



Maclean Public School Newsletter

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Colour Fun Run

Week 2, Maclean Public School was filled with excitement, laughter, and a whole lot of colour at our Colour Fun Run event! It was a fantastic day where our students, teachers, and families came together to celebrate fitness, fun, and school spirit—all while getting a little messy in the process!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the students, teachers, parents, and volunteers who helped make this event a huge success. Your enthusiasm, energy, and smiles made this Color Fun Run one for the books!

and so the
ADVENTURE
Begins

LET'S GO!

News from the Principals desk

Welcome to Week 7, Term 2!

Positive affirmations

Families will begin to see Postcards from their classroom teachers celebrating student achievements. These Postcards are intended to be a personalised connection between classroom teacher and home.

River of Learning

Thank you to Maclean High School for inviting myself, Aunty Leesa and our school leaders to the River of Learning opening ceremony during Reconciliation week. A special mention must go to our wonderful Miss Zhanae who was invited to be the guest speaker. Zhanae spoke of her time as a student at Ulmarra Public School and Maclean High School, she highlighted the importance of reconciliation and the important people who shaped her life. Additionally, I was very proud to see our students artwork displayed at the Yamba 'Old Kirk' museum. This years exhibition was of a very high standard.

Debating

Congratulations to our Maclean Public School Debating team, Evelyn, Phyre, Stella and Mia and Ms Grayndler who had their first win against Yamba Public School Dingo's earlier this week. The Team are looking forward to their next debate against Harwood Island Public School. A new group of Debaters will participate in this debate, we wish them all the very best. Thank you Ms Grayndler for giving our students this opportunity.

Parent Teacher Meetings

This year we aim to meet with all families during our Parent/teacher meeting week. We understand that the times allocated may not always suit families. If this is the case, could you please contact your classroom teacher or the office to reschedule your meeting time.

SRC Update

Our very active SRC have been busy organising a Pajama Day which will be held in Week 9, Friday 27th June. Information will go out shortly to families about the other exciting plans that have been made for this day.

Music Eisteddfod

Mrs Moore has been busily preparing for the upcoming school's day Eisteddfod. We are entering students in senior choir, junior choir, percussion, band, recorder and strings. We wish our students the very best on June 24. Thank you for your wonderful work Mrs Moore.

NAIDOC

A special thank you to those families who have been able to attend our Aboriginal Education meetings. This year our NAIDOC week celebrations will be reflective of contributions of our families. Thank you to Aunty Leesa who has been busily organising what will be a great week for our students learning and will showcase the wonderful initiatives happening at Maclean Public School.

Excursions

Thank you Mrs Albert who has been doing a wonderful job at Stage 2 & 3 Assistant Principal this term. She has organised an exciting excursion plan for Maclean Public School for K-6 students alongside Mr Sozou for 2025/2026. Excursions allow students to reveal their inner talents, develop important leadership skills, learn about teamwork, and spark interests.

P&C Meeting

Our P&C have an upcoming meeting on Monday 16th of June at 4pm in the school library, as always we encourage all families to attend. The P&C have been working on some wonderful initiatives to support fundraising efforts at our school.

Construction

The school is currently undergoing minor upgrades to our front of school. For this period of time, access to the office building will be via the adjacent stairs.

