



'Endeavour to Excel'

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'Communicating with our Caring Community'



Wednesday, 25th February 2015



DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
27 February	Boys Cricket Knockout – Sohier Park
27 February	School 'Clean Up Australia Day'
2 March	CANTEEN CLOSED
2 March	Lisarow HS delegates to visit OPS
4 March	CANTEEN CLOSED
4 March	Lisarow HS Parent Information Session - 5.30 pm at LHS – notes coming home today
6 March	P&C Meet & Greet BBQ – 5 pm
7 March	RAP Working Bee Sat 10 am – 1 pm Volunteers needed
9 March	CANTEEN CLOSED
9 March	BWPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival
10 March	RAP Working Bee 9 am – 11 am Volunteers welcome
11 March	CANTEEN CLOSED
11 March	Lisarow HS Tours 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
11 March	P&C AGM – 7 pm in staffroom All welcome
16 March	Stage 3 CARES Bike Program
16 March	Small Steps Anxiety Awareness Presentation – 1 pm
17 March	Stage 3 CARES Bike Program
17 March	Grandparents Day
18 March	Photo Day



'Today's preparation determines tomorrow's ACHIEVEMENTS.'

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Excellence, Opportunity and Success

Our school motto is 'Endeavour to Excel - with excellence, opportunity and success.' The motto was developed through school community consultation and is a clear reflection of what we are aiming for throughout the school, both in the classroom and playground.

Our vision statement is, 'We believe in excellence, opportunity and success for our students.'

We are a dynamic school community committed to delivering a broad range of quality learning experiences, in a nurturing environment where all students have the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

Students will become successful learners, displaying confidence and creativity, along with the knowledge and skills to become active and informed citizens of the future, living and working successfully in the 21st Century.

Our 9 core values are:

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Cooperation
- Care
- Participation
- Fairness &
- Democracy.

Our first value is -

OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
VALUES

EXCELLENCE

Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning:

- Leading by example and always do your best.
- Asking for help when you find a task difficult.
- Trying your best even when the task is challenging.
- Having a go and never giving up.
- Willingly participating in school activities even when you are not good at them.
- Trying to improve in areas that are hard.
- Being a good role model for younger students.
- Participating in something you don't want to and still do your best.

Parent Teacher Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Parent Teacher Nights. It was great to see so many parents at each session. We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy day to meet with us, much appreciated.

Class Coordinators

Congratulations to our wonderful parents who have volunteered to take on the Class Coordinators role for their child's class. Our Coordinators and their assistants are as follows:

KB: Samantha Kirk & Kim Collins

KS: Kylie Brooks & Melissa Dumas

KT: Stacey Morgan

K/1M: Lorelei Barkley (Yr 1), Caroline Potter (Yr 1) & Rachael Timbrell (K)

1P: Karen Mason & Lesley Marshall

1A: Liz Moore

1/2MA: Jane Brooker

2AKG: Tamara Goldrick & Sue Davidson

2M: Lisa Lake

2/3F: Leanne Diggle

'Tell Them From Me' Student Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures

factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students today. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday, 1st March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

P&C Meet and Greet BBQ

The P&C are hosting a Meet & Greet BBQ at 5 pm on Friday, 6th March. There is no cost involved and they would love to see as many families as possible join us for this special event. It is a good opportunity for our families, both old and new, to meet up with each other and have a chat. It is also a good opportunity to meet our friendly P&C team that are hosting the BBQ. If you would like to bring along a picnic blanket or fold up chair, please do so. A detailed note from our P&C is accompanying this newsletter. If you are able to come along, please return the RSVP slip by Wednesday, 4th March for catering purposes.

Swimming Carnival

The school Swimming Carnival was held yesterday at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. Thank you to Mr Wilson for organising the carnival and also the staff who assisted, to the parents who helped with timekeeping and other jobs and to all those who attended. It was a real team effort and a well organised carnival. A full list of results will be included in the next newsletter.

Girls Cricket Team Champions

Congratulations to the Girls Cricket Team on their win over Chittaway Public School, a more detailed report is contained in the newsletter.

