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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 7th February 2018

NO NUTS



PLEASE

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
12 February	CANTEEN CLOSED
12 February	Band Parent Information Session 6.30 pm in hall
14 February	CANTEEN CLOSED
14 February	P&C Meeting – 7 pm in staffroom. All welcome
15 February	Issue 1 Book Club Due
16 February	K-2 Text Book Payments Due
28 February	Primary Swimming Carnival
12 March	School Photo Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to all our returning students, new enrolments and particularly to our Kindergarten students.

Classes:

There have been a number of parent concerns about the composite classes this year. Each year, the executive looks at our enrolment numbers and makes decisions about the best way to accommodate 7 grades with the number of teachers that the Department of Education allocates us. This year, we have 17 classes. We currently have 434 students enrolled. The school is staffed on total student enrolment and not on the number of students in each grade. This means that composite classes are a necessity. Stage classes have a two year cycle for their units of work so they are not

repeating the same work e.g. a Year 3 child in a Stage 2 class will do different units of work the following year.

Every effort has been made to ensure that your child is in a class with some other students from their previous class, that children who were a poor combination last year have been moved to separate classes and that a match-up between students and teachers has been considered. All Year 1-6 students were asked to nominate one or two friends to go into a class with and, as far as possible, we have accommodated that.

It may take a few days for children to settle into their classes, with a new teacher and different classmates, but I am sure that 2018 will be a great year for our students. You are welcome to contact the stage supervisor or me to discuss any concerns.

A full list of classes is included with this newsletter.

Donation:

I would like to sincerely thank Madonna Doyle, a very generous community member, who met with me on Friday and made a donation to the school to assist parents who had financial difficulties during the year. Madonna has lived in this community for a couple of years and has no children at the school but wanted to do something positive for us. Thank you Madonna – your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Gates:

Last week, one of our security gates was damaged. It looks as though someone ran into it. One hinge was snapped and the bottom corner of the gate had dug into the asphalt at the top of the drive into the staff car park. When staff went to close the gates at the end of the day,

the gate dropped further and almost caused a serious injury. It has now been repaired.

Parents are reminded that the staff car park is out of bounds for all students. Parents are expected to park across the road at the RSL car park, which they generously allow us to use. Please do not walk children through the staff car park. Parents who access before and after school care are able to use the car park before 8 am and after 4 pm for drop-offs and pick-ups.

Peanut allergy:

This year we have a new Kindergarten enrolment, Matilda, who has a severe airborne anaphylaxis to peanuts. This means that she can be affected by being touched by someone who has peanut residue on their hands or by inhaling peanut breath through close contact - young children often get very close when they are playing or working together. In the playground, a child who is not in Matilda's class may have peanut residue from their lunch and contaminate a tap or door handle. Staff have been asked not to eat anything with nuts from as early as the night before teaching Matilda. Special arrangements have been put in place to ensure that Matilda is able to enjoy her Kindergarten time, just like every other child. I am asking parents to respect this and NOT send anything to school with peanuts in it. This includes Nutella, peanut butter, some muesli bars etc. Matilda's allergy is different because she doesn't have to swallow the peanuts to become extremely ill - she only needs to inhale it or absorb it through her skin. Children who bring peanut products to school will be expected to sit away from their class while they eat the item and then will be monitored to wash their hands thoroughly to avoid any possible contamination around the classrooms or school grounds. Please understand that this is about the health and safety of a little girl, it is not about punishing any other child. I seek your cooperation in this and appreciate your support.

Health Care Plans:

If your child has a health condition that needs medication or specific management, parents are required to provide the school with a health care plan or asthma plan filled out in consultation with a doctor. They need to be renewed every year. Mrs Vila and Mrs Ward are currently updating our records and there are many children whose plans are out of date or have not been sent in. If you are unsure, please contact the office. We would appreciate their return as soon as possible, please, so that we can be sure we have up to date information if your child needs assistance with a health issue.

Bus Behaviour:

At the end of last year, there were some significant dramas on the school buses with some Ourimbah

students not behaving in the manner we would expect. Please remind your children that they are expected to follow driver instructions, save their food and drink until they get home, keep hands and feet to themselves and use appropriate language. Bus companies have the right to withdraw bus passes from children who cause injury, damage or disturbance on the bus.

