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'Communicating with our Caring Community'



Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
24 November	Kinder 2017 Transition 3 Red Group – 9.15 am – 10.45 am Green Group – 11.45 am – 12.45 pm
28 November	CANTEEN CLOSED
29 November	Canteen Watermelon Day
30 November	CANTEEN CLOSED
1 December	Kinder 2017 Final Transition Day Green Group – 9.15 am – 10.45 am Red Group – 11.45 am – 12.45 pm
1 December	Carols on the Bus – see article
5 December	CANTEEN CLOSED
5 December	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
6 December	Variety Club Christmas Party
6 December	Public High School Orientation Day
7 – 9 December	Yr 6 Myuna Bay Camp
13 December	Primary Presentation Day
14 December	Infants Presentation Day
15 December	Stage 1 Party Day
15 December	Yr 6 Graduation Assembly 10.15 am
15 December	Yr 6 Farewell Dinner 6.30 pm
16 December	Early Stage 1, Stage 2 & 3 Party Day
16 December	Last Day of Term for students

#### RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

##### **Santa Photos**

On the weekend Santa visited Ourimbah Public School and families had the opportunity to talk to him. The students enjoyed getting to spend time with Santa and it was a wonderful atmosphere.

A BIG thank you to Paul Barkley for his outstanding photography and for donating his time. Thank you to Lorelei Barkley for assisting Paul and organising the event. Thank you to Lesley Marshall who also assisted on the day. The results were amazing.

##### **2017 School Leaders**

Nominations for 2017 School Officials have closed. Thank you to all those students who have applied. Students will be addressing a primary assembly on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December and voting will take place on this day as well. Good luck to all the candidates.

##### **Awards and Recognition**

Congratulations to Elise Blomfield and her team of volunteers in the canteen. Central Coast Local District Health would like to congratulate Ourimbah Public School for achieving the Central Coast Canteen Award in 2016. This award is given to schools that comply with the NSW *Fresh Tastes @ School* strategy and are recognised as being leaders in providing fresh and healthy food and drink options to their school community.

Congratulations to the RAP Team and the Environmental Committee who have received an Encouragement Award for the Eco-Tour Category. This is fantastic recognition of their hard work and efforts this



*'Stand up for what is RIGHT, even if you stand alone.'*

year to promote our unique environment in conjunction with Rumbalara and Central Coast Council.

### Parent Focus Group Meetings

On Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November I would like to provide parents with the opportunity to come and meet with me to work on collaborative planning for 2017. Parents and community members are an asset to our school and your contributions and ideas are most welcome. Please note that whilst not all ideas may come to fruition straight away and some may not even be possible we would like to open the lines of communication with our community.

Session 1: 9.15 am – 10.15 am (in the demountable)

Session 2: 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm (in the demountable)

If you would like to attend either of these sessions please contact the office and leave your name and contact details. I look forward to working with all of you.

### School Uniform

Feedback from our student, parent and staff surveys show that we are very proud of our school and that the students wear their uniform with pride. Across the coast, we have an outstanding reputation for good behaviour, good work and wearing our uniform with pride. Thank you to our wonderful parents who support us in this matter.

Staff, including myself, frequently remind students about the need to wear full school uniform every day. Jewellery and colourful accessories need to be left at home. When it comes to school shoes, they need to be black with no colourful additions.

Our school community is committed to upholding our great reputation for wearing our school uniform with pride and seeing every child in full school uniform every day.

### Pedestrian Safety

We have had calls from concerned residents and Central Coast Council regarding parking and pedestrian movements on Dog Trap Road.

Traffic officers and concerned residents have noted that some parents/carers and students are using the roundabout as a thoroughfare to and from the smaller, westernmost RSL car park. It has also been noted that some parents/carers are parking across or too close to driveways along Dog Trap Road obstructing the view of residents trying to get in and out of their driveways.

