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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
6 -16 May	Payment Freeze – we will not be able to accept any payments due to changeover to new system
11 May	P&C Meeting TONIGHT - 7pm in staffroom. All welcome.
12 May	NAPLAN Assessments Yrs 3 & 5
13 May	NAPLAN 'Catch up Day' for students who were away or missed tests on previous days
13 May	Hot Dog orders due for disco night. Please hand orders in to canteen.
16 May	LMBR – Go Live on new finance & student management system
17 May	Nitbusters Day – volunteers needed
18 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
18 May	P&C Disco
25 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
26 May	Questacon Science Circus K-6
27 May	Zone Cross Country
31 May	Stage 2 Rumbalara Excursion Yr 3
1 June	Science Competition
1 June	Interrelate Evening – see article
3 June	Stage 2 Rumbalara Excursion Yr 4

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

#### Great School

Ourimbah is a great school with a beautiful school environment, one that is the envy of many schools. Christine Freeman, relieving Principal at Rumbalara, was on a recent visit to our school and she said that we have the BEST school environment on the coast. Karen McNamara MP, Federal Member for Dobell, visited us last week and she was also very impressed with our school, saying that we have an amazing bushland setting. She was particularly impressed with the way we have cared for our land, especially the RAP trail and Aboriginal site at the end of it. We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful school environment, I hope that you all appreciate it. A BIG thank you to Liz Moore, Nicole Worrall and their helpers, Mr Rainger, Mr Edwards, Miss Bissett and the Environment Group, along with our dedicated staff who work hard to keep it this way.

We have regular RAP Trail and Frog Pond Working Bees which of late have been poorly attended, only one volunteer turned up this week. If you are free on Tuesday mornings between 9 am and 11 am, please come along and lend a helping hand, it would be very much appreciated.

#### Mother's Day Stall

The P&C conducted their Mother's Day stall last week. 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 and there were happy, smiling faces all around.

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



*'ATTITUDE is the minds paintbrush, it can colour any situation.'*

## Food Alert

At OPS we have several students who have severe reactions to nuts. These reactions range from skin rashes to acute anaphylactic shock requiring an epipen or anapen.

**Please do not send any nut products or food containing nuts to school.**

We also ask that if your child is allergic to or has an intolerance towards certain foods, that you speak to your child about not sharing any food with other students.

Students identified with having anaphylactic reactions are provided with special lunch order bags from the canteen and a special set of protocols are followed when staff are organising their lunch or recess.

Students identified with having anaphylactic reactions, food allergies or intolerances are provided with an individualised Health Care Plan.

## Staff News

Due to unforeseen family circumstances, Mrs English had to extend her leave until the end of this term. Miss Fuller will remain on 4E for the rest of the term.

## Welcome

A BIG warm welcome to the new families who have started with us this term.

## Punctuality

Parents are reminded that school starts promptly at 8:50 am. Please ensure that your children are at school on time to start the day with the rest of their class. Research indicates that children who are at school on time and do not have frequent absences generally perform better than students who arrive late and have frequent absences.

## Student Absences

It is a legal requirement that parents **explain all absences within seven days** of the first day of any period of absence. Please send a note in explaining the reason for the absence as soon as your child returns to school. If the absence is likely to exceed 7 days, please contact the school and keep us informed.

## National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is 'Walk Safely to School Day'. This is an opportunity for parents to re-visit road and commuter safety by walking with or accompanying your children on their trip to school.

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- to encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school aged children;
- to promote the health benefits of walking and

create regular walking habits;

- to help children develop vital road crossing skills and **ensure children up to 10 years of age hold an adults hand when crossing the road**;
- to help children develop the vital road crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians;
- to reduce car dependency;
- to reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles; and
- to promote the use of public transport.

Until next time,  
Mrs Linda Trigg  
Principal

## LMBR NEWS

### LMBR PAYMENT FREEZE

The payment freeze period has begun and will continue until Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. All online and over the counter payments cannot be processed during this time due to the transition to our new finance system.

### LMBR 'GO LIVE'

On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May Ourimbah Public School will move on to the new Finance and Student Management systems. Please be aware of this and be patient with office staff and teachers as we learn to work with the new system.

### CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

**Week 3** – Preston W, Ava M KM, James F, Bella P KS, toby D, Isabella W KT, Summer H, Hunter J K/1B, Hayden T, Tay S 1A, Charlie B, Ayva D 1MK, Josh P, Hunter E 1/2G, Emmy D, Fletcher M 2M, Cooper H, Lilly M 2F

### CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

**Week 3** – Chloe W, Hayden C 3P, Brodie T, Rhiannon F 3RE, Peter B, Long N 3/4B, Dylan W, Gabby M 4A, Jordyn P, Connor S4E, Natasha B 5AK, Ellise W, Lachlan D 5D, Ella B, Tahlia G 5/6W, Bethany W, Hannah E 6E

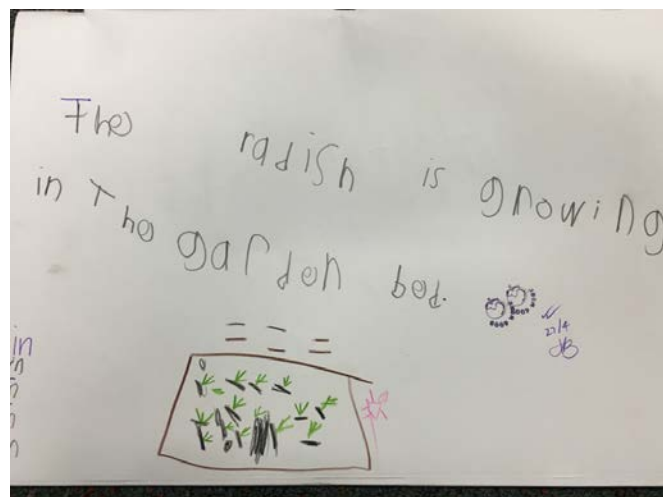
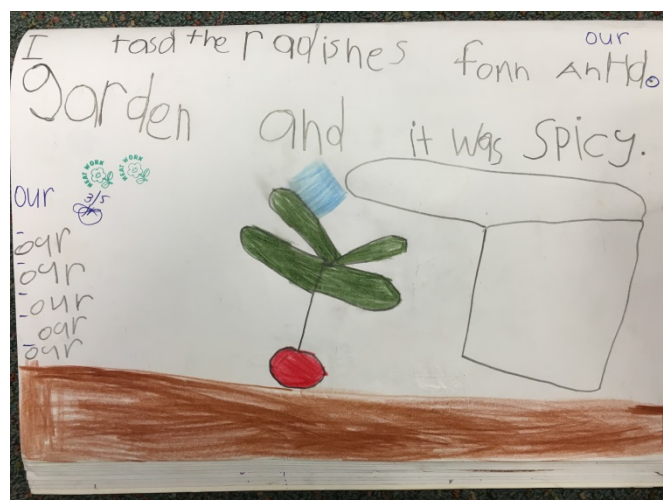
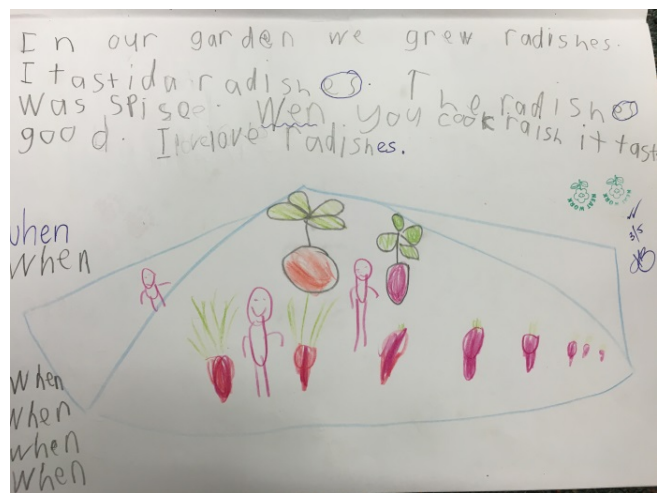
### SPOTLIGHT ON K/1B!

It is only week 3, and already K/1B have completed so many learning activities. Every day the children of K/1B have increased their independence skills and are now participating in many learning areas responsibly and showing excellent cooperation skills. Last week we had the privilege to work with Peter and Sam Fox, who took us through the frog pond area and taught us all about



how trees grow and how to listen to the environment. Afterwards we completed some artworks out amongst nature. K/1B have also been using the garden as a stimulus for writing. Last week, after all the children tasted their radishes (Ms Bissett was shocked at how keen the students were to try a new food) we independently wrote about our garden and the produce.

