Date Claimers

- Wed 22-Fri 24 Feb — Swimming (Years 2 & 4)
- Sat 25 Feb — Yungaburra Markets (Year 5 to help please)
- Wed 1-Fri 3 Mar — Swimming (Years 2 & 4)
- Fri 3 Mar — Interschool Sports (Yrs 5 & 6) at Malanda
- Wed 8-Thurs 9 Mar — Swimming (Years 2 & 4)
- Thurs 9 Mar — “Too Cool for Bullies” Show
- Fri 10 Mar — Interschool Sports (Yrs 5 & 6) at Yungaburra

Yungaburra State School is proud to be a NUT FREE school.

For more information, please check the following websites.

http://elknurse.ccsweb.org/nutfreesnacklist.pdf
http://www.livestrong.com/article/266734-list-of-nut-free-foods/

P&C Meeting

Thursday 9 Mar 2017
6:30pm
AGM followed by General Meeting
Venue: Resource Centre
Tea and Coffee available.
We welcome new members

GREAT STATE, GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Leadership Camp

The Year 6 School Captains and Vice Captains went to the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre (TEEC) for three days with eight different schools, to learn about 10 different leadership skills.

These skills are: listen, encourage, support, show initiative, delegate, make decisions, evaluate, model behaviours, organise and communicate clearly.

At camp the leader did many activities building up these leadership skills. On the last day of camp each student needed to write a speech about what they have learnt on camp to present in front of the Principals of each school. Leaders also sat down with them and discussed what they wanted to achieve this year when creating their action plan.
Four weeks of term 1 over already; hard to believe!

The Year Ahead

February is always a very busy month for schools with staffing allocations coming in after Day 8; annual reporting requirements; Investing for Success planning; budgeting and just getting all the teaching and learning programs back up and running.

As part of this process schools plan to focus on particular aspects of teaching and learning to improve outcomes for students. I am currently finalising plans for 2017. Focus Areas for improvement include: Mathematics (Programs and Pedagogies); continued work with the Australian Curriculum; implementation of YSS Words Their Way Spelling Program and digital practice in the classroom.

Queensland Education Department (DET) has a current action plan for our students; “Advancing Education”. “We will advance Queensland through a world – class education system that supports students to develop the knowledge, skills and qualities they need for the future”.

It goes on to say that our young people need to be:

• Lifelong Learners who are creators, technology savvy, problem solvers, innovators and effective communicators
• Global Citizens who have relationships based on fairness and respect, are developing cultural capacity and able to connect locally and globally
• Successful people who have goals, who are resilient, able to create opportunities and are confident in pursuing their passions

Yungaburra, along with all other schools in our state are working to create successful futures for all of our students by focusing on literacy and numeracy standards; having access to specialized STEM teachers, working closely with our local kindergartens; promoting cultural understandings, offering digital technologies and expanding LOTE programs.

I’m very proud of the work our staff team is doing at Yungaburra with support from our Parents and Citizens Association and other members of the school community. Just some of the great opportunities our students have access to over and above the regular classroom and curriculum experiences include:

- Literacy and Numeracy Support on the ground
- Specialist Science Teacher and Classes
- Makerspace Access – opportunities to create, build, dream, think outside of the box, problem solve
- Library Access at break times
- ICT Devices and BYOD scheme
- Music Classes (Note in 2016 these were THE ARTS with dancing, drama and visual arts)
- Instrumental Music Program
- A very large and diverse sporting calendar
- Student Leadership opportunities that extend beyond elected representatives

And we continue to grow and develop other areas and projects for future years.

Spaces and Places

You will have noticed we have made some changes to some spaces around the school with Mr Edwards now up in the Resource Centre with a teaching space and “chill out” room for students. The Makerspace is now in the old ICT Lab and the library area has been reconfigured to allow for a more flexible use of space. Mrs Knowles also has her own space (thank you P&C) and is very happy! I’ve been working with Tamara Oellermann on new school signage to assist with making our school expectations clearer. Stay tuned for nice new welcome signs too.

At the end of last term, 2016 facilities managers visited with architects and we are hopeful of Block A and B being refurbished over the next Christmas holidays. Fingers crossed.

New Roles

Lyndall Torrisi – Head of Student Support

Adrienne Telford – STEM Lead Teacher

Vicki Chatfield – Business Service Manager

Anne Morrisson – Head of Curriculum

Please remember that when I am not on the school site Lyndall Torrisi is the officer in charge in most instances.

With this in mind; I will be away in Week 6 for a few days attending the State Principal’s Conference 2017 on the Gold Coast. Lyndall will be in charge during this time.

Brigitte
Year 2 Paper Bag STEM Challenge

On Friday the 3rd of February, Year 2 students took part in a STEM Paper Bag challenge as an introduction to their learning about Technologies this year.

