

to extend the coding expertise within the group. The students represented our school beautifully and came away with fresh ideas to try in coding. Thank you to Mrs Crouch, Mrs Croft and Mrs Fantini for driving the students to and from the venue.

Book Packs

Book pack fees are now due. The cost this year is \$60.00 per student which is subsidised also by the school. This provides students with their spelling text, maths text, maths mental, homework book, home-reading journal and stationery supplies for the year. Please note that Kindergarten students book packs were covered as part of their pre-kinder package.

Direct deposits can be made into the school account (please make sure you put your child's name & "Bookpack" in the deposit details: **Westpac BSB: 032 001 Account#: 144547**. Or you can pay online via the Palmers Island Public School website under "make a payment".

<http://www.palmersisl-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>



### Healthy Kids

#### Body & Mind

## FREE workshop for parents

Grab a friend and come and enjoy this fun and informative half day workshop

Topics covered:

- Building resilience in our kids
- Tips on getting kids to eat healthier and exercise more

DATE: Thursday 16th March  
TIME: 9am till 12:30pm  
WHERE: Palmers Island Public School

Morning tea will be provided  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Angela Rock or Jo Duffy 66427257 or email [FRSP@cranes.org.au](mailto:FRSP@cranes.org.au)

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### P&C News

## P&C Fundraiser - The 5c Challenge

Do you have any 5 cent pieces that you could donate to this fundraiser?

We are looking for as many 5 cent pieces as we can find!

Each classroom will be provided with a clear jar to collect as many 5 cent pieces as they can. At the end of the 4 weeks the class with the most 5c coins will win a Hotdog lunch.

Community News

### YAMBA BREAKERS FOOTBALL CLUB

## FOOTBALL

A fun sport for both girls and boys from age 5 up.

### 2017 FOOTBALL SEASON

If you are interested in playing, please register online:  
Register now at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

If you have any queries at all, please contact us at: [yambafc@gmail.com](mailto:yambafc@gmail.com)  
Or Club registrar Wendie Moffitt - 0474057997 / Tania Shugg - 0419621774

Fees for 2017:  
Small sided 5-7 years - \$95.00  
Juniors 8-11 years - \$125.00  
Juniors 12-16 years - \$155.00

**The season kicks off with our first round of games on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

- You will need to be registered and have your fees paid before you attend training or play in Saturday games, so please pay your fees ASAP.

### Lower Clarence Relay For Life

Sat 18 & Sun 19 March 2017

Register, Participate, Donate  
1300 65 85 85

[relayforlife.org.au](http://relayforlife.org.au)

Yamba Public School, Angourie Rd  
3pm Saturday to 9am Sunday  
[www.yambapublicschool.nsw.edu.au](http://www.yambapublicschool.nsw.edu.au)

### BCU YAMBA HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP 2017

Your region, your money

The 2017 BCU Yamba Holiday Sports Camp is on this April. Sports to be played will include: tennis, (racquets available), basketball, futsal, volleyball, netball, table tennis, and finishing with swim & Sausage sizzle on Thursday & of course the mini gymnastics with Clarence Coastal Gymnastics. Also appearing will be Mel & Vanessa from 24/7 gym with special running races & field games. Canteen facilities available at pool & indoor centre. Venues to be used: Yamba Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts and Raymond Laurie Sports Centre. Lots of prizes including BCU bank accounts to be won!!!

**When:** Tues 18<sup>th</sup>, Wed 19<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
**Where:** Pool Tennis Courts Angourie Road, Yamba  
**Time:** 9:30am-1:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$100 (Day rate \$40)

Organised pick-up from 8:45am Iluka ferry, returning 2:30pm ferry Yamba.  
Any further inquiries please phone Alan on 0416016775.

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Palmer's Island Public School Newsletter 13th March, 2017

Principal News

Staffing News

We congratulate Miss Smith on her graduate appointment that she commences at the beginning of Term 2. We thank her for all of her contributions to our school. 3/4 will welcome Ms Clare to the classroom teacher's position for the remainder of the year. Mrs Doyle will step into the Opportunity Classes in Term 2 which will again be run on Mondays and continue to focus on Writing and STEM, however this group will now include The Arts.

Basketball Gala Day

3/4 have travelled to the Raymond Laurie Sports centre to participate in the annual basketball gala day today. Miss Smith and Mr O'Brien have taken lots of pictures for us. We hope that they all have lots of fun.

Young Leaders Conference

Ms Hardaker has been checking in throughout the day with great updates from the Young Leaders Conference in Brisbane. Year 6 is having a great time. We look forward to seeing them return inspired leaders.

Visible Learning Professional Development

Ms Davies is in Brisbane today and tomorrow at a much sort after visible learning conference with the highly acclaimed John Hattie. We look forward to Ms Davies return and her sharing the wonderful knowledge she has gained. Mrs Doyle will be taking K/1/2 in her absence.

