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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 16th December 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
16 December	Last day of term for students
17 December	Staff Development Day (SDD)
27 January	Staff Development Day (SDD)
28 January	Year 1-6 students return
28 Jan – 1 Feb	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
2 February	Kindergarten students start
19 February	Textbook Sale Day
24 February	Swimming Carnival



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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Great School

We appreciate your ongoing support of the school throughout 2015. 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 Water Fun Day, Stage 1 went to the movie cinemas, Stage 2 went to Tenpin Bowling and Stage 3 spent time at Putt Putt Golf.

Our Magpie Rewards Day was celebrated on Friday with additional play time and an icy pole. Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who achieved their Golden Magpie Award.

Emergency Situations

Last week when one of our electrical appliances caught alight, a fire that had the potential to be a serious threat was extinguished and a major fire in one of the classrooms was averted thanks to the calm, speedy response from staff and students. As a result, minimal damage was sustained, but two classrooms are significantly smoke damaged and will be out of action until after the holidays.

Staff and students responded to the emergency by evacuating sensibly to the front of the school. They were amazing and everyone is to be congratulated for their efforts. One parent complained that staff didn't stop what they were doing to post messages on Facebook. The job of staff in an emergency like this is to follow our Emergency Management Plan, to care for the children and tend to their needs, as they are our number one priority. Thanks to the speedy response from staff, the children were not in any danger and the building was saved.

Student Reports

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

P & C

Thank you to the P&C who helped with the gifts at our special K-2 Assembly and provided morning tea for our Year 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 Mrs Walkaden, Mrs Bullock and Miss Brown, the organising teachers. Thank you also to the students for making this such a memorable event.

Year 6

Yr 6 had a good time at Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Camp. They were all very well behaved. Thank you to Mrs Wakelin, Mr Edwards and Mr Wilson 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 Mrs Wakelin, the organising teacher and 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.

Equipment List

I have included a copy of the equipment list at the back of this newsletter that students in each stage would benefit from having at the start of next year.

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.

2016 Starting Date

School resumes for Yr 1 to Yr 6 students on Thursday, 28th January 2016. Kindergarten students will be having their Best Start Assessments on the first three days and will not start class until Tuesday, 2nd February 2016.

The boys and girls will remain in their 2015 classes and will most likely have the same teacher for a couple of days until 2016 numbers and classes are finalised. At this stage, student numbers are on the line and it is possible that we may not keep our 18th class.

End of Year

Classes will not operate after today, Wednesday, 16th December which is the last day of attendance for the students. We will be having a designated Staff Development Day on Thursday, 17th 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. 2015 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.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION & FAREWELL

Last night, 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 Year 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 Year 6 students for these events, as well as their assistance in decorating the hall and helping supervise at the farewell.

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

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

Week 10 – Teleah K, Samuel B KB, Lukas E, Destiny M KS, Lucian D, Charlotte P KT, Lilly M, Zavier D K/1M, Emily B, Tameka W 1A, Blaise M, Lily M 1P, Abigail C, Phoenix M 2AKG, Heidi W, Jack M 2F, Byron S, Lainey G 2M, Dylan P, Liam M CAPA

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

Week 10 – Dylan W, Kya B 3F, Mitchell G, Ashlee M 3/4B, Miakoda C, Chloe W 3/4E, Eloise C, Mitch G 3/4M, Bryson S, Georgia K 3/4PB, Charlotte M, Haydon C 4/5A

YEAR 6 FRANGIPANI FUNDRAISER

The students and staff of Year 6 would like to thank those who were able to support last week's fundraiser. \$450 was raised from the sale of the young frangipani plants.

A huge thank you to Mr Graham Abbott who donated the plants to the Year 6 students. All money raised will go towards end of year activities for Year 6.

Gary Edwards

INFORMATION & DATES FOR PARENTS FOR 2016

Please make note of the following dates for events early in 2016 and the costs that you may incur.

Textbook Sale Day – Friday, 19th February – approximate cost for K-6 students will be \$15.00.

Swimming Carnival – Wednesday, 24th February

Photo Day – please note that Photo Day for 2016 will be held later in the year on Tuesday, 13th September (Term 3).

BOOK CLUB

Thank you to Amy Field and Dijana Hemmerich for their support and coordination of Scholastic Book Club throughout 2015. Thank you also to all of the families who make purchases from Book Club during the year. Our library is rewarded with many new resources thanks to all of you.

BUSWAYS - SCHOOL BUS NUMBER CHANGES

Reminder – the new bus numbers came in to effect on Monday, 7th December.

Please see the table below for all bus number changes affecting our school. Please note that **Bus 37 remains as Bus 37**, as this is a public service bus NOT a dedicated school bus.

AM – PM	Current Bus Number	New Bus Number
AM	38	2049
AM	54	2063
PM	38	2557
PM	84	2624
PM	85	2629

STUDENT OPAL CARDS

Please see the article later in this newsletter for an update on the School Opal Card.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR 2 STUDENTS

There are still many Year 2 students who have not returned their new online Student Opal Card application to school.

