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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 1st May 2024

DATE	EVENT
3 May	Anzac Day Assembly
6 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
8 May	P&C Meeting – 7pm Staff Room
9 May	Mother's Day Stall
10 May	Mother's Day Breakfast 8-9:30 am
10 May	'Walk Safely to School' Day
13 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
13-16 May	CAPA Camp
14 May	Netball Gala Day - Adcock Park
16 May	BWPSSA Touch Footy Rep Trials
20 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
23 May	Nitbusters Program

Welcome Back

This term is gearing up to be yet another busy and exciting time on the Ourimbah PS calendar.

The week commenced with our usual **Staff Development Day** with staff being involved in a day packed full of meetings and workshops. This **professional learning time** is invaluable to school planning and has allowed the staff at OPS the opportunity to participate in a variety of professional development workshops. We thank all families for supporting our Staff Development Day by making

arrangements to have their children supervised at home on this day.

This term, also sees the commencement of many **PSSA sporting teams** competing in the state knockout competition and our staff are once again holding try-outs and co-ordinating training sessions after school and during lunch breaks.

During the holiday period, our much-anticipated playground signs were installed in various locations around the school as part of our ongoing review and update of our existing *Student Behaviour Management* procedures. These updates are part of the new *Student Behaviour Policy* released by the NSW Department of Education at the beginning of 2024.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and fundraising efforts of the **Year 6 Leadership Group (2023)** and **Mrs Aimee Irons** who led a highly successful fundraising campaign to raise the money (\$7,788.20) which paid for these fantastic new signs.

The rationale behind the new signage is to support the wellbeing of all students in and around the various playground areas, with an emphasis upon our 3 important school rules – **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible**. Together with the help of the SRC, the students at OPS have identified what these school rules mean to them in the various play areas, which are now being displayed for all to see!



This annual event is always a very special and solemn service, and it is lovely to see so many of our school community supporting the Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Sub-branch and keeping the ANZAC spirit alive in our younger generations.

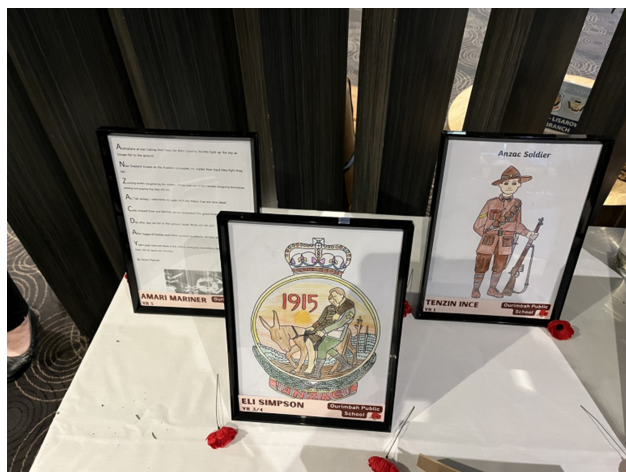


ANZAC Day - 'Lest We Forget'

On **Thursday 25 April** approximately 30 of our students, including Mrs Dunn, Miss Freney and Mrs Golding, participated in the **ANZAC Day March** and ceremony at the Ourimbah RSL. Our Student Leaders **Beau H, Jasper C-D, Phoenix R, Maddie L and Mark P** also represented the school at the **Dawn Service** with Mrs Dunn, Mrs Bullock and I, laying a commemorative wreath on behalf of our school.



It was great to see the winning entries of this year's **ANZAC Day school competition** have their work on display at Ourimbah RSL – congratulations to **Tenzin I (Stage 1)**, **Eli S (Stage 2)** and **Amari M (Stage 3)**.



At the end of this week, the students and staff will hold our commemorative ANZAC Day service to mark this special cultural event.

Attendance Matters

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. Our school works in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

The importance of arriving on time ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day and it helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine. It also gives students time to greet their friends before class and reduces classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Read more about the benefits of regular attendance on the [department website](#). See attached flyer.

Cross Country Carnival

Despite the wet weather at the end of last term, we managed to hold our Primary Cross-Country Carnival on the last day of school.

