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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 6th May 2015



DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
7 May	Book Club Due
8 May	Stewart House Donations Due
8 May	Basketball Gala Day
8 May	Yr 1 & 2 Rumbalara Incursion
11 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
12 May	RAP Working Bee 9 am – 11 am
12 – 14 May	NAPLAN Tests - Yr 3 & Yr 5
13 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
13 May	P&C Meeting - 7 pm in staffroom All welcome – see agenda
18 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
19 May	Nitbusters Day – volunteers needed
20 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
20 May	P&C Disco – 'Back to the 80s' Theme
22 May	Zone Cross Country
24 May	RAP Working Bee 10 am – 1 pm
30 May	P&C Trivia Night

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE GREAT SCHOOL

We have much to be proud of at Ourimbah, including the way our students wear their school uniform with pride. The boys and girls always look really smart dressed in their uniforms. Now is the time for all students to be coming to school in their winter uniform. A BIG thank you to our wonderful parents who ensure the boys and girls come to school in their correct uniform every day. Ourimbah has an outstanding reputation, across the Central Coast, for wearing their school uniform with pride.

MOTHER'S DAY

The P&C conducted their Mother's Day stall today. Many thanks to Angie Nagle and her hard working band of volunteers who purchased and wrapped each gift, they looked fantastic. The boys and girls were most appreciative.

We trust that all of our mothers will be spoilt on Sunday with gifts, breakfast in bed and lots of quality family time.



'People who chase their dreams are the most likely to catch them.'

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Last week staff and students at Ourimbah Public School participated in our annual ANZAC Day Assembly. The students were given the opportunity to show their respect for the soldiers who fought in 1915 and to pay tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in war. Mr Colin Gore from the Ourimbah RSL presented the school with a special commemorative plaque honouring the occasion and he also presented the students who had won the ANZAC Day poster competition, sponsored by the RSL, with their awards of recognition. Congratulations to Charlotte B 5/6W, Caitlin M 5/6W, Charlotte O 4/5A, Eloise C 3/4M and Chloe W 2AKG who were our grade winners, with each donating a beautiful book to the library.

Well done to 5/6E, who organised and conducted a great assembly, you have done us proud.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Congratulations to the boys and girls who have been elected, by their peers, to represent their class on the Student Representative Council. The SRC provides an excellent leadership opportunity for these students and it is a great honour to be able to wear the SRC badge with pride. At their last meeting on Monday, it was decided that the theme for the next disco will be, 'Back to the Eighties', a much loved hippy theme. The disco will be on Wednesday, 20th May, please save the date.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Class Newsletters are going home this week. They are designed to provide you with additional, class specific information.

LATE ARRIVALS

We are concerned about the number of students who are consistently arriving late to school. When students arrive late, they are interrupting teaching and learning, missing out on valuable teaching and learning time, as well as missing out on important organisational messages relating to the days activities. I have included an article by Professor Michael Grose explaining why, 'It's not Ok to be late.' Please make an effort to read this article and ensure that your children arrive at school ready for an 8.55 am start each day.

Thank you to the large majority of our parents who make the effort to ensure the children arrive on time for school.

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.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th May. Please come along and join in the discussion, we would love to see you there.

SCHOOL PLAN 2015-17 & ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Both of these documents are on our website for your perusal.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be completed by Year 3 & 5 students on Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May & Thursday 14th May. The tests will cover different aspects of literacy and numeracy.

It is essential that students arrive on time as the testing will take place in the morning. All students are encouraged to get plenty of rest, a good nights sleep and to eat a healthy breakfast each morning to assist with their concentration.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE

Week 2 – Winning House – Emus

Emus – 36.5 Koalas – 31.5
Platypus – 30.5 Kangaroos – 29.5

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

Week 3 – Charlie W, Ella T KB, Liam L, Shayla R KS,
Jonathon D, Ayva D KT, Taedym V, Logan C K/1M, AJ
M, Melody W 1A, Lara R, Dylan P 1P, Bailey C, Lexie R
1/2MA, Isla T, Logan D 2AKG, Isaiah J 2F, Bailey C,
Poppy L 2M, Melody W, Linkin P CAPA

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

Week 3 – Annabel N, Rory M 3F, Hunter A, Kyah G
3/4B, Mateah G, Blake R 3/4E, Jesse L, Isabella G
3/4M, Peter B, Harry M 3/4PB, Ella W, Erika W 4/5A,
Jayde F, Dylan M 5/6D, Jaguar W, Bailey M 5/6E, Dillon
B, Cooper F 5/6W, Thomas W, Heidi M CAPA

TERM PLANNER

Attached to this newsletter is the term 2 planner with dates of upcoming events. Please place this in an accessible spot at home and add events to it as information becomes available.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

DUE THIS FRIDAY, 8TH MAY

The Stewart House donation drive is on again. If you wish to donate to this wonderful cause, then please place a \$2.00 coin in the envelope and fill in your details and return to school by this Friday, 8th May for your chance to win a family holiday valued at \$4000.