Please apply at transportnsw.onfo/school-students and print off and return your completed online application forms to the school office at the start of 2016. Please be aware that students going in to Year 3 who did not return their application before the end of year will **not** have a Student Opal Card for the start of 2016.

UNIFORM SHOP – 2016 EXTRA OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop will open on **Wednesday, 27th January from 10 am – 11 am** for your convenience to pick up last minute items for the start of 2016.

Normal 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

Online ordering and eftpos are available in the Uniform Shop. Order forms are also available from the office with an option to make arrangements for collecting/paying at the canteen or from the uniform shop.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

CAMP AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY CLUB

Camp Australia Holiday Club at Ourimbah Public School will commence on 11th January 2016. The children will be celebrating the 'Summer of Colour' program with Outdoor Games, Colour Run, Culture Experiences, Cooking, Craft, Gymnastics, Movies, Kite Making and lots more summer fun activities.

Please go to www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayfun to make a booking.

Requirements: Children to bring their own lunch and refreshments - NO NUT PRODUCTS. Water bottle clearly marked with child's name on it.

Must wear suitable sunsmart clothing and hat.




WELCOME TO OURIMBAH FOOTBALL CLUB!

2016 registrations open in early January.


Keep an eye on our Website for more info
or contact Grant Murray at:
grantmurray1970@gmail.com or
our Secretary at secretary@ourimbahfc.com.au

www.ourimbahfc.com.au

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SATURDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2015

6:45 PM

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IN THE OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL**

Carols at Ourimbah

**Live Band, Musical Items, Carol singing,
Santa visit & much more.**

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Information for Schools

School Opal card

From term one 2016, eligible students within the Opal network will be able to travel to and from school with the new School Opal card. Information about which areas are within the Opal network can be found at

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/OpalNetworkByPostcode>



Most students who already have a 2015 school student travel pass will have their School Opal card automatically issued and sent to their school.

Some students, including new applicants and students changing school or campuses, updating their personal details, or going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 who have already applied or who need to apply, will have their School Opal cards posted to their home address. Most School Opal cards should be received in the first two weeks of term one 2016.

Students who have been approved to travel on more than one operator or to more than one home address, for example where there is shared parental responsibility, will only receive a single Opal card.

School Opal cards sent to schools

Schools will receive a consignment of School Opal cards, by courier including:

- envelopes with a single personalised School Opal card for eligible students, sorted by grade and last name
- a list of all Opal cards issued to the school to help with distribution.

Schools should contact 131 500 or concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au if they don't receive their cards within the first two weeks of Term 1, 2016.

Travelling in term one

School students will need to carry their School Opal card and tap on and off when travelling. A grace period applies at the start of each new school year, where school students who have been approved for SSTS travel can travel without a valid pass while new passes are being issued. Students must be in school uniform or be able to provide evidence (such as a school ID or school books) that they are travelling to or from school during this time.

To report a lost, stolen or damaged School Opal card, customers should phone 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info/school-students

Ready for term one travel

- Most School Opal cards will be delivered in the first two weeks of term one 2016 to home or school
- School Opal cards sent to schools will be sorted by grade and surname
- Schools should only issue one School Opal card for each eligible student
- Schools should return any cards not issued to students to Transport for NSW two weeks after they receive their cards
- Students should wait until school starts to update their travel details at transportnsw.info/school-students
- Remember: a grace period applies at the start of the school year to enable time for passes to be issued
- Students will need to tap on and off when travelling with a School Opal card
- Contact 131 500 or concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au if your cards don't arrive or for more information



Class Equipment List for 2016

Parents are kindly asked to provide the following equipment at the start of our 2016 school year.

Please look at the grade your children will be in next year.

This information is being provided so you can forward plan for next year.

Kindergarten	Years 1 & 2
<p style="text-align: center;">Years 3 & 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1 glue stick per term * Good quality pencils – coloured * Good quality pencils - 2 lead pencils (HB) * Highlighters – optional * 1 homework book - A4 size(at least 96 page) * 1 eraser * 1 sharpener * 1 <u>small</u> pencil case * 1 library bag * 1 lunch box * School hat 1 box of tissues 1 liquid hand soap 	<p style="text-align: center;">Years 5 & 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pens- blue, black and red * Pencils - coloured * Pencils - lead (HB & a 2B) * 1 <u>small</u> pencil case * 1 homework book - A4 size(at least 96 page) * 1 glue stick per term * 1 eraser * 1 senior ruler (with millimetres)- solid plastic or wooden (not flexible plastic or metal) * 1 scissors * Highlighters * 1 lunch box * School hat 1 box of tissues 1 library bag

**** Please make sure items with an * are labelled with your child's name.

Please provide a daily serving of fruit/vegetables for our Crunch and Sip time. Kindergarten students need one serve that can be eaten in 5 minutes.