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Wednesday, 4th November 2015



DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
6 November	Stage 2 League Tag
9 November	CANTEEN CLOSED
11 November	Yr 2 Swimming – final lesson
11 November	CANTEEN CLOSED
11 November	P&C Meeting – 7 pm in staffroom All welcome
12 November	Stage 3 League Tag
13 November	Basketball Gala Day
14 November	P&C Bush Christmas Photo Day
16 November	CANTEEN CLOSED
18 November	CANTEEN CLOSED
1 December	Primary Presentation Day
2 December	Infants Presentation Day
7-9 December	Yr 6 Myuna Bay Camp

student leaders. Our Leadership Team did an excellent job presenting their leadership project, congratulations. Also thank you to Mr Wilson who worked with and supported the Student Leadership Team.

The Leadership Team included: Vanessa B, Kate M, Morgan R, Ebony W, Claire E, Courtney G, Angus C, Aiden M, Eowyn P, Keegan R, Teagan M & Jarmaine T.



Congratulations to Miss Adams and the Senior Dance Troupe, along with Mrs Pasfield and the Choral Festival Choir who entertained us with outstanding performances on the night. It was a real team effort.

Planning for 2016

We have commenced our planning and organisation for 2016. If you know that your child/ren won't be attending our school in 2016, with the exception of Yr 6 students, could you please inform the office. Similarly, if you are aware of any students moving into our area who will be attending our school in 2016, please ask the families to



'The difference between ordinary and EXTRAordinary, is that little EXTRA!'

Excellent Student Leadership Presentation

Last Wednesday evening our Student Leadership Team took part in the Valley Schools' Leadership Presentation Forum. Student leaders from each of the Valley Schools presented their leadership projects. The evening was the culmination of several months planning and work by the

make contact with the school. We need this information to form classes for next year.

Also, if you are having an extended holiday and your child/ren will not be back at school on the first day, please let us know in writing before the end of the year.

Choral Festival

Congratulations to all of our students who performed in the Choral Festival, you were amazing!

Classes for 2016

Shortly we will begin forming anticipated classes for 2016. Although parents cannot request specific teachers, you can outline aspects of your child's development that may need special consideration. Please contact the Assistant Principal who is responsible for your child's grade, either personally or in writing, if you wish to discuss your child's class placement for 2016.

Kindergarten – Mrs Bradney

Yr 1 and Yr 2 – Mr Formby

Yr 3 and Yr 4 – Mrs Bowd

Yr 5 and Yr 6 – Mrs Wakelin

Annual School Assessment Survey

Our annual School Life Assessment Survey is now available on our website and via this link -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15SX6baO4cf7YQLBzltmz2dBnCB9N2s4gpf4kuZ5X5aQ/viewform?usp=send_form

This survey is designed to assess current school practices and policies on learning, along with parent satisfaction. Please take the time to complete this survey as it will provide valuable data to the school that will be used to guide our planning for 2016. We welcome and value your feedback. The survey will be online and will close on Friday, 20th November. If you are having problems accessing the survey from home, please come to school and complete it here. Staff are available to assist you if needed. Alternatively, you can ask for a paper copy of the survey to be sent home.

A BIG thank you to the 97 families who recently completed the Tell Them From Me Surveys. The winner of the \$50 open order was the Walker family.

All families who complete our second survey and return the blue slip will also go into the draw for a \$50 open order for groceries. Please take the time to complete this quick survey.

Leaving Ourimbah

If you are moving out of the district and enrolling in another school, could you please let us know as soon as possible. We need to take this into consideration when forming classes for 2016.

Vomiting Bug

There is a vomiting virus going around. Please keep the children at home if they are not well and discuss the importance of good hygiene, especially washing their hands.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mr Miller and his wife who are the proud parents of their new baby boy, Hudson. Also congratulations to Mrs Mountfort and her husband who are the proud parents of their new baby girl, Lola. Congratulations to Mrs Nagle and her husband who are the proud parents of their new baby girl, Lexi. Congratulations to Mrs Butt and her husband who are the proud parents of their new baby boy, Jackson. A BIG warm welcome to your beautiful babies.

Nitbusters

Our Nitbusters Program took place last week. A big thank you to Lorelei Barkley and her fantastic volunteers for making this possible. If you are one of the few families who receive a note confirming their presence, please take immediate action by treating your child's hair, brushes, combs, bands and ribbons. Clothing will need to be washed before it is worn again, along with bedding. Pillows and mattresses should be aired in the sunshine.

