Week 3 Term 2:
5th May 2015

Newsletter
Gillwinga
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UNIFORMS

Thank you to all those families and students who are making a great effort with their uniforms, this shows that they have respect for themselves and respect for the school which is greatly admired.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

On Thursday 7th May, the P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day stall. Students will be able to purchase gifts starting in price from fifty cents up to seven dollars. We acknowledge that some students may live in single parent families or be in care and those students are more than welcome to buy a gift for a special person.

OTHER EVENTS

Thursday 7th May – Kinder, Year One and Year Two will be participating in the Responsible Pet Program.
- Friday 8th May – District X-Country Westward Park – all students should have returned their notes and money to either Mr Simpson or Mrs Magarry.

PLAYGROUP

The response to the playgroup session of the last few weeks has been very disappointing. Playgroup is a great opportunity for children to develop socialisation skills and be involved in interactive activities that help develop their physical and cognitive abilities. Playgroup runs each Friday from 9:00am to 11:00am and is free of charge with a morning tea provided. I look forward to seeing more families make use of this great free community resource.

READY SET GO

Our Pre-Kinder orientation program “Ready Set Go” is set to commence on Monday 25th June. All families should have received a flyer with their newsletters. Flyers are available from the school website or you can contact the front office. If you know of any new families in the area please encourage them to contact the school to enquire about “Ready Set Go”.

SCHOOL CLOTHING

Now that the weather is starting to cool down students may like to start bringing a jumper to school. School Jumpers are available from the front office. It is important that students have their names clearly marked on any clothing they bring to school as this will assist staff to locate the correct owner if it is misplaced.

DENTAL VISIT

Families of Aboriginal students are reminded that all Dental notes should have now been returned.
The Dental clinic is set down for Friday 29th of May.

NAPLAN

Next week students in years three and five will sit the NAPLAN tests. All families with students in those years should have received a letter providing additional information last week. If any parents/carers have any concerns regarding the tests they are asked to contact the appropriate class teacher.

STEWART HOUSE

All families should have received envelopes from Stewart House. Stewart House provides a residential program for approximately 1,800 NSW Public Education students each year. Whilst at Stewart House students receive optometric, dental and health care treatment. Children in care at Stewart House attend a specific school run and funded by the NSW Department of Education and all other funding is provided through charitable donations. Each year Gillwinga students attend Stewart House and I encourage all families to contribute two dollars to this very worthwhile organisation.

WESTPAC HELICOPTER FUNDRAISER

A number of the office staff will be participating in the Westpac Helicopter Coastal Charity Walk from Moonee Beach to Coffs Harbour on Sunday, 14th June. If any parents/carers or community would like to sponsor the staff or would like to find out more information please contact the front office.

RESPONSIBLE PET PROGRAM

On Thursday Kinder, Year One and Year Two will be involved in the responsible pet program. This program will occur during school hours and aims to teach young students about the importance of looking after pets in a responsible and safe manner.

ASSEMBLY

All parents/carers and community members are invited to attend our assembly on Friday commencing at 9:00am in the hall. This week Kindergarten will be sharing with us some of the activities they have been doing in class.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that counts but life in your years" – Abraham Lincoln

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 11th May: Kylie Kelly; Tuesday 12th May: Mandy Lindley
GRAFTON SHOW WINNERS 2015

RECYCLED MATERIAL CLASS 16
1st Prize: Mali Marlowe-Ward - Kinder
2nd Prize: Ne’kisha Kennedy - Kinder
Highly Commended: Leenandan Newell - Kinder

ANY OTHER WORK CLASS 13
1st Prize: Vani Singh - Kinder
2nd Prize: Keneisha Thornton - Kinder
Highly Commended: Dammilla Ellis - Kinder

ANY OTHER ARTICLE CLASS 17
1st Prize: Angel Robinson - Kinder
2nd Prize: Kenneth Thornton-Drew - Kinder
Highly Commended: Albert Robinson - Kinder

PAPER CRAFT CLASS 3
1st Prize: Oden Mansfield - Kinder
2nd Prize: Kenneth Thornton-Drew - Kinder
Highly Commended: Lucy Wales - Kinder