TERM 2 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2
2	5	6	Half Day Show Day 1pm Pick up 7	Mother's Day Stall 8	Mother's Day Stall P&C Colour Fun Run  9
3	PSSA Soccer Yamba 12	PSSA Netball Trials Lismore 13	Close the Gap Day 14	15	Whole School Assembly 2pm Aboriginal Education Meeting 16
4	Book Fair 19	School Cross Country 20	National Simultaneous Storytime 21	22	MPS Public Speaking Finals 23
5	26	River of Learning Reconciliation Week 27	Hot Dog Day - Student Fundraiser 28	NSW Netball Cup 29	Whole School Assembly 2pm NR Cross Country Corndale 30
6	Compass Music Festival Choir Year 6 MHS Transition Jun 2	Compass Music Festival Recorder 3	4	5	6
7	Public Holiday King's Birthday 9	Premier Debating Challenge Maclean vs Yamba 10	11	PSSA Netball Gala Day 12	Whole School Assembly 2pm 13
8	Parent Teacher Interviews Debating Maclean vs Harwood Island PSSA Soccer Football Trials Boys and Girls - Yamba 16	Parent Teacher Interviews 17	Parent Teacher Interview Pie & Ice cream Day - Student Fundraiser PSSA Touch Football Trials Boys and Girls - Gonnellabah 18	Parent Teacher Interview 19	Parent Teacher Interview PSSA Boys Basketball KO 20
9	Chess Comp Public Speaking Finals- South Grafton 23	Lower Clarence Music Eisteddfod 24	Premier Debating Challenge Maclean vs Palmers 25	26	Whole School Assembly 2pm SRC PJ Dress-up Day  27
10	NAIDOC WEEK K-6 Woody Head Excursion 30	NAIDOC WEEK NAIDOC opening Assembly and Morning Tea 9:30am hall July 1	NAIDOC WEEK AMS NAIDOC Activities 2	NAIDOC WEEK Language Day 3	Last Day of Term 2 NAIDOC Games 4

School Uniform

As the cooler weather sets in, it's important that students are dressed appropriately in their Maclean Public School winter uniform. A consistent school uniform supports a positive school identity and helps students feel part of our learning community.

Uniform items are available for purchase from the school office. Our winter and general uniform includes:

- Checked skort (Girls)
- Grey shorts (Boys)
- Royal blue polo shirt (with school logo)
- Royal blue fleecy jumper (Girls & Boys)
- Royal blue fleecy track pants (Girls & Boys)
- Sport shirt (Girls & Boys)
- Black knee-length shorts/skort (Sport only)
- Wide-brimmed or bucket hat (required for outdoor play)
- Black shoes
- White or grey plain socks

Maclean Public School Uniform Price List

	School logo Blue Polo Shirt \$20		School logo Blue Polo Shirt \$35
	School Check Skort \$35		Boys Grey Shorts \$15
	School logo Fleece Jumper \$25		School Fleece Track Pants \$15
	School logo Hats Bucket or Brimmed \$10		School Library bags \$12

Bike pants and tights are not part of the school uniform, however, we understand that some children may wear black bike pants under their shorts or skorts for added warmth during the cooler months.

A reminder that Maclean Public School enforces a "No School Hat – Play in the Shade" policy. Please ensure your child brings a hat each day to enjoy outdoor play.

All uniform items should be clearly labelled with your child's name to help reduce lost property.

Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy and helping keep our students warm, safe and ready to learn this winter.

GRIP Leadership

On 16th May, four of our student leaders had the exciting opportunity to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Lismore, accompanied by Mrs Albert.

The GRIP Leadership Conference is designed specifically for primary school student leaders, focusing on how they can grow as positive role models and make a real difference in their school community. The day was filled with inspiring presentations, interactive activities, and practical leadership strategies tailored to young leaders. Our students represented Maclean Public School with pride and enthusiasm, engaging thoughtfully with the sessions and sharing ideas with students from other schools across the region. They returned with renewed confidence, new skills, and some fantastic ideas they're keen to put into action in our own school community.

A big thank you to Mrs Albert for supporting our students and helping them make the most of this valuable experience.



Lions Club Hamper

Maclean Public School would like to express our sincere thanks to the Yamba/Maclean Lions Club for their generous donation of food hampers to support our students and families.

Through funding supplied by Lions Club International, the Yamba/Maclean branch has kindly provided food hampers to schools across the local area. These hampers, filled with essential non-perishable items such as pasta, crackers, biscuits, and tinned goods, help support families and make a real difference in our community. We are incredibly grateful that the Lions Club thought of our school. Your generosity and ongoing community support are truly appreciated. Thank you, Yamba/Maclean Lions Club, for your kindness and commitment to helping local families.



