Principal’s Message

I write to you a little earlier than usual, as I will be away from school attending departmental meetings both Wednesday and Thursday this week. There are currently many reforms taking place in Public Education, reforms that will ensure our system is superior to any other education provider. It is essential that Maclean Public remains at the forefront of reforms and in this spirit I am taking a school team along to the first major planning day for Clarence Valley schools this year. Mr Rosnell, Mrs Spencer and Ms Phillips will accompany me to Wednesday’s “2015 Reforms: Towards A Shared Understanding” network meeting in Grafton.

On the day we, along with teams from all other Clarence Valley public schools, will develop school planning based on the Public Schools NSW Strategic Directions document. We will study everything from financial reform to curriculum, through to student wellbeing and data analysis. The day ends with schools sharing their recently developed 2015 – 2017 School Plans. The Maclean School Plan is a comprehensive document currently in its final draft form. We are ahead of many schools in this respect and proud to be already implementing new initiatives to continue to move the school forward.

Rest assured you have a very professional, experienced and dedicated staff at Maclean Public looking after your children’s education. We thank you for supporting the team in all its endeavours.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of sitting in on the first Maclean Stephanie Alexander Garden Kitchen Program lessons with Mrs Spencer and Mrs Lynch. Children rotated around activities in the school food garden and in the old school residence. In the garden, under Mrs Spencer’s guidance, children weeded and harvested, then looked at just what was available for cooking and what they might cook with it. In the residence, Mrs Lynch explained some technical terms around cooking, the importance of hygiene and the necessity to avoid cross contamination whilst preparing food. Children now know about zesting, bamboo steamers, woks and paring knives. The program involves growing produce for the kitchen, preparing food and enjoying it (including learning how to set a table and wash up afterwards!).

I am looking forward to an invitation to lunch!

Kind Regards,
Sandra Armstrong
Principal

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

These will be held next Tuesday afternoon, 17th February. The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 session will be held in the classrooms from 5.30 - 5.55pm, the Year 3 and Year 4 session from 6.00 - 6.25pm and the Year 5 and Year 6 session from 6.35 – 7.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about structures, programs and expectations in your child’s classroom so please join the teachers for an informative session.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP (AECG) MEETING

All Aboriginal family members are invited to the next AECG meeting at the Maclean High School Library on Monday, 9th March at 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.
SESQUICENTENARY – Sunday, 7th June 2015
Our next Sesquicentenary meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday, 25th February at 7pm. We are finalizing the program and organising school based events. Please join us to help ensure that this important celebration is a great success.

SCHOOL PLEDGE
This is our school.
Let peace dwell here.
Let the rooms be full of contentment.
Let love abide here.
Love of people, love of nature and love of life itself.
Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.

SCHOOL BANKING

150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS
Maclean is celebrating a special birthday this year – 150 years of Public Education. Students Bridget and Zaq are sitting on the recently revealed treads of the main staircase in the oldest building of Maclean Public. The staircase is undergoing refurbishment and the original wooden steps are briefly on show. Well-worn from thousands upon thousands of student shoes, the steps could tell many a story! The lower Clarence will mark this special occasion with a Sesquicentenary celebration at Maclean Public School on Sunday, 7th June. Please join us for student performances, photographic displays, static and audio visual presentations, delicious food and refreshments and the opportunity to catch up with old friends and new. Happy Birthday Public Education!

“Strategic Direction 1: Student Learning - All students will be successful learners
Strategic Direction 2: Staff and Leader Learning - Staff will be high performing, collaborative and dynamic
Strategic Direction 3: Inclusive Community Learning - Our school community will be inclusive, informed and engaged”
UPCOMING CALENDAR

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VOLUNTEERS PLEASE – WE NEED YOU! 😊

If you have time on your hands and would like to spend some of it at our wonderful school, we would really appreciate your help. There are some options below, if interested, could you please tick the appropriate circle, fill in your name and contact details, and we’ll get back to you. I would like to:

- Cover new library books
- Listen to children read
- Work with a Maths group
- Assist with gardening groups (Tues 9.15-10.30, Tues, Wed, Thurs 2-3.15)
- Assist with cooking groups (same times as above)
- Green Canteen assistance-prep day
- Wed, counter sales Thurs
- Assist with sporting programs
- Assist with art or craft activities
- Other suggestions?

Name: .................................................................

Contact: Mobile: ..........................................
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COMMUNITY NEWS

HOWZAT.........! Brushgrove Cricket Club Juniors ‘Come and Try Day’

UPDATE: Great Free Cricket Posters and other giveaways plus you can test your skills on a bowling machine.

Brushgrove Cricket Club’s is looking for junior cricket players (Boys and Girls) under 12 (as of 1st September) to come join it’s comeback team into the Lower Clarence Cricket Associations 2015/16 competition. We are holding a come and try day on the 21st February 2015 at Brushgrove Oval from 10am to Midday.

The morning will be full of fun and action with plenty of cricket. Most home games and ALL training will be in Maclean at Wherrett Park.

Please contact Brendan James 02 6645 5312 - 0408 924020 handyman@macleannsw.com for more information and/or join our facebook page @ Brushgrove Cricket Club Juniors.

CLARENCE VALLEY
PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB
For girls 5 years to Ladies
Yamba Public School Hall
classes Start: Tues 10th Feb
Enquiries and Enrolments:
contact: Janet Lloyd 66462390/
0407 147 808

Maclean Manta Rays Swimming Club
Mid Season Registration
Come and be a part of the Maclean Swimming Club with a focus on Fun, Friends and Fitness every Friday night. We cater to all ages and abilities. New members and volunteers are always welcome at our community club.
Friday February 6 (5:30 sign on for a 6pm start)
Maclean Olympic Swimming Pool Argyle St, Maclean (66452521)
For Further Information regarding all aspects of our club, please go to http://macleanswimmingclub.weebly.com/ or call Jenni on 0427779109
MACLEAN SPORT CENTRE
Mon - Junior Squash Coaching - 4pm & squash competition - 6pm
Tues - Junior Squash - 4pm, Volleyball - 6pm
Wed - Junior Futsal - 4pm & 5.30pm (senior), Junior & Senior Squash competition
Thur - Junior Netball coaching, & games by A grade netballer Chloe Bryant - 4pm & 6.00pm (senior)
For further information contact Janine or Ross.
Phone: 66455769 or 0408 852881 or website: www.macleansports.com.au
Thankyou