Ms Bissett and K/1B



## PEER SUPPORT

### Week 2

During Peer Support this week the children will look at the notion that what they choose to spend their time on often reflects the values they have. The activities will also assist them in identifying ways they care for themselves and others, developing their understanding that you are caring when you notice the feelings and needs of yourself and others.

During the week encourage your child to demonstrate they are caring by doing something helpful or displaying kindness around the home.

## SPORT NEWS

### NSWPSSA FOOTBALL

THE Boys and Girls teams will both be playing against Niagara Park in their first rounds of the State Knockout Competition. The games will be played at Ourimbah Soccer Field on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Dean Wilson & Gary Edwards

### BWPSSA CROSS COUNTRY

The students participating in the Zone Cross Country will be required to return their permission notes next week. Training will take place at school and extra distance running practice is encouraged at home.

Good luck to the team of 48 runners.

Louise Kimpton & Gary Edwards

### OUR GARDEN

This week 6E taste tested the radish crop. They were attempting to determine if the 2 varieties varied in flavour.

The results were:

- white being strongest in flavour – 2
- red being strongest in flavour – 8
- white and red equal – 9
- no flavour at all – 3

Several students declined the offer. They were heard to say, "No way am I tasting them!"

Gary Edwards

### WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

Full winter uniform will be enforced from Monday of next week. Don't forget the Uniform Shop is open Thursday afternoon and Monday morning if you need to purchase any winter uniform items. The winter uniform order form can also be found on our website.

### ATTENTION YR 4 PARENTS

A reminder to all Year 4 parents that online applications close at 10 pm on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May for your child to sit the test for a Year 5 Opportunity Class placement.

All applications must be made online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

Late applications will not be accepted.

### NITBUSTERS DAY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Nitbusters Day for Term 2 will be held next Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 of Book Club is due back at school by tomorrow Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please mark orders clearly with child's name and class and send to the office or class teacher. If using the LOOP system to order and pay by credit card, please make sure you have placed your order prior to this date. All orders will be placed on 12<sup>th</sup> May, however cash and cheque payments will be held until after the LMBR payment freeze ends on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### P&C 'RAINBOW' DISCO

The first P&C Disco for this year will be held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May. The theme for the disco is 'Rainbow', so make sure you wear your bright rainbow coloured clothes.

**When: Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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)**

### P&C DISCO HOT DOGS

Pre-ordered Hot Dogs will be available for all the family for dinner on disco night. The Hot Dogs must be ordered and paid for by Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May and will be ready to collect from the canteen from 6.15 pm (between the infant and primary discos) on disco night, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Refer to the order form sent home last week for more information or see copy of form in newsletter.

**P & C DISCO DOGS**  
ORDER NOW – CASH ONLY  
DO NOT pay via POPI

HEY EVERYONE,

Our school P&C is once again holding a school disco and we are offering a HOTDOG MEAL DEAL, consisting of a hot dog and drink for only \$5. We will also have ice-creams for sale on the night for \$2.

They will be ready for you to collect from the canteen at 6.15pm (between the Infant and Primary discos). Please complete this form and return it with your money to the canteen no later than 13th May 2016. You will be issued with a ticket which you will need to bring along on the night to redeem for your MEAL DEAL.

Why not feed the whole family?

PLEASE NOTE: MEAL DEAL DOES NOT COVER DISCO ENTRY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_  
NO. OF HOTDOG MEAL DEALS (\$5 each) \_\_\_\_\_ MONEY ENCLOSED (CASH ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_  
HOT DOGS WILL BE SERVED FROM 6:15PM K-2 DISCO 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM 3-6 DISCO 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM

### DISCO INFORMATION - KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Your child will have an opportunity to attend their very first disco which will be held in the hall on Wednesday,



18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### KINDERGARTEN 2017

Enrolment forms for children expected to start school in 2017 will be sent home in the coming weeks 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 2017, please return the form and advise the office staff.

Your child is eligible for Kindergarten 2017 if he or she turns 5 before 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 (ie. born between 1/8/11 and 31/7/12).

Please advise the office of your child's name and date of birth and we will send enrolment forms home if you do not receive them in the next couple of weeks.

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.