Have a great week,

Glynis Lugnan
Principal

2018 CLASSES & TEACHERS

KA – Miss Adams

KL – Mrs Kenny

K/1B – Mrs Brown

K/1S – Ms O'Connell

1/2A – Mrs Nagle

1/2AM – Mrs Anderson & Mrs Mountfort

1/2GS – Mrs Golding & Mr Scriven

1/2N – Miss Nebauer

2/3M – Mr Miller

3/4A – Mr Annabel

3/4E – Mrs English

3/4M – Mrs McLean

4/5B – Mrs Bowd

5/6E – Mr Edwards

5/6ES – Mrs Elsey & Mr Scriven

5/6F – Miss Fuller

5/6K – Miss Kimpton

CORE VALUES



K-2 TEXTBOOK SALES

All students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will need to purchase a Targeting Handwriting text book at a cost of \$15.00. Notes with full information, including payment options, were sent home this week.

Students in Years 3-6 **will not** need to purchase a book this year.

SPORT NEWS

2018 SPORT DAYS

Kindergarten sport day – Thursdays

Yr 1 & Yr 2 sport day - Wednesdays

Yrs 3 - 6 sport day - Fridays

2018 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2018 Swimming Carnival will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Wednesday, 28th February. Parents are most welcome to come along and support their children from the stands, or to volunteer to assist with the running of the carnival. More information will come home with students closer to the date.

COLES – SPORT FOR SCHOOLS 2018

We are once again participating in the Coles Sport for Schools sports equipment voucher program.

The students involved in the SRC will assist with organisation of the voucher collection in school.

Please let all your family and friends know of Ourimbah Primary's involvement and send your vouchers to school.

The more vouchers, the more sports equipment!

Thanks, Gary Edwards



ELECTION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS 2018

The students in Years 3 to 6 will meet in house groups during the coming weeks to elect their Sports Leaders for 2018. Year 6 students are eligible to stand for the positions of Vice Captain and Captain, both boys and girls, for their respective sports house. A short presentation ceremony will be held soon during a school recess assembly for the successful leaders. Guardians of each leader will be contacted with the date and time for the presentation prior to the event.

Gary Edwards

BOOK CLUB – DUE BY THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY

Welcome to all of our new students and parents.

The first issue of Book Club for 2018 will be sent home next week and will be due back at school by Thursday, 15th February.

If you wish to place an order for Book Club, please be sure to fill in the order forms correctly, with your child's name and class and then send with payment to class teacher or the front office. Orders can be paid for by cash or cheque or by ordering online with your credit card via the LOOP option.

Issue 1 of Book Club for 2018 will be due back at school by Thursday, 15th February.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Voluntary Contributions for this year have been set at \$48.00 per student. The voluntary contribution from our parents is an important part of school finances that contributes 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 via Parent Online Payment (POP) under the Voluntary Contributions tab or by cash or cheque and can be paid at the office or sent to the class teacher anytime from now on.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT (POP) SYSTEM

Our Parent Online Payment (POP) system is proving to be very popular. Parents can use this system to pay for excursions, performances, sport and voluntary contributions.

You can find POP on our website under the '\$ Make a Payment Tab'. **Only fields marked with a green asterisk are mandatory.** Therefore invoice numbers and reference numbers **are NOT needed.** All notes involving payment of money should have instructions regarding what to type into the 'payment details field' on the website. POP is also user friendly on all mobile devices.

Payments can still be made via cash and cheques.

Please note, online canteen and uniform shop purchases will still be made via Flexischools.

PAYMENTS DUE

- **Mathletics/Reading Eggs**
Kindergarten and new students - \$35.00
(includes headphones)
Years 1-6 - \$25.00
- **Textbooks**
Kindergarten – Year 2 only - \$15.00
- **Voluntary School Contributions**
K-6 - \$48.00 per student

SKOOLBAG APP

Don't forget that Ourimbah PS has a Skoolbag App. The app is very user friendly, allowing you to receive notifications and reminders for upcoming events. You can also view newsletters and submit absentee notes. Download your free Skoolbag App from the App Store now. Available for both Apple and Android phones.

PHOTO DAY

Please note that photo day for 2018 will be held later in the term on Monday, 12th March.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The school newsletter is distributed to the youngest child in the family on a fortnightly basis and will come home on Wednesdays on odd weeks of the term. Today's newsletter (Week 2) will be an additional one, with another newsletter to follow next week in Week 3. The newsletter is also accessible on our school website, along with other valuable information and a calendar of events which is updated regularly. The website address is www.ourimbah-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

MOBILE DENTIST VISIT TO OPS

DMMSG will be providing dental checks to eligible students at Ourimbah Public School in Week 6 of this term. Notes with more information will come home with this newsletter. Only students who return the completed forms and meet the Child Dental Benefits Schedule criteria will be able to participate in this free program.