Maclean Lions



Lions
Eye Health Program
Australia

Vision Screening

We are extremely thankful for the chance to have students from Kindergarten through Year 6 take part in the Lions Eye Health Program's complimentary Children's Vision Screening. The Lion's Eye Health team seen 68 of our students here at Maclean Public on Tuesday. They will return later in the year to see the students that were missed.

This program facilitates early identification of common vision issues in young children, enhancing their well-being and learning. The screening is quick and non-invasive.

Depth Perception: Assesses binocular vision and how well both eyes work together.

Spot Vision Camera: Identifies potential vision issues like near-sightedness or far-sightedness.

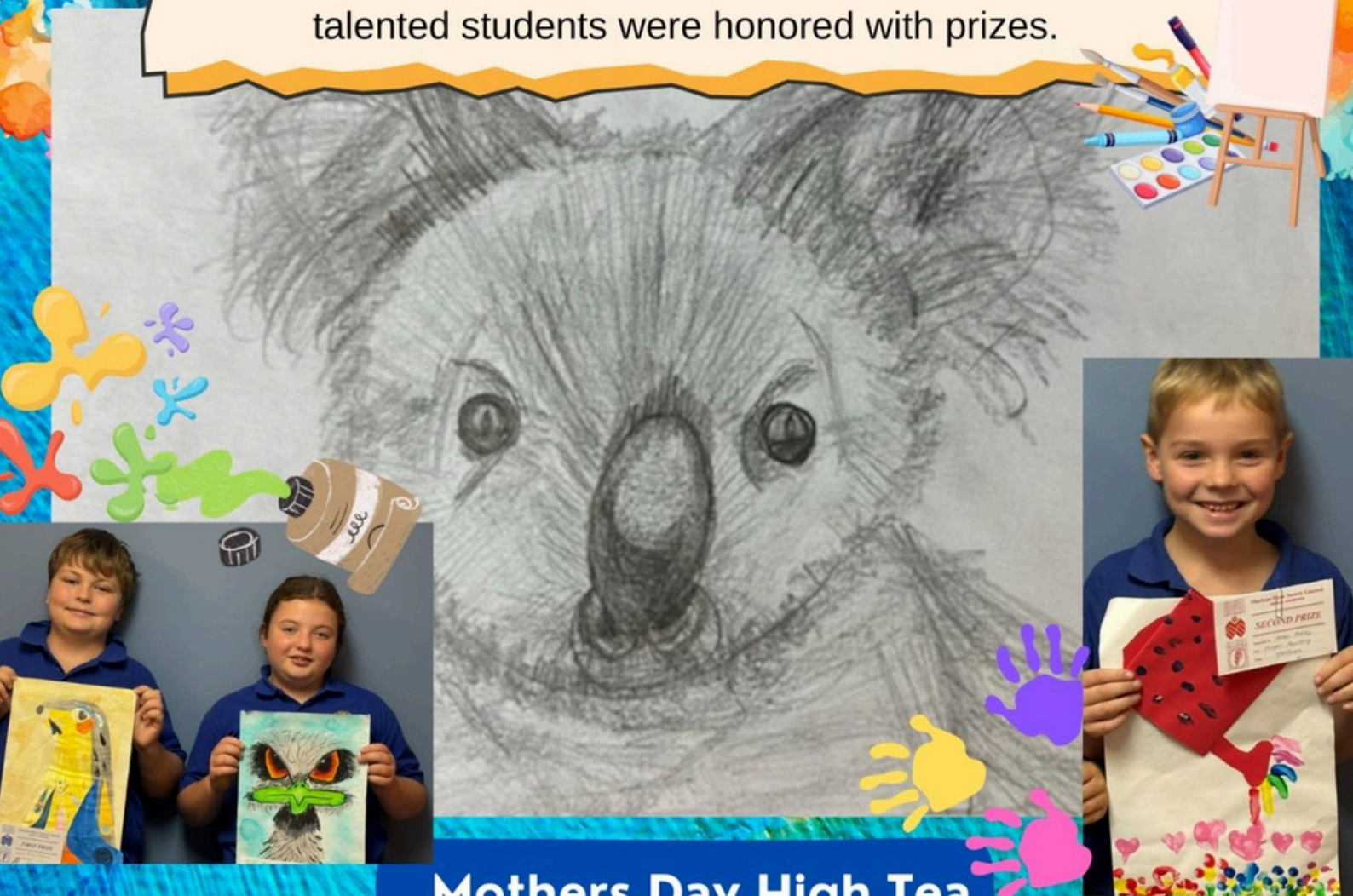
Visual Acuity: Evaluates how clearly a child can see at various distances.

