HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Principal’s Message

In this final newsletter for 2014, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas and all good things for the New Year. I would also like to thank you all for making my first year at Maclean Public such an exciting, enjoyable and rewarding one.

Last Thursday our wonderful musical “As Time Goes By” was presented to a packed hall. Wild storms could not keep the crowds away. The audience was clearly delighted by the performances which showcased the talent of our young singers and dancers. Our students, teachers and volunteers put an enormous effort into the production and children appreciated the musical journey through eight decades from the 1950’s to today. Musical Director, Liz Moore and her choreographers Janet Gray and Margaret Ramsey did a sterling job creating and directing the production and we thank them in bucket loads for their creative genius and their never ending patience.

Congratulations everyone on a very successful school week which saw Year 6 Farewell dinner and special assembly, intensive swimming, school musical, Presentation Day and the sending home of reports and portfolios. Well done to all those students who were recognised for their efforts at Presentation Day.

Children who received Gold, Silver or Bronze Awards were presented with them at this morning’s school assembly. Congratulations to them all for their continued efforts. Next year, the merit award process begins anew with 2015 awards. A new addition will be the end of term "Gold Assemblies". Gold Awards will be saved to present at these assemblies. The final one for 2015 will be November 20th. Children who achieve Gold after that date will have theirs presented at a special morning assembly in Week 10.

Well done to our Ministers for Playgrounds, Maintenance and Gardens, whose letter writing, lobbying local and state politicians, resulted in $2000 worth of funding to install two new flagpoles in the school grounds. They were installed yesterday and look magnificent. A great example of the “power of the pen”.

It has been a joy to work with your children, the very talented Maclean P.S. staff and the community during 2014. We have achieved much together – the establishment of a School Parliament, Curriculum Cafes, Art Galleries, Museums and Pop Up Cafes, wins in Eisteddfods and sport at Local, District and State level, Gala Sport Days, an extended Kindergarten Orientation program with regular preschool visits, production of a short film “Gardening Maclean-Part 2”, revamp of the school food and native gardens, Green Canteen with Thursday food being additive free, Reconciliation Walks around Maclean, Indigenous cultural days, lunch time clubs – sewing, ICT, chess, art - school musical, debating and chess competitions and preparations for next year’s Sesquicentenary of Public Education in Maclean.

What a great year, and….the best is yet to come!

Cheery Cheers,
Sandra Armstrong
Principal
PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE
On Tuesday 15th, that’s tomorrow, Maclean Public School Instrumental students will showcase what they have achieved in 2014. The students will be performing on a variety of musical instruments including piano, drums, guitar and clarinet. The recital begins at 12:30pm and will be finished by lunchtime at 1:15pm
Elizabeth Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS

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VACATION CARE

5th January to 27th January 2015

Yamba and Maclean Vacation Care is an approved Child Care Centre for children aged 5 to 12 years old. During the gazetted NSW school holidays periods qualified and trained professional staff provide recreational and educational activities and excursions for your children to enjoy.

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 6.00pm
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Bookings and enquiries:
Clarence Valley Council – 1800 801 503
50 River Street
Maclean – (02) 6645 3669

Vacation Care Coordinator (Peter Howland) – 0418 629 374

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local primary school or CVCSS Administration Office at 50 River St, Maclean NSW.