DMMSG is a mobile dental service group providing essential dental treatment for kids aged 2 to 17 under the Medicare scheme CDBS. We use the latest technology of dental portable units. Our program involves:

- Dental education about oral hygiene and the importance of maintaining great oral health
- Comprehensive oral examination
- Scale, polish and clean
- Topical application of Tooth Mousse (decay prevention)

Parents will be advised if dental fillings and/or x-ray are required.

These days parents don't always have the time to bring their children to a dentist so our aim is to present a solution to that and bring the dentist to them in a fun and relaxing environment.

If you have any further queries about this program please contact Mrs Wakelin on 4362 1033.



The poster for DMMSG (Dental Mobile Medical Service Group) features a white dental van with the DMMSG logo on the side. The background is a collage of dental-related images, including a dental clinic interior and a close-up of dental equipment. The text is organized into sections: 'CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE' at the top, followed by 'ELIGIBILITY BASICS' which lists criteria such as age (2-17 years), government benefits, and Medicare eligibility. A large green tooth icon with the DMMSG logo is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, the 'OUR SERVICES' section lists various dental procedures like examinations, fillings, and dentures. Contact information for the website, email, and phone number is provided at the top.

www.dmmsg.com.au info@dmmsg.com.au 0288976263

CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE

THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE (CDBS) PROVIDES BASIC DENTAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 2 AND 17 YEARS.

ELIGIBILITY BASICS

- AGED BETWEEN 2 AND 17 YEARS ON ANY ONE DAY OF THE CALENDAR YEAR
- GETTING CERTAIN GOVERNMENT BENEFITS SUCH AS FAMILY TAX BENEFIT PART A FOR AT LEAST PART OF THE CALENDAR YEAR
- ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE

OUR SERVICES

- EXAMINATIONS/CONSULTATIONS
- TOPICAL FLUORIDE APPLICATION
- ORAL HYGIENE INSTRUCTION
- NUTRITIONAL COUNSELLING
- MANAGEMENT OF PERIODONTAL DISEASE AND RELATED HALITOSIS (BAD BREATH)
- DENTAL FILLINGS
- TOOTH REMOVAL
- PARTIAL DENTURES
- COMPLETE DENTURES
- DENTURE RELINES
- SCALING
- POLISHING/STAIN REMOVAL
- DENTURE CLEANING AND/OR LABELLING

UPDATE INFORMATION FOR CLASS TEACHERS

Could the parents of any students who have special medical requirements or dietary needs please send a note to your child's 2018 class teacher to keep them updated on your child's condition and needs. We endeavour to pass all information on file to the new class teacher, however a note from the parent is recommended. Please inform the office of any changes as well.

Also, if there are any updated or new custody forms or family issues, please provide copies to the front office as soon as possible.

CHANGE OF HOME ARRANGEMENTS

If your child's going home arrangements need to be changed, please ensure this is put in writing to your child's class teacher. Verbal messages to children can create confusion and this can cause them distress. If you do have to change arrangements by phone during the day, please give plenty of time for the message to be received by the class teacher.

LATE ARRIVAL

If your child arrives after the school bell has gone a late arrival note is required. Please bring your child to the office for this note.

EARLY DEPARTURE

A note to your child's teacher stating time of departure and reason is required. The office staff will organise for your child to come to the office **after you arrive** to pick them up, so please allow time for them to walk down from their classrooms.

VOLUNTEERING AT OPS

When visiting or volunteering at school it is essential that you sign on in the book in the office foyer, indicating your arrival and departure times. This information is vital if an emergency procedure is required. Whilst on site you are required to wear a 'Visitors Badge'. All volunteers/visitors must have completed and signed an Appendix 5 declaration and provide 100 points of identification. See office staff to check validation or for more information.

AFTERNOON WET WEATHER DISMISSAL

Parents are requested to wait at the gates under the covered waiting area in the afternoon for your children, even during wet weather. Waiting near the hall causes congestion and confusion during the dismissal of bus lines. Please send your child every day with wet weather gear to wear. Only children in Years 3-6 may bring umbrellas.

MONEY COLLECTION

All money for excursions, performances, text books, photos, etc is to be sent in an envelope **to your child's teacher** with their name, class, payment description and amount enclosed marked clearly on the front.

If money is left at the office there can be a delay in your child's teacher being aware that you have paid for an excursion. The exception to this is for Book Club orders. The orders and money for Book Club can be left at the office or sent to the classroom.