We encourage all parents/carers to use the existing dedicated pedestrian facilities when accessing the school and the car park e.g. the concrete footpaths and the traffic lights. Please also be mindful when parking on Dog Trap Road that the view from driveways is not obstructed where possible.

### Parent Helpers & Volunteers Morning Tea

We would like to acknowledge the support offered by our school community and invite our parent helpers and volunteers to have morning tea with us on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11 am. Please save the date. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of staff who provide our special morning tea.

### Planning for 2017

We are busy planning and organising for 2017. If you know that your child/ren won't be attending our school in 2017, 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 2017, please ask the families to 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.

### Class Celebration/Party Days

Please refer to the 'Dates to Remember' section on the front page. Notes are going home soon in regards to these activities.

### Medications at School

The Department of Education's Prescribed Medication Policy only allows the administration of medicines which have been prescribed by a doctor. Forms must be completed by parents before any medicine can be given to students. The *Administer Prescribed Medication* form can be found on our school website.

**Please note – Medicines such as Panadol and Nurofen CANNOT be administered** at any time unless it has a prescribed sticker on it and forms have been completed.

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs Nicki Wakelin

Relieving Principal

### CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE

**Week 5 – Winning House – Koalas**

Koalas – 37

Kangaroos – 36

Platypus – 33

Emus – 30

### CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

**Week 6** – Aidan N, Vienna D KM, Abbey M, Joel D KS, Will C, Indigo L KT, Sam B, Sidonia I K/1B, Ella T, Isabella S 1MK, Hunter E, Annalise L 1/2G, Blaise M, Taneisha P 2M, Ruby M, Oliver M 2F, Samuel B, Hannah D Library

**Week 7** – Lachlan M, William D KM, Chace B, Milana H KS, Charlee H, Harper C KT, Gabrielle B, Angus B K/1B, Callum S, Aila B 1A, Alec B, Lucy V 1MK, Ruby

H, Cooper G 1/2G, Taedym V, Damon R 2M, Anisha G, Cooper H 2F, Ivy C Library

### CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

**Week 6** – Heidi H, Nathan L 3P, Alex P, Robbie C 3RE, Bella M, Axel N 3/4B, Joed M, Giselle B 4A, Minh N, Alana N 4E, Corey S, Ella B 5AK, Oliver B, Yasmine T 5D, Tahlia G, Damon C 5/6W, Trinity B, Charlee D 6E, Zac F, Jasper K Library

**Week 7** – Bailey C, Remy M 3P, Charlie L, Julie L 3RE, Hannah J, Matilda M 3/4B, Zac T, Josie C 4A, Grace C, John S 4E, Daine M, Ashleigh F 5AK, Zoe H, Mateah G 5D, Brianna S, Hunter A 5/6W, Charlotte M, Kate S 6E, Jesse B, Isabella G Library

### Values

This fortnight we are focusing on the core value of 'Responsibility'.

#### **OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL VALUES**

##### **RESPONSIBILITY**

*Being accountable for your actions towards others, the wider community and the environment.*

- If you are asked to do something, do it without being silly.
- Look after younger students and set a good example.
- Own up to something you may have done.
- Doing the right thing – putting rubbish in the bin.
- Stop and think before you act.
- Be responsible for your own behaviour.
- Always look after your belongings.
- Be honest – never take things that aren't yours.
- Be a reliable Peer Support Leader.
- Never let people down when they have chosen you to do a particular job.
- Don't blame others for your own mistakes.

### CORE VALUES

Over the last fortnight we were learning about our school value of 'Respect'. Below are our Core Value award winners.



### BOOK CLUB DUE TOMORROW

The final issue of Book Club for 2016 is due tomorrow, Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November.

At this time of year you may wish to purchase books as Christmas presents. If you would like your order held at the office for pick up, please place a note marked clearly with your name, phone number and instructions. We will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible and will not send the order to the classroom.

A note would be essential with online orders as we do not know what has been ordered until they arrive.

