Principal's Report

Visit From Our Director
We were pleased to host a visit from our new Director Public Schools, Mr Glenn Pleasance. With so much learning happening it was hard to showcase all that we do but we did show a sample of literacy and numeracy learning in the Early Action for Success program and the Learning Innovations happening in Team 3 in Writing, Science, PDHPE and Creative Arts.

Thank you for Attending Info Sessions
Our teachers are grateful to all the parents who have made the time to attend Parent Information Sessions. The final session is for families with children in 4-5M, 5-6H and 5-6JW this afternoon at 5.00pm. These meetings will be followed up with individual parent teacher interviews towards the end of Term 1.

Come and Join the Great P&C Team
Our First P&C meeting for 2015 is this evening at 6.00pm in the school hall. Please join us to get the ‘inside story’ on our school and offer your ideas and suggestions to keep our school the exciting learning place it is!

Regional Athletics Success
Recently Marli competed at the Regional Little A’s Carnival. Here is her account. Well done Marli.

“On 31 January and 1 February 2015 I went to Tamworth for the Regional Little Athletics Carnival. I won a silver medal in the 400 metres and a gold medal in the 800 metres. I broke the record in the 400 and smashed my personal best in the 800. In March I am going to the State Championships in Sydney with my Uncle Ritchie.
Marli Bateman ”

Keeping In Touch

My child won’t go to school. What should I do?
Please contact us as soon as the problem arises. Sometimes a simple solution works really quickly to solve the problem. We also make referrals to our school Learning Support Team or link your child with a new friend or group of friends. The principal can also seek assistance and support from the Home School Liaison Program to ensure your child comes to school happily.

www. nambuccahd-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: nambuccahd-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

REMINDER
Winter uniform orders due by 6th March please!
See the office if you need an order form.

Calendar of Events

February
18 Parent Info Afternoon 5pm
4-5M, 5-6H, 5-6JW
18 P & C Meeting 6pm
26 MNC Swimming Carnival

March
4 NC Swimming Carnival
18 School Photos
Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Spelling Strategies - Make Smart Use of Sounds and Spelling Patterns
Young writers often try to use the sounds in words to figure out how to spell words. Experienced writers often use phonetic, (sounding out) strategies first, and then try other approaches, including applying common spelling patterns. Sounding out will not always work; however, it will at least put you on a path to determining the spelling of a word. Thinking about spelling patterns and building on word families can help with reading and writing.

Develop Phonemic Awareness
Lots of shared reading of poems, chants, songs, and big books with repetitive refrains and rhymes, develops the ability to hear sounds. Ask children to listen for and identify rhyming words, and clap when they hear them.

Select words children know — from books, rhymes, songs, and so on — and discover together how knowing one word can help with the recognition or writing of others, just by changing the beginning letter(s). For example, back, quack, pack, sack, whack, track. Think rhyming words.

Explore Sounds
Look at similar letters that represent a sound. Get children to try and listen for the same sound in words. Help children to identify the letter(s) that represent this sound. For example, chip chop. Children need to be flexible with sounds and realize that the same sound may be represented in more than one way, depending on the word. For example, ow ou.

Spelling Patterns
Tell children that thinking about what a word looks like will help when spelling. Knowing words can help with the spelling of other words in that word family. For example, great: greater, greatest, greatly, or break: breaking, breaks.

Editing writing is a good habit to have. A dictionary can be used to check on unknown words.
Happy writing and good spelling!
Mrs Makinson (LaST)

Woodwind Reminder
Woodwind has started! Instruments need to be at school for practice on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please pay $20 instrument hire as soon as possible (no fees for drums, percussion and students with their own instruments).

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If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

“These are the things I learned in Kindergarten”
1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don’t hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.
6. Don’t take things that aren’t yours.
7. Say you’re SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work everyday some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
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14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Stryrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Even as adults there are lessons we learnt in Kindergarten that are still valid in our lives. Who wouldn’t like warm milk and cookies and a nap in the afternoon?
Morelle Makinson (Stage 1 Leader)

2014 Annual School Year Book
Hopefully the 2014 Year Book will be available by the end of this Term. If you paid your 2014 School Contribution you will automatically receive one complimentary Year Book per family. If you would like to purchase a Year Book the cost will be $30. Don’t miss out. Get your orders in ASAP as the number of Year Books is limited.

