18 August 2015

- Premiers Reading Challenge — CLOSING DATE
  Fri 21 Aug
- Kids In The Kitchen
  Fri 21 Aug
- Book Week-Book Fair
  Thurs 27 Aug
- The Big Veg Crunch
  Thurs 27 Aug
- Touch Football Gala Day (P&C Canteen)
  Fri 4 Sept
- School Performance
  Wed 9 Sept
- Rugby Carnival
  Thurs 10 Sept
- Life Education Van
  14 & 15 Sept
- Milo Cricket Gala Day - Maclean
  Fri 18 Sept
- Platinum Day
  Wed 16 Sept
- Regional Spelling Bee - Maclean P.S
  Thurs 17 Sept
- Last Day of Term
  Fri 18 Sept

Congratulations to our Students of the Week!

Principal’s News

Northern Rivers Athletics – Lismore Friday 14th August
A huge effort was made by all students who participated in the athletics carnival in Lismore.

Milo in2cricket Skills Program
It was great to see children having fun and working cooperatively with the development officer, Tiffany Hodson, last week. She will be visiting our school each Wednesday over the next 3 weeks. Wear your sports uniform!

Premier’s Spelling Bee
Congratulations: Clarence Skelton, Jaidyn Grayson, Harry Campbell and Liam Croft who will now represent Palmers Island Public School at the regional competition to be held at Maclean Public School on Thursday 17th September.

Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter – Rescue Day Appeal
It was fantastic to see $69.60 raised as donations for the day. Congratulations to the winners of our colouring-in competition – Piper McCormack, Daeya Parker and Harry Campbell.

Autism Awareness Meeting – 3:30pm Wednesday
Miss Black is currently participating in an Autism Awareness course and has kindly offered to have an afternoon meeting to present and discuss some of the behaviours exhibited by people on the autism spectrum and ways to effectively manage and engage children.

Premiers Reading Challenge
All children must have completed their reading record by this Thursday 21st August. I would like to congratulate the 22 students who have completed the challenge at the moment; there are another 10 students almost there. Planning is underway for our BIG DAY OUT early next term.

Book Week

Next week! Save your money to buy some awesome books and get those costumes organised. Children will view the books and make their wish lists on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Our parade, activities and purchasing day will be Thursday 27th August.

The BIG VEGIE CRUNCH
Thursday 21st August at 11am. Bring a vegetable to CRUNCH.

Aim: to set a record for the most children eating vegetables at one time across NSW.

Gala Days
We are currently organising teams for the upcoming Gala days – Touch Football - Friday 4th Sept, Lower Clarence Rugby (Union) Carnival – Thursday 10th Sept and Cricket. Any Parents that are available to coach at lunchtime would be appreciated.

Excursions
Thank you to those parents who have paid or made part payments for excursions. All students will be involved in their school excursions in Term 4, Week 4. Could parents please be aware of these dates and begin to make payments to the office. Please return initial permission notes ASAP.
5/6 – Brisbane – 26th – 29th October - $450
3/4 – Coffs Harbour – 27th – 29th October - $190
K/1/2 – Macadamia Castle – 20th October - $30

Kind Regards
Kathy Hardaker

School News

K/1 Class News
Thank you to Marcus Johnson for talking to the students about his experiences as a helicopter pilot on Friday, for our Rescue Helicopter Fundraiser Day. Homework contract this week is 25. Maths mentals unit 25. Spelling rule for year 1 is ‘v’ in vase and ‘ve’ in sleeve, ‘w’ in was and ‘wh’ in whale. Many permission notes have been returned for our excursion next term, thank you. If you haven’t already done so, please return them soon so I can finalise the numbers attending. Maths focus this week is ordinal numbers and place value for year 1. Kinders are learning number names to thirty and counting forwards and backwards to 30.

Thank you Ms R Cherry

2/3 Class News
Congratulations to all the students who are ‘Forever Green’ and to those who won awards on Friday. We had a fantastic day raising money and awareness of the Rescue Helicopter service. This week we are learning about area and length in maths and our sound is ‘s’ made by the letters s, ss, x. Students will be publishing their narratives this week. Have great green week!

Thanks, Ms Teague

4/5/6 Class News
Welcome to Week 6! Our class goal this week is to get 90% of homework returned! Work hard everyone! The count down is on for the school performance and it’s great to see the enthusiasm from the students. The cricket clinic was great last week and Tiff will be back this week so wear your sports uniform on Wednesday.

Cheers, Ms Black

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The count down is on to the school performance, only 22 sleeps to go!! A huge thank you to the helpers who put in a day last Wednesday, it was exciting to see the costumes come to life! Tickets for the performance were sent home yesterday. Please ensure you received them! If you wish to purchase more than your two allocated tickets they are on sale from next Monday. Here is a sneak preview of two characters you will see in our performance.

LIVE LIFE WELL

Seeing Daylight

Why is short-sightedness (myopia) becoming so common in many countries? 30 - 40% and rising in the US, Europe and Australia? Too much reading? Too much screen time? It would appear that myopia, once rare in human beings, is the result of too much artificial light and not enough natural daylight, which is a thousand times stronger and has more blue and green wavelengths. Children who spend more time outdoors have sharper eyesight than those who play indoors, research from Qld, Taiwan and Denmark have all revealed, and the mechanism is that artificial light weakens the eyeball’s focussing mechanism. The answer: get your children outdoors for an hour a day, which is enough to improve eyesight in the growing years.

ARCO

People know about the Klan and the overt racism, but the killing of one’s soul little by little, day after day, is a lot worse than someone coming in your house and lynching you.

Samuel L. Jackson
CAN YOU HELP??
YEAR 6 PARENTS: The legacy of the 2015 Year 6s will be stencils of games and their names on some of the concrete areas at school. The stencils are available the weekends of September 5th and 12th. The concrete will need to be pressure cleaned beforehand and the stencils applied. Can you contact me if you are available either of these weekends, or even for an hour or two after school before these dates.
Thanks, Margie 0410 651 774.

Lower Clarence Little Athletics
Come and give Little Athletics a go!
When: Monday 14th September
Time: 3:45pm – 5:00pm
Where: Maclean High School (park in TAFE carpark)
For more information please call/email or facebook:
Email: lowerclarencelittleathletics@gmail.com
FB: Lower Clarence Little Athletics
Audrey: 6646 8081 or 0402 335 628
Cathy: 6645 5996 or 0416 201 103

YAMBA SWIM ACADEMY
AT YAMBA COMMUNITY HEATED POOL - PH: 66461750
TERM 4 SWIMMING LESSONS 2015
We are now taking enrolments for our Preschool and School-age ‘Learn-To-Swim’ program during Term 4, 2015. Lessons run by Yamba Swim Academy consist of one or two 30-minute lessons a week, for a period of 8 weeks in Term 4, and again over 8 weeks in Term 1. For further information, please collect one of our ‘Swim Lessons’ information sheets at the Yamba Community Heated Pool. Please note that these lessons are completely separate to the ‘Intensive Swimming Program’ that our Public Schools hold in Term 4 of each year.

Understanding Autism
All parents and friends are welcome to join the staff of FEFS for an information session about people with autism. The purpose behind the session is to build a greater awareness and understanding of the characteristics and profiles of people with autism.
When: Wednesday 19th August, 2015
Where: Year 4/5/6 classroom FEFS
Time: 3:30 – 4:30pm
Come and enjoy a cuppa and hearing a story.

P & C NEWS
Don’t forget to send in your recipes for our Cookbook! These can be given to the Front Office or emailed to osteriamartini@hotmail.com