Staff News

With the formation of our 18th class, we are now entitled to an additional day in the library and Mrs Brooke Walkaden will be filling this opposition on a Friday. Please make her feel welcome

School Plan

Consultation on our draft School Plan 2015-17 has been ongoing. It was the topic of discussion at our last P&C Meeting and will also be on the agenda at our next meeting. On Monday we met and consulted with our Director, Karen Jones and members of the Principal School Leadership team, who have been appointed to assist schools with this process which is quite different to the previous school planning process. They were pleased with the progress we have made on our School Plan. When it is complete it will be available on our website and also at the office.

School Protocols

It has come to my attention that some members of our parent community may not be aware of certain school protocols.

Firstly, there is the WHS (Work, Health & Safety) requirement that visitors on our site report to the front office, sign in and collect a visitors badge.

Secondly, if you have any issues or concerns regarding another student's behaviour at OPS, please do not approach the child at school. Student behaviour at school is a staff responsibility and will be managed by staff in accordance with our Student Welfare and Discipline Policy.

Thank you to parents for your ongoing cooperation in regard to these matters.

Photographs, Video Footage, YouTube & Social Media

This is a reminder to all parents that we need to continue to respect the privacy of other students and their families. If you are taking photos or video footage of school activities, please stay focused on your child. The images that you capture are not to be uploaded onto any social media sites, including YouTube and Facebook and like sites, without the express permission of the students concerned, their parents and the school. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in regard to this matter.

Parent Courses

The Small Steps – Anxiety Awareness Program is being held here at school at 1 pm on Monday, 16th March. Please see inside for details.

The 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Course is for interested parents to learn how to better manage difficult behaviour in children between 2 yrs & 12 yrs. Please see the advertisement on the last page.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

This Friday, 27th February our students and staff will be participating in 'Clean Up Australia Day' by tidying up our school playgrounds and gardens. It would be very much appreciated if students who have gardening gloves at home could bring them along on Friday. The clean-up will take place after lunch.

The national 'Clean Up Australia Day' will take place on Sunday, 1st March.

Mrs Brewin

SMALL STEPS - ANXIETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Monday, 16th March

Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for NSW primary school teachers and parents.

Ourimbah Public School will be holding a Small Steps Presentation for parents on Monday, 16th March at 1 pm. All interested parents are welcome to attend. Notes with full information went home last week. Please return RSVP as soon as possible or phone the office on 4362 1033 if attending.

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE

Week 3 – Winning House – Kangaroos

Kangaroos – 29	Emus – 26
Platypus – 22	Koalas – 17

Week 4 – Winning House – Koalas

Koalas – 37	Kangaroos – 35.5
Emus – 35	Platypus – 27.5

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

Week 4 – Ivy C, Darcy P KB, Abbie D, Alec B KS, Jacob L, Gejora L KT, Hayden T, Sophie W K/1M, Kade D, Ruby H 1A, Grace B, Liam M 1P, Logan K, Heidi H 1/2MA, Mitchell H, Kara B 2AKG, Abby M, Linkin P 2F, Billy G, Ruby M 2M

Week 5 – Dana M, Harrison K KB, Lexi P, Ned H KS, Isla C, Neo C KT, Kai D, Jensen F K/1M, Melody W, Hamish P 1A, Ryley B, Adelaide B 1P, Emily M, Mitchell H 1/2MA, Adam T, Alison K 2AKG, Jack M 2F, Alexander P, Remy M 2M, Emmy D, Dana E RFF

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

Week 4 – Dylan W 3F, Murray H, Jordyn P 3/4B, Dusty P, Suzie M 3/4E, Hunter W, Anna C 3/4M, Olivia W, Jesse B 3/4PB, Natasha B, Jeremiah T 4/5A, Auron M, Teagan M 5/6D, Jessica B Ella D 5/6E, Max M, Wesley T 5/6W

Week 5 – Caitlyn K, Jackson H 3F, Nicholas R, Alana N 3/4B, Layla C, Connor K 3/4E, Oceanna W, Blake W 3/4M, Brian K, Harmony C 3/4PB, Charlotte O, Hayden C 4/5A, Bradley D, Morgan R 5/6D, Annabelle D, Annabelle D, Laura E 5/6E, Callum S, Holly B 5/6W

Y6-7 TRANSITION HIGH SCHOOL FORMS

All students in Year 6 should have received their High School Expression of Interest forms which were distributed on 10th February. Please read all the information and complete and return the forms to the class teacher ASAP.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FORMS

Many of our Kindergarten students had new enrolment forms sent home recently asking for updated information. Please fill in these forms and return to the office or class teacher as soon as possible.

