

# Community Noticeboard



## Messages - Reminders - Upcoming Events

- Our P&C meets the second Wednesday of each month (during the school term).
- School banking occurs every Wednesday.
- Our school canteen operates Mon - Thurs.
- Only students 10 years or older are allowed to ride bikes to and from school.
- We welcome parent helpers and volunteers!
- School starts at 8:45am with morning playtime.
- We are taking enrolments for preschool and kindergarten now!

**Our link to the local community!**



# GRAPEVINE

Manning Gardens Public School

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**Term 4 Week 9 - 4 December 2014**

### Principal's Message:

This is our last edition of the Grapevine for 2014. The last day of school for students is Wednesday 17 December.

I would like to thank the entire staff at Manning Gardens Public School for their commitment and dedication to the students at our school. We have experienced many staff changes over the course of the year and it is credit to our staff that we have been able to keep delivering

such high levels of quality teaching throughout the year. Thank you Assistant Principals, teachers, SLSOs and our SASS/admin staff.

Tomorrow we are holding a volunteers morning tea. If you have been a volunteer at our school in 2014 - we hope to see you at 11:45am in our staffroom!

Presentation day is next Tuesday followed by class parties and our very special Year 6 farewell on

Thursday evening. Once again I would like to thank staff and our fabulous P&C who go that 'extra mile' on an almost daily basis so our students have special activities and lifelong memories of their primary schooling. We hope you will get behind these special events as they occur in the coming weeks!

- BE SAFE
- BE FAIR
- BE A LEARNER

*Stay strong!*



### KEY DATES

### 2015

### SCHOOL YEAR

Students in Years 1-6 return to school on:  
**THURSDAY 29 JANUARY**

Kindergarten students start school on:  
**MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY**

Preschool reopens on:  
**MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY**

PRESENTATION DAY - TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 9:30AM.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL - THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER.

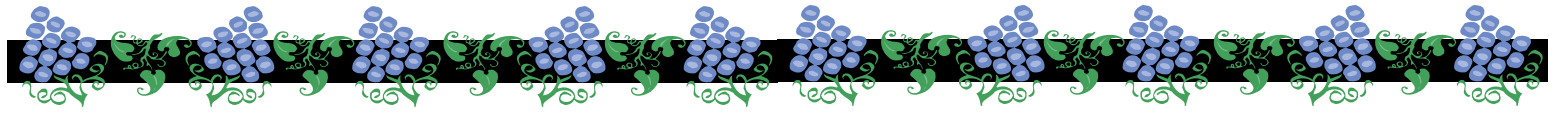
EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY - MONDAY 15 DECEMBER .

LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS - WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER.



### DID YOU KNOW?

This year Class 1/2M has been enjoying a colourful, healthy and scrumptious Crunch n Sip each day. We've kept records and the whole class has brought 1519 pieces of fruit to date.., that is an average of 76 pieces per student!



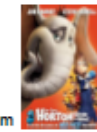
# STRONG AND SMART PRESCHOOL!



BAAYA Yurrung Preschool has received a rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard. The Taree based preschool received the highest rating possible given by the regulatory body under the standard process of assessment conducted Australia wide. The preschool was assessed on seven quality areas in July and were found to have an overall rating of exceeding the national quality. Teacher Donna Deehan said there was a clear reason for the high rating given for Baaya Yurrung Preschool. "Because we work really hard on our relationship with the children and their families," she said. "We have really high expectations for the children, in helping them believe their capable people. "For example they use real tools and make their own breakfast and set up and clear their own play space. "All of this instils a sense of belonging and it's like an underpinning value, with the belonging they love to come to school and feel it's their place." Mrs Deehan has taught at the preschool since it opened in 2004, and has loved every minute of her time spent helping some of the youngest members of the Taree community. "I've loved the spontaneity of learning, they knock my socks off sometimes," she said. "They really inspire me and I really treasure the reciprocal relationship." Principal of Manning Gardens Public School Paul Sortwell said the preschool implements programs promoting sustainability, health and wellbeing, children's agency, literacy and numeracy and self-efficacy. "The preschool has a Quality Improvement Plan that is continually reflected upon and reviewed to ensure the standards are maintained at a high level," he said. "A service philosophy underpins all interactions and practices within the preschool. "Children's interests are honoured and planned for with highly experienced staff providing a stimulating and developmentally appropriate program, enabling the children to gain lifelong skills to carry them through school as a capable learner. "As an example, the children enrolled in the preschool enjoy a sensory garden to engage them in gardening and care of living things." Member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead said the preschool had been given the highest rating by the regulatory body under the standard process of assessment. "Recently the preschool underwent a thorough compliance visit from the Assessment and Rating regulatory body to receive one of the five rating levels within the national quality and rating process," he said. "This process reflects a national uniform approach and promotes transparency and accountability within early childhood settings, it helps parents assess the quality of an education service. "Every early childhood service and preschool across the nation receives a rating for each of the seven quality areas and an overall rating that must be displayed by each service, these are published on the MyChild website."

