Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you can see we are still searching for the best format for our newsletter. It is important to us that information is clearly presented and easy to understand. We would appreciate any feedback from parents and caregivers about what suits you. Attached is a Term 2 calendar to give an idea of upcoming events. Events may be added to this and existing events are subject to change.

Sausage Sizzle
Orders for this Friday’s sausage sizzle were due today. Late orders will be accepted in the morning.

School Photos
In the school foyer we have copies of the whole school, Year 6, Year 6 fun, House Captains and School Captains photos. 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.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN assessments will take place next week for Years 3 and 5 in Mrs Menzies classroom. The schedule will be as follows:

- Tuesday: Language Conventions
  - Writing
- Wednesday: Reading
- Thursday: Numeracy

Students should arrive promptly to school each day. They are allowed to bring a drink bottle of water into the classroom with them. They will also require a pencil and a eraser, however the school will provide these on the day. If your child is ill and not in attendance please notify the school so arrangements can be made.

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.

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.

Maclean High School Transition
The second transition workshop day is Wednesday 20 May 2015. A note has been given to Year 6 students and needs to be returned with $4.00 cash by Monday 18 May. There is an information session for parents on Tuesday 19 May at 5:30pm following a tour of the school at 5:00pm.

Grafton Show
Thankyou to all parents who helped man the gates at Grafton show last weekend. This is one of the major P&C fundraisers of the year, and we appreciated you braving the wild, woolly and wet weather to support your school. Fundraisers like this are what allow the P&C to help financially support the school programs and activities.

Bryce’s Rainbow of Fun
Thankyou to the parents who cooked and decorated cupcakes, or manned the stall to sell them at the school stall at Bryce’s Rainbow of Fun Day last Sunday. One of the great things about Lawrence is the huge support you show for other members of the community.
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.

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.

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 rehearsals on Tuesday 19 May and Monday 25 May 2015.

Clarence District Cross Country
The Clarence District Cross Country will be held this Friday 8 May. Good luck to our competitors.

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2016
The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 has begun.

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.

Yr 3 - 6 Excursion
Don’t forget to return your note and deposit for the Yr 3 - 6 excursion.

Stewart House
Stewart House donations envelopes were sent home last week. 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.

Fundraising
The lolly guess competition has been won by Jonah Menzies, who guessed 156 lollies in the jar. We raised $65.00 to assist with Bryce’s care.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal

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 - Thank you to everyone that helped out at the Grafton Show.

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.

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 66477377 or Esther 66477396.