Stewart House is the NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice and your donations support the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

WINTER UNIFORM

The transition period for wearing either summer or winter uniform is now over. All students are to wear **full winter uniform from next week.**

NITBUSTERS DAY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Nitbusters Day for Term 2 will be held on Tuesday, 19th May. Students will have their hair checked for head lice and eggs and parents will be informed by mail if your child needs treatment at home.

We are once again calling on volunteers to help with this worthwhile program. If any parents are able to spare a few hours on Tuesday, 19th May from 9.00 am it would be very much appreciated. Morning tea will be supplied and what a great way for new parents to meet other

members of our school community, whilst providing a great service for our students. Experience is not necessary as our coordinators will teach you. We look forward to seeing some new faces, as well as our regular helpers. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

SPECIAL PHOTOS – ORDER NOW

We have copies of the **School Officials, House Captains and SRC photos**, as well as a **Year 6 group photo** on display in the school foyer for viewing and ordering and are priced at **\$16.00** per photo. Discounts are available if purchasing more than one photo. Envelopes are available from the office and orders need to be placed by Thursday, 21st May.

For all enquiries regarding photos, please phone the School Photographer on 02 9674 9834.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 of Book Club is due back at school by tomorrow, 7th May. If using the LOOP system to order and pay by credit card, please make sure you have placed your order prior to this date.

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P&C DISCO

The first P&C Disco for this year will be held on Wednesday, 20th May. There will be a 'Back to the 80s' theme for this disco.

When: Wednesday, 20th May

Time: K-2 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
3-6 6.45 pm -8.15 pm

Where: School Hall

Cost: K-2 - \$6.00 (includes drink and chips)
3-6 - \$4.00 (drinks and chips for sale)

Please note there will be NO glow products for sale this year.

ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Your child will have an opportunity to attend their very first disco which will be held in the hall on Wednesday, 20th May from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Parents please note, the disco is for students only. Children are in the hall under the supervision of our teachers and P&C officials.

They will use the toilets inside the hall and will remain inside until you collect them at 6:30 pm.

Please bring your child to the main (B area COLA) entrance to the hall for entry. When the disco is over please return to this entry and collect your child from their grade group inside the hall and then exit from the car park side of the hall. In this way we can make sure your child is leaving with the person they should be with. All parents need to use the RSL Club car park on disco night.



Disco!
OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHEN: Wednesday 20th May 2015
K - 2 5:00 - 6:30 pm
3 - 6 6:45 - 8:15 pm

WHERE: School Hall

THEME: 80'S



COST: K - 2 \$6.00 (includes- drink & chips)
3 - 6 \$4.00 (drinks & chips for sale)

Drink prices for 3-6 years Disco:

Water, Juice and limited soft drink	\$1-
Glee's (Raspberry & Blackcurrent)	\$2-
Chips (Various Flavours)	\$1-

There will be no Glow products for sale.

YEAR 5 2016 OPPORTUNITY CLASS

All students in Year 4 should have received a note last week outlining details about how to apply for an opportunity class placement in 2016.

Please remember all applications must be made online by going to the following website:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Online applications close on **Friday, 15th May 2015**. All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday, 22 July 2015**.

Please return your intention to apply note to school as soon as possible.

SPORTS NEWS

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

This Friday, 8th May our senior basketball teams will participate in a PSSA State Knockout Gala Day at the CCYC at Niagara Park. Good luck to all of our teams.

SYDNEY NORTH RUGBY UNION TRIALS

Congratulations to both Keegan R and Cody W of Year 6 who will be attending the Sydney North Regional Rugby Union trials on Monday, 11th May at Pittwater Rugby Park. Due to the recent wet weather the local trials were cancelled but both boys were selected on merit from their playing experience in the local Central Coast competition. Well done and good luck, boys.

Gary Edwards

BWPSSA CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder to all team members that the permission note and bus money is due this week. All runners will be required to pack a pair of joggers in their school bag each day to be worn whilst training for the event. Announcements will be made at school with exact times and days. Ourimbah Primary has never won the district point score trophy but with a little effort both at school and training at home, this could be our year.

Gary Edwards

'OUR GARDEN'

The school vegetable garden to be known as 'Our Garden' is coming along nicely. Though still under construction at present, it is hoped that all students can plant a seed this term and watch it grow throughout the winter months (peas). There will be a garden bed for each stage and every student in the school will be given the opportunity to participate in the initiative. No doubt during spring and summer the garden will become more active and a greater variety of plants can be grown. Who knows, soon we may be providing fresh produce for our school canteen. More news soon, as 'Our Garden' grows.

