



# PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome to our final week of term 3. What a wonderful term it has been. It is nice to reflect on many of our successes both in and out of the classroom. The first I would like to acknowledge is our P&C fete. What a wonderful success this event was for our school and extended community. Our amazing P&C supported by our families raised \$6,000.

On the sporting field, students recorded many Personal Bests and achievements at our Small Schools Carnivals, Northern Rivers Carnival and of course Joey at both State and National levels.

We congratulated our Ten Pin Bowling team who are off to Sydney to compete in the State Championships next term, and all enjoyed weekly Basketball with ex-student Levi Croft.

Camp was a great success with a flying visit to Sydney followed by what can only be described as an AWESOME time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

We welcomed our first teaching exchange with Miss Ritamalta. Where teachers exchanged professional knowledge and collegial support that continues despite the distance between our two schools.

Hugely successful Book Week, Science Week and Education Weeks were held thanks to Mr Richards, Mr Little and Mrs Essex where it was lovely to see so many families enjoying dress-ups and assemblies.

We saw additions to the playground which is being enjoyed daily by students. These upgrades were thanks to the P&C along with Lions Club donations.

Over this holiday period, Mrs Essex and Mr Richard's classroom and toilet block will get a new roof and hopefully, our toilets will get an upgrade in the near future. Foundations have begun for a demountable and approval has been given for a second demountable to support our growing school.

Today we farewell both Mr. Little and Tommy and Eli Parr. We thank Mr. Little for his time at Palmers Island and wish him the very best for the future. Also sorely missed will be the lovely Parr brothers who are off to Coffs Harbour. We look forward to staying in touch and wish you all the very best for your big move.



# 2ND PLACE - SMALL SCHOOLS WRITING COMPETITION



Mermaid

Half girl, half fish

Flowing through the ocean

Parting the water as she glides

Siren



**BY ANGUS MORRIS  
YEAR 6**

TERM 4	WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
OCT	1	9	10	11	12 Piano	13	14/15
OCT	2	16	17	18	19 Piano	20	21/22
OCT	3	23	24	25	26 Piano	27 Day for Daniel Wear Red	28/29
OCT/ NOV	4	30	31	1 High School Transition Tenpin Sydney	2 Piano	3 HIPS Handball & Hamburgers	4/5
NOV	5	6	7	8	9 Piano	10	11/12
NOV	6	13	14	15	16 Piano	17	18/19
NOV	7	20	21	22	23 Piano	24	25/26
NOV/ DEC	8	27	28	29	30 Piano	1	2/3
DEC	9	4	5	6	7 Piano	8	9/10
DEC	10	11	12	13	14 Piano	15	16/17
		18	19				

# NEWS FROM MR LITTLE



Dear Palmers Island Public School Community,

As I pen down this note, it's with a heart full of gratitude and memories that I reflect on my incredible journey of nearly four years at this wonderful school. From the outset, I've felt welcomed, supported, and inspired by both the parents and the bright young minds I've had the privilege to teach.

Every moment spent here has been a learning curve, not just for the students, but for me as well. From the teachers and staff to each student, you've all imparted invaluable lessons that will stay with me throughout my teaching career. These years at Palmers Island will always occupy a special chapter in the story of my life.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to Miss Webber as she steps into the classroom. I am confident that her kind and compassionate approach will ensure that the students continue to thrive and achieve their best.

Before I sign off, I want to share a highlight from the last few weeks. Our music-making unit was a blend of rhythm, joy, and creativity. We not only listened to but also created some memorable tunes together. And as a parting gesture, each student will be taking home a foam glider plane. We've poured our creativity into colouring and painting them, making each one as unique as its owner.

Though my journey at Palmers Island is concluding, our paths may cross again. So, instead of goodbye, I'll simply say: See you around.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
That's all for now.  
Max Little



# NEWS FROM MRS ESSEX

I love term 3 – it is exhausting, but we get to experience and achieve many things that highlight our students and school.

We had Education Week, Science Week, Book Week, School Excursion, Touch and Basketball Gala Days the School Family Fun Day.

In my class we implemented the Chill Out Room during lunches for kids who want to enjoy a quieter space.

Academically the students of our MC class have focused on descriptive writing as we joined forces with Jasper Road Primary School in a writing collaborative project. In history, stage 2 has been learning all about the cultural significance of celebrating and commemorating important days like Anzac Day and Chinese New Year. Year 3 has been learning all about the Australian Parliament.

In Science, we have focused on digital technology and learning how to code basic algorithms. Thankfully the boys are all pretty cluey when it comes to writing code and have managed to teach me a thing or two!

Heading into the final stretch of the year we get to do some amazing things like Surfing and our 2-week Intensive Swim School.