Colour Vision: Checks for colour vision deficiencies.



Maclean Show Artist

We take great pride in all our students who recently showcased their artistry at the Maclean Show. Several of our talented students were honored with prizes.



Mothers Day High Tea

Our Mother's Day was a truly enchanting celebration for our wonderful mums and cherished grandparents at MPS. We spent the morning basking in the talents of our gifted students, who delighted our beloved guests with their performances at a splendid high tea.



Close the Gap

Close the Gap Day is a much-anticipated event on our school calendar, eagerly embraced by MPS students and staff. This year, 85 students participated in the day at Grafton Jockey Club. The goal is to bridge gaps in health, education, employment, justice, and culture. NRL stars always captivate attendees. Our gratitude goes to Aneika and Mel from Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation and their amazing team of helpers.



River of Learning Art Show - "Living Along the River"

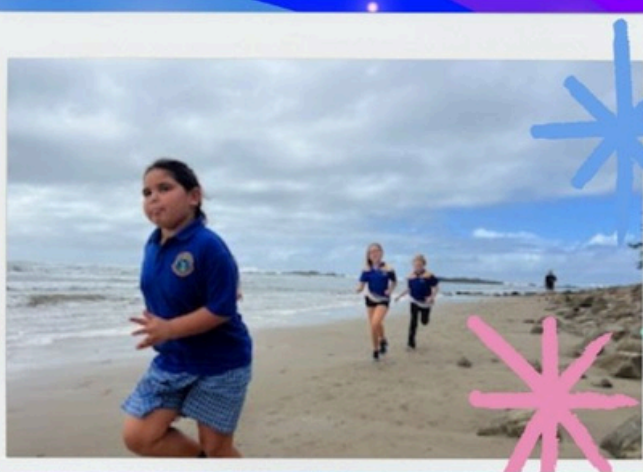
The River of Learning is an annual program at Maclean High School, held during Reconciliation Week, that fosters a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture and history among students. Through activities such as smoking ceremonies, cultural tours, and interactive workshops with Elders, the program offers immersive learning experiences grounded in the traditions of the Yaegl people. It culminates in a vibrant Celebration Day featuring traditional games, performances, and meaningful conversations that promote connection and reflection on reconciliation. Complementing this is the River of Learning Art Show, an exhibition of student and community artwork hosted at the Old Kirk Yamba Museum, which showcases cultural storytelling and strengthens ties between schools and the broader community.





NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday, the students dived into National Simultaneous Storytime, where they had the privilege of reading "The Truck Cat." This event is all about celebrating the magic of books and the power of literacy! They got to explore a delightful picture book crafted by a talented Aussie author and illustrator.



MACLEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CROSS COUNTRY

*Maclean
Public School*



it was a beautiful day at Broomshead Beach for our cross country. The sun was shining, the ocean was sparkling, and the sandy course made for a fun and memorable experience. All the kids gave it their best effort and showed great determination. A big thank you to all the staff and parents for their support—events like this wouldn't be possible without you!

START



Year 6 Shirts

Maclean Public School



Public Speaking



Maclean Public School recently held our Years 3–6 Public Speaking event, and we are so proud of the outstanding effort and enthusiasm shown by all students who took part.

