Dear Parents,

The term is moving forward so quickly and it has been great to see our new kindergarten students adapt to school life. They held a very successful Teddy Bears picnic last week and everyone looked to have a fantastic time.

We have started some much needed renovations to the playing area in our support unit. The fort within CQ playground was situated too close to the fence line and is being relocated and updated with the help of a grant from the Variety Club. While I await further details, I anticipate the works will be finished by the end of term at which point we should have a visit from the Variety Club cyclists. Stay tuned!

REMINDER: Term 1 and 4 are the hottest times of the Year and I encourage all parents to send their children to school with a school, sun safe hat. Our school hats not only look great but they offer great sun protection to the face, ears and neck. They are washable and inexpensive, when compared to the designer caps that many of the older children are wearing. These caps ARE NOT sunsafe! They also often are a source of disagreement in the playground when hats are lost, damaged or even knocked off heads. Please consider our school hats as an option when you replace hats for your child. Since they were introduced last year, all Kindergarten and Year 1 children should be wearing school hats.

Mrs Foley
Principal

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**REMINDER**

**Easter will soon be here!**
Please remember to donate a chocolate egg/bunny for our Easter raffle. All donations can be left at the school office. There are also more raffle tickets available.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MARCH**
- **Wednesday 9th**
  - NC Swimming Kempsey
  - Maclean High Transition (Year 6 students)
- **Thursday 10th**
  - Peer Mediation Badge Pinning 2.30pm
- **Friday 11th**
  - NR AFL Yamba
- **Monday 14th**
  - NC Tennis Grafton
- **Thursday 17th**
  - Disco 6-8pm (St Patrick’s Day theme)
- **Monday 21st**
  - Harmony Day (see Harmony Day invitation on page 3)
  - Assembly 2pm (item KV)
- **Wednesday 23rd**
  - Easter Hat Parade 11.45am
  - Raffle draw will follow the parade
  - NR Rugby League
- **Friday 25th**
  - GOOD FRIDAY
- **Monday 28th**
  - EASTER MONDAY
- **Tuesday 29th**
  - School resumes

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**APRIL**
- **Monday 4th**
  - Assembly 2pm (item 1/AG)
- **Friday 8th**
  - LAST DAY OF TERM

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**P&C NEWS**

Our P&C AGM will be held TONIGHT, Tuesday 8th March at 6pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Being a part of the P&C is a great way to be involved in your child’s school life!

Thanks to those who have already donated towards our Easter Raffle. If you haven’t already done so there is still plenty of time. This raffle is a huge fundraiser for our school with all proceeds going back into our school and our children. If you have any small cane baskets that you could donate too that would be great, as these are used to wrap the prizes in. Extra raffle books are available at the office.

Our “St Patrick’s Day” disco will be held on Thursday 17th March from 6 - 8 pm. Remember this event is for YPS students only. Entry is $6 which includes a packet of chips and a drink.

Lou Johnson
President

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**Please Remember!**

The Canteen cannot heat food that is brought from home in the Pie Warmer. The canteen does not supply plastic spoons and forks for food that has been brought from home.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**MARCH**
- Wed 9th - J. Eimer
- Thurs 10th - Melanie M
- Fri 11th - L. Redman
- Mon 14th - W. Burke
- Tues 15th - HELP NEEDED
Northern Rivers Basketball
Last week several students travelled to Lismore to take part in the Northern River selection trials for boys and girls basketball.
In the girls, Sienna Gilbert & Yasmin Elabassi showed excellent skills and were selected. This is great as both girls are only in Year 5.
While in the boys, Alby Popko & Matthew Taylor also were selected. A big thanks to those parents who provided transport on the day.

Students Learn Debating Skills
A group of Year 6 students attended a training day recently to learn the skills of debating in preparation for our school’s participation in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. It was quite a challenging day and the students performed brilliantly when given the opportunity to test their new-found debating skills. Some comments:-

On the training day I has an amazing time learning about the 3Ms and rules of debating. It was a great day. Matilda

It was a great learning experience. They broke down the rules and skills so that it was easy to understand. Carissa

The most enjoyable part of the day was the debate we had against our school mates. I learnt a lot of debating skills on this day. Harriett

I think that the debating training day was a fantastic experience and I learnt a lot with fun and difficult challenges. Romaney

It was very enjoyable listening to some good debaters shout tips and big words at us! Daisy

I had a great time learning about the 3Ms of debating. I also liked having a debate at the end of the day. Emily

The debating training day at Lennox P.S. was a great opportunity. The handball was fun too! Paige
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Harmony Day
We will be celebrating Harmony Day at Yamba Public School on Monday 21st March, to promote inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme for Harmony Day this year is: ‘Diversity is Our Strength’. Classes will be participating in discussions and activities to further explore this theme.
We encourage students to wear orange on this day and we would like to invite our families and friends to join us for morning tea in the hall at 11am. We hope to see you here.

Yamba Buccaneer’s Junior Rugby Club
Sign on day, muster and BBQ
2pm Saturday March 12th
Yamba Oval

For further details contact Andrew Morris: 0432809784 or Peter Campbell: 0407468204
**Yamba Public School**

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