Thank you to parents and students for the support you have given to Book Club throughout 2016 and especially to our Book Club Coordinators, Amy Field and Dijana Kamber for the many voluntary hours spent coordinating this program.

### SPOTLIGHT ON 1/2G!

1/2G have been having a wonderful time exploring our school rainforest and learning about the connection the Aboriginal people have with the OPS Rainforest. Students have enjoyed listening to a variety of stories with an Aboriginal perspective, including 'Sisi and the Cassowary', 'Ernie Dances to the Didgeridoo' and 'How the Birds got their Colours'. Everyone particularly enjoyed hearing the Central Coast Dreamtime Story 'The Special Platypus', which was shared on the viewing platform in the rainforest, overlooking the Aboriginal carvings.



The class has completed artwork, drawings, writing and even made didgeridoos in response to the stories.



Here are some student ideas about the connections they believe Aboriginal people, past and present have with the OPS rainforest.

*The Aboriginal people wanted to learn about the animals so they could share what they learned with their families. Cooper*

*The Aboriginals were connected to our rainforest because it was their land first. Hannah*

*Aboriginal people used the Gynea Lillies for string. Ethan*

*We should ask the Aboriginals if there were any animals alive that we don't know about today. Jasmine*

*Aboriginals are connected to the rainforest because they loved the food from all of the animals they killed and plants they collected. Marco*

*Aboriginal people used the rainforest for shelter. Annalise*

*They used to live in the creek in the Ourimbah Rainforest and they used the rocks to sharpen their weapons. Tallon*

*Aboriginal people used the rainforest to sharpen their tools. Tameka*

*I think they used the rainforest to make spears to kill animals so they could survive. Hayden*

*The Aboriginal people were connected to the rainforest because they built their shelters there and use to tell stories around fire. Chloe*

*The Aboriginal people were the first people to discover our school rainforest. Kye*

*The Aboriginal people are connected to the OPS rainforest because of the carvings they have there. Charlotte*

*The Aboriginal people like the OPS rainforest because it's natural and not man-made. Amir*

*The Aboriginal people made lots of different tools out of wood and used the sandpaper leaf to make them smooth. Ruby*

*The Aboriginal people used the rainforest for shelter, spears and boomerangs. Josh*

*Some of the food they might have collected from our forest includes the berries from the Davidson Plum and figs from the Fig Tree. Ethan and Amir*

