Welcome to the 2015 school year!
Nymboida school staff are looking forward to a very busy and exciting year. As always we would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and caregivers to visit the school. Teachers are readily available to discuss student progress. Please contact the school office and we will be happy to make an appointment. Alternatively, teachers may be contacted via email on:

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Classroom Structure
With students moving up a year level, and with the addition of four new kindergarten students, the structure of our school has changed. The classroom timetable has been adapted to better support student learning in our current environment. This year we will have a K-2 class (Mrs Oxenbridge) and a 3-6 class (Miss Dalgliesh) on Wednesdays and Fridays. Miss Dalgliesh will be teaching on Monday & Tuesday while Mrs Oxenbridge will be teaching on Thursday. We also welcome Mrs Pat Kowal for the morning sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Kowal has extensive experience in Reading Recovery and literacy support programs. The timetable will be flexible where required and these arrangements may be changed for reasons such as professional development, extra-curricular activities, excursions and/or staff availability.

School Fees
School fees for 2015 will be $30 per student. Please arrange payment of fees by Friday 27th February, by cash or cheque at the school office. Please note this is a voluntary school contribution that will go towards the provision of text books and classroom supplies.

What to Bring/Wear
Students are required to wear the correct school uniform each day. This includes a school shirt, black shorts/skirt/pants, school hat, and appropriate footwear (black or white school shoes/joggers). This year there will be a uniform reward system in place. Shirts, hats, jackets and swim/library bags are available for purchase at school. Please ensure your child brings a healthy lunch and recess, fruit for our morning crunch & sip break, and a water bottle for use in the classroom. A student fridge is available for food storage if required. Students may also bring insect repellent to school. Also, as many of our students mature they may choose to bring deodorant in their bag. Please ensure these items are non-aerosol (roll-on, pump spray).

Your details
Please ensure you keep the school up to date with any changes in student or family details, particularly family and emergency contacts and medical information.
In future years additional funding allocations will be adjusted according to the school’s Family Occupation & Education Index (FOEI). It is therefore important to have accurate enrolment information for students and parents, including education and employment details. A prefilled enrolment form has been sent home with each student (excluding kindergarten) for updating enrolment information. Please make any changes and return ASAP.

Medication
If your child needs medication while at school please contact staff. Medication needs to be accompanied with a written note and handed to staff on arrival at school. All prescribed medications must be labelled with the child’s name. Non-prescription medication should ideally be in the original packaging.
**Student Absence**
Parents or caregivers of children from Kindergarten through to Year 12 are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. This means all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.
If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child’s teacher or the administrative assistant at the school, or explain the reason by phone, email or written note as soon as possible, or within seven days.

**Music**
Weekly music lessons will be held on Tuesdays with Ms Edwards from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium. The students will be exposed to a broad range of musical experiences and performing arts through this program. The cost will be **$10 per term**. Payment can be made at any time, however an invoice will be sent home later this term.

**SRE**
Special Religious Education lessons are currently available twice per term. Enrolment forms now include a section indicating student participation in SRE. Please complete this section before returning enrolment forms.

**Homework**
In order to allow more time over the weekend for students to complete homework activities, we will be sending homework home with students on Fridays and would like it returned to school the following Thursday.

**Library**
Library lessons will be held each Monday. Please remember to return borrowed books weekly. The mobile library will also visit the school on alternate Wednesdays.

**Canteen**
Canteen will continue on Fridays in 2015 commencing on Friday 6th February. The weekly newsletter will provide ongoing information about canteen availability. If you are available to help out with canteen at any time please let us know.

**Clarence Science Initiative (CSI)**
Congratulations to our year 5 & 6 students who have been accepted into the 2015 CSI program being held fortnightly on a Wednesday at South Grafton High School. Please note that school events are a priority and should be attended. This is a policy established by the CSI organisers.

**Years 5-6 2015 Excursion**
This year our year 5-6 students will have the opportunity to attend a 4 day/3 night excursion to Brisbane in Term 3. Copmanhurst and Tucabia year 5 & 6 students will also be attending. Details for the excursion are still in the planning process however the itinerary to date is looking very exciting.

**Nymboida P&C Association**
The P&C AGM will be held on Monday 9th February 8.30am. Renewing and new members are encouraged to join and have a say on the organisation of the P&C for 2015. Membership is $2 per family.

**Term 1 Dates**
Ulmarra & Friends Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 3rd February (please see separate note)
P&C AGM – Tuesday 12th February
Small Schools Swimming Carnival – Friday 13th February
Clarence District Swimming Carnival – Thursday 19th February

The first weekly newsletter will be sent home next week.
If you have any questions regarding this or any other school matter, please contact us on 6649 4137.

Michelle Dalgliesh
Principal