Welcome to our Term 2 community newsletter.
We would like everyone to know about the fantastic things that are happening at our school. We hope you enjoy reading about our students and their adventures. Please have a look at our website, www.nymboida-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to find photos, weekly newsletters and other information about our school and the Department of Education and Communities.

In 2014 we have welcomed Kindergarten students Chase and Kaitlynne and Year 4 students Ebony and Erik. We said farewell to Bridie and Haylee. Miss Dalgliesh also commenced in the role of Principal as a permanent appointment.

Swimming Carnivals
On Tuesday 4th February our students attended the Ulmarra and Friends Swimming Carnival. It was very hot and a great day for being in the water. Congratulations to everyone who participated and put in their best effort. Primary students then had the opportunity to swim at the Clarence Small Schools Carnival. Congratulations to Viola Campbell for winning the Junior Girl Champion trophy bringing home a truckload of ribbons. Kasey Broderick also had a successful day with a 2nd in Jnr 50m Backstroke and 3rd in Jnr 50m Breaststroke. Well done Kasey!
Viola then went on to achieve the following results at the Clarence District carnival:
1st Jnr 50m Backstroke, 2nd 10yr 50m Freestyle, Jnr 50m Breaststroke, Jnr 50m Butterfly, Jnr 200m Medley.

Active After Schools Communities - Hockey
The whole school travelled to Grafton for the AASC Hockey Gala Day. Everyone got into the spirit of the day and improved their hockey skills. Thank you to AASC coordinator Bruce Wallace and all involved in organising the day.

Funky Hair Day
In support of the World’s Greatest Shave and the Leukaemia Foundation everyone enjoyed a day of funky hair. Viola demonstrated her kindness and generosity by donating all of the money she had earned through selling items at the local growers market, a huge donation of $44.60. We are very proud of Viola and her generous spirit.

Harmony Day & National Day of Action Against Bullying
Thank you to everyone involved in our Harmony Day celebrations. A cultural dress presentation by each student was fantastic, including a talk about the country and culture of their choice. Activities with the anti bullying message were also part of the day with our primary students reading their friendship poetry to attending parents.

Responsible Pet Ownership
Gina and her beautiful dog Tessa visited the school for a Responsible Pet Ownership presentation. Everyone learnt about looking after their pets and safety around animals. Thank you to Gina and Tessa!

iPad Winners!
Our school was the proud winner of the recent iPad competition run by the Daily Examiner. Representatives from the Daily Examiner delivered the ten iPads and took a photo of our students. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped out with tokens.
Cross Country Congratulations to Kasey Broderick for placing 6th at the Clarence District Cross Country Carnival, progressing to the Mid North Coast Carnival. Brodie, Rollie and Lilith also put in a huge effort in completing the Grafton course in heavy rain. Well done!

The Green Room When you next visit the school don’t forget to take a look at the revitalised K-3 classroom. The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal grant we received in December funded the painting which was carried out during the holidays. Some data/electrical work and new blinds were also funded. It is now a fantastic new learning area.

ANZAC Day Thank you to students and families who joined Miss Dalgliesh and Mrs Oxenbridge in representing Nymboida Public School at the 2014 ANZAC Day march and service.

Grafton Show Congratulations to all of our students who each received at least one first place in various categories at the Grafton Show.

Taronga Zoomobile & Cascades EEC Nymboida Public School were privileged to host a great day of fun and learning. The Taronga Zoomobile, Cascades Environmental Education Centre and students from Coutts Crossing Public School spent the day at our school. The Zoomobile introduced us to a blue tongue lizard, a stick insect, an echidna, a very large python, and a baby possum. The presentation was very entertaining and informative with everyone having a chance to get ‘hands on’. Everyone spent some time in the beautiful outdoors looking for insect specimens. We then examined their features using the whiteboard and a microscope. After a tasty picnic lunch and playtime our Active After-school Communities coaches delivered some fun games and athletics activities.

‘Off This Planet’ and ‘Get Hooked’ We have had fun taking part in the Get Hooked Program which ‘introduces students to freshwater and marine fish, other aquatic life, and the importance of sustaining a quality fish habitat while practicing safe and responsible fishing behaviours’. This included a fishing expedition and hands on lessons at Wooli with NSW DPI staff. While at Wooli our students also experienced a planetarium show at Wooli Public School. A great day!

Grafton Eisteddfod Congratulations on a fantastic performance from our verse speakers and dancers at the 2014 City of Grafton Eisteddfod.

Questacon Our school was very lucky to receive a visit from the Shell Questacon Science Circus. Hannah and Erinn, Masters students from the Australian National University in Canberra, entertained and informed us with some fantastic science experiments on structures and fluids. Who knew that paper cylinders would hold over 4 kg of weight and four light bulbs would sustain the weight of our presenter Hannah? Thanks Questacon!

Athletics All students enjoyed our annual athletics carnival with Coutts Crossing Public School. Everyone participated and put in a fantastic effort. Thank you to our parents who helped out with activities and to Coutts Crossing PS for hosting.

Connected Classroom Our video conferencing equipment has been put to good use. Students enjoyed a video link with Taronga Zoo in Sydney to learn about fish and marine sustainability. It was a very interesting and engaging lesson. Year 4-6 students also took part in a lesson called CYBERSMART - lets make a better internet. Our music teacher, Kris Edwards, organised a visit from Gillwinga PS band members and a VC musical performance with Frederickton PS. Our video conferencing facilities are a wonderful way to expand our school programs.