The primary carnival was again held at the back of the school starting and finishing on C-oval and meandering its way behind the middle classrooms and down the fire trail at the top of the school. This year's competition was very challenging, with the students having to run up a steep hill before negotiating rugged terrain.

A **special thanks** to the carnival organiser, **Mrs Rae**, for her tireless work and wonderful organisation before, during and after the day. My thanks also to **Mr Rainger**, **Mr Wilson**, **Mr Castles** and some hardworking Stage 3 students for assisting with setting-up and packing-up duties.

The winning house will be announced at next week's primary assembly.

This year's age champions are:

- 8/9 Years – Logan B and Mia H
- 10 Years – Oliver W and Callie S
- 11 Years – Brayden M and Zoe L
- 12/13 Years – Nate M and Grace F

Good luck to our team who will now be competing at the BWPSSA Zone Carnival on Friday 24 May at Wyoming PS.

School Wellbeing Chaplain

The National Schools Chaplaincy Program began in NSW in 2007 with the aim to extend the work of Chaplaincy being provided in other states.

School Chaplaincy is a dynamic program that is tailored to the needs of the school. The specific tasks and timetable of the Chaplain is determined by the Principal in consultation with the school's Learning and Support Team.

A School Wellbeing Chaplain does not provide clinical, religious or specialised care but rather pastoral care that shows a clear understanding and awareness of how to promote and develop students' social and emotional wellbeing. School Wellbeing Chaplains are qualified support workers who provide wellbeing and pastoral care services to the school community.

This year, Ourimbah PS has once again teamed up with *Generate Chaplaincy* to find a suitable candidate to fill the vacant role at our school. I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Mrs Briana Caswell** who will be working with our students, teachers and families each Monday.

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 – for 2025

A reminder that the online applications for OC Placement for **Year 5 students in 2025** close on **Monday 20 May**. Unfortunately, no late applications will be accepted!

Please return the **'Intention to Apply' form** to your child's class teacher so the school is aware which families have applied online.

Online applications can be made at the following website:

[Online Applications](#)

Office Hours

Please note that the school office hours are **8:20am to 3:20pm Monday to Friday**. It is not always possible to get messages to children after 2:15 pm unless in the case of an emergency. If there is a change in your child's going home arrangements, please let the office know by phone as soon as possible; preferably before 2:15 pm.

Mother's Day Celebrations

Our staff and students are once again looking forward to celebrating **Mother's Day** and recognising the wonderful contribution our mums, aunts and grandmas make to our lives. This year, we will be holding the annual **Mother's Day Stall** on **Thursday 9 May** and hosting the **Mother's Day Breakfast** on **Friday 10 May (8:00 – 9:30 am)**.

We will be serving a breakfast pack which includes 2 food items (1 savoury option and 1 sweet option) and a drink for \$5.50 per person. To ensure that we order sufficient food for everyone (including students), please return the order form that has been sent out to all families with the correct cash amount to the secure payment box in the office foyer or pay via School Bytes directly. Children, whose mothers cannot attend, are also invited to purchase breakfast if they wish. **Final orders must be placed by Thursday 2 May for catering purposes.**

A coffee van will be here on the day for those wishing to purchase hot drinks (adults only).



Kind regards,
Greg Francis (Principal)

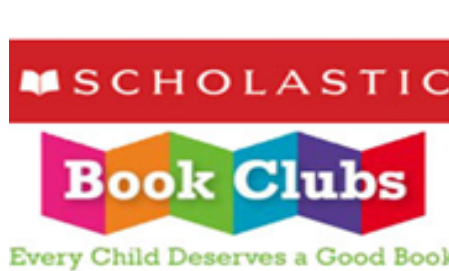
STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2024

Donation envelopes are coming home today with students, for the Stewart House Donation Drive for 2024. Your donation supports the 1,600 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW & ACT. This great fundraiser has been helping children in public schools since 1931 and is a wonderful, valued program.

All donations received of \$2 will go into the draw and you could be the lucky winner of a \$4,000 gift voucher!

Donation envelopes need to be completed and returned to the school office by Wednesday 15th May. Merchandise can also be purchased from Stewart House via their website:

stewarthouse.org.au



BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Book Club Brochure will be coming home this week.