Thank you to the Nguyen family, Bunnings and Ourimbah Landscape Supplies for their financial assistance with the construction of 'Our Garden'.

Gary Edwards LLW@School contact



CENTRAL COAST DANCE FESTIVAL

Well done and congratulations to our Senior Dance Group for being accepted into the 2015 Central Coast Dance Festival. We have been working very hard and are getting excited to showcase our dance during the night time performance on Tuesday, 16th June. A note

will go home this week to our senior dancers regarding our rehearsal dates and extra information for the day.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Enrolment forms for children expected to start school in 2016 have been sent home via older siblings. Please complete and return the forms to the office as soon as possible with copies of relevant paperwork.

If you are NOT sending your child to school in 2016, please return the form and advise the office staff.

Your child is eligible for Kindergarten 2016 if he or she turns 5 before 31st July, 2016 (ie. born between 1/8/10 and 31/7/11).

Please advise the office of your child's name and date of birth and we will send enrolment forms home if you did not receive them last week.

If you have any friends or neighbours who may have a child ready to start school next year, please let them know it is time to contact the school for information.

2015/16 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE SOON

Once again we will be selling the Hunter/Central Coast Entertainment Books and Digital Memberships this year at a cost of \$60 per book. The book is full of fantastic offers. This is a fundraising activity and \$12 from each book/membership sold goes to the school. Please see the advertisement for more information on this great deal.

NINTENDO GAME FOUND

Please see the office if your child has lost a Nintendo 3DS game.

P&C NEWS

OURIMBAH PS P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!!!

When: Saturday, 30th May 2015.

Time: Starting at 6:30 pm.

Cost: Tables of 10 - \$100 or \$10 per person.

Put your thinking caps on for a theme for your table.

Please start gathering your team.

More details to come soon.

P&C EASTER RAFFLE

The P&C Easter Raffle was drawn on the last day of Term 1. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to our generous school community who donated enough Easter goodies that we were able to have 220 prizes...WOW...thank you so much.

It was a huge success and included 16 major prizes, of these major prizes 13 were donated by supportive business owners in our local community and we wish to say a HUGE thank you to the following for their awesome generosity:

- Ballingers Garage
- Ourimbah Tennis Academy
- Ourimbah Newsagency and General Store
- Ourimbah Butchery
- Ourimbah Florist
- Friends & Co Hair Design
- Gosford Tenpin Bowling
- The Little Rock Shop
- Skater HQ



Thanks also to Ourimbah Pharmacy and Ourimbah Doctor's Surgery for selling raffle tickets and thanks to all the volunteers who tirelessly collected, wrapped, stamped and guarded our precious prizes ready for the day.

P & C Fundraising.

Ballinger's Garage
161 Pacific Hwy
Ourimbah NSW
(02) 4362 1153

Gosford City Bowl
10 Brooks Ave,
Wyoming NSW
(02) 4328 3133

Friends & Co Hair Design
4/35 Pacific Hwy
Ourimbah NSW
(02) 4362 1330

Ourimbah Flowerland
1/39 Pacific Highway
Ourimbah NSW
Ph: 4362 2145

Ourimbah Butchery
3/ 41 Pacific Hwy
Ourimbah NSW 2258
(02) 4362 2905

Ourimbah Tennis Academy
Ph: 0402 021 159

The Little Rock Shop Ourimbah
1/43 Pacific Hwy
Ourimbah NSW
Ph: 0405 904 881

Ourimbah Newsagency & General Store
37 Pacific Highway
Ourimbah NSW
(02) 4362 1041

**Please support our Local Businesses
who generously donated to make our
P & C Easter Raffle for 2015 such a
huge success!!**

Thank you

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.



WELCOME TO OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION 2015.

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GENERAL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 13th May, 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 (see attached list)
 3. School Wish List
 4. Trivia night
 5. Correspondence
 6. Reports

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treasurer 2. President 3. Uniform Shop 4. Fundraising 5. Class Coordinator 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. R.A.P 7. Social Convenor 8. Nitbusters 9. CC Council of P&C Rep 10. Principal
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 7. General Business
 1. P&C Laptop
 2. New invoicing procedure
 3. Blue Gum Art Show and Market Day
 4. Interrelate
 5. Presentation and farewell to Judy Worth (followed by a light supper at the end of meeting)
 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
Vice Presidents – Kim Bettison & Lorelei Barkley
Secretary – Rhonda Wagenaar (correspondence), Lesley Marshall (minutes)
Treasurer – Adrienne Collins

BLUE GUM CANTEEN NEWS

MANDARIN TIGERS \$0.60

Do you love mandarins? Let's have some fun while these beauties are in season! Why not try one for crunch n sip....



