Principal's Message

We obviously have some very competent bakers in our school community if the Alissa Project Giant Cake Raffle was any indication! Thank you to all those generous people who donated cakes to the raffle and to everyone who bought a ticket. All proceeds will go toward the Alissa Project. This project carries on the legacy of our 2000 school captain Alissa Marshall. The project supports the poorest communities in Cambodia and provides schools and health care for their children. Thank you also to the Ministers for Fundraising, Rhiannah Woods, Lily Johnson and Montana Dobbin and Mr Rosnell for coordinating this event.

Tonight we will have our end of term Disco. Congratulations to those children invited and to those not, we extend the challenge to you to focus on being respectful, responsible and safe at all times both in the classroom and in the playground. We would really like you to join us for the end of year Christmas Disco. The choice is yours. We hope to see you there.

Last Monday, Mrs Spencer, Mr Argaet and I attended a seminar in Coffs Harbour. Speakers were Ian Luscombe and Dr Alison Knight. The focus was on positive behaviour for learning and the effects of nutrition and food additives on behaviour. Much of the day was common sense based, but in the busy, time poor world in which we live, it is easy to forget the basics. Quite simply, we are what we eat.

Extensive, clinically based and research backed studies show that over 30% of behaviour problems in children are a direct result of what they eat. The big problems are the artificial additives and of course, sugar – particularly the hidden sugar in juices, soft drinks etc. Please take stock of the food your child eats. They only get the one chance at their primary education. Poor attention, lack of focus and hyperactivity will impact negatively on your child’s learning no matter how good the teacher or the classroom program.

The Ministers in our School Parliament will soon take up the challenge of getting the message out that good food means better success at school.

I will close with the unsolicited comments from Relieving Director of Schools, Mrs Jo Burgess, who was special guest at our Curriculum Café last week. Mrs Burgess sent me the following email:

“Thank you once again Sandra for the invitation to your Curriculum Café - what an innovative showcase of learning at Maclean Public. Please pass on my congratulations to all staff involved in today’s events - looks like a great team effort. My table scribbles acknowledged the talented students.”

The “table scribbles” refer to the fact that all café guests were encouraged to write their comments about the café onto their paper tablecloths during the Cafe. Mrs Burgess did so very positively and in detail on every student performance. I must wholeheartedly agree that the Café was a great display of team work – students, parents, teachers – all working together to create a wonderful event.

Kind Regards,
Sandra Armstrong
Principal
END OF TERM DISCO
Due to the Milo T 20 Cricket day next Friday, we have moved the assembly to Thursday, 18th September, at 11.50am. The spotlight will be on 5/6S. Please join us. Share in the celebration as children receive their awards, be dazzled by Mr Sozou’s students under the spotlight and be entertained by Mrs Moore’s amazing musicians. It is all happening at Maclean Public!

END OF TERM DISCO
The end of term Disco will be held tonight, September 11th from 6.00pm – 7.30pm in the school hall. The theme as set by the Ministers for Functions is “When You Grow Up”. Notes have been sent home to those children unable to attend. Thank you to our Ministers for Functions, Kyra, Liam and Mackenzie for organising this Disco and to the P&C for providing the sausage sizzle. Entry to the disco is $3 per child or $5 per family.

OLD BLACK SCHOOL SHOES IN GOOD CONDITION NEEDED
Sometimes children’s shoes can come adrift during the school day making it difficult for them to work and play. The school is seeking your support in the provision of pairs of second hand black school shoes in reasonable condition suited to giving to children when the need arises to get them through until families can purchase new shoes. If you have anything suitable, please bring them to the school office. Many thanks.

SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATION
Are you an ex student of Maclean Public School? If so and you would like to share a memory or two about your school days, now is the time to do it! We have some very able senior students keen to record your thoughts. They will be available at the school to record your interview every Friday between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Please contact the office to choose a date. The footage will be used as part of Sesquicentenary celebrations next year.

OLD PHOTOS OF MACLEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL AND OLD SCHOOL UNIFORMS
If you have any old photos of the school you are willing to share, please bring them into the school office for us to photograph. We are compiling a photographic history of the school and its students and staff for next year’s Sesquicentenary. We are also looking for old school uniforms. We will look after them for you but so far, no one has been able to supply anything. Please help out if you can.

