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Term 4 Week 5 Friday, 8th November 2013

BAGS PACKED AND READY TO HEAD SOUTH

Yes, only three more sleeps and stage 3, accompanied by a very excited Mrs McMahon and Mrs Armstrong, will be city bound for the biennial Sydney Excursion.

This excursion has become a real favourite with past students and current staff and one that offers great opportunities for our students at a very reasonable cost to families. Thank you P&C for subsidising this excursion by paying for all bus costs.

Some of the highlights of the trip are tours of the Sydney Cricket Ground, the ABC studios, the Powerhouse Museum, the Hyde Park Barracks, the Australian Museum, Taronga Zoo and the Sydney Harbour Bridge Pylons. Throw in some fine dining at Aesop's Greek Restaurant and a delicious battle with chopsticks in Chinatown and you really do have a recipe for success!

Don't forget to tune into Sunrise on Thursday morning from 8.30am and keep an eye out for an excited group of North Coast small schoolies and their teachers!

Once we return, it will not be long before Mr Reardon, Ms Cowan and 3/4R head north to Lake Ainsworth where they will enjoy an outdoors escape in one of the most beautiful spots on the North Coast.

What fortunate students we have! They are lucky to be able to enjoy such wonderful opportunities. Many thanks to Mrs McSwan and all the teachers involved for making the dream come true....

Wonderful team. Wonderful synergy.

Kind Regards,
Sandra Armstrong

Principal Ulmarra Public School

SURVEYS

Thank you to those parents/carers who have completed the online Community Engagement Survey on our school website (Our School tab). Remember that only one response can be made per computer. Paper copies have also been sent home.

We are aware that families are very busy and as such, have limited your commitment to one survey only—unless you have a student in Transition. As per previous years, Transition families will be invited to participate in a phone survey with Ms Cowan.

BIG RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FILM FESTIVAL

On Thursday, 28th November at 10am the 9th annual Big River Public Schools Film Festival will be held at the South Grafton High School

Hall. This year's UPS Productions.....Never Down film unit has produced the short film "The Lost and Found Shop". The film was shot on location in the beautiful Ulmarra Art and Collectables Store. Many thanks to Proprietor Mrs Newman for so generously allowing us to disrupt her business for almost 4 hours as the cast and crew worked hard to complete the shoot.

Great work on behalf of the 5/6AM team. Talk about synergy! I think we took it all to a new level that day.

If you would like to see the result of all that inspiration and perspiration, please come along and cheer our students on. Entry fee for all, excluding our cast and crew, is \$2 per head. Also screening that day will be short films from Nymboida PS, Coutts Crossing PS, Harwood Island PS, Wooli PS, Maclean PS and South Grafton High School.

CLARENCE VALLEY MUSTER

What an amazing local event! Congratulations to the organisers and a big thank you to parents and carers who baked for our cake stall. Once again our team of hard working, boot scooting P&C members ensured that the cake stall was up and running and Ken Cowan worked his usual magic selling raffle tickets. Thank you also to Jenny Jordan, Cheyenne Walker, Kylie Dick, Catherine Ensby and Tanya Watts for helping out at the Muster. Your dedication is much appreciated by students, families and staff.

CLARENCE VALLEY REGIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

After a few technical hitches, the festival got underway and it was great to see DOONGUUN, last year's animation, up on the big screen at the Saraton Theatre as part of the 2013 Jacaranda Festival. UPS Productions.....Never Down won third place in the schools' category with a prize of \$30 donated by the Bendigo Bank.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

As we reach the school end of year financial rollover, it is essential that all accounts are settled. Please ensure that payments are made as soon as possible. Invoices are sent home regularly. Many thanks for your support in this very important area.

UPDATE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES PLEASE

School funding is now distributed according to individual student need. This is calculated based on the family employment situation amongst other factors. If you have had a change in your employment status, please contact us immediately so that we may update our records.

If you are now unemployed it may impact on our funding seeing it increase in the future.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we work on; the Yaegl and Gumbaynggirr people.

BIG RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS **film festival**

You are invited to attend a morning of spectacular short films produced by primary school children from

Public Schools in the Clarence Valley



28th November

10.00am

South Grafton High School Hall

\$2 entry payable at the door

The festival will feature short films
including the genres of
mystery, comedy, drama, satire and adventure!!

Come along and see for yourself how public
schools in the Clarence Valley are using
innovative media studies as an integral part of the curriculum.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
11th November Remembrance Day Library Year 5/6AM depart for Sydney	12th November Transition School Banking Book Mobile Canteen	13th November	14th November Canteen	15th November Assembly Spotlight on 3/4R 11.30am Year 5/6AM return from Sydney approx. 5pm	16th/17th November
18th November Library	19th November SHGS Yr 7 Orientation Transition to Year 2 excursion to Yamba	20th November 3/4R depart for Lake Ainsworth	21st November Canteen	22nd November 3/4R return from Lake Ainsworth	23rd/24th November
25th November School visit Gold Coast Titans Library	26th November FINAL DAY FOR TRANSITION School Banking Book Mobile Canteen P&C Meeting 7pm	27th November	28th November Big River Public Schools Film Festival SGHS 10am Canteen	30th November Live Life Well Golf	1st/2nd December



Kinder Orientation



Kindergarten Orientation