OTHER ART WORK CLASS 28
1st Prize: Zoe Quinn - 4/5S
2nd Prize: Eddie Schulz - 4/5S
Highly Commended: William Daniels 4/5S

DRAWING UNFRAMED CLASS 12 YEAR 2
1st Prize: Sidney Kelly - 2/3OC

OTHER ARTICLE CLASS 31
1st Prize: Annyka Brooks 2/3OC
2nd Prize: Breanna Hamilton 2/3OC
Highly Commended: Grace Schulz 2/3OC

COLLAGE WORK UNFRAMED CLASS 5
1st Prize: Gemma Quinn 1/2C
2nd Prize: Maya Connor 1/2C
Highly Commended: Joseph Mansfield 1/2C

DRAWING UNFRAMED CLASS 26 YEAR 3
1st Prize: Breanna Hamilton 2/3OC
2nd Prize: Brent Iggliden 2/3OC

ANY OTHER ARTWORK CLASS 42
1st Prize: Elisa Allen 5/6C
2nd Prize: Brock Ferguson 5/6C
Highly Commended: Hanna Kaptein 5/6C
DRAWING UNFRAMED YEAR 5 CLASS 40
1st Prize: Elisa Allen

ANY OTHER ARTICLE CLASS 45
1st Prize: Elisa Allen 5/6C
2nd Prize: Hanna Kaptein 5/6C

DRAWING UNFRAMED YEAR 6 CLASS 41
1st Prize: Alex Schulz 5/6C
2nd Prize: Reese Russell 5/6C
Highly Commended: Alex Schulz 5/6C

DRAWING UNFRAMED YEAR 6 CLASS 39
1st Prize: Alex Schulz 5/6C
2nd Prize: Hanna Kaptein 5/6C

PAINTING UNFRAMED YEAR 5 CLASS 38
1st Prize: Elisa Allen 5/6C
2nd Prize: Eddie Schulz 4/5S
SESQUICENTENARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

This year we celebrate 150 years of Public Education in the Lower Clarence. The decision to establish the first school in Maclean, then known as “Rocky Mouth” was made on 17th May, 1865.

While there have been a number of different school locations since then, there has always been Public Education available to the students of the Lower Clarence.

On Sunday 7th June 2015, celebrations will be held to mark this important occasion. There will be a showcase of Public Education both present and past with dance, song, instrumental ensembles, displays both static and interactive and open classrooms to which past and present staff, students, parents and the general public are warmly invited.

The day will commence with a formal assembly at 10.00am, Sunday 7th June in the Maclean Public School Hall, corner of Woodford and Clarence Streets Maclean. For more information visit the Maclean Public School Website at http://www.maclean-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/sesquicentenary or call Sesquicentenary Coordinator, Marilyn Donelan on 0407 452 967 or Principal, Sandra Armstrong on 66452544.
SESQUICENTENARY of
PUBLIC EDUCATION in MACLEAN

10am Sunday, 7th June 2015. Maclean Public School Hall.

~ PROGRAM ~

Ringing of the old school bell

Scotland the Brave played on the bagpipes by Alistair Wallace – please take your seat in the Hall

National Anthem – led by Mrs Elisabeth Moore

Welcome to Country – Aunty Muriel, Yaegl Elder

Smoking Ceremony

Official Welcome Maclean Public School Principal - Sandra Armstrong

Performance by the Maclean Public and Maclean High Schools Combined Choir

Glen Brown representing Maclean High School

1988 time capsule display and film presented by the Maclean Public School Ministers for Education

Aboriginal Education in the Lower Clarence Valley – Mrs Beris Duroux

Maclean High School Dancers (TBC)

Ex Principals Lorraine Bryant & Paul Heaton

Brief history of Education in the Lower Clarence- Mrs Marilyn Donelan

Maclean Public School Instrumental Ensemble

Cake cutting by the oldest ex-student and youngest current Maclean Public School student

Mr Chris Gulaptis, MP will address the gathering in the hall

Everyone invited outside for the tree planting – Mr Chris Gulaptis & Mr Trevor Kapeen

Food and Refreshments served adjacent to the hall and in the school canteen

Open Classrooms and Displays from Midday till 3pm

All Welcome