Each speaker delivered a thoughtful and engaging speech, showcasing their growing confidence, communication skills, and creativity. From humorous tales to persuasive arguments, the range of topics and speaking styles was truly impressive.

We were honoured to welcome members of the Yamba/Maclean Lions Club as our guest judges on the day. Their support and encouragement added a special touch to the event, and we sincerely thank them for giving their time to help celebrate our young speakers.

A big congratulations to our winners:

- 🌟 Evelyn (Year 6)
- 🌟 Diesel (Year 5)
- 🌟 Gracie King (Year 4)
- 🌟 Caitlyn (Year 3)

These students stood out for their confident delivery, engaging ideas, and ability to connect with their audience – well done!



Debating



Maclean Public School will again be competing in the Premier's Debating Challenge on Monday, June 16, from 9:00am to 11:15am.

Our talented debating team will go head-to-head with the Harwood Island debate team in what promises to be a lively and engaging debate. The students have been working hard to prepare, sharpening their argument development, rebuttal skills, and public speaking confidence.

We wish our Maclean team the very best of luck and know they'll represent our school with pride, respect, and great teamwork.

Go Maclean!





Reports



The NSW Department of Education has developed a new set of reporting templates for Kindergarten to Year 10, designed to provide clearer, more concise information about each child's progress at school.

These updated templates are the result of feedback from parents and carers who expressed a desire for more straightforward and easily understood reports. The aim is to make student achievement and learning progress more accessible and meaningful for families.

Maclean Public School will be adopting this new reporting format for all Semester 1 student reports.

- Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas and include an overall comment from their teacher.
- Additionally, teacher comments in English and Mathematics will highlight your child's identified strengths and suggest learning goals to support their continued growth.
- A new achievement scale with clear descriptions is also included to provide a more accurate and understandable picture of your child's progress.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/reporting-to-parents/reporting-advice#plain-english>

Parent-teacher interviews will be held during the week of Monday, 16 June. Booking details will be shared with families soon. We encourage all parents and carers to take this opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress with their teacher.

P&C Colour Fun Run

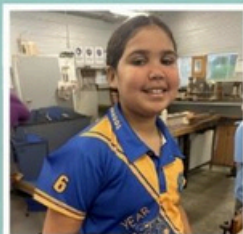
A huge congratulations to Kiara for raising the most funds for the Colour Fun Run! Your amazing effort truly stood out. We're excited to share that, thanks to everyone's support, we raised a total of \$3,197.88 for our fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who contributed—every little bit helps and makes a big difference!



High School Transition

Our Year 6 students recently enjoyed their second transition visit to Maclean High School. They participated in a variety of engaging activities including PE, cooking, agriculture, music, science and more. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience high school life, explore different subjects, and build confidence for the exciting journey ahead in 2026.

We look forward to our next visit in week 7 of term 3!



YR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



Art Club

A sense of peacefulness fills the library Wednesday at lunchtime as students experimented with the beautiful watercolours that were generously donated by the P&C and Lions Club. Thank you.



PSSA Touch Football



The boys faced Yamba and held their own throughout the game. Although they didn't come away with a win, they showed great effort and teamwork.

It was a great day out, with all students showing outstanding sportsmanship and representing our school with pride.

– Mrs Albert and Kyran

AWESOME!

Our girls' team kicked off the day with a strong performance against Gulmarrad, coming away with a well-earned win. This put them up against Westlawn Public School in their second game. It was a much tougher match, but the girls showed great determination and never gave up. While they didn't take the win, they played with heart and resilience.



MACLEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PIE DRIVE

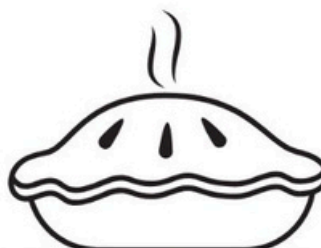
Take the night off cooking and cosy up with the family – all while supporting Maclean Public School!