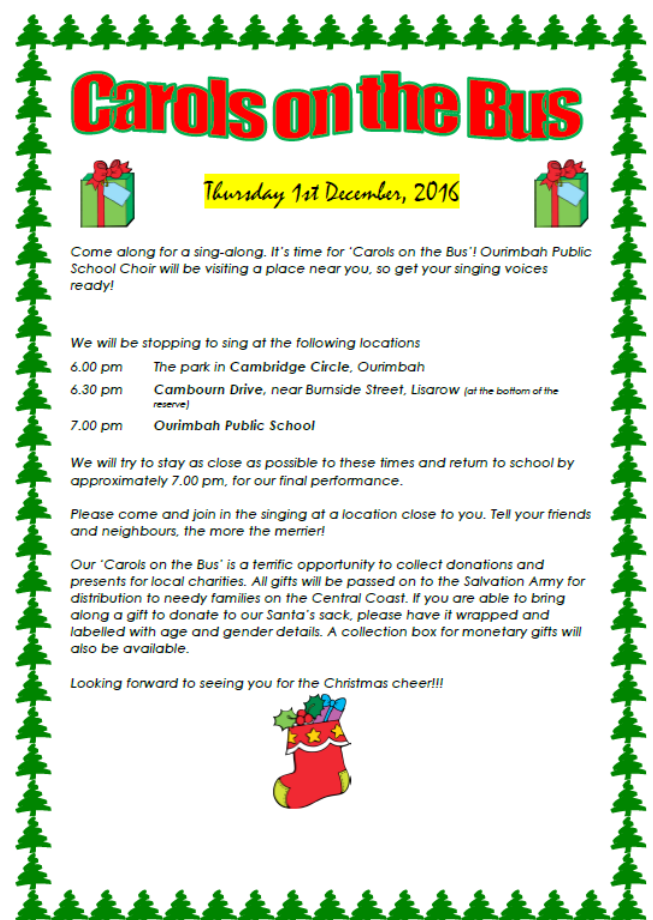


### CAROLS ON THE BUS



'Carols on the Bus' is fast approaching. On **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** Ourimbah Public School's Choir will be visiting a place near you. Please come and join in with the singing. Tell your friends and neighbours, the more the merrier!

See below for times and locations.

Our 'Carols on the Bus' is a terrific opportunity to collect donations and presents for local charities. All gifts will be passed on to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families on the Central Coast.



## Carols on the Bus

 **Thursday 1st December, 2016** 

Come along for a sing-along. It's time for 'Carols on the Bus'! Ourimbah Public School Choir will be visiting a place near you, so get your singing voices ready!

We will be stopping to sing at the following locations


6.00 pm	The park in Cambridge Circle, Ourimbah
6.30 pm	Cambourn Drive, near Burnside Street, Lisarow (at the bottom of the reserve)
7.00 pm	Ourimbah Public School

We will try to stay as close as possible to these times and return to school by approximately 7.00 pm, for our final performance.

Please come and join in the singing at a location close to you. Tell your friends and neighbours, the more the merrier!

Our 'Carols on the Bus' is a terrific opportunity to collect donations and presents for local charities. All gifts will be passed on to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families on the Central Coast. If you are able to bring along a gift to donate to our Santa's sack, please have it wrapped and labelled with age and gender details. A collection box for monetary gifts will also be available.

Looking forward to seeing you for the Christmas cheer!!!



### CAN COLLECTION – COAST SHELTER

A big thank you to those people who have already donated tinned food items for the holiday hampers. We'll continue to collect over the next two weeks.

Congratulations to 2F (98 cans), 3RE (81 cans) and 1MK (70 cans) who have already been incredibly generous!

Yr 6 Leadership Team

### **OUR GARDEN**

Currently the garden has been broken up in to 4 garden beds, one for each of our Stages, ES1, 1, 2 and 3. Each stage is maintaining their gardens in a competition to see who can maintain and produce the best crop before week 8 of this term. This competition has sparked a lot of interest from all students and teachers with all gardens looking great at present.

After 2 rounds of judging the placings are as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> - Stage 2

2<sup>nd</sup> - Stage 3

3<sup>rd</sup> - Early Stage 1

4<sup>th</sup> - Stage 1

The winning Stage will receive a golden spade.  
Keep up the good work everyone, Gary Edwards



### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **STAGE 3 LEAGUE-TAG GALA DAY**

On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 64 of our students went to Adcock Park to represent our school in the Central Coast League-Tag Gala Day.

We entered three boys' and three girls' teams to compete in the carnival. Some of our players were representing our school in sport for the first time which was wonderful to see.

The gala day was a great success! This day was about having fun, working cooperatively within a team and learning new skills. The group showed great sportsmanship and were a pleasure to take away. Each of the players should be very proud of themselves.

Thanks to all of the parents and Mr Abbott who assisted with substitutions and barracking from the sidelines.

Mr Wilson, Mr Edwards and Mr Smith







### **SCHOOL BANKING**

We would like to thank all of our students who have taken part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year. Not only does the program reward children for saving regularly, but it is also a great fundraiser for our school.

Keep an eye out for our 2017 Back to School launch in Term 1 next year where you'll find out about our new theme, new rewards and the Grand Prize competition!

**Our final School Banking day will be Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Last date to order rewards will be Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

If you wish to order a reward item for your child this year please ensure that your redemption slip is filled in and returned prior to this date.