Groups of students were provided with 16 plastic straws, sticky tape, a large ball of Blu Tac, and a pair of scissors. They were asked to use these materials to create the tallest free-standing tower they possibly could in half an hour.

All groups worked well in teams and were able to meet the design brief, creating a freestanding tower. Mrs Torrisi and Miss Hardy were delighted to see students using impressive technical skills, like creating a frame structures and suspension cables. We also were also impressed to overhear a considerable amount of technical language used in group discussions; terms like strength, base, solid and foundation, were used accurately and easily.

Congratulations to all students for completing the challenge, and a special mention to David, Blair, Annika and Marlo, who built a tower 1.3 metres high!

Library News

We welcome the new students and parents to our school. Feel free to visit our library anytime. Thank you parents for supplying library bags for your child/ren to help protect our books. Books are not allowed home without a library bag. If children forget to return books at class borrowing times, we ask for books to be put in the Returns box (near the library entrance door) before school the next day.

Safer Internet Day was Feb. 7th.

Learn how to be eSecure on iParent https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent

Here parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children’s technology use. You can find guidance for using safety settings on your family’s web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games, and strategies for keeping young people safe online. There is an online resource centre to access all brochures and posters free of charge.

Our YSS Library Online has a Cybersafety News tab. You and your children can access Library Online at home by typing either Yungaburra State School, or Yungaburra State School Library Online in to your search engine. Library Online is under Quick Links on the YSS website. Children have been shown this at school.

Mrs. Hutchesson (library assistant) works Mondays and Tuesdays, and I work Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Feel free to call in to say hello. We are happy to help with Library Online queries. Keep an eye out for parent info sessions on Library Online to be offered in the library, probably on a Wednesday morning.

Thanks for reading.
(Mrs.) Kim Kirkman, (Teacher-Librarian)
NOTICE OF P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9 March 2017 at 6.30pm
Resource Centre (Library) Yungaburra State School

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Yungaburra State School Parents and Citizens' Association will be held on Thursday 9 March 2017 commencing at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre (Library).

Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2016 AGM and the tabling of the Audit Report for the year ended 31 December 2016, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

- President
- 2 x Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer

All current P&C Members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions on the Executive. For more information concerning any aspects of the P&C including the conduct of the AGM, and the roles of Executives and Sub-Committees, please go to the P&C Qld website http://www.pandcsqld.com.au

The AGM is open to all staff, parents and carers who wish to attend, however only registered members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

At the completion of the AGM the March General Meeting will be held.

Kerry Stevenson
Secretary

P & C News

The next market is on Saturday 25 February with Year 5 to assist.

Times are as follows:

- **Friday 3:15pm**: Set-up marquee and wheel out bins
- **Saturday 8:30—10:30am**: Assisting at the Info tent
- **Saturday 1:30pm**: Pack up marquee and bins away

Volunteer attendance at the January market was impressive, so a special thanks to Mr P and the Year 6 students who assisted on the day.

The old signage at the market grounds has now been replaced with two new signs featuring the new market logo and updated details.

A reminder the Yungaburra Markets will be celebrating 40 years of operation in May, so if you have any suggestions or would like to get involved in this great celebration, please contact us on 0419 652 663.

Kind regards
Howard and Tamara (Market Managers)
School Banking

School banking has started for 2017.

Parent information packs are available from the office.

Bank books to be placed in the yellow box near the office on Wednesday’s.

Many benefits for both our school and your child, including the chance to win a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland!!

Please contact our coordinator Stacey with any questions (stacey_84@hotmail.com).

BMX Sign On

2017 NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY

YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS AT:
Atherton BMX Club
Grove St, Atherton
(Behind Tabeland Hardware)

DATE TO COME AND TRY:
SATURDAY
25TH FEBRUARY
FROM 3PM

CONTACT:
Kellie
0429 466 228

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HAWAIIAN LUAU
COME ALONG & JOIN TRDL FOR THEIR FIRST ROLLER DISCO OF THE YEAR!
FRIDAY, 17TH FEB 2017
7PM - 9PM
ATHERTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Dress up in your best Hawaiian clothes for a chance of winning the best dressed competition.

Cowabunga!

Refreshments available

Younger ones must be signed in by a parent or guardian.

It is recommended that you BYO protective gear.
**BPoint Payments**

Thank you for all the BPoint payments that have been coming in. It has come to our attention that some people are having difficulty with the process.

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Breast Screening

Are you female?
Are you over 40?

If you answered ‘yes’ to both questions, Breast Screen Queensland is now taking appointments at the Atherton Showgrounds behind Merrilands Hall (access via Robert Street) until 10 March 2017

A breastscreen is a great way to help maintain breast health and is the most effective way to detect breast cancer early. If you are over 40, spare 30 minutes every two years to visit BreastScreen Queensland.

Phone 13 20 50 for your free appointment.

Exchange Students

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.