SYDNEY SWANS VISIT

Last Tuesday, 2 of the Sydney Swans players, Jarred McVeigh and Xavier Richards, came to speak to all of our students at our Recess Assembly. They spoke about their careers in AFL, the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle and the opportunities that are available to all of us if we give our best and work hard. If your child is interested in playing AFL, information came home with the children on Tuesday afternoon or you can contact me through the school office.

Tony Formby

FIRST AID ROOM

Please be aware that due to the rainforest environment of our school, we have had some cases of mosquito and ant bites. In the case of insect bites, we would normally administer a spray of Stingoes to relieve the discomfort. We can also use Savlon cream and bandaids when a student has a graze. Please advise the class teacher and office if your child cannot have these administered.

OFFICE SPARE CLOTHES – PLEASE RETURN

If your child comes home from school with clothes they have borrowed from the office, please wash them and return them as soon as possible. We only have a limited supply of second hand uniforms and underwear, so it is imperative that they are returned.

ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS

Band newsletters and payment notes will be distributed this week to all band members. Instrument hire fees and band contributions can be paid to the office or sent to the class teacher. Instrument hire will cost \$50.00 per year and band contributions are \$25.00 per family per year.

Please advise the office if you receive a note and you are no longer in the band or alternatively if you are new to the band and did not receive a note.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – LOOP

Scholastic Book Club has introduced a new system for parents wishing to order from Book Club. The new system is known as LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payments). When you receive the next issue of Book Club you will be able to place your order and pay for it through this system if you prefer. The system is easy to use and orders will be delivered to the school with all other class orders. For more information see the office.

Please note that the original hard copy order forms can still be sent to school with cash or cheque payments if this is your preferred option.

RAP WORKING BEE

Saturday, 7 March 10 am – 1 pm

Family working bee for Rainforest Access Project (R.A.P)

Our school is lucky enough to enjoy the beautiful surrounds of one of this areas last Lowland Rainforests. Please come along, meet OPS families and help the rainforest by participating in one of the various activities we have planned for the working bee.

Our rainforest track needs to be tidied up, weeded and some plants might need relocation. We are looking forward to introducing you all to our little piece of paradise as we will be working on the RAP path near the Aboriginal site. Come for as little or long as you like and be prepared, with good walking shoes, boots or gumboots. Everything else is provided. If you have any questions, or are available to attend and can bring a leaf blower, please let us know on 0431 540 633.

RAINFOREST ACCESS PROJECT (R.A.P)

Term 1 RAP dates:

Week 6 – Saturday, 7th March 10 am -1pm

Family RAP working bee

Week 7 – Tuesday, 10th March 9 am - 11am

RAP morning parent helpers wanted

SCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE

With Easter only a few weeks away, it is time to start organising the Easter Raffle for 2015. Last year's raffle

was a huge success thanks to the generosity of our school families with over 180 prizes given out. Our aim is to make this year's just as successful, so we are asking for donations to be included in the prizes. This could include: all sorts of chocolate eggs, bunnies, bunyips, baskets, soft toys, Easter craft packs, Easter lollies etc.

Raffle tickets will be coming home this week, in booklets of 6 tickets, cost being one ticket = \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. There will be additional tickets at the office for those who require more.

Please leave all donations at the school office and be sure to check the next newsletter to read about some of the fantastic prizes that you have a chance of winning.

Thank you

P & C Fundraising Committee

P&C SOCIAL SIZZLE

The P&C is holding a free sausage sizzle at the school on Friday, 6th March from 5.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and what a great opportunity to come and meet the P&C team.