All orders for Issue 3 are due to be **returned to the office by Thursday 16th May**.

If you wish to place an order for Book Club, please be sure to fill in the order forms correctly, with your child's name and class and then send with payment to class teacher or the front office. Orders can be paid by cash or cheque or by ordering online with your credit card via the LOOP option.

HEATING OF FOOD AT SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that we have had quite a few children coming to the office at lunchtime, requesting to have their food heated up for lunch.

Unfortunately, due to health, hygiene and safety issues, this is not permitted by the Department. Please be aware of this when packing lunches for school.

NITBUSTERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **THURSDAY, 23rd MAY**

This school runs a Nitbusters Program on one day of each term, under the guidelines and health controls of the NSW Health Department.

Each class has an allotted time to come to the playground to be checked by a team of volunteer parents. The volunteer can quickly assess whether the child has contracted lice or may still have some concerning eggs. In either case, a letter is sent by mail

to your home address indicating the outcome and suggested methods of eradication.

The program has been very successful in reducing outbreaks through the school by educating families to keep a regular weekly watch for lice and in breaking down the barriers of a taboo subject by freely discussing the issue.

This term, the Nitbusters Program will be held on Thursday, 23rd May from 9am. Melinda Cooper is the Nitbuster's Coordinator and if you would like to help by volunteering ½ an hour to an hour of your time on Thursday, 23rd May, please contact the office and leave your details for Melinda. All help is greatly appreciated.

Walk Safely to School Day - Friday, 10th May

Ourimbah Public School encourages families to Walk Safely to School on Friday, 10th May. Children under ten years old must hold an adult's hand when crossing the road. Please encourage your child to walk (not run) across the road at Dog trap Rd and wait for the green walking symbol light. Please see the attached flyer.

Thanks,
OPS Staff

SCHOOL BYTES PARENT PORTAL AND APP

The school is now utilising some of the new features available on the School Bytes Parent Portal and School Bytes App.

Parents will now be able to see information relating to school activities and the newsletter in the parent portal news feed and calendar.

For those parents who would like to be notified when new information is available, you will need to **Enable Push Notifications** through your Parent Portal.



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thursday afternoons - 2:30 - 3:15 pm

Friday mornings - 8.30 - 9.15 am

Uniforms may also be ordered through our online ordering system, via the 'Square' App.

<https://ops-uniform-shop.square.site>

All orders will be sent home with your child, unless otherwise requested.

P&C NEWS



The P&C Easter Raffle was drawn on the 28th March just before the Easter long weekend. There were many happy winners, and the major prize winners are listed below:

- 1st - Hayden B 5/6A
- 2nd - Hugh N 3/4S
- 3rd - J Russo c/- K/1GM
- 4th - Mrs Ward c/- office
- 5th - Jake M 1B
- 6th - Seth H 3/4EB
- 7th - Sally R c/- KAN
- 8th - Harry H 3/4EB
- 9th - Jack S 2R
- 10th - Belinda H c/- KD

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to our school families and community who generously donated Easter goodies.

Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 10 MAY 2024!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

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Event will proceed RAIN, HAIL or SHINE.
Entry cost is non-refundable.
Program subject to change,
please refer to cckdo.org

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Sunday 5th May 2024

at Narara Valley High School

10am-3pm



CENTRAL COAST
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KIDS DAY OUT

CCKDO supporting kids, families and community on the Coast





FREE RIDES & SHOWS





Family \$45 (2 adults + 2 kids)
Adults \$20 Kids \$10 Kids under 12 months FREE
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+ Resilient Kids = HAPPY FAMILIES



JB Dance Head Quarters
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0401 473 457

TRY YOUR FIRST WEEK FREE





Mother's Day Stall

Come along and buy a beautiful Mother's Day Present.

When – Thursday, 9th May 2024

Where – School Hall

Time – Children will be given the time during school hours.

Gifts will range between from \$2 up to \$10 each.

Please send money with your child on Thursday, 9th May, if you would like them to be able to purchase a gift from the Mother's Day Stall.

If you would like to help at the stall on the day, please contact Ourimbah Public School office via:

Phone: 43621033

Email: ourimbah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