We've teamed up with **The Bake House Yamba** to bring you delicious **FAMILY PIES** for just **\$25 each!**

ORDERS OPEN **Thursday 12th June**

ORDERS CLOSE **Thursday 26th June**

PICK UP
Thursday 3rd July
School Canteen



Maclean Public School P&C Pie Drive 2025

Please return orders to the office by
3pm Thursday 26th June
Expected collection date
Thursday 3rd June 2025



Name: _____	Contact Number: _____		
Yamba Bake House Family Pies	Price	QTY	Total
Plain Beef	\$25.00		
Cheese & Bacon	\$25.00		
Beef & Mushroom	\$25.00		
Lamb & Rosemary	\$25.00		
Chicken Mornay	\$25.00		
Sweet potato & cauliflower	\$25.00		
Apple	\$25.00		
Sausage Rolls (4 pack)	\$22.00		
Grand total			

Please make sure correct money is enclosed in an envelope addressed to the P&C Pie Drive as the school will not check orders or money to give change.
Email us macleanpnc@gmail.com if you'd like to pay via bank deposit.
Thank you for supporting MPS P&C.

By Olive Law

MPS SRC Initiative is Building big dreams- One brick at a time!

*Do you have any
spare Lego?*

We'd love your help!

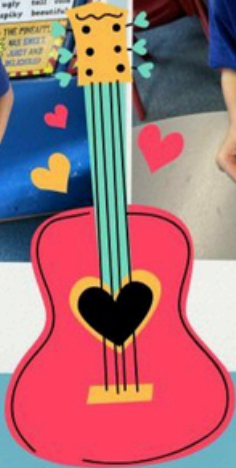
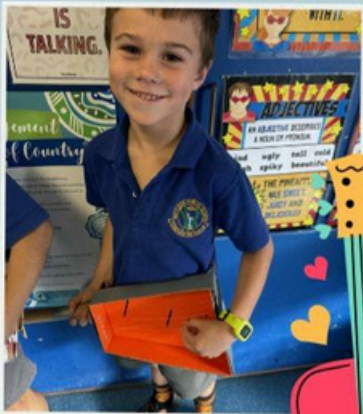
*MPS is starting some fun
LEGO challenges and clubs,
and we're kindly asking for
any Lego donations to
help bring it to life.*

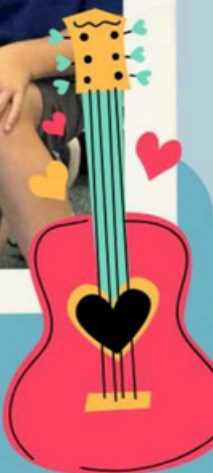
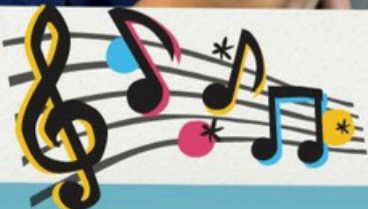
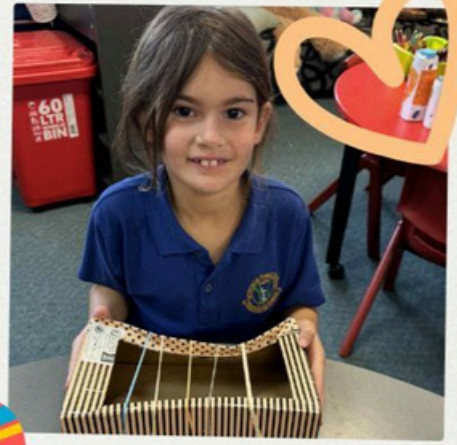
*Please drop donations at
the front office-every brick
counts!*

Good Vibrations

In our science lesson last week we explored where sound comes from by investigating how vibrations produce sound. We engaged with various sound sources, experimented with musical instruments and observed how actions like shaking, striking, scraping and blowing create sounds. Students then demonstrated their understanding by composing a musical piece and performing it. I would like to thank 2C parents for supporting this adventure.