A detailed note is being sent home with this newsletter. Please send your RSVP slip to the office as soon as possible for catering purposes.

SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS KNOCKOUT CRICKET

Congratulations to our girls Cricket team who were successful in moving on to the second round of the PSSA Cricket Knockout Competition.

The girls had a hard fought win against Chittaway Bay Public School, demonstrating great sportsmanship and putting in a fantastic effort considering this was the first time many of them have played cricket. The team members were: Kate M, Sophie W, Vanessa B, Tegan M, Leianna S, Caitlin M, Dazhara M, Cassidy C, Lucy J, Bronte M and Morgan R. Well done girls!

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Voluntary Contributions for this year have been set at \$45.00 per student or \$100.00 per family. The voluntary contribution from our parents is an important part of school finances that contribute to our ability to ensure we have adequate resources in the classroom for your children. Our school delivers great learning programs for students and your support is appreciated. Payment of the contributions can be made on money collection days, which are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and can be paid at the office or sent to the class teacher.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for this year will take place on Wednesday, 18th March. **Full SUMMER uniform** is to be worn for the photos. Envelopes and information will come home soon. The cost of the packages will vary from \$32.00 to \$37.00 or \$18.00 for a group only photo.

UNIFORM SHOP

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

IT'S NEARLY MEAL DEAL TIME!

Keep an eye out for the Meal Deal Menu in the next few days. These days are RED DAYS, meaning that we do not have to adhere to the low salt, sugar and fat guidelines on these days. Please remember that this is once a term, even though the Healthy School Canteen rules allow two days per term. If these days do not suit your family, please refrain from ordering on this day as only meal deal foods are made on this day.

It's been a very busy start to the year in the canteen with the milo muffins taking off like crazy. Another popular item in the canteen at present is the milk pod that is made from frozen strawberry milk. It's fun to watch the word spread around the playground and to have children coming from everywhere to see what's happening.

Thank you to all of our new families who have taken the time to register on Flexischools.com.au. Every day your online orders make our day that little bit easier by freeing us up to make freshly made food for the children.

CALLING ALL KINDY PARENTS

I would like to personally invite you to join the canteen team. Starting school can be a big step for the whole family. With a lot to learn and new routines to form, the first few weeks can be a bit of a blur. Hopefully by now things are becoming a little more settled, so I would like to invite you to our wonderful team. The canteen is a fun and busy hub where children come to laugh and chat. We really need your help. Many of your children will be at this school for the coming 7 years. Please don't be

shy. Pop me an email or ring the office and let's get to know each other. In the past two weeks we have had three Kindy parents join our team. Why not come along and meet these folks and join in the community spirit.

Did you know? We support the children who are writing their orders out at the morning canteen window. If you don't get a chance to organise lunch bags at home, please know that we are here to help them once they arrive.

BACK TO SCHOOL MEAL DEAL

Mini hot cross bun
Choc or straw moove
..... \$3.00....

Elise Blomfield
Canteen Supervisor

P&C NEWS – NEW CONTACT DETAILS

The P&C now has a new email address which is: ourimbahpandc@gmail.com and don't forget we are also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OurimbahPC.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING All Welcome

MEETING DATE: Wednesday 11th March, 2015
TIME: 6.45pm for a 7pm Start
VENUE: Staff Room

AGENDA

(10 minutes reading time prior to commencement of business)

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 2014
3. Business Arising
4. Presentation of Annual Reports
 - Treasurer & appointment of auditor for next financial year.
 - President
 - Uniform Shop
 - Fundraising
 - RAP
 - Nitbusters
 - Class Coordinator
 - Social Convener
 - Principal
5. Declaration of all Positions Vacant- Appointment of Returning Officer for elections
6. Election of Official Positions
 - President
 - Vice Presidents (2)
 - Correspondence Secretary
 - Minute Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
 - Fundraising Co-ordinator (2 or more)
 - RAP Co-ordinator
 - Nitbuster Co-ordinator
 - Class Co-ordinator's Coordinator
 - Social Convener
 - P&C Delegates for Central Coast Council of P&C Associations of NSW (2)
7. Fees for P&C members
8. Update on Policies
9. Close Meeting

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE ENTRANCE HOCKEY CLUB is looking for new players in all age groups from U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 (boys, girls) women and men. We have our first training

on 26th February at Wyong Hockey Complex starting at 5.30pm. Best thing about hockey, we play at the same time, same place every week and never get washed out. Please contact Club President Mick on 0418976428 or visit our Facebook page at The Entrance Hockey Club. We can also offer a payment plan for fees after initial HockeyNSW fee.

