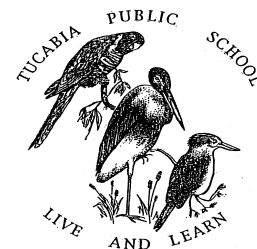


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OUR YOUNG "GROMMETS" HIT THE WAVES!

It was high fives all around yesterday as everyone had a chance to stand up on a surfboard. Many of our more capable students were exchanging high 5's as they caught waves together! There is nothing better than surfing with your mates.

A few natural talents were discovered during the day and every single student wore huge grins. Just take a look at the photos. The team who delivered the surf program were exceptionally professional and encouraging to the students. Thankyou everyone for a fantastic day. Let's do it again in 3 weeks time!

CLARENCE DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Satriya Pope (Y3), Jaxon Moran (Y5), Justin Hilder (Y6) and Sunny Cowper (Y6) have made it to the Mid North Coast for the Small Schools Relay. What a fantastic achievement from these young swimmers. They swim in Coffs tomorrow and we wish them good luck and quick times. No matter what the result boys, you are all winners.

Satriya is also competing in the 9yr 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, Jnr 200 individual medley, Jnr Breastroke, Jnr Butterfly as well as being part of the relay team.

OUR 125 YEARS CELEBRATION PAGE IS FANTASTIC

Don't know much about Tucabia School or the history of the area? Then take a peek at our page, *Tucabia Public School Celebrates 125 Years*. It is full of information with more being added all the time.

Our ex-students and ex-parents have also found it too! This will be a huge year for our amazing little school.

STUDENTS HAVE A SAY ABOUT SCHOOL LIFE

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our Year 4 to 6 students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete during school hours, between 14th March and 8th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Monday, 7th March**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

OUR STUDENT LEADERS ARE SHOWING INITIATIVE

Our Year 5-6 student leaders have written two excellent submissions to present to the staff. One is to enable them to organise regular, structure games for the younger students, during lunch, two days per week. The other is for a school pet, with the final decision being guinea pigs.

The teachers sent back a few questions and possible problems which our leaders capably answered and provided solutions. Well done leaders of the future.

Diary Dates

- 25 - MNCZ Swimming Carnival

- 29 - 125 year meeting
- Mar 4 - Clean Up Aust Day

Leo has written a letter to the Carter family asking for a lend of their cage and Archie has written a letter to the community.

The students are very excited to see their plans come to fruition and down the track will be requesting weekend "guinea pig sitters!"

Please see Archie's letter attached and if you can assist, please give us a call, or drop the students a line.

STUDENTS PHOTOS CAN BE FOUND IN MANY FORMS.

If you happen to be at school, pop into the front office for the slide shows that change regularly. The last few weeks we highlighted our swimmers. The next show will be of our fun day surfing. I am sure there will be a slide of your child standing up on a board.

The notice board in the pergola at the front gate also highlights out fortnightly stars of the week and merit certificate recipients, all looking very proud of their work.

We also hope you enjoy the small selection we send home in the newsletters.

Yuraygir United Football Club

Thanks to everyone who came to the sign on day last Saturday. It was a great turn out with lots new players. For those who still wish to play this season please register as soon as possible. Payment can be delayed until training starts. To register go to www.myfootball.com.au and follow the prompts. Fees for this season: U6/7 - \$85, U8/11 - \$105, U12/18 - (non senior comp) - \$120.

Any queries to yufootballclub.com.au or call Karen 0423699915.

Go BEARS!



**125 YEAR MEETING
MONDAY 29TH FEB.**

6.00 PM

SCHOOL STAFFROOM

This is a wonderful milestone in our school's history.

Come along to our community meeting, meet some of our long-term residents and see what they have planned.

SEE YOU HERE!

President - Roy Bowling

Secretary - Sue Grebert

Treasurer - Amy Moran

Tucabia hits the waves!