P&C Meeting

Our P&C Meeting will be on next Wednesday, 11th November at 7 pm in the staffroom. This will be our final meeting for the year. Please see the agenda inside for further details. We will be conducting one of our school evaluation activities and celebrating our successes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to the P&C for the marvellous job you have done this year, purchasing resources to support teaching and learning. The ipads have been a huge success.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal



P&C BUSH CHRISTMAS PHOTOS

Santa Claus is coming to town...

This year Ourimbah Public School P&C Association are welcoming a new addition to the fundraising agenda. If you haven't already guessed, Santa Claus will be coming to Ourimbah Public School for Santa Photos in the rainforest. Families will be able to book a session time with Santa and purchase an affordable package.

The session will take place on Saturday, 14th November 2015. Bookings are filling up fast, so return your order form ASAP.

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE

Week 3 – Winning House – Emus

Emus – 52 Platypus – 48.5
Koalas – 46 Kangaroos – 43.5

Week 4 – Winning House – Koalas

Koalas – 56 Platypus – 53.5
Kangaroos – 52.5 Emus – 46

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

Week 4 – Matthew P, Holly W KB, Chloe O, Archie H KS, Lucy V, Jayden C KT, Mia K, Reef C K/1M, Isaac D, Harper B 1A, Adelaide B, Jasper D 1P, Neesa D, Cooper N 1/2MA, Eloise F, Andrew B 2AKG, Chiquita M, James A 2F, Lucinda M, Brayden F 2M, Travis C, Charlotte R CAPA

Week 5 – Ivy C, Declan K KB, Colo H, Annalise L KS, Annika M, Cooper G KT, Sophie W, Matthew P K/1M, Ollie J, Liam D 1A, Elijah S, Lara R 1P, Cameron W, Damon R 1/2MA, Isla T, Dominic G 2AKG, Taya M, Shayla W 2F, Riley K, Poppy L 2M, Fletcher M, Neesa D CAPA

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

Week 4 – Caitlyn K 3F, Connor S, Ashlee M 3/4B, Joed M, Jacey C 3/4E, Zac T, Hailey M 3/4M, Jesse B, Yasmin T 3/4PB, Natasha B, Jeremiah T 4/5A, Bradley D, Charlee D 5/6D, Bailey M, Druzai M 5/6E, Josh B, Ava P 5/6W, Mateah G, Aidan S CAPA

Week 5 – Minh N 3F, John S, Samara C 3/4B, Jasmine M, Nina C 3/4E, Daine M, Keith S 3/4M, Lucas C, Annalise B 3/4PB, Zach F, Trinity B 4/5A, Cameron H, Angus C 5/6D, James G, Emalee M 5/6E, Page A, Cooper F 5/6W, Cirdan P, Nina C CAPA

MINI FETE THANK YOU

The Yr 6 teachers and students would like to thank Mr Abbott and all of the parents who volunteered their time to help with the Yr 6 Mini Fete. It was very much appreciated.

STUDENT OPAL CARD

Transport for NSW has introduced a new School Opal Card which will be replacing current bus passes for 2016.

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal Card. The School Opal Card will be sent to the student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is applying for a pass for the first time.

- The student is progressing from Yr 2 to Yr 3.
- The student has changed address or personal details have changed.

Please see the following article and the full fact sheet at the end of this newsletter for more information.

STUDENTS PROGRESSING FROM Yr 2 - 3

Transport for NSW requires a new application form for free travel for students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2016.

Students are only eligible for free travel if they live outside the 1.6 km radius of the school; this is a rule by the Transport for NSW and is implemented for children going into Year 3. Other students will receive an automatic School Opal Card and do not need to reapply.

Busways - Parents of students who use Busways will have to apply online following the instructions in the School Opal Card Fact Sheet at the end of this newsletter. A brochure will be sent home shortly.

Red Bus – Bus Pass forms that were sent home last week need to be returned by this Friday at the latest or you will also have to apply online.

LEADERSHIP TEAM - TINNED FOOD COLLECTION

Congratulations to each of our leaders who spoke beautifully at the Valley Schools' Leadership Presentation evening which was held last Wednesday.

As a follow up to the 2nd Hand Book Sale, our Yr 6 Leadership Team will be asking you to show your generosity once more by donating cans of food over the next few weeks. When you go shopping next, we would greatly appreciate you throwing an extra couple of tins into the trolley and sending them in to school.