## Movie Screening

Horton hears a who!  
**FREE admission Rated G BRING OWN CUSHION TO SIT ON**  
 Horton the Elephant struggles to protect a microscopic community from his neighbors who refuse to believe it exists.  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ph: 6556 1652**  
 Location: Harrington Library\*  
 Date & time: Friday 16 January 11.00am - 12.30pm  
 Age: All ages.  
 Parents must supervise children under 5 years.



## Science on the Move

**FREE admission CRAFTY SCIENCE**  
 Explore science through craft. Participants will be making a stubborn ball, whirrigig and a satellite in motion.  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ph: 6556 1652**  
 Location: Harrington Library\*  
 Date: Monday 19 January  
 Time: 10.30 - 11.30am  
 Age: 5+yrs. Supervised activity.



## My Own Harvest

Create your own mini herb garden and learn how to grow yummy vegetables all year round in your own backyard!  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL CONTACT YOUR LIBRARY**  
 Locations, dates and times:  
**Taree Library**  
 Monday 19 January 11.00am - 12.00pm  
**Wingham Library\***  
 Tuesday 20 January 10.30 - 11.30am  
 Age: 5+yrs. Parents welcome.  
 Cost: \$6 per child



## Adventure Craft

**FREE admission**  
 Using a mix of media including paper, cardboard and play dough to create an adventure scene in a box.  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ph: 6559 3066**  
 Location: Hallidays Point Library\*  
 Date: Tuesday 20 January  
 Time: 2.00 - 3.00pm  
 Age: 5-7yrs. Supervised activity.



## Hours and Locations

**Taree Library**  
 242 Victoria Street  
 Mon-Fri: 10.00am - 5.00pm  
 Saturday: 10.00am-2.00pm  
 Ph: 6592 5290

**Wingham Library\***  
 Wynter Street  
 Monday-Friday: 10.00am-5.00pm  
 Saturday: 10.00am -12.00noon  
 Ph: 6553 4555

**Hallidays Point Library\***  
 Village Centre, High Street  
 Monday-Friday: 10.00am - 5.00pm  
 Saturday: 10.00am -12.00noon  
 Ph: 6559 3066

**Harrington Library\***  
 Harrington Community Village  
 Monday-Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm  
 Saturday 10.00am -12.00noon  
 Ph: 6556 1652

**Old Bar Community Library**  
 Cnr. Old Bar Road & Cross Street  
 Monday-Friday: 10.00am - 5.00pm  
 Saturday: 10.00am -12.00noon  
 Ph: 6553 6535

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December-January

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

PROGRAM 2014/15



Image: Mill, Jack and the dancing cat by Stephen Michael King.



Kids don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Club! There are great prizes up for grabs and an awesome exclusive party for the clubbers! Ask a library staff member about how to get involved.

## Year 6 Farewell

Thursday 11th December 5-9pm in our School Hall, for all Year 6 students **only**. 2 course meal is provided at no cost to students and will be fully supervised by Teachers and Staff. Hang Fire Disco and Light Show will start at 7pm and the whole school is invited to attend! \$2 entry fee. Hope to see you all there.

