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Wednesday, 28th March 2018



DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
29 March	Sydney North Swimming Carnival
30 March	Good Friday Public Holiday
2 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
4 April	CANTEEN CLOSED
5 April	ICAS Competition Money Due
9 April	CANTEEN CLOSED
10 April	Grandparent's Day
10 – 11 April	Yr 6 Peer Support Training
11 April	CANTEEN CLOSED
12 April	School Photo re-shoot – see article
13 April	Primary Cross Country – see article Parents welcome to attend
13 April	Infants Cross Country – in school event only – no spectators
13 April	Last day of Term 1
20 April	TSA Holiday Band Workshop at OPS - see article
30 April	Staff Development Day – students do not attend
1 May	Students return for Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Staff Professional Learning:

Last Thursday, Mr Miller, Mrs Kenny, Mrs McLean and Mrs Brown were trained in 'Filmpod' which is a

Department of Education supported program that enables classes to create short films. I attended a Directors meeting and had the school plan endorsed. It will be available on the website by the end of term. On Monday evening, the staff completed their annual update for CPR and anaphylaxis.

Thank you to my staff who have organised various PSSA trials, CARES, Easter activities etc. I am grateful to those who organise these activities (and all the paperwork that goes with them) so that our students are able to participate in the wonderful experiences on offer. NAPLAN trials went pretty smoothly considering the numbers of Yr 3 and Yr 5 students across the country who were taking this practice run. OPS students gave really positive feedback about the online testing format.

Parents and children:

If you have a concern about your child you are encouraged to speak with the class teacher in the first instance. If you then need to speak to a stage supervisor or myself, please email the school indicating the area of concern and your availability. We will contact you as soon as we can to make suitable arrangements to meet with you.

Sometimes children have disagreements, real or imagined, and as parents we feel that we should step in and solve the problem. Whilst I understand this, I need to remind everyone that it is never appropriate to speak to a child that is not your own in a manner that is rude, aggressive, sarcastic, angry or threatening. You should never swear at a child. Nor are you to touch, or threaten to touch, another person's child in a way that is rough, aggressive, threatening, causes injury or restrains the child. Not only does this have serious negative effects on the child but the Department of

Education has the authority to bar parents from school grounds and activities if this occurs. Having said that, I know that the vast majority of contact between adults and students is positive, supportive, helpful and entirely appropriate.

P&C:

There are a few roles on the P&C that need a keen volunteer to jump in. If you would like to be closely involved in the group that plays an integral role in supporting our students, please contact the P&C and put your name forward. Training and support will be given to anyone who takes on any of the roles. Our P&C is a group of very dedicated parents who work hard to support our student body.

Smart watches:

There has been some discussion among local principals about students wearing Smart watches, Fitbits and Moochie watches to school. Because these watches have the capacity to receive and send messages and calls, have internet capabilities, cameras, etc they are being managed the same as mobile phones. These items should be left at home or, if they are needed after school, handed in to the front office in the morning for collection at the end of the day. Thanks, in advance, for your cooperation in this.

Easter:

I walked into a couple of Kindergarten classes last week and saw the most wonderful Easter hat creations. Thank you to all those parents who were able to come up and help.

The Easter weekend runs from this Friday to Monday. Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd April.

Please note that daylight saving finishes on Sunday
SO REMEMBER...

When local daylight time is about to reach: Sunday,
1 April 2018, 3:00:00 am

Clocks are turned backward 1 hour to: Sunday, 1
April 2018, 2:00:00 am local standard time instead

Have a safe long weekend and **HAPPY EASTER!**
Glynis Lugnan
Principal



CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE

Week 7 – Winning House – Platypus

Platypus – 36 Koalas – 34

Kangaroos – 25.5 Emus – 23

Week 8 – Winning House – Emus

Emus – 25 Kangaroos & Koalas – 22

Platypus - 18

CORE VALUES

Values

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

OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL VALUES

FAIRNESS

Treating people equally without showing any favouritism and accepting that everyone is different.

- making sure that everyone has a turn when playing a game
- always playing fairly in everything you do
- never criticising or making fun of others because of their religion, colour of their skin, accent or background
- always listening to both sides of an argument
- including everyone equally
- never cheat or be a bad sport not arguing when you don't agree with a decision

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

Week 8 – Grace F, Seth S KA, Elsbeth K, Liam H KL, Paxton T, Rowan D K/1B, Matilda B, Mallory H K/1S, Brayden C, Zac T 1/2A, Archer W, Linh V 1/2AM, Will K, Chloe N 1/2GS, Kayla D, Jayden C 1/2N, Riley M, Charlee H 2M, Will D, Chloe B Library

Week 9 – Blayne D, Lilly A KA, Joshua D, Lily J KL, Andrew P, Imogen S K/1B, Joni D, Beau H K/1S, Patrick C, Carlos D 1/2A, Georgia M, Emily N 1/2AM, Scout S, Koby B 1/2GS, Rucci F, Mya B 1/2N, Xavier D, Victoria A 2M, River C, Mila B Library