We are especially sad that little Eli and big brother Tommy will be leaving us this term to move away to Coffs Harbour. The Parr family will be missed here at Palmers. We wish the boys all the best and hopefully, they can visit next time they are calling into Yamba.

Have a safe and happy holiday – we will see you all in two weeks!

Mrs Essex



# NEWS FROM MR RICHARDS

Welcome to week 10.

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to share a brief update with you.

Our Stage 2 and 3 students had a fantastic time at the recent Touch Football Gala Day. They showcased excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. It was a great opportunity for all students to learn and develop football skills.

Our Year 6 students have successfully completed their check-in assessments, which covered numeracy, reading, and writing skills. These assessments serve as valuable milestones in their educational journey, providing insights into their development and areas of strength.

In our recent art unit, we delved into the world of Banksy. Through this exploration, students gained an understanding of art appreciation and had the opportunity to craft their own Banksy-inspired artworks. It's been a creative journey, fostering an appreciation for artistic expression.

Wishing you a restful break, and I look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Mr. Richards

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Scan the QR code to register as a player

**2023 BASKETBALL MONDAYS**

Yamba Basketball  
Term 3 & 4

**Spring Competition**

**SIGN ON DAY**  
Monday 21st August

YEAR 3&4: 3:45PM • YEAR 5&6: 4:30PM  
YEAR 7&8: 5:15PM • YEAR 9&10: 6PM&7PM  
SENIOR WOMEN: 6PM • SENIOR MEN: 7PM

ENQUIRIES:  Yamba Basketball - Junior Trawlers  
Email: [risc@clarence.nsw.gov.au](mailto:risc@clarence.nsw.gov.au)

**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**

**WEEK 1:**  
Located outside Target  
**WORKSHOP WONDERS**  
Presents  
**Kites & Suncatchers workshop**

Mon 25th - Sat 30th Sept  
10am - 1pm  
Decorate your very own kite or suncatcher to take home with you.

Suncatchers  
Mon, Wed, Fri  
Kites  
Tues, Thurs, Sat

**WEEK 2:**  
Located outside Woolworths  
**NORTHCOAST PRODUCTIONS**  
Presents  
**The Great LEGO® Building Challenge**

**Heats:**  
Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th Oct  
3-7 years 10:30am & 12:30pm  
8-14 years 11:30am & 1:30pm

**Finals:**  
Saturday 7th Oct  
3-7 years 11:30am  
8-14 years 12:30pm

 LEGO® and the brick configuration are property of the LEGO® Group, which does not sponsor, own, or endorse this event.

## MACLEAN UNITED CRICKET CLUB



### ALL GRADES:

UNDER 12'S, UNDER 14'S, UNDER 17'S, 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE.

CONTACT: Club Secretary SIMON HOLLIS: 0419098159

Or through our Facebook page

To register visit: [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

"Search for club or centre"

[Maclean United Cricket Club](https://www.facebook.com/MacleanUnitedCricketClub)




**REGISTER NOW**  
Woolworths Cricket Blast  
Thursdays from 4pm-5pm

**Maclean United Cricket Club**  
Contact: Simon Hollis - Secretary  
M: 0419098159

TO REGISTER VISIT: [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)  
SEARCH FOR CLUB: [Maclean United Cricket Club](https://www.facebook.com/MacleanUnitedCricketClub)  
Sign Up and Play Cricket Today

**BLASTING OFF:** 12<sup>TH</sup> October to 30<sup>TH</sup> November @Maclean  
Public School Adult Supervision from 3:15pm

**IF/THEN**



**TICKETS**

**IF/THEN**  
Adults \$20, Concession \$15, Children \$10

Thursday 19th October 2023 7:00pm  
Friday 20th October 2023 7:00pm  
Saturday 21st October 2023 7:00pm  
Sunday 22nd October 2023 3:00pm

**CVCON**  
CLARENCE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

 02 6643 3555  
[cvcon.nsw.edu.au](http://cvcon.nsw.edu.au)



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

### WEEK 1

**CVYH DROP-IN & SMOOTHIE BIKE**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Courtts Crossing, Skate Park  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 12pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

**LASER SKIRMISH & MOBILE LIBRARY**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm  
Minnie Water Headland, Minnie Water  
Just turn up!

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 12pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

**MOBILE LIBRARY & HEADSPACE SPORTS ARVO**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm  
Glenreagh Hall, Glenreagh  
Just turn up!

**ART WITH JIMMY WAGS**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm  
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka  
Just turn up!

**WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

**LASER SKIRMISH & MOBILE LIBRARY**  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm  
Tucabia rural fire station, Tucabia  
Just turn up!