Our Parent Online Payment System (POP) can be used to pay for the majority of excursions, performances and voluntary contributions etc. Detailed instructions for using POP are available on our OPS webpage under the 'Notes' tab or can be collected from the front office.

ADMINISTERING PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

If your child requires medication at school, please fill in a Medical Consent form at the office. This form must be completed prior to any medication being administered by our staff. Please note that **only prescribed medications can be administered**. A note to the class teacher is also necessary to inform them of medications and the time to be given.

WELCOME BACK STUDENT BANKERS

School banking for 2018 recommences on **Thursday, 9th February**. For all new parents, if you would like your child to participate in the School Banking Program, your child will need a Youthsaver account from the Commonwealth Bank. You can visit any branch to open one, please take your child's birth certificate and identification for yourself.

The banking day will be Thursdays and bank books will be returned on the following Monday. Please make sure deposit books have your child's name and class clearly marked on the front.

OUR POSITIVE REWARD SYSTEM

The Magpie Reward system is based on recognition for good behaviour and effort over a single term. At the end of each term those students achieving 10 'Magpies' will be eligible to participate in the 'Magpie Term Reward.' This may vary from term to term.

Each student will be eligible to take part in the term reward activity if they have received 10 class 'Magpie Awards' that term. The following term everyone starts anew. All terms will be of equal importance. Each student will have a 'Magpie Reward Card' which will be kept by the classroom teacher. The card will indicate the progression from 1 to 10 awards. The 'Magpie Reward Card' will go home at the end of each term as a record and memento.

The school will continue with the K – 6 House Points Shield and various other in-class reward systems. The 'Playground Award' will expand from positive playground behaviour to include behaviour and effort when working outside of the regular classroom eg library, sport, art, etc. This is known as the 'Citizenship Award' with a canteen voucher going to the lucky draw winners each week.

The Communication Card will once again be used in 2018 as it has proved to be a valuable form of communication between the class teacher and parents. As part of the ongoing review of the school's positive rewards 'Magpie System' it was decided that the Kindergarten students would be better prepared for this system following two terms of schooling and therefore will receive their communication card in term 3.

SCHOOL OPAL CARD

This message is from Busways, one of the bus operators that provides our school bus services, regarding student use of the School Opal card.

An important requirement of the School Opal card is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap

on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To further promote the use of School Opal, Busways will also be conducting checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. All students travelling on buses to and from school will be required to show their card and ensure they Tap On and Tap Off every time they catch the bus. Students without an Opal Card will be provided with a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Please support Busways staff with afternoon boarding and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.
Busways

P&C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE – COORDINATOR WANTED

The P&C are looking for volunteers to coordinate this year's Easter Raffle. If anyone would like more information about what would be involved with this role, please contact Rachel Lambeck on 0413 985 268.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

Our P&C will once again run the very popular Easter Raffle. Easter is quite early this year (30th March – 2nd April) and therefore we are asking for Easter Raffle donations to be sent to school anytime from now on. Donations may include chocolate eggs, baskets and other Easter themed items. Please leave all donations at the office. More information will be in the next newsletter.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS



**Try your First Week Free!
Classes from \$5.50**

Classes at Ourimbah Public School

Monday

3:00 PM - 5-12 Yrs Jazz Technique

3:30 PM - 5-12 Yrs Jazz Concert

4:00 PM - 5-12 Yrs Hiphop Concert

4:30 PM - 5-12 Yrs Contemporary Concert



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Lakes Wyong Netball Club

Club Registration Day

Lakes Wyong will be holding it's 2018 Registration Days as followed:

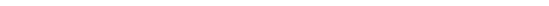
Saturday 3rd Feb 10-2pm
Tuesday 6th Feb 6-8.30pm
Saturday 10th Feb 10-2pm

Where: Wyong Bowling Club 5 Panonia Road WYONG NSW 2259
You will find us up the back-table area just pass the bistro

Cost: NetSetGo \$135
Juniors \$145
Seniors \$170

Uniforms will also be available for order. Please make sure you have registered to receive your voucher from Service NSW for the \$100 contribution fee if needed and to get the voucher code. New players will need to bring birth certificate to registration day. See you all there.

Please feel free to contact Carly on 0434 336 444 for any enquiries.