Half of the proceeds raised from our book sale will be presented to a representative of Coast Shelter in Week 8. We would also like to donate our collection of canned food items when we present the cheque. One of the many wonderful things Coast Shelter does is create food hampers for those families most in need and we would like to help them fill their end of year hampers.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

Yr 6 Leadership Team



CENTRAL COAST CHORAL FESTIVAL

On Thursday, 22nd October, the Choir performed in the Central Coast Choral Festival at Mingara. The massed choir consisted of 385 students from different schools in the local area. It was such an amazing experience for the children and the performance was highly successful. Our students should be commended on their beautiful behaviour and dedication throughout practices this year. Well done, students!

Mrs Rebecca Pasfield and Miss Jackie Adams



BAND VISIT TO SOMERSBY PUBLIC SCHOOL

On Friday, 30th October the Blue Gum Flats Band visited Somersby Public School. They learnt new songs and performed with three other school bands including; Star of the Sea Terrigal, Wyee Public School and Somersby Public School. Once they had rehearsed all together, the combined bands performed for the students of Somersby Public School. We are very grateful that Mr Paul provided us with such a wonderful opportunity. A great day was had by all.

Mrs Rebecca Pasfield



NITBUSTERS DAY

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who once again did a great job on our Nitbusters Day last Monday. They were: Lisa Carson, Nicole McMurtrie, Emily Clifton,

Caroline Potter, Leah Ward, Jane Demellweek and our coordinator Lorelei Barkley.

SPORTS NEWS

On Friday, 13th November, the Senior girls and boys basketball teams will compete in the Graham Brown Challenge. This is an annual basketball event held at the Central Coast Youth Centre at Niagara Park.

We wish both teams all the best for the Gala Day.

Susan English

2015 PRESENTATION DAYS

K-2 ANNUAL PRESENTATION

The K-2 Annual Presentation Assembly will take place on **Wednesday, 2nd December** beginning at 9.30 am. K-2 students will receive their annual class awards.

Parents of award winners and class officials will be invited to the Presentation Assembly before the date.

Unfortunately we are severely restricted by the size of our hall and can only accommodate prize winners and their parents.

If you receive a letter advising that your child is an award recipient, please reply so that we can be sure that you have received the invitation.

All K-2 students are to wear full summer uniform on this day, **not** their sport uniform.

Please contact Tony Formby if you have any queries.

YEARS 3-6 ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY

Our Primary Presentation Day this year will be held on **Tuesday, 1st December**. On this day many of our Year 3-6 students will receive a variety of awards for class, band, music, sport etc. The induction of our 2016 School Officials will also take place at this assembly. The assembly will begin at 9.30 am.

Unfortunately we are severely restricted by the size of our hall and can only accommodate prize winners and their parents.

If you receive a letter advising that your child is an award recipient, please reply so that we can be sure that you have received the invitation.

For further information please contact Linda Bowd during school hours.

This day is successful due to the generous donations we receive each year from a few local businesses.

In order for the children to keep receiving a high standard of prizes we are in need of some more

sponsors. If anyone would like to donate towards our Presentation Day, we would be most grateful. Cheques can be made out to Ourimbah School and receipts are issued.

WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

BLUE GUM CANTEEN NEWS

Huge congratulations to our amazing team on receiving the 2015 Healthy Canteen Award. A lot of effort goes in to preparing handmade food for the children each day and without a great team this award would not be possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Here are some pics from our Melbourne Cup fun day.



Would you like to join our team? Why not pop in for a few beginner days this term in preparations for the start of 2016. It would be lovely to have you on board.

Canteen volunteers dinner - 7 pm on 4th December at Ourimbah RSL karaoke. Please let Elise know if you are joining in.

P&C NEWS

OPS P&C FUNDRAISING

As the 2015 School Year comes to a close OPS P&C would like to thank everyone for their help, donations and participation in our Fundraising Activities. These activities have allowed the P&C to assist with many resources for the school including:

- Library of ipads, cases, apps, etc for use by all students.
- Comprehension boxes
- Library donation

FUNDRAISING 2016 – CALLING ALL HELPERS

It is now time to look towards next year and we are looking for helpers to assist with Fundraising Activities planned for 2016.

Term 1: Easter Raffle & Student Disco

Term 2: Mother's Day Stall & Pie Drive

Term 3: Children's Art Show & Student Disco

Term 4: Santa Photos in the rainforest



If you would like to co-ordinate or assist with any fundraising activities next year, please contact **Kylie Brooks: 0427 628855**.

