



'Endeavour to Excel'

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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 17th December 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
17 December	Last day of year for students
18 December	School Development Day – staff only
19 December	School Development Day – staff only
26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
27 January	School Development Day – staff only
28 January	Years 1-6 Start Term 1
28 – 30 January	K2015 Best Start Assessments
29 January	Canteen open
30 January	Canteen open
2 February	Kindergarten start class
2 February	CANTEEN CLOSED



'Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.'

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Great School

We appreciate your ongoing support of the school throughout 2014. Ourimbah is a great school with a great reputation and we can be very proud of our achievements.

Presentation Assemblies

Thank you to the parents who attended our presentation assemblies last week. The two assemblies were a fitting conclusion to what has been an outstanding year.

Celebrating Friendship and Learning

It has been a very busy end to the school term with lots of extra-curricular activities.

The class parties celebrating friendship and learning were a huge success with all students and teachers enjoying the various activities that had been carefully selected for their stage. Kindergarten celebrated at school, hosting a visit from Santa and the fire engine, Stage 1 went to the movie cinemas, Stage 2 went to Toowoomba Bay and Stage 3 spent time at both Putt Putt Golf and Bateau Bay.

Our Magpie Rewards Day was celebrated on Friday with lots of fun and games. Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who achieved their Golden Magpie Award.

Student Reports

Semester 2 Student Reports went home last Thursday. Congratulations to our students on their achievements throughout the year.

P & C

Thank you to the P&C who helped Santa with the gifts at our special K-2 Assembly and provided morning tea for our Yr 6 students and their families after their Graduation Ceremony. Your ongoing generosity and support is very much appreciated.

Annual Talent Quest

One again we were entertained by the amazing talents of our boys and girls. Thank you to Miss Sammut and Miss Lievore, the organising teachers. Thank you also to the students for making this such a memorable event.

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Lievore who has received a permanent appointment, by merit selection, to Asquith Public School.

Congratulations to Miss Sammut who has been offered a position at Valley View Public School.

Congratulations to Miss Clulow who has been promoted to the Aboriginal Education Learning & Engagement position at District Office.

All the very best on your new positions.

Year 6

Yr 6 had a good time at Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Camp. They were all very well behaved. Thank you to Mrs English, Mr Edwards and Miss Kimpton for going on camp with the students and ensuring that it was a valuable and worthwhile learning experience for all.

The Yr 6 Graduation and Farewell celebrations were a credit to the students and staff. Thank you to everyone on staff who assisted.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish our Yr 6 students all the very BEST. As you move on through life, we hope that your dreams and aspirations come true.

Parents, Carers & Friends

Thank you to our amazing parents, carers and friends who have supported us throughout the year, you have helped make our school the wonderful, caring, positive place that it is.

Students

Thank you to the students who have focused on their learning, working cooperatively with their peers and teachers. You can be proud of your achievements. OPS prides itself on our outstanding reputation for good work, good behaviour and ALL of our students wearing their uniform with pride. Boys and girls, you are to be congratulated!

Staff

Thank you to our great staff for your ongoing dedication and commitment to student learning and welfare. Staff have worked overtime ensuring student reports were informative and our celebrations of friendship and learning were enjoyable occasions for all. It has been a real team effort, congratulations.

School Security

If you see any suspicious looking characters on school grounds during the holidays, please phone the School Security Number on 1300 880 021.

Camp Australia will be using our facilities as part of their Holiday Club Program.

2015 Starting Date

Students in Yrs 1 – 6 will start school on Wednesday, 29th January. The boys and girls will remain in their 2014 classes and will most likely have the same teacher for a couple of days until 2015 numbers and classes are finalised. At this stage, student numbers are up and it is anticipated that we will form an 18th class. Kindergarten will have their Best Start assessments in the first week and will start class on Monday, 2nd February 2015.

End of Year

Classes will not operate after Wednesday, 17th December, which is the last day of attendance for the students. We will be having designated Staff Development Days on Thursday, 18th December and Friday, 19th December.

Thank You

Once again, I would like to thank staff, students, parents, carers and friends for your tremendous support of the school. Ourimbah is a GREAT SCHOOL, thanks to you. 2014 has been an amazing year and we have much to be proud of.

Merry Christmas

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please have a safe and happy holiday.

Until next year,
Mrs Linda Trigg

PRIMARY PRESENTATION

Our Primary Presentation was held on Tuesday, 9th December. Many students were recognised for their effort in sport, band, choir and class, as well as those students in Year 6 who have assisted in a variety of roles.

We would like to thank our visitors Mrs Terri Rutherford, Mrs Kim Bettison, Mr Colin Gore and Mr Ken and Mrs Kathy Butler, who presented special awards.

Thanks also to the band and choir who kept us entertained.

