

# YAMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Edition: Term 4 / 9 Week (11 December 2018)

39 Angourie Road

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### Top Story



As year 6 students come to the end of their journey as primary school students there was time for one more celebration to top off the year.

The Graduation Dinner was held last Thursday night, a big thank you to all the staff and parents involved in making it a special night for all the students to enjoy.

### CLASS OF 2018

Yamba Public School



### Principal's Report

#### Welcome to Week 9 of Term 4

What a busy week we had last week! It was wonderful to see so many children receiving awards at both of our special assemblies. All students should be very proud of their achievements this year across all areas of school life. Thank you to Ryan Enns for his work with our choir and guitar students, it was amazing to see how many students learn guitar each week and how enthusiastically they play. Thanks also to Mrs Hogan and Mrs McFarlane for all of their hard work in organising our assemblies.

The Year 6 farewell was a great night. The students all looked wonderful and danced to DJ Mr Clifford, as well as demonstrating traditional dances. We wish all of the students good luck as they move to high school and hope they will fondly remember their time at Yamba Public School. A special thanks must go to Mr Paul and Mrs Headon who put in an enormous amount of work to make Year 6 a very memorable year.

Our successful learn to swim program has also taken place over the last two weeks. Students from Kinder to Year 5 have attended these lessons and have made impressive progress. This program aims to not only teach students swimming skills but also survival skills and how to keep themselves and others safe around water. We are very lucky to have so many staff with their Austswim qualification and we would also like to thank Sue-Ellen from Yamba Community Pool for her assistance. Children who would benefit from more swimming lessons will find information attached to their swimming certificate about the programs offered by the community pool over the school holidays.

Both this week and next week we have lots of fun activities including picnics, pool parties and movie days. Please check your child's bag for notes and return permission notes and money to the office.

Hope all students enjoy the end of year fun!

Regards,

*Debbie Woods*, Relieving Principal

### What's Happening - Term 4

- Parent Teacher interviews (10/12 to 14/12)
- Last day of Term 4, Wednesday 19 December
- **Students first day back 2019 — Wednesday, 30 January**



## Dates for the Diary:

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 from 6pm with the AGM scheduled for Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 from 6pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Kind Regards,

*Buffy Williams-Robinson*

P&C President



## POP-UP

SHOP

**Thursday's until the end of term**

Opening hours

8:40 to 9:30am

&

2:30 to 3:00pm

in

the

SCHOOL CANTEEN



## We need your help!!

Has your child grown out of their school uniform?

Please drop any old school uniforms to either the canteen or school office.

**Thank you in advance**

## Next meeting

Tuesday 12 February 2019  
6pm in school staffroom

Parking is available in the Staff Car Park

Everyone is welcome



# What's Happening around the school....

## WHOAMI ?



### 2019 SCHOOL LEADER

#### **Rachael Shugg**

What did you think when you were told you were a leader?

*I was happy that I'd come this far*

Who is your hero and why?

*I don't really have a hero that I look up to*

What is a positive thing you like about Yamba Public?

*Kids are caring and friendly and the school try to have good equipment*

What is a goal you would like to achieve as a leader in 2019?

*I will try to help as many kids as I can by being caring*



### 2019 SCHOOL LEADER

#### **Max Earle**

What did you think when you were told you were a leader?

*I was very Excited*

Who is your hero and why?

*Michael Phelps because he's the fastest swimmer in the world*

What is a positive thing you like about Yamba Public?

*Nice teachers*

What is a goal you would like to achieve as a leader in 2019?

*Solving problems for younger students*



### 2019 SCHOOL LEADER

#### **Ulani Campbell**

What did you think when you were told you were a leader?

*I was relieved and excited*

Who is your hero and why?

*Catlin Basset, she always tries her best*

What is a positive thing you like about Yamba Public?

*We always cheer on others*

What is a goal you would like to achieve as a leader in 2019?

*Be a good role model to the younger students*



# What's Happening around the school....

## WHOAMI ?



### 2019 SCHOOL LEADER

#### Casey Devine

What did you think when you were told you were leader?

*I was incredibly happy*

Who is your hero and why?

*Chesley Sullenberger, he fought for what was right when he chose to land in the Hudson River when almost everyone thought he was wrong.*

What is a positive thing you like about Yamba Public?

*Everyone is very caring and celebrates each others achievements*

What is a goal you would like to achieve as a leader in 2019?

*To show younger kids what's right*



### 2019 SCHOOL LEADER

#### Eliza Hughes

What did you think when you were told you were leader?

*I was so happy and proud to be chosen by the students*

Who is your hero and why?

*My Mum, She is strong, independent and always helps me*

What is a positive thing you like about Yamba Public?

*Everyone tries to do their best and strives to be the best school we can be*

What is a goal you would like to achieve as a leader in 2019?

*To make the school a better place than it already is*



### 2019 SCHOOL LEADER

#### Nathan Hayman

What did you think when you were told you were leader?

*YAY!!*

Who is your hero and why?

*Rafael Nadal because he is such a great sportsman*

What is a positive thing you like about Yamba Public?

*It has a lot of sport*

What is a goal you would like to achieve as a leader in 2019?

