Dear Parents and Caregivers

After feedback from a few parents we have decided to send newsletters home this week and next, after which they will come fortnightly. This is a transitional phase to help everyone get into the swing of fortnightly information.

University Competitions

The remaining four ICAS competitions are open for students in Years 2-6. If your child is interested in entering please contact the office for a note. Competitions open for entry are Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Entries with payment will be accepted up to Friday 15 May 2015, no late entries can be accepted.

NAPLAN

The 2015 NAPLAN testing will take place in Week 4 this term, between Tuesday 12 May and Thursday 14 May. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete an assessment of their Reading, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation), Writing and Numeracy. If you have any questions about the process we are happy to answer them. Please see Mrs Menzies.

Cup Cake Stall

The P&C will be holding a Cup Cake Stall at the Fun Run on Sunday. They need helpers on the day and donations of cup cakes. Please contact Katie Brown if you can help.

Mother’s Day Stall

The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day stall at the school during recess on Thursday 7 May. Gifts will be priced from $3.00 to $9.00 each. There will be no IOUs.

Hockey Trials

Congratulations to Kasey and Ashleigh who have gained selection in the North Coast Hockey team to play in Murwillumbah between 26 and 28 May 2015.

Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle on Friday 8 May 2015 to help raise funds for Bryce’s medical expenses. A note has been sent home, please ensure it is returned with payment by Wednesday 6 May.

School Photos

School photos were sent home last week. In the school foyer we have copies of the whole school, Year 6, Year 6 fun, House Captains and School Captains. These are available to order for $16.00 each (whole school $20.00), 2 for $30.00, 3 for $42.00. If you would like to order please collect an envelope from the office and return by 8 May 2015.

Assembly

Our first Term 2 assembly will be held on 11 May at 2:25pm with 4/5/6 performing an item. Everyone is invited to attend.

What’s Happening—Dates to remember

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Stewart House

Attached is an envelope for Stewart House donations. If you donate $2.00 or more your family is entered into a draw for a $4000 family holiday. Envelopes MUST be returned to school by 8 May 2015.

Mufti Day

To assist with the cost of CAPA activities throughout the year we will be holding a mufti day on Thursday 21 May. Please dress as your favourite creative person and bring along a gold coin donation.

Cyber Safety Parent Session

Yamba Public School have organised a Cyber Safety information session with the Australian Communications & Media Authority at the school on Thursday 7 May from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Phone 6646 2420 for further information.

Dance Dress Rehearsal

Ms Clare has sent a note home with relevant students today regarding a dance dress rehearsal on Tuesday 19 May 2015.

Lawrence Community ANZAC Service

Thank you to the students and Mr Hill who attended the ANZAC ceremony at Lawrence on Saturday. It was a fantastic turnout to commemorate our ANZACs.

P&C News

Sadly, Peter Smajstr is resigning from his executive Treasurer’s position with the P&C. Nominations will be taken at the next P&C meeting, Monday 11 May. If you are interested in taking on this position please attend that meeting.

Grafton Show - Help is URGENTLY needed for Saturday night on the show gates. We need at least one male. Please contact the school office if you can spare some time. This is a great way for you can support your P&C fundraising efforts.

Tea Towel Fundraiser - The P&C has decided to sell Tea Towels as a fundraiser, these are very unique and are a great memento. A note is attached for orders which can be completed and returned with payment to Katie Brown or Debbie at the school office by Thursday 25 June 2015.

Clarence District Cross Country

The Clarence District Cross Country will be held on Friday 8 May. Qualifying students were given a permission note at the Smalls Schools event and need to return the note and $5.00 levy as soon as possible.

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2016

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows:

- Monday 27 April 2015: Online applications open
- Friday 15 May 2015: Online applications close
- Wednesday 22 July 2015: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents will be able to access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Fundraising

Currently we are raising funds to assist with the care of Bryce. There is a Lolly Guessing competition at $1.00 per guess and a raffle, organised by the Lawrence Tavern. Tickets are for sale at the school office for $2.00 each.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal

Canteen 4 May 2015
Duty: Mel Purtill, Michelle Power-Casson & Melinda Lee

Canteen 11 May 2015
Duty: Katie Brown, Kate Billin and Kerri Anderson.

Canteen 18 May 2015
Duty: Mel Purtill & Michelle Power-Casson

Community News

These advertisements are accepted in good faith and the school does not vet them. Parents are advised to request further information or credentials from the advertiser, if they seek product use or participation in the activity.

Clarence Family Day Care

Margaret Whalan has vacancies for before & after school care and for Thursday for children from 15mths of age. Child care rebate and benefit is available to eligible parents. Phone Margaret on 6647 7198 for further information.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The Lawrence Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 20 May at 11.30am at the Lawrence Hall. Ross McLeod will be the guest speaker so bring your bells! Any enquires please call Lorna 6647 7377 or Esther 6647 7396.

Grafton Ghosts Junior Rugby League

Grafton Ghosts Junior Rugby League - Registrations are still open. We are seeking players especially in U/8s U/10s U/11s U/12s & U/15s age groups. To register or for further info contact Jo Lucas - 0448864542 or graftonjrl@hotmail.com