OURIMBAH RUGBY CLUB

FREE

Registration

under 7s

Includes shorts and socks

Under 8s – 17s - \$100.00

Sevens Girls Under 15's & 17's

Contact: Warren Davidson

Email: lookwhatdavosdone@outlook.com

Mobile: Warren 0430 215 295

REGISTRATIONS

Sunday 4th February 11- 1pm

Sunday 25th February 11 – 1pm

Ourimbah RSL

Or via our website

<http://www.sporty.com.au/ourimbahrugby>

We are Actives Kids Approved for \$100 Voucher



OURIMBAH TENNIS ACADEMY

Term 1 Tennis Lessons

Have you been watching the
Australian Open tennis on TV?

Have you always wanted to try
tennis out? Well come on down to
Ourimbah Tennis Club and give it a
go. We provide fun 1 hour group
lessons during the week for kids of
all standards.

Come down and try one out.

We provide all types of lesson for all
ages and standards. From Hot Shots
groups for 5 year olds (as seen on Tv)
to Elite Squad lessons for the more
advanced. For more information
regarding our other lesson types
available, competitions, squads, prices
or even just to hire a court call **Laurie**

on

0412459131

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Ourimbah Beginners Playgroup

Come & Meet others **Share Ideas** Play **Songs & Stories**
Relax Enjoy morning Tea **Craft**

For all children aged 0-6 years, their parents & carers. Everyone welcome.

9am – 11am each **Thursday** of school term

Commencing 1st Feb 2018



Where: Adventist Activities Centre
CNR Lisarow St & Ourimbah St, Lisarow
(adjacent to Ourimbah Seventh-day Adventist Church)

Cost: \$2 per Family per day you attend

Contact us at:

Phone: Sue - 0426 142 743

Facebook: Ourimbah Beginners Playgroup

Email: ourimbahbeginnersplaygroup@gmail.com

We believe that
all children are very
unique and special,
a precious gift
from God

Ourimbah Beginners Playgroup is a community service provided by Ourimbah Seventh-day Adventist Church

Small changes,
Big differences.



Mental Health and Parenting Program

Are you living on the Central Coast, parenting or caring for children 2–12 years old? Have you experienced Mental Health Problems? Would you like to develop a better relationship with your children, as well as learn some different strategies to assist in your parenting role? Then this program may interest you.

Aim of program

To make parenting easier and more enjoyable

The program offers suggestions, ideas and practice around positive parenting techniques. There is no single "right way" to parent. In this group we will be discussing a variety of ideas and strategies.

Topics covered

- Positive Parenting – What is it?
- Possible Causes of Child Behaviour Problems
- Mental Health and Parenting
- Developing Positive Relationships with Children
- Supporting Children's Development
- Managing Misbehaviour
- Developing Family plans

The program is **FREE** and consists of **five weekly group sessions** (3 hours) and **four individual follow up home visits** to help implement new strategies. The program runs each school term in either the Gosford or Wyong area.

OUR NEXT GROUP:

Dates: Wednesdays 14th February – 14th March 2018

Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Where: Health Promotion/Public Health Unit
Level 2 Meeting Room
4-6 Watt Street (opposite Centrelink)
Gosford

Places are limited and booking is essential.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK INTO ONE OF OUR GROUPS, CALL:

Ruth Phelan 4304 7878 OR Mary Cesca 4304 7878

Children & Young People's Mental Health

www.triplep.net



CLASS EQUIPMENT LIST FOR 2018

Parents are kindly asked to provide the following equipment at the start of our 2018 school year.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>KINDERGARTEN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* 2 A4 plastic envelopes* 1 library bag4 glue sticks* 1 lunch box* 1 paint shirt* school hat1 box of tissues1 roll of paper towel1 packet of whiteboard markers	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>YEARS 1 & 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* 1 Home Reading folder – velcro type2 glue sticks* 1 eraser & lead pencils* 1 library bag* 1 lunch box* 1 paint shirt/smock* school hat1 packet of whiteboard markersNO pencil case required <p>Additional items may be requested in class newsletters as required throughout the year.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>YEARS 3 & 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 glue stick per term* Good quality pencils – coloured* Good quality pencils - 2 lead pencils (HB)* Highlighters - optional1 quality eraser1 sharpener* 1 <u>small</u> pencil case* 1 library bag* 1 lunch box* school hat* drink bottle1 box of tissues	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>YEARS 5 & 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Pens - blue, black and red* Pencils - coloured* Pencils - lead (HB & a 2B)* 1 <u>small</u> pencil case* 1 glue stick per term* 1 eraser* 1 senior ruler (with millimetres) - solid plastic or wooden (not flexible plastic or metal)* 1 scissors* Highlighters* 1 lunch box* school hat1 box of tissues* 1 library bag

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

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