Rewards still available:

- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Wiggly Glow Worm
- Outer Space Saver Money Box (2015)
- ET DVD (2015)



### **BUSH FAN IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE**

Any deposits that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2017.

Banking day is Thursday.

### **PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA – Save the Date**

We would like to invite you to join us at Ourimbah Public School for a morning tea to thank you for the hard work you do in our school and for the support you give our students and teachers.

If you have helped in the classroom, provided transport for teams and events, made costumes for class assemblies, assisted with book club or school banking, volunteered at discos, excursions, in the canteen or uniform shop or assisted in other ways, you are one of our fantastic helpers and we would love to see you!

**When: Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Time: 11.00 am – 11.30 am**

**Where: In the hall**

### 'FLYING START' KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Our 2017 Kindergarten students will have their next transition visit tomorrow Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November. The children will participate in classroom activities.

Red group – 9.15 am – 10.45 am

Green group – 11.45 am – 12.45 pm

### MICRO BAT NESTING BOXES

The Senior Environmental Group has been busy researching micro bats.

Mrs Worrall has been able to obtain 2 micro bat nesting boxes which the group will now place in an appropriate location within our rainforest. Not only are micro bats present but whilst searching for a suitable location for the boxes the group came across a wallaby who was resting with the hundreds of birds amongst the trees.

Gary Edwards

### 2016 PRESENTATION DAYS

#### K-2 ANNUAL PRESENTATION

The K-2 Annual Presentation Assembly will take place on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2017 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.

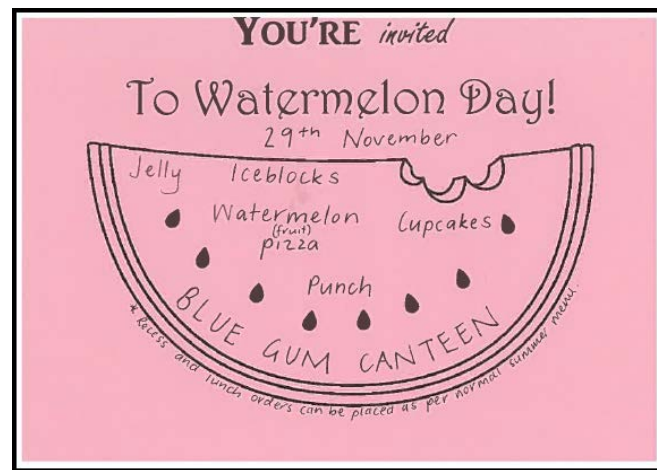
**If you receive a letter advising that your child is an award recipient, please reply so that we can be sure that you have received the invitation.**

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.**

### CANTEEN – WATERMELON DAY



### P&C NEWS

#### STUDENT ARTWORKS FUNDRAISER

Please note that your children's artworks from the P&C Art Show are still available to purchase from the office at a cost of \$5.00 each.

### COMMUNITY NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

**Piano & Clarinet Lessons**  
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Monday

3:00 PM 5-9Yrs Jazz Technique  
3:30 PM 5-9Yrs Jazz Concert  
4:00 PM 5-9 Yrs Hiphop Concert  
4:30 PM 5-9 Yrs Contemporary Concert



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**SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 2016**

**6:45 PM**

**OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## Carols at Ourimbah

**Live Band, Musical Items, Carol singing,  
Santa visit & much more. Great night for the  
family.**

**A free community event.**

Presented by: [www.harvestchurchcc.org.au](http://www.harvestchurchcc.org.au)

# Wyee Round Up!

**Friday 25th November 2016**  
Wyee Public School Grounds  
2-8pm

**Unlimited ride wristbands \$40!**

**Presale \$35!**

**Single rides on the day \$5-\$8**

• Presale wristband tickets must be purchased prior to the event  
• Available to purchase from Wyee Public School & Foodworks Wyee

Wyee Round Up!



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