

# PALMERS PRESS

*Palmers Island Public School Newsletter*



## *Whats On*

MACLEAN HIGH  
INFORMATION  
EVENING YR 6  
5PM

**8 JUNE**

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**14 JUNE**

DENTAL HEALTH  
VISIT WEEK

**15 JUNE**

FAMILY FUN DAY  
LAST DAY OF TERM 2

**25 JUNE**

## PRINCIPALS NEWS

Welcome to week 7

Thank you to Mr Johnson and Ms Crockett for their time last Friday with the Wheel Chair Basketball sessions. Students had a great time and have a good appreciation.

Please note that the Netball Gala Day organised by Netball NSW for Tuesday 8th June has been cancelled.

## **Family Fun Day**

In celebration of our beautiful newly resurfaced courts we would like to invite our families to compete and play in a fun tennis competition on the last day of school, Friday 25th June. The tennis day will start at 9:30am and give students and family members a chance to enter a mixed team. We will provide a lunch time bbq for all participants.

Students will be looking to show off their skills after having participated in 3 weeks of tennis coaching by Mr Alan Jurd. There will be novelty prizes as well as prizes for the winning teams. An entry form will go home with today's newsletter.

## **PreKinder**

Our Pre-Kinder transition program is getting ready to start in Term 3. We look forward to welcoming our new enrolments to Wednesday 1/2 day lessons through-out the term. In Term 4, our PreKinder students will participate in full day readiness programs so they are fully integrated and ready to start at day 1 in 2022.

We are also happy to have our pre-school excursions back up and going. Maclean Community Preschool will visit our school on Wednesday 16th June for a Mr Men themed fun day out.

Our Yamba Preschool day was a huge success with lots of Mr Men and Little Miss fun.

If you know of any families looking to start their child in 2022 please share this information with them or for further information please get them to contact our office.



Book your tour today!

## Palmers Island Public School

Join our Small School with specialist teachers, caring nurturing environment providing opportunity and to all students.

Our Pre-Kinder Program runs throughout term 3 & 4.

## Pre Kinder Program 2021

**TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2022**

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Two children, a girl and a boy, are sitting at a table, smiling and looking at the camera. They are holding a white cup filled with colorful pencils.



# INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS / CARER GIVERS

## Information Evening and Tour of Maclean High School

Where: Maclean High School in the School Library

When: Tuesday 8th June, 2021

Time: Tours available from 5pm  
Information Evening starts at 5:30pm  
Light refreshments available

We look forward to meeting all parents/caregivers of  
Year 6 students from the Clarence Valley.



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# MACLEAN HIGH SCHOOL





# CLASSROOM NEWS - MR LITTLE & K/1/2

WEEK 7 - Term 2

Hello from K, 1, 2,

This week we are back on track with our literacy lessons after many rigorous assessments. We are about to learn even more sounds and adding suffixes such as 's' to nouns and 'ing' to verbs. Kindies are continuing to learn more letter sounds k, u, b, j, and will soon be learning their first digraphs. It is so impressive to see the kindies writing so well for themselves, please check out their amazing work in the office foyer next time you are in.

In numeracy we are about to explore addition in kindergarten through story. Students are asked in each lesson, 'how many altogether?' so please start asking students at home. Year One students are about to develop their skills in doubles and use strategies for near-double numbers while Year Two are going to work on their subtraction skills while understanding the relationship to addition strategies.

Just a few days ago our students had the fantastic chance to see a lunar eclipse. Just by luck we'd been learning about the moon that day. We will be continuing with our study of the moon, the sky and the sun this week with the making of model constellations to hang up in our classrooms.

I also need to mention the incredible opportunity of having 'Social Futures' visit us for Wheelchair Basketball. The kids loved it, they had fun and gained a fresh perspective of what it might be like to use a wheelchair or have a disability.

That's all for now.

Kind Regards  
Mr Little



# CLASSROOM NEWS - MR BURGESS & 3/4/5/6

WEEK 7 - Term 2

Welcome to week 7.

We had a massive week last week with plenty of work and assessments being completed with some extra activities included as well.

Last week on Friday it was a basketball bonanza with the school participating in two rounds for sport. A very special thank you to Garbie Croft for coming in and completing skills and drills with the kids over the past couple of weeks. The kids have progressed amazingly and their confidence has come leaps and bounds. We are very excited for the next gala day.