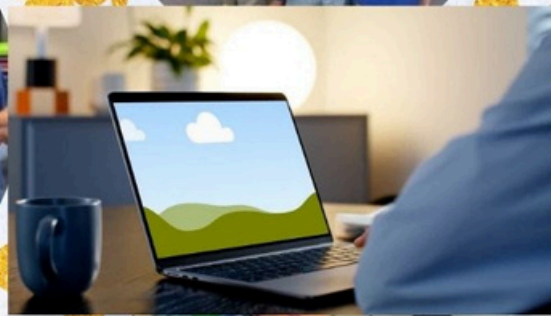


Language Program

Maclean Public School is proud to support the ongoing revitalisation of the Yaygirr language—an essential part of the culture and identity of the Yaegl people. Our students are fortunate to be learning Yaygirr through a dedicated program led by Kath and Fran, who bring expertise, care, and cultural knowledge to the classroom fortnightly on Thursdays. These sessions are not only about language—they're about connection, identity, and respect for Country.

The Yaygirr program gives students the chance to engage with one of the original languages of this land, helping to foster cultural understanding and pride across our school community.

We thank Kath and Fran for the important work they do and look forward to seeing the program continue to grow.



Community Announcements

CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH OUT OF THE BOX SESSIONS JUNE

PING PONG COMP & TOASTIES
Wednesday 4th - 3.30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

RELAY RACES, SPRINT TRAINING & SNACKS
Friday 6th - 3.30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Yamba, Yamba Skate Park

45 MIN BOOT CAMP & MILKSHAKES
Wednesday 11th - 3.30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

SOCCER & TOASTIES
Friday 13th - 3.30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Yamba, Yamba Skate Park

BASKETBALL & SNACKS
Wednesday 18th - 3.30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

SKATE & SCOOTER COMP, TOASTIES & MILKSHAKES
Friday 20th - 3.30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Yamba, Yamba Skate Park

45 MIN BOOT CAMP & MILKSHAKES
Wednesday 25th - 3.30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park

BULLRUSH, HANDBALL & SNACKS
Friday 27th - 3.30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Yamba, Yamba Skate Park

These sessions are FREE and targeted at young people 12 to 25, any child under the age of 12 needs to be accompanied by a responsible adult.
All our youth events are Drug, Alcohol and Vape free
For more information contact 0428 420 908

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VALLEY COUNCIL

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NAIDOC 2025

Community Fun Day

- The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy -

**GRAFTON
SHOWGROUND.
PRINCE STREET,
GRAFTON**

**THURSDAY
10th
July,
10am-2PM**

**CELEBRATING
50 YEARS OF
NAIDOC**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
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*Elders Tent,
Activities,
Stalls, Info
Free BBQ
Entertainment
& lots more!*



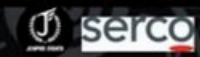
LOWER CLARENCE NAIDOC COMMUNITY FUN DAY 2025 FORD PARK YAMBA

**WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY
10AM - 2PM**

Elders Area
Jumping Castles
Free BBQ
Jewellery
Clay Making
Weaving
Emergency Services
and more



THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY
9-10 JULY 2025



Local performers,
facilitators, stalls
and workshops

THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION AND
LEGACY
2025



Free SCHOOL Holiday Fun!



Mini MasterChefs

**MON 7TH - SAT 12TH JULY
LOCATED OUTSIDE WOOLWORTHS
4 SESSIONS DAILY
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

Get ready for some serious culinary fun at Mini MasterChefs, where kids can unleash their inner chef talents, create their own pizzas, and decorate their own chef hats to take home!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK



Sand Art

**MON 14TH - SAT 19TH JULY
LOCATED OPPOSITE CONNOR
10AM - 1PM DAILY**

Unleash your inner artist and explore the vibrant world of sand art.
*No bookings, just turn up and create beautiful art to take home.