RSVP - Healthy Kids Body and Mind Parent Workshop

Cranes is running a FREE workshop at our school on Thursday from 9am-12:30pm. The workshop will focus on building resilience with your child and healthy eating tips and tricks. If you are able to come along it is not too late just pop your name down at the office or reply via school stream.

Kids in the Kitchen

An Italian Master class will be held this Wednesday with Chef Roberto Martini. 3/4 will learn the art of pizza making





13th March 2017



- **3/4 Kids in the Kitchen**  
**Wednesday, 15th March**
- **Maclean High School**  
**Transition Day**  
**Wednesday, 15th March**
- **Rugby Gala Day 3-6 Yamba**  
**Thursday, 16th March**
- **Harmony Day at Harwood**  
**Sunday, 19th March**
- **5/6 Basketball Gala Day**  
**RLSC**  
**Monday, 20th March**
- **Harmony Day**  
**Tuesday, 21st March**
- **NRPSSA Rugby League**  
**Wednesday, 22nd March**
- **NRPSSA Basketball,**  
**Lismore**  
**Monday, 27th March**
- **K/1/2 Kids in the Kitchen**  
**Wednesday, 29th March**
- **Term 1 Reports go home**  
**Friday, 31st March**
- **Easter Hat Parade**  
**Friday, 7th April**



School Banking day  
is: Tuesday



Our P&C are looking for  
2 Litre Ice cream contain-  
ers. If you have any spare  
could you please drop  
them into the office.

Thank you!

and enjoy their delicious creations. If you are able to come along and assist please let Miss Smith know.

#### Harmony Day

Harmony Day at Harwood will be held this week on Sunday 19th March. PIPS students will be performing the song 'Everyone Belongs'. It would be great to see as many students there as possible. Please return your note so that we have an idea of how many will be attending.

#### The 'Tell Them From Me' Student Feedback Survey Years 4-6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will once again participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW state-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to the school office.

Kind Regards,

Ellie Wiseman

### School News

#### K/1/2 Class News

Hello everyone,

K/1/2 had a fantastic week of learning last week. Along with our normal classroom activities we have been enthusiastically practising our lovely Harmony Day song 'Everyone Belongs' to sing at Harwood next Sunday 19th March. We look forward to seeing you there.

Today (Monday) and Tuesday I will be attending a conference in Brisbane on Visible Learning. The conference is being led by Professor John Hattie and the Visible Learning Plus team. We will be looking at learning strategies that have greatest impact on learners based on evidenced based research. I am

looking very forward to attending this conference and participating in the planned workshops. I am also looking very forward to sharing this cutting edge information with our staff and implementing it where applicable in our classrooms. In my absence Ms Doyle will be taking K/1/2.

The children have enjoyed borrowing from the library again so please remember to pack library books/bags on Wednesday. Also thank you to those students who are routinely changing their readers throughout the week and returning homework folders on Friday.

Hope you have a fantastic week ahead.

Kind Regards, *Ms Davies*

#### 3/4 Class News

Hello everyone and welcome to another week! I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine over the weekend, before this week of rain hits us. We have a busy, busy week ahead for the amazing 3/4 class. Today, we are all very excited to take part in the Basketball Gala Day in Yamba. It will be a great day out. On Wednesday we have our first Kids in the Kitchen for 2017. We are so lucky to have one of the Clarence Valley's top chefs coming in to assist us prepare some mouth-watering meals. Thank you to the parents who are also assisting us on the day. Everyone in 3/4 presented a speech last week, with a matching digital slideshow. I was overwhelmed with pride to see them all overcome their nerves and successfully complete their oral assessment task. They all did an outstanding job and should be very proud of themselves.

The students have loved learning a new song to sing at Harmony Day this Sunday at the Harwood Hotel.

We are on a roll in regards to homework, and most students are handing their homework in consistently every single week. Thank you for your assistance in this area.

Have a great week,

*Miss Smith*

#### 5/6 Class News

**HOMEWORK:** Great work everyone. It is really nice to mark neatly completed homework. Please come in and have chat if there are problems when completing homework, it should not be a stressful time but an opportunity to share and understand more about what your child is doing at school. Some extra reading journals were sent in last week, yeah!!! We are revising our 6x, 7x and 8x tables this week.

I have sent home a copy of the song "Everyone Belongs" for us to sing at the Harwood Hotel Harmony Day next Sunday 19th March. It would be great to have as many students representing our school as possible for this lovely community event.

Our excursion to Brisbane is planned for Term 4. It is quite expensive, estimated at \$450. I encourage all parents to start making part payments to the office or online to help make this less painful.

Rugby Union Gala Day: unfortunately this event has been cancelled due to lack of interest from schools. The Yamba Buccaneers will organise another day later in the year.

Kind regards,

*Kathy Hardaker*

#### Coding Class News

Last Wednesday our Coding Opportunity Class attended a "Code Club Workshop" at the Maclean Council Chambers. It was a great chance

