Tamworth and our team will compete against teams from as far north as the Sunshine Coast and South to the ACT. The NPG values sportsmanship and inclusivity being the focus of the weekend.

The NPG Basketball is being hosted by the Tamworth Basketball Association and will be convened with the assistance of state sporting bodies and the Northern Inland Academy of Sport. The Basketball will be played at the Tamworth Sports Dome, (7-9 Jack Smyth Dr, Tamworth) a magnificent facility with 6 indoor courts and a number of outdoor courts alongside.

Itinerary is as follows:

Fri: Travel to Tamworth
Sat 8.30-4.45pm: 4 Games (against teams we would never normally meet)
Sat 12-2pm: Lunch provided
Sat 5.30pm-6:30pm: Games Celebration Function (Guest Olympians and other entertainers) Families welcome at Tamworth regional Entertainment Centre (TRECC) Greg Norman Dr, Tamworth
Sun 9-12pm: Games (Finals series at our level ie. 1v2 or 19v20)
Sun 11am-1pm: Lunch provided
Sun 12pm: Closing Ceremony
Sun 12:30pm: Depart for home

Cost for the NPG is $35. This includes lunch both days, Games Celebration Function, NPG Hat, registration and insurance.

The children will enjoy playing competition at their level and will join in the ultimate celebration of all that is good about sport with a focus on inclusivity, sportsmanship and above all enjoyment.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on:
### Canberra Excursion Payment Instalment

**22 - 27 November**
Cost $515 per student

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### Cascade Excursion Payment Instalment

**21 - 23 October**
Cost $130 per student

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**19 - 23 October**
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**FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM**

**Free Courses For Parents**

Grafton
Managing stress – Monday 18th and 25th May
Standing Strong (Insecurities) – Tuesday 19th and 26th May
Understanding Your Child’s Brain – Monday 4th and 11th May

Maitland
Bringing Up Great Kids – Wednesdays 13th May to 17th June (6 weeks)

Yamba
Understanding Your Child’s Brain – Tuesday 16th and 23rd June (evening course)

Day courses – 9.30am to 12.30pm
Evening courses – 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Free childcare available
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Contact the FIRST team at CRANES on 6642 7257
Spaces are limited so book early!

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**FREE COURSE for PARENTS**

**Date:** 16th and 23rd of June (Tuesdays)
**Venue:** Treelands Community Centre, Yamba
**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm

To register phone CRANES on 6642 7257
FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE – Bookings Essential

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**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

May 2015

**Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

**How can you participate in the review?**


The survey is in English and has 18 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

**Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted**

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.
The modern family of 2015 faces a wide range of challenges when negotiating the enjoyable, but often complex and stressful, world of parenthood. With a combination of 27 free and ticketed individual events being held, there is something for every parent, or parent to be, at this year’s Toolbox: A Parenting Festival!

There is a larger copy of the above information at the school office.
Yamba Public School
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.
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Applications to:

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CLOSING DATE: 3:00pm Friday 15th 2015