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Canteen Roster
Thursday 19th
Helen

Friday 20th
Mel Jarrett

Wednesday 25th
Helen

Thursday 26th
Helen

Friday 27th
Vicky Marriott

Stars of the Week - Friday 13 February 2015
Charlotte Battiston, Jett Weaver, Hayley McCarthy, Laila Heighington, Jacob Monaghan, Jedd Dyer, Bella Wilson, Miller Baade, Noah McCann, Amy Hughes, Asha Glen, Calvin Coote, Saffron Knight, Chloe Ryan, Aydan Peterson, Cheyenne Baker, Scott Henery, Jemma Wilson, Jinarli Breckenridge, Kalen Marquardt, Xy Brookes, Ben Battiston, Avneet Kaur, Zeke Daley, Teal Haigh, Kaylan McGrath, Indigo Sharpe, Jarrace Ham, Jayden Jackson, Maddie Norris, Amy Gooch, Maliq McGrath, Liam Jones, Harry Adams

Students of the Week
Allan Glozier, Mackenzie Glen, Isaac McCudden, Jaxon McQueen, Lily Lhuede, Charlie Roche, Bella Ham, Allierah Christian, Joel Trindall, Amisha Marican, Brittani Dowd

Where in the World is Seemore?
This term, find Seemore visiting somewhere in the world. He might be somewhere local or he might be visiting another country or a famous location.
This week’s clue is G____ B______ R___
Fill in the slip provided and place in the Seemore box at the office to win a $2 Canteen Voucher. Two winners will be drawn - one from Yrs K - 2 and one from Yrs 3 - 6. Winners will be announced at Fridays Assembly.

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soccer Registrations for season 2015 now open!
Registrations for all North Coast Football players is open this week. These days, registrations are taken online at www.myfootballclub.com.au, however, most clubs have sign on days at their local ground or a shopping centre so players can meet their coaches or buy socks etc.

Macksville SC - Saturday Feb 14th & 21st 9am –12noon at Macksville Playing Fields, Bellevue Drive. For more info Penny Moran 0407 241 468

MACKSVILLE GIRL GUIDES invites girls 5-14years to come and see what Guides can offer for after-school activities. Girls learn life skills, cooking, camping opportunities, crafts, badge challenges and more, and enjoy the company of other girls their own age in a safe, friendly environment under the guidance of qualified Leaders.

We meet Tuesday evenings 5pm – 6.30pm at our Guide Hall, Cnr Briner and Park Streets, Macksville. For further information, phone Leonie 65687013.

Get off your screen - try Scouts!
Parents – do you want your son or daughter to get away from a screen and be more active? If so, talk to them about joining our local Scout group. Scouts meet each Tuesday during term time from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Scout Hall in Partridge Street, Macksville. Scouts do lots of fun things like camping, canoeing, hiking, map reading, first aid, cooking and craft.

Why not contact us now to find out how to get started - we offer a four week try out period for a single payment of $30 (which provides insurance cover).

Scouts is for kids aged 10 1/2 to 15 years. If you are younger you can come join the Cubs section (aged 7 1/2 to 11 years, who meet on Thursdays from 5.30pm to 7.30pm) or if older, the Venturers section (aged 14 1/2 to 18 years, who meet on Wednesdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm).

Want to know more? Call our Group Leader Anissa Ruitenberk 6569 6157 (ph) or 0417 448 204
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District Carnival

The Annual District Carnival was held at the Macksville Pool last Monday 16th February. Thank you to Tracey Welsh and Mark Sanders for helping with time keeping.

There are qualifying times for all swimming carnivals. Only children who meet these qualifying times can proceed to the next level.

Congratulations to the following children who have qualified for the Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival:

- Daniel Williams 1st 8 Years 50m Freestyle
- Daniel Williams 1st Junior Backstroke
- Elle Holladay 3rd 8 Years 50m Freestyle
- Wilson Baade 3rd 9 Years 50m Freestyle
- Liam Jones 3rd 11 Years 50m Freestyle
- Amisha Marican 1st 13 Years 50m Freestyle
- Amisha Marican 3rd Senior Breaststroke

- Ella Williams 4th 11 Years Backstroke
- Domynique Byrt 2nd Senior Butterfly
- Monty Wilson 2nd Senior Butterfly
- Sumah Robins 3rd Junior Butterfly
- Senior Boy Relay 3rd Monty Wilson, Liam Jones, Will McKinney and Koelby Welsh

More information is available by calling Michelle on 0428 452 277 (evenings are best). A huge thank you to those kids, and parents, who came last Monday, and we look forward to seeing you again next Monday.

Rivers Netball Club

Registrations Now Open
ONLINE REGO’S ONLY
For more information please go to:
www.riversnetballclub.com
Registration closes 28th Feb

Nambucca Valley Basketball Club -
-is holding another informal meeting at Macksville Indoor Stadium, at 3.45pm, on Monday, the 23rd February, to continue to discuss the viability of holding a basketball competition for 8-14 years. We have had sufficient interest for us to hold another gathering, and are hoping for greater numbers. We appreciate that the Swimming and Touch Football Seasons are not yet over, but at this stage we are only after expressions of interest, so that we have an idea of potential numbers, both for players and parent helpers. We anticipate a social competition for Monday afternoons from 4pm-5.30pm, with a skills building session to be followed by games. No experience is necessary for kids, or helpers, and all are welcome.

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