OBSTACOOOL

Obstacle Courses for Kids

When: Sunday, 8th March

Where: Mt Penang Parklands, Kariong

For boys and girls - ages 5 to 12

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OURIMBAH NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYGROUP



We welcome new families with preschool age children to join us at Ourimbah Neighborhood Playgroup

Our morning is filled with craft activities, games and friendship!

For more info come along to one of our sessions, or look us up on facebook.

When: Wednesday 9:30-11:30

Where: Bill Sohler Park Hall, Shirley St, Ourimbah

Contact: Mandy Steff

Ph: 43628417

COASTAL VALLEYS REGION GIRL GUIDES invite you to **Come and Try Guides!**

At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 6 – 17 years

Guides enjoy a challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities.

For more information contact the Region Membership

Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au or visit

www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

Come and have fun - play Netball

There is still time to sign up!!

Wyoming Narara Netball Club are looking to register the following:
girls turning 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 or 14 this year.

You will play in a team from 28th March to early September.

For more information and/or to register please contact us on:

wncsec@gmail.com, or Cheryl Hogan on 0414 533 452.

Come & join the blue & gold!


**CENTRAL COAST JUNIOR OZTAG
WINTER 2015**
www.centralcoastjunioroztag.com
 Peta - 0402 040 293

Central Coast Oztag has got some very exciting news!!!!

Central Coast Oztag will be running the Inaugural Autumn 8 week competition at Narara Valley Sporting Preinct opposite Lisarow High School.

- Competition starts Monday 2nd of March.
- \$65 per person.

Divisions offered:
 U/8's Mixed,
 Boys - U/10's, U/12's, U/14's & U/16's
 Girls - U/10's, U/12's, U/14's & Women's opens (15years and older).

Registration Details:
 Register a whole team or as an individual

Registrations are being held at Lisarow Sporting Fields (competition venue)

Date: Saturday 21st February 2015

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am


For further registration details please visit www.centralcoastjunioroztag.com or contact Peta - 0402 040 293 or Charmaine - 0423 655 289


The Autumn competition provides a good opportunity for Winter codes to play together during their pre-season or for players to put together a team for fun


We look forward to the start of our new competition and hope to see you there!




Get tagged, you'll love it!

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PARENT COURSE**

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years

Thursday evenings 5, 12, 19 March

5.30-7.30pm

A three-session program for parents and carers
 Facilitated by Schools as Community Centres Program (SaCC)
 at Wyoming Schools as Community Centres - SaCC
 Maidens Brush Road, Wyoming (Public School)

Learn:

- ✓ To engage your children's cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- ✓ To set clear expectations and help them to develop frustration tolerance
- ✓ To help children's brains to develop filters for behaving well
- ✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
- ✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

What people are saying...
 What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!
 I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a great preventative measure that any parent use.

Who is running it?
 The presenter for this course is Suzanne McCaskie, who has completed the Parentshop's 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training.

Fee: \$20

Registrations essential.
 To register for this course contact Philippa Skipper, Facilitator (SaCC)
 on 0477 317 862
 email: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au

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A LOCATION NEAR YOU



Ourimbah Public School's P&C

Social Sausage Sizzle



We are hosting a FREE BBQ at the school from 5.00 pm on Friday, 6th March.

Please come and meet the P&C team over a FREE sausage sizzle and drink.

Everyone is welcome!

Meet the team, make some suggestions and be part of our wonderful school community. Have a say in our schools future.

Please use the form below to book your spot at the BBQ to ensure we have enough food.

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P&C Social Sizzle

Students name:

Class:

Adults attending:

Children attending: