Our &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!

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**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!

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**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**

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**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.**

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**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!
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 instills 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 Forre 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."

Number 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."