*Be liked by more kids*



# What's Happening around the school....

## PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES





# What's Happening around the school....



## Week 10 award recipients for the School Reading Challenge



**PACER**  
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

**BUSY At Work**  
where opportunities begin

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the National capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



# What's Happening around the school....

Farewell

To the Yamba PS community,

I have accepted an offer for teaching work closer to home at Wyrallah Road PS in 2019. I realise I am leaving a great public school at Yamba PS and have thoroughly enjoyed my two years teaching here. I would like to thank those parents and staff that immediately made me feel welcome and that have trusted in my ability to support, encourage and inspire the learning and wellbeing of children at Yamba PS. Previously, I held permanent teaching positions in the two remote Western Australian towns of Exmouth and Kalbarri, so the 'vibe' at Yamba was similar in many ways (coastal, touristy, fishing, surfing, farming community with an ever-present Aboriginal nation as traditional custodians of the lands and waters).



The reason I leave Yamba PS is totally for my small and growing family. Some of you may know that I have commuted from my home near Ballina each day. In 2019, I hope to spend those 2-3 hours each day - that I have commuted - with my wife and two daughters sharing moments like yesterday afternoon when my 18mth old daughter rode her trike by herself for the very first time and my pre-school daughter fascinatedly looked through some binoculars from our veranda and said:

*"I think I can see New York daddy!"*

*"Really, where?"*

*"There, above the trees, it's a bit blurry but I'm sure that's New York".*

*"Hmmm, that might be The Big Prawn not The Big Apple".*

*"I love apples!"*

*"Yeah, apples are great but as ugly as The Big Prawn is, I prefer seeing it every day rather than The Big Apple"...*

I've had so many varied, delightful, enlightening and serious discussions with the children of Yamba PS that I've shared a classroom with over the past two years. As with every classroom of students: they have been an eclectic, energetic and developing snapshot of the emerging generation of Australian multicultural society. I hope I have guided them towards a respectful, thoughtful and caring future.

There is no doubt that I am a 'pushy' teacher and I expect a lot of effort and positive attitude towards learning from my students. If I don't see the effort or willingness to learn, I question and encourage students to reflect on their negative or passive beliefs and/or actions. I'm sure this style of teaching has not suited every student (or parent) that I have tried to influence. My pushiness towards learning comes from my global perspective that Australian children are very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from professional and caring teachers - an opportunity that should be respected and appreciated. I would like to positively acknowledge those parents (and staff) that have actively pursued dialogue with me about my teaching, you have provoked me to reflect on my teaching practice and more importantly, you have involved yourselves in the learning of students in the community.

When I arrived at Yamba PS in 2018, I heard a few rumours of a school that had too many 'old' teachers that needed to move on. In my eleven years of teaching experience, I can assertively state that it is usually the older and more experienced teachers that really understand the craft of learning and teaching - this is certainly true for those older and more experienced teachers at Yamba PS. They know each student's needs and adapt teaching practices accordingly. I've certainly been very fortunate at Yamba PS to work alongside staff that combine their many years of experience with evidence-based and best teaching practice. There is no doubt I view them as mentors and the community should be very proud of them and appreciative of the quality work that they do.

I'm very proud to have spent the past six months being involved in the SACRED Committee of staff at Yamba PS that initiate, discuss, plan and promote Aboriginal education, awareness and wellbeing for students. I am sensitive to the needs of all students and really passionate about supporting young Aboriginal students in becoming rightfully respected leaders in our community. There are several Aboriginal boys and girls I have taught at Yamba PS in 2017 and 2018 that I know are well on their way to being inspirational role models for all of their peers. It seems our ridiculously three-tiered system of government is not succeeding in 'closing the gap' for Aboriginal people, it's quite obvious to me that the gap needs to be bridged by community members reaching out, breaking down the barriers and uniting. Why is it taking so long? Perhaps this might be successfully achieved by the generation I am currently teaching. I'm proud and acknowledge that Yamba PS is facilitating a meeting place for togetherness and unity.

I am very appreciative to have taught the wonderful students of Yamba; indeed some of them are extremely gifted and talented academically and in other creative and sporting pursuits. But moreover, they are just great kids to share a classroom with! You do have a great town and great schools too. The students are fortunate to be growing up in such a place, with a caring and supportive network of community organisations and initiatives. Once again, I'd like to thank all of those staff, students and community members that have supported and encouraged me these past two years and I wish the school and community the very best into the future...

Jason Earley



# Community Announcements

enjoy summer holidays @  
clarence valley libraries

**summer reading club**  
connect with curious creatures  
1st dec 2018 - 31st jan 2019  
registration online or @ your library  
awesome prizes to be won!

**author visit with sophie masson**  
grafton tue 15th jan 11am-12noon  
poetry & illustration workshop with Sophie Masson  
grafton tue 15th jan 2-3:30pm  
iluka wed 16th jan 2:30-4pm  
primary age +

**dungeons & dragons**  
sat 5th jan 1-6pm  
grafton library

**storytime**  
thursdays 10:30am  
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**ozobot fun**  
wed 23rd jan 10:30am-12:30pm  
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<b>WHAT</b>	Lower Clarence Netball School Holiday Clinics	Net/Set (5-7yrs) and GO (8-10yrs)
<b>DATE</b>	Thursday 24th January 2019	<b>TIME</b> 9-11am (5-7yrs); 9-11am (8-10yrs)
<b>WHERE</b>	Lower Clarence Netball Association - Wherrett Park, 3 Rannoch Ave, Maclean	
<b>DETAILS</b>	\$20.30 per participant, with registrations online via the trybooking website: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/785WS">https://www.trybooking.com/785WS</a>	
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**3.20 pm** Calypso Holiday Park  
**3.30pm** Blue Dolphin Resort  
**4.30pm** Iluka Riverside Tourist Park  
**7.30pm** Yamba Shores Tavern

(PLEASE NOTE) - Times are only approximate and are dependant on tides and weather.

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