Dear Parents,

We have an eventful week ahead with visitors, excursions, sports and more. Both tennis and basketball trials will be held this week. Good luck to all participating.

Our captains performed their first formal duties on Monday, welcoming the Clarence Valley Director, Public Schools, Meghanne Clarke, to Yamba PS. She was very impressed with their short guided tour and was pleased to meet the school briefly at the recess assembly. During her visit we spoke about our school plan and annual report as well as teaching and learning initiatives happening across our school. It was a productive and enjoyable meeting.

On Wednesday, a small group of students will be attending the Community Health offices on Treelands Drive. These students donated art works to decorate the walls of this community space. As a thank you we have been invited to a morning tea where students will see their work on display.

I had a lovely visit to 1AG last week and saw first-hand the great boats that they created. Students were able to talk about wind force, gravity and friction as a part of their studies in science. Well done Year 1.

HAT! HATS! HATS! It is great to see so many students wearing their school hats. Keep up the good work.

Mrs Foley
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Thursday 17th

Disco
6-8pm (St Patrick’s Day theme)

Kinder & Buddies visit Fire Station

Monday 21st

Harmony Day
(see Harmony Day invitation on page 2)
A gold coin donation by students will go towards the Fiji Disaster relief.

Assembly 2pm (item KV)

Stage 2 Basketball Gala Day

Wednesday 23rd

Easter Hat Parade 11.45am
Raffle draw will follow the parade

Waterwise Assembly 2.15

Mayor Attending

NR Rugby League

Friday 25th

GOOD FRIDAY

Monday 28th

EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday 29th

School resumes

APRIL

Monday 4th

Assembly 2pm (item 1/AG)

Friday 8th

LAST DAY OF TERM

Wednesday 27th

Students return

P&C NEWS

Disco Thursday 17th from 6 - 8pm. St. Patrick’s day theme....wear Green!
If there are any parents available to help out on the night please contact Lou on 0401182287

Please remember to put your child’s lunch order in a paper bag. Check the price list to make sure you have given the right money and please label the bag clearly.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Easter Raffle.
If you have not donated as yet could you please send your donation in wrapped if possible.

Lou Johnson
President

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER

MARCH

Wed 16th - J. Eimer
Thurs 17th - HELP NEEDED
Fri 18th - J. Bridges
Mon 21st - W. Bourke
Tues 22nd - J. Parker
North Coast Swimming Carnival
Last week 20 students travelled to Kempsey to take part in the North Coast Swimming Carnival. The competition was strong as all the best swimmers from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads were there competing.

Yamba students swam well but only Gus Gilbert qualified for the state carnival to be held later this year in Sydney. Gus won the 11 years boys backstroke by a body length and came third in his butterfly.

Well done to all our swimmers who took part and thankyou to the parents who provided transport and support. A special thankyou goes to Nava Hocking & Harley Walters who filled in at short notice in our junior relay teams.

Northern Rivers Trials
Last Friday the Northern Rivers trials for AFL were held at Yamba. Children from the Lower Clarence, Casino, Kyogle and Lismore attended. The boys developed their skills and had the opportunity to play in a variety of positions. Twelve boys from Yamba were selected on the day - Cameron Varcoe, Malik Elabbasi, Ned O’Neill, Gus Gilbert, Buddy Hippi, Alby Popko, Lewis O’Neil, Elih Brooks, Ben Morris, Will Woldseth, Solomon Read and Tex Hellmrich.
The boys head to the North Coast Trials on Friday the 1st of April also to be held at Yamba AFL oval.

North Coast Cricket
Last Sunday & Monday, Colby Valette and Alby Popko travelled to Coffs Harbour as part of the Northern Rivers boys’ cricket team. The boys played several games over the two days against the other North Coast zones. Colby’s leadership skills saw him chosen as Northern Rivers captain while Alby’s great bowling saw him selected in the North Coast team.
Well done boys.
In Science we made boats out of foil. We had a piece of paper and a straw for the sail. Our boats both floated when we put them into a tub of water. By Mahlia and Jake H.

On Tuesday our class did some art under our chairs pretending to be Michelangelo. We could do whatever we wanted but it had to be something that Michelangelo would do. My arms ached! - Stan Carlisle

Last week I pretended to be Michelangelo and drew a Cherub. It was hard and I kept laughing and everybody was laughing. - Indi Kelly

What! We had to go on the ground and draw a picture like Michelangelo doing the Sistine Chapel! - Lily Chamberlain

Last Tuesday our class 3C was learning about Michelangelo. After lunch we came in and sat on our chairs and Mrs Gould told us to lay under our chairs. We had to pretend to draw pictures on the Sistine Chapel. - Eliza Hughes

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.

IF STUDENTS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GOLD COIN DONATION ON HARMONY DAY IT WILL GO TOWARDS THE FIJI DISASTER RELIEF.
School Banking Account Opening Day

Yamba Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission, as well as commission on any deposits made through the program.

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week, your child gives their School Banking books to their teacher and they are returned to them at the end of the day.

We will be holding an Account Opening Session at our school on:

**Date:** Thursday, 17th March, 2016  
**Time:** 8.30-9.30am  
**Location:** Outside the office/kindergarten classrooms

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
Outdoor Boxing Classes Sue’s Fitness & Nutrition
6am - 7am Weds and Friday mornings.
$10 per session
Bring your friends or I will have a partner for you.
Message me to sign on 0409623409 or on Facebook Sue’s Fitness & Nutrition
Each session will be challenging and fat burning.

STEWART HOUSE DAY
Friday 6th May 2016
Stewart house has provided care for NSW Public School children for 85 years!
In 2015 they experienced a significant decline in donations.
If you would like to make a donation to Stewart House you can do so at the school office!

Earth Hour 2016
Let’s Change Climate Change!
Please remember to switch your lights off for earth hour 8.30-9.30pm on Saturday March 19 and consider something more your family might do to Achange climate change.
This year’s theme is Protecting the places we love. Join us at one of the places we love on Saturday March 19th for a Parkrun/walk along the Clarence estuary and a free breakfast afterwards. Yamba Parkrun starts at 7am in Ford Park, Yamba. www.earthour.com

Many Thanks to John Ibbotson for donating a signed book on the “Lighthouses of Australia” to our school Library!
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