**COOKING CLUB**  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Headspace Grafton  
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

**WOODBURNING WORKSHOP**  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 11am to 1pm  
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence  
Bookings essential – [dkbreck@hotmail.com](mailto:dkbreck@hotmail.com)

**SURF LESSONS**  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 9am to 12noon  
Turners Beach, Yamba  
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook page 'Clarence Valley Youth'.  
Please call 0428 420 908 if more details are required.  
Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather.  
Programs proudly sponsored by:

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### WEEK 2

**LASER SKIRMISH**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2pm to 4pm  
Bailey Park, Ulmarra  
Just turn up!

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 12pm to 5pm  
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

**ART WITH JIMMY WAGS**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10am to 12pm  
Copmanhurst Hall, Copmanhurst  
Just turn up!

**WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP & MOBILE LIBRARY**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 12pm  
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida  
Booking essential - 0414 284 150

**LASER SKIRMISH & MOBILE LIBRARY**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm to 4pm  
Courtts Crossing Skate Park  
Just Turn up!

**HEADSPACE DAY**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 2pm  
PCYC, Grafton  
Just turn up!

**COMMUNITY CULTURAL CONNECTIONS DAY**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 1pm  
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka  
Just turn up!

**COOKING CLUB**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Headspace Grafton  
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

**GRAFFITI WORKSHOP & MOBILE LIBRARY**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm to 4pm  
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

**GRAFFITI ARTSHOP**  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2pm to 4pm  
Wooli Skate Park, Wooli  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

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## Free family fun with the Parliament of NSW

**MONDAY 25 – THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023 ONLINE**

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN UP TO 12 YEARS**

- Meet the people of Parliament**  
Monday 25 September, 9:30-10:15 am
- Virtual guided visit of the Parliament of NSW**  
Tuesday 26 September, 9:30-10:15 am
- Henry Parkes' disastrous document dilemma**  
Wednesday 27 September, 9:30-10:30 am
- Storytelling session with drawing activity**  
Thursday 28 September, 9:30-10:30 am

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament via ZOOM this school holiday for **free** fun educational activities for children and their families.

We have 4 days of fun events planned including storytelling, a virtual guided chamber tour, a visit from Henry Parkes and an opportunity to meet the people of Parliament, all from the comfort of your home.

Strictly for children aged up to 12 years.

**BOOK NOW**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
P: (02) 9230 2047  
E: [communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

**WHERE ONLINE**

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[parliament.nsw.gov.au/events](http://parliament.nsw.gov.au/events)

## headspace DAY

**PCYC GRAFTON**  
**WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER**  
**10AM TO 2PM**

SLUSHIES  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
ZORB BALLS  
LASER TAG  
GAMES  
INCLUSION  
LUCKY DOOR PRIZES  
**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

**PCYC** | POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS NSW



# COMMUNITY NEWS



SAVING OUR SPECIES

## Help save our coastal emu

Join the coastal emu population survey  
Friday 13 to  
Sunday 15 October



[environment.nsw.gov.au/coastal-emus](https://environment.nsw.gov.au/coastal-emus)

### Coastal emus need your help

How many are left? We need to know.

Coastal emus were formerly widespread across north-eastern NSW. They are now only found within Evans Head, Red Rock and Bungawalbin areas.

We don't know exactly how many remain, but it's estimated to be fewer than 50 birds.

Genetically unique, the coastal emu is unlike any other emu in Australia. Without urgent conservation action, this population is at risk of extinction within the next 50 years.

Register for the coastal emu population survey and contribute valuable data to help inform the conservation of this threatened population.

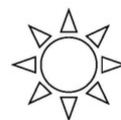


**Count me in!**

Register via the QR code or the website  
[environment.nsw.gov.au/coastal-emus](https://environment.nsw.gov.au/coastal-emus)

**Volunteers  
are needed  
young and old**

## ART GAMES



### SPRING HOLIDAY CREATIVE ART DAY

Join art educator Kerrie Speirs for a day of art games aimed to challenge, inspire and engage your child's creative & competitive streak 😊

**September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

At Raymond Laurie Sports Centre, Angourie Rd, Yamba.

**October 28<sup>th</sup> at Maclean**

(Location yet to be confirmed)

10am – 4pm. Ages 6 – 12yrs. Max 12 spots.

**\$55 per workshop** includes afternoon tea.

**Creative Kids Vouchers accepted!**

Bookings & details contact Kerrie -

**0448 600 388** or [kerriespeirsart@gmail.com](mailto:kerriespeirsart@gmail.com)

**Our day of activities include:** Drawing lucky dip, picture card snap, fabulous face race, copy characters, guess who squiggles, paper puzzles + more favourites!