Any help is appreciated and new ideas are welcomed. We are hoping to bring together a group of energetic people who want to have some fun whilst raising money for the school and our kids.

DISCO & HOT DOG NIGHT

A massive thank you to the team who helped cook and serve the Disco Dogs and Ice-creams. It was a huge success due to the smooth running on the night. Thank you to Albina Finocchiaro, Jen East, Kylie Brooks, Leanne Diggle, Victoria Keegan and our cook, Dave Brooker. I would also like to extend a massive thank you to the ladies in the office for helping in organising the tickets and Elise (Canteen Manager) for the use of the Canteen and all her help in ordering and organising etc.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the P&C and school by buying a Disco Dog. We hope it was delicious.

P&C MEETING

Next Wednesday, 11th December
7 pm in the staffroom
All welcome



WELCOME TO OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION 2015.

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GENERAL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 11th November, 2015
TIME: 7pm VENUE: Staff Room

AGENDA

(10 minutes reading time prior to commencement of business)

1. Welcome and Apologies
 2. Acknowledgement of Country
 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 4. Business Arising
 1. Code of Conduct
 2. Action List
 3. Wish List
 4. Disco & Hot Dog Night
 5. Santa Photos
 5. Correspondence
 6. Reports
 1. Treasurer
 2. President
 3. Uniform Shop
 4. Fundraising
 5. Class Coordinator
 6. R.A.P
 7. Social Convenor
 8. Nitbusters
 9. CC Council of P&C Rep
 10. Principal
 7. General Business
 1. School Evaluation Forum (Mrs Trigg)
 2. School Excursions (Adrienne Collins)
 3. K-2 Christmas Santa Assembly (Mrs Bradney)
 4. Presentation and Farewell to Mrs Price and P&C Members
 8. Date of Next Meeting
- If you have any topic that is school related and you would like to be brought up at the next P&C Meeting please email the P&C Executive: email: ourimbahpandc@gmail.com
- President – Andrew Collins
Treasurer – Adrienne Collins
Vice Presidents – Kim Bettison & Lorelei Barkley
Secretary – Rhonda Wagenaar (correspondence), Lesley Marshall (minutes)

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OURIMBAH REGION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting TONIGHT, 4th November at 7.30 pm

Councillor Doug Eaton, Mayor of Wyong Shire Council, will be addressing our November 4 meeting at Sohler Park Community Hall, Shirley Street Ourimbah, commencing at 7.30 pm. This will be your opportunity to hear his comments concerning the possible amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils and how it would be managed. If possible, we will also discuss the proposed rail maintenance facility at Kangy Angy which will have an effect on some of our families as well as the local environment.

There will be time for questions either during Councillor Eaton's address or following.

Enquiries: 4362 9174/0408 414 552

ourimbah.region.residents.association@outlook.com

CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL

RECLAIM THE NIGHT

When
Friday, 6th November
2015
5.30-8.30pm

Where
On the Library Lawn -
Ourimbah University Campus

Help us to empower women to walk out of their darkness

Violence Support and Awareness Information stalls

Guest speakers

- HOT FOOD
- COLD DRINKS
- TEA & COFFEE

Free MUSICAL



Lisarow Heritage Cemetery

Pacific Highway Lisarow

Service of Thanksgiving for our early pioneers in the Ourimbah and Lisarow area.

Sunday 15th November at 2.30pm

Followed by refreshments and photo display at Seventh Day Adventist Church Cnr Ourimbah and Lisarow St, Lisarow

Be advised this is a bush location, there are NO facilities at the cemetery so bring your own water and chairs.

Enquiries: Anglican Church Wyoming - 43284460



Looking for an activity for your child to do, come along and try Scouts.

We have places available in our Joey, Scout & Venturer sections.

It is lots of fun and something the whole family can be involved in.

Joeys 6 - 8 years Wed 6pm - 7pm
Scouts 10.5 - 15 years Thurs 7pm - 9pm
Venturers 14.5 - 18 years Mon 7pm-9pm

Boys & girls are welcome

Contact Lynn on 0404 006 400 or
moomoo@chemist.com

SANTA IS ON HIS WAY

JOIN US FOR SANTA'S PARADE

ALL WE SEE IS JOY

14th November, 10am to 1pm

Led by the master toy maker, Santa will arrive in his sleigh accompanied by all his favourite friends including Elmo. There will also be lots of other FREE activities as well as Christmas carols!

Go to westfield.com.au/tuggerah for more information.



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Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply

Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.