ALISSA PROJECT-GIANT CAKE RAFFLE
Thanks to the many families who sent in some wonderful cooking for the raffle today. There were heaps of delicious goodies to win. Students and families supported our fundraising efforts with great enthusiasm, generosity and kindness. The raffle raised $356.05 towards the Alissa Project.

Ministers for Fundraising

BRISBANE EXCURSION WAS SO MUCH FUN
Stage 3 went on an excursion to Brisbane for 4 days. The camp at Brookfield had great food. We visited lots of tourist attractions: Clock Tower/City hall, Maritime Museum, Boggo Road...
Goal, GOMA Art Gallery, Queensland Museum, Science Centre, Lego Centre, QPAC Backstage Tour, Botanic Gardens, Planetarium, Mount Coatha, Ripley’s believe it or not, Currumbin Bird Sanctuary-Ropes Course.
We had guided tours, at other places we made things or used activities like at the science centre.
We learnt knew things and found out lots of information about places we visited.
Everyone liked different activities. We had lots of fun and were really tired when we arrived home.

By Jenna & Tye (5J)

UPCOMING CALENDAR

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CANTEEN NEEDS DONATIONS OF CAKES FOR:
Red Kite Day
Next Wednesday the school will be doing a fundraiser for Red Kite. For a gold coin donation students are asked to wear red clothes to school for the day in support. Canteen is after donations of cakes for the day.

Cricket Gala Day
The canteen is in need of donations of cakes, biscuits and slices and help next Friday Sept 19 with the cricket gala day at Wherrett Park.

22 September 2014 to 3 October 2014
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.

Centre locations: Yamba Vacation Care – Wooli Street Community Hall (Behind Library)
Maclean Vacation Care – Maclean Public School – Woodford Street

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 6.00pm
Both services are closed for public holidays

Bookings and enquiries: Clarence Valley Council – 1800 801 503
50 River Street Maclean – (02) 6645 3669

Vacation Care Coordinator (Peter Howland) – 0418 629 374
Enrolment, Booking Forms & Programs: www.clarence.nsw.gov.au, local primary school or CVCCSS Administration Office at 50 River St, Maclean NSW.
COMMUNITY NEWS

HARWOOD JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN-ON DAY
WHEN: Sunday 14th Sept 2014
WHERE: HARWOOD CRICKET GROUND
TIME: 10am -12noon
ENQUIRIES: Tim 0408 660110 Doug 0427 741616

Gulmarrad Rural Fire Service Brigade
Open Day 13 September

Gulmarrad Rural Fire Brigade will be having their annual Open Day on Sat 13 September from 10am to 2 pm. Bushfire vehicles and equipment will be on display together with a BBQ from 12.00 and lots of activities for the kids such as hose soccer. This is a great opportunity to get an insight on to what the brigade does and gain valuable information on what you need to protect your family and property from Bush Fire. There will be presentations at 11.00 and 1.00 on preparing a bush fire safety plan and what you need to do to prepare your house for the oncoming fire season.

Brigade members will be available to provide information and answer questions regarding fire permits and fire safety.

Milo in2Cricket program

The Milo in2Cricket program (Harwood Cricket Club) for girls and boys aged between 5 - 8, will be commencing again this year on Saturday 4th October at Chatsworth Island Public School. The program will commence at 8:45am for a 9am start each Saturday for 10 weeks. Learn awesome skills and play exciting games and have great fun.

Sign on Day - 19th September from 3:30pm at McDonalds Yamba or at the first week of the program.

Yamba Nippers
Sign on Days

Nipper information and sign on sessions:
Sunday 14th September 11am-1pm at Yamba Surf Club
Wednesday 17th September 3-4pm in the Yamba Public School Hall
Sunday 21st September 10am-12pm at Yamba Surf Club

We will need to sight a birth certificate for all new niper registrations.

Nippers is a fun, family activity that teaches children about beach and surf safety. Children can join Nippers once they have turned 5.

Please contact Kerry Lee with any nipper enquiries on 0413536944 or email yambanippers@gmail.com

Kingstudio Art Classes for term 4
Ages from 8 +
Wednesday afternoon from 4 - 5:30
$25 per session (includes snack) or $250 for 11 weeks
commences 8th October
105 River St., Maclean

Maclean Pool

Opening Saturday 20/9/14
8am – 5pm
Swimming Lessons Commencing Monday 13/10/14
Learn to swim – Stroke Correction – Squad
Classes will be available Monday – Thursday and Saturday Mornings
For all bookings please phone Michelle 0427 492244