Would you like a copy of our Pikelet recipe? It is very popular at school. Pop on over to our Facebook page and check it out. Super easy, super fresh... and very versatile!

Did you know?

That once a term I meet with other local canteen managers and the Area Health Nutritional Team to look at ways to improve our canteen. This network helps our school with maintaining current standards and improving

our daily practices. This term the meeting will be held at our school! I'm looking forward to sharing with other schools what a great team we have and a canteen to be proud of.

The colder days are setting in.

HOT CHOCOLATE is \$2.00 and starting to become a great morning purchase.

TUESDAY. 19th MAY

RADICAL RECESS

Bring some loose change on Tuesday, 19th May and join in the fun. Items will include wafer pops, rocky road, waffle cone fruities, banana pop and minecraft muffins. No need to place an order. Just come on down. Normal recess and lunch menu also available on this day.

COMMUNITY NEWS & ADVERTISEMENTS



Century Challenge Cycle Ride

Sunday 17th May 2015

THE BIGGEST CYCLE EVENT ON THE NSW CENTRAL COAST

Now in its 15th year, Century Challenge attracts everyone with an interest in cycling and keeping fit – elite riders, social & family riders and children. Last year approximately 600 riders registered.

What: Cycling challenge for Children, Beginners (20km), Intermediate (50km) and Elite riders (100km)

When: Sunday, 17 May, 2015

Where: Start at Mount Penang Parklands and cycle through lush hinterland

Why: Great exercise, fresh air and support for Coast Shelter and local charities. Receive recognition for completing the challenge and enjoy free refreshments along the way

Registration: Register yourself or your team and online sponsors at www.centurychallenge.com.au

Early bird registration by 11 May, 2015.



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OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL - TERM 2 - updated 5.5.15

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
Wk 1	20-Apr SDD	21-Apr Students return LST Executive Mtg	22-Apr NEWSLETTER WEEK Staff Mtg	23-Apr Yr 6-7 EOI completed Stage Mtg	24-Apr	25-Apr 26-Apr ANZAC DAY
Wk 2	27-Apr OC applications open TPL CPR or e-emergency	28-Apr LST Executive Mtg	29-Apr Staff Mtg	30-Apr Scripture Stage Mtg	1-May	2-May 3-May
Wk 3	4-May Class Newsletters TPL	5-May LST Executive Mtg	6-May Mothers Day Stall NEWSLETTER WEEK Staff Mtg	7-May Stage Mtg	8-May Yr 1 Rumbalara B'ball Gala Day	9-May 10-May
Wk 4	11-May Yr 2 Rumbalara TPL	12-May RAP Working Bee 9-11 NAPLAN Stg 1 Dance - Uni stud LST Executive Mtg	13-May NAPLAN P&C Meeting Staff Mtg	14-May NAPLAN Scripture Stage Mtg	15-May OC applications close	16-May 17-May
Wk 5	18-May C.C. Choral Fest Reh VVPS TPL	19-May Nitbusters LST Executive Mtg	20-May P&C Disco NEWSLETTER WEEK Staff Mtg	21-May C'tee Mtg	22-May Zone X country Wyoming	23-May 24-May RAP Working Bee 10-1 Sun
Wk 6	25-May TPL	26-May CC Dance Rehearsal 1.30 LST Executive Mtg	27-May Staff Mtg	28-May Paul Kelly Cup AFL Scripture Stage Mtg	29-May BWPSSA X Country	30-May 31-May Trivia P&C Sat
Wk 7	1-Jun	2-Jun LST Executive Mtg	3-Jun Uni Comp - Science NEWSLETTER WEEK Staff Mtg	4-Jun Stage Mtg	5-Jun	6-Jun 7-Jun
Wk 8	8-Jun QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	9-Jun RAP Working Bee 9-11 LST Executive Mtg	10-Jun P&C Meeting Staff Mtg	11-Jun Scripture Stage Mtg	12-Jun	13-Jun 14-Jun
Wk 9	15-Jun CC. Dance Fest TPL	16-Jun CC Dance Festival Ourimbah PS Performance LST Executive Mtg	17-Jun CC Dance Fest NEWSLETTER WEEK	18-Jun CC Dance Fest Stage Mtg	19-Jun CC Dance Fest	20-Jun 21-Jun
Wk 10	22-Jun CC Dance Fest TPL - e-Emergency Care	23-Jun CC Dance Fest LST Executive Mtg	24-Jun Leadership Forum Staff Mtg	25-Jun Scripture Stage Mtg	26-Jun LAST DAY OF TERM Aboriginal Performance	27-Jun 28-Jun

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true.

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.



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Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!"

Nice try. But the answer should be "No!"

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

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