The Kindergarten 2017 transition program will be held later in the year and will include a parent information session at the end of August and several classroom visits in November and December.

### RAP NEWS (RAINFOREST ACCESS PROJECT)

The RAP group organises events to support and promote the beautiful school rainforest and frog pond areas. If any of you are interested or you have family members who have green thumbs looking to doing something to help the school or just to get outdoors, then let us know. Call Nicole on 0431 540 633.

We do a gentle weeding and tidy up session **each Tuesday morning during term from 9am-11am**. We meet at the school office. You can become a regular or just pop in once or from time to time. We have all the garden tools you just need to dress appropriately in long pants and covered shoes.

We also organise **family events** such as environmental talks, bush care fun days and working bees (about one per term). We are looking for more OPS families to get involved in this great aspect of our school which is so

unique. If you have not seen the rainforest walking trail yet try to come to our next event. Further details will be in the fortnightly newsletters.

To stay up to date with RAP news join our new public Facebook group - Ourimbah Public School RAP.

### INTERRELATE

Ourimbah Public School P&C will be holding an Interrelate evening on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June. Notes will come home soon to all Year 3-6 children. Please return notes and money to the office as soon as possible if your family is attending.

The cost is \$27.50 per family for one session or \$33.00 per family for both sessions.

Session 1: "Where Did I Come From" (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Session 2: "Preparing for Puberty" (Years 5 & 6)

Please **DO NOT** pay via POP as this is a P&C initiative. Payment methods available are stated on the note.

When kids ask "the" questions...  
**Interrelate has the answers!**

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1: Where did I come from?**  
1-hour session: years 3-6

**Session 2: Preparing for puberty**  
1-hour session: years 5-6  
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

**Date: Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.  
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

**interrelate**  
relationship experts since 1926

Illustration of a boy and a girl standing together.

### 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.

## BLUE GUM CANTEN NEWS

Did you know?

We serve before school snacks. Each morning the canteen is open from 8.30 am. At this time children can buy cereals, pikelets, cheese and bacon rolls, toasted pockets, hot chocolate, fruit and muffins. If you are rushed, please remember we can help you with breakfast.

New this term!!!!

Sweet and sour chicken and rice - \$4.00

Honey mustard chicken and rice - \$4.00

Hot pockets have become our fastest growing favourite item. Literally hot off the press. Ham & cheese - \$1.00 each and can be ordered for both recess and lunch.

Would you like to help in the canteen? We are always looking for new members to join our team. Are you worried about not knowing anyone? Why not bring a friend and join together. Please email me at [ourimbahcanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ourimbahcanteen@gmail.com) or contact the office. Online ordering: [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)  
Facebook: Ourimbah.P.S Canteen

## P&C MEETING - TONIGHT

The P&C Meeting will be held tonight Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. See below for agenda details.



**WELCOME TO  
OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
P&C ASSOCIATION 2016.**

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**GENERAL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**  
TIME: 7pm VENU: 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. Approval of Draft By Laws
  3. Blue Gum Art Show decision
  4. School Disco 18 May
  7. Action List
  8. Wish List
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. Student Reports
8. Date of Next Meeting  
Wednesday, 8 June

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](mailto:ourimbahpandc@gmail.com)

**President** – Andrew Collins  
**Treasurer** – Kylie Brooks  
**Vice Presidents** – Lorelei Barkley & Victoria Keegan  
**Secretary** – Rhonda Wagenaar (Correspondence), Michelle Nicholson (Minutes)

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW

Entertainment books must be ordered online via [www.entbook.com.au/345q54](http://www.entbook.com.au/345q54) and once paid can then be picked up from the school office. There are only 8 books remaining.

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS



**EVERYONE LOVES DRAMA  
PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS**

For the past 30 years, our self-development, drama programme has been helping children (5-17years) with their creativity, communication and confidence skills.

After school classes are held in Wyoming, Umina, Erina, Terrigal, Berkeley Vale & Kanwal. Contact us to book your place!

**Helen O'Grady Drama Academy**

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[www.helenogrady.com.au](http://www.helenogrady.com.au)

QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS is also coming to Gosford for interested families.

When: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May

Where: Niagara Park Stadium, 16 Washington Ave, Niagara Park

Time: 4 pm – 7 pm

Cost: Family \$18, Adult \$6, Student \$5

Enquiries: 0447 160 124