We were also lucky enough to have Paralympian silver medalist David Johnson come in and teach the kids skills in wheelchair basketball. It was fantastic to see the kids listen to David's story and demonstrate amazing respect while participating in the sport.

Congratulations to our assembly award winners last week. Savanah was our sportsperson of the week for excellent participation in the basketball skills, soccer training and the race around Australia activities. Our citizen of the week was Isabelle for consistently helping around the classroom and always looking for ways to contribute in the school and classroom. Well done to Huck and Danica for collecting our students of the week. Danica has shown amazing application towards her maths and her confidence is growing in this area. Huck has also been working tirelessly in his studies and being an amazing help around the classroom.

Kind regards, Mr Burgess





# CLASSROOM NEWS - MRS ESSEX

WEEK 7 - Term 2



As teachers we are often warned about the dangers of social media and similar platforms. Last week the Sydney Morning Herald reported an account of a 10 year old boy being 'groomed' on Snapchat and Fortnite.

eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant says there has been a 90 per cent increase in reports of online child sex abuse to her office since the pandemic started, and there is approximately 14,000 cases investigated that had to do with child sexual abuse material, the highest number ever.

Grooming used to be talked about as quite a long-term strategy, offenders spending a long time building up a relationship. The eSafety Commissioner is finding that can happen really quickly online - in a matter of minutes.

Online social media platforms and online streaming platforms have not been designed with any guard rails in place; they can be anonymous, they may be encrypted but there are no identity or age obligations, no legal obligation visited upon these platforms to ensure there is no predictable risk of harm to children.

## Top five tips for parents to help keep their children safe online



Set time limits for using devices during non-school hours.



Keep your kids in open areas of the home when using their devices.



Turn on privacy settings to restrict who contacts your child in apps and games.



Join in with your child's online activities by co-viewing and co-playing.



Start talking to your kids about online safety the moment you hand over a digital device.

Source: Office of the eSafety Commissioner

If you or anyone you know needs support call [Kidshelpline](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au) 1800 55 1800, [Lifeline](https://www.lifeline.org.au) 131 114, or [Beyond Blue](https://www.beyondblue.org.au) 1300 224 636











# COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling all parents and carers! Claim your first \$100 Active Kids voucher for the year. 🏐🏏🏈

Voucher 1 is valid January to December and a second voucher is valid July to December.

Register and get your kids playing today:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids>



## WINTER HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP 2021

The 2021 Winter Holiday Sports Camp is on this July. Loads of fun activities & prizes to be won: including a brand new tennis racquet. A fun tennis tournament will be played with a cash prize for the winner. Full canteen facilities available & of course the world "Big Ball" Championships will be on. Also the first Winter World Hand Ball Champs will be played, along with the Tug-of-War & so much more.

**When:** Mon 5th, Tues 6th & Wed 7th July

**Where:** LCTA Tennis Courts Cnr Union & McLachlan Sts Maclean

**Time:** 9:00am-1:00 pm

**Cost:** \$100 (Day rate \$40)

Any further inquiries please phone Alan on 0416 016 775.

### WINTER HOLIDAY CAMP 2019 RETURN SLIP

Please circle one of the following categories: Ages from 4 yrs & up.

\* K - Grade 2      2. Grade 3 - 5      3. Grade 6 - 8

Photographs: YES or NO

Complete and return permission slip with payment by Sat 3rd July

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mob: \_\_\_\_\_

All monies payable to Alan Jurd Coaching.

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## FREE

Ear Health Checks for Children



## ANNUAL OTITIS MEDIA AWARENESS DAY

Grafton Shoppingworld  
Thursday 17 June 2021  
10 am - 4 pm

Is this your child?

- Frequent colds and ear infections
- Poor speech development
- Trouble concentrating in class
- Says 'what' or 'pardon' often

Hard to Hear, Hard to Learn!

FREE

Ear Health Checks for Children  
No Appointment Necessary

This event is initiated by the NSW Department of Education in conjunction with NSW Community Health at Grafton and Maclean, and Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service.

Our mobile screening van is coming to

**Yamba** early June to late June

**Iluka** late June to early July

**Maclean** July to early August



Book online or call 13 20 50

Yamba Golf Club River St.

Iluka Bowls Club Denne St.

Maclean Cameron Park  
Centenary Drive



We recommend women aged 50 - 74 have a mammogram every two years.  
Book your free mammogram online at [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 20 50.