K-2 PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, 10th December the K-2 Presentation Day Assembly was held in the school hall. At this special assembly the school recognised those children who have performed extremely well in their classes throughout the year. Congratulations children on a fantastic effort. Each grade also performed a musical item to entertain the audience. Every child was involved and they all did a great job. Thank you to all the staff for the time and effort

you put in to having the children perform to such a high standard. Thank you also to the many parents, carers and family members who came along to support their children and made the assembly so memorable.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION & FAREWELL

Last Thursday, our Year 6 students formally celebrated the end of their schooling at Ourimbah Public School. Both the Graduation Assembly and the Farewell Dinner and dance were wonderful occasions. Special thanks to our parents and caregivers for their attendance and support of our Yr 6 students during these celebrations. Also, many thanks to Mrs Caroline Potter for the superb graduation cake.

Congratulations to our hard working staff for their help in preparing our Yr 6 students for these events, as well as their assistance in decorating the hall and helping supervise at the farewell.

Well done everyone, especially Yr 6, for making these occasions so memorable and successful. We wish Yr 6 all the very best for their future.

Year 6 teachers

VARIETY CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Yesterday, a small group of students attended the annual Variety Club Christmas Party at Homebush. As always they had a fantastic day full of fun, including rides, face painting, balloon animals and of course, a visit from Santa. Thank you to Miss Sammut, Mr Whitehouse and Mrs Annabel for travelling with the children.

THANK YOU COAST FM 963

We would like to thank Coast FM 963 Radio Station for their continued support of our school and for allowing us the use of their Santa suit.

BLUE GUM CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will reopen next year on Thursday, 29th January and will continue to open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays throughout 2015.

When placing orders during the first week of next year, please place your child's name and 2014 class on the order until new classes have been allocated.

Thank you for your support this year and hope to see many familiar faces, as well as new volunteers next year.

Elise Blomfield

Canteen Supervisor

UNIFORM SHOP

2015 EXTRA OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop will open on Tuesday, 27th January 2015 as an extra service so you have an opportunity to purchase any last minute items you may need to start the school year.

Time: 10 am – 11 am

Operating Hours – Mondays & Thursdays

The opening hours for the uniform shop are as follows:

Mondays 8.30 am - 9.30 am

Thursdays 2.30 pm - 3.00 pm

School hats can be purchased from the canteen on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays at a cost of \$15.00 each. Don't forget uniforms can be ordered online using Flexischools and will be delivered to students to take home.

COMMUNITY NEWS

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.



The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html).

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Have a safe holiday break!

Ourimbah Tennis Academy **Holiday Tennis Coaching Clinic**

Monday, 5th to Wednesday, 7th January
&

Monday, 19th to Wednesday, 21st January
Time 9.00am to 2.30pm

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PENGUINS

Disney

BIG HERO 6

**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
SECRET OF THE TOMB**

OURIMBAH SURGERY

Ourimbah Surgery is open to new patients!

Dr Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to
announce they are now taking new patients.

We bulk bill all Health Care cardholders, pensioners and
children aged 16 years and under. For enquiries and
appointments please call 4362 3162.

Our friendly staff looks forward to welcoming you and
your families to our practice.

Camp Australia will once again be running Holiday Camp
on the school grounds over the Christmas break. For full
details and programs for Holiday Club visit the Camp
Australia website at www.campaustalia.com.au



January - NSW Ourimbah Holiday Club
121 Pacific Highway Ourimbah NSW 2258
0411 298 219 (07:00-18:00)

Monday 12 January 2015 Aloha Hawaii! Sun, surf and hours of fun at our very own luau!... Click on the heading for more	\$51.20	Monday 19 January 2015 Howzat! We don't like Cricket! We LOVE it!... Click on the heading for more	\$64.20
Tuesday 13 January 2015 Birds the Word... Make that Bird House! is the word! Get ready for a creative tweet! Click on the heading for more	\$64.20	Tuesday 20 January 2015 Picture Perfect SNAP! Bring along your photos for your very own frames! Click on the heading for more	\$63.20
Wednesday 14 January 2015 Victory Strike Strike em down! Click on the heading for more information. Please arrive by 8:45am	\$76.20	Wednesday 21 January 2015 A-Maze of Trouble Amazing mazes of trouble await! are you ready for the challenge? Click on the heading for more	\$51.20
Thursday 15 January 2015 Think Like Einstein! Put your thinking caps on and get ready for fun! Click on the heading for more information.	\$51.20	Thursday 22 January 2015 Madagascar Fever Action! It's movie time with our favourite Penguins from Madagascar. Click on the heading for more Please arrive by 8:45am	\$76.20
Friday 16 January 2015 Sculpture City Sculpt them up! Click on the heading for more	\$64.20	Friday 23 January 2015 Solar Sensations WARNING: Today will be out of this world! Click on the heading for more information	\$51.20
		Tuesday 27 January 2015 Island Paradise Time to get away to an Island Paradise! Click on the heading for more	\$51.20

* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, an smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunburnt day
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided

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CAMP AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY CLUB