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

Week 8 – Teleah K 3M, Aila B, Zavier D 3/4A, Lucy V, Matthew P 3/4E, Shayla R, Ella T 3/4M, Lilly M, Travis C 4/5B, William D, Lily W 5/6E, Alana N, Cruz G 5/6ES, Miakoda C, Mitchell H 5/6F, Emily M, Bryson S 5/6K, Cameron W, Eloise F Library

Week 9 – Hayden M, Mariah J 3M, Oliver J, Annalise L 3/4A, Emily B, Aidan K 3/4E, Madeleine M, Hamish P 3/4M, Phoebe M, Robbie C 4/5B, Jackson C, Natalie G 5/6E, Rosanna S, Hayden C 5/6ES, Sophia N, Jackson C 5/6F, Taj V, Chloe W 5/6K, Marco E, Charli S Library

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Student Spotlight

This fortnight has been very busy. I would like to begin by thanking Aleah M, Mariah J, Isabella W, Holly W and Mr Miller for making me an AMAZING Easter Hat. I was

so excited to wear it today and I really appreciate the work that went in to them.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of visiting KL, KA, K/1B and K/1S. The students were enjoying making Easter Hats with their class teachers and parent helpers. It was definitely a hive of activity in Kindergarten and a pleasure to see how engaged and settled all the students were.

On Thursday I had a visit from Chloe W (K/1B), Anna H and Emily F (K/1S). They had produced some creative and colourful Anti-Bullying posters for National Anti-Bullying Day. I was incredibly impressed with the work and thought that had gone into these. Well done girls.

Attendance reminder

As we are nearing the end of term please ensure that all notes have been sent in to cover absences. It is important that notes are returned within 7 days of the absence. Remember to download the Skoolbag App. There is a function in the app that allows you to send in absence notes. This is a quick and easy way to inform the school on those busy mornings when you are in a rush to get out the door.

NAPLAN Online Trial

I would like to congratulate Year 3 and 5 on their impeccable behaviour and manners. I had the pleasure of taking all Year 3 and 5 students through a practice NAPLAN online test. The students were a pleasure to work with and I appreciate their patience as we were all learning how to use the new platform.

A massive thank you to the teachers of Year 3 and 5 students. They have all spent time in class preparing and demonstrating the new online platform to their students. Your support is appreciated.

The NAPLAN Online Testing period will begin on Tuesday, 15th May and conclude on Friday, 25th May. This is longer than normal due to our tests being online. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

Have a great week,
Mrs Nicki Wakelin
Assistant Principal



SCHOOL PHOTO RE-SHOOT – Thursday, 12th April

The School Photographer has informed us that there was a problem on photo day with one of the camera lenses doing the individual portraits. Due to this issue they will have to do a re-shoot of approximately 70 students. The re-shoot will be held on Thursday, 12th April between 9 am and 11 am.

The classes that have been affected are:

K/1B, 1/2A, 1/2N, 2/3M, 5/6ES & 5/6K (however, not all students in these classes will need to be re-shot).

An individual letter will be sent home to all parents of affected students. Full summer uniform will need to be worn (no black and white polo shirts please).

STAGE 1 – MUSEUM IN A BOX

Over the last two weeks, Stage 1 has participated in the incursion from Museum in a Box. The box was full of cultural history that aligned with the Stage 1 History unit 'Past and Present Family Life'. The Students examined the history of Indigenous Australians in New South Wales. Students were able to understand that Australia has a history that spans thousands of years and to recognise that the view of history depends on who is telling it. Students used a range of tools, including archaeology, oral histories, written histories and art to find out about the past and experience Australian history from Indigenous Australians perspectives.



ANZAC DAY MARCH

The Anzac Day March will be held on Wednesday, 25th April and will leave from Yates Road at 2.30 pm. **(Please arrive about 15 minutes earlier so students can be organised).**

All Ourimbah Public School students are invited to join the march. Our school officials or senior students usually lead our school group followed by any interested

students. Please be aware that parental supervision is necessary. If your son or daughter can be present on the day it would be greatly appreciated. The march will finish inside the school grounds for the official Anzac Day Ceremony, run by the Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Sub Branch.

Students are expected to wear full school uniform, however as a mark of respect we will not be wearing school hats for the purpose of the march.

Thanks for your support.

Linda Bowd

SEASONS FOR GROWTH® PROGRAM

Learning to live with change and loss

Years 5 and 6

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Ourimbah Public School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called 'Seasons for Growth' which will commence early Term 2. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from *Seasons for Growth* we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

If you wish your child to be included in this program, please put your reasons in writing and return to the front office by **Friday, 6th April 2018**.

This program works with a small group of up to eight students for it to be effective, therefore **selection will be a needs based priority**. The program will run during school time throughout Term 2 for eight weekly sessions. Parents do not attend these sessions.

Parents will be notified before the end of Term 1 if their child will be taking part in the program.

Co-ordinators,
Mrs Bowd and Mrs English

SPORTS NEWS

TENNIS

Last Friday our tennis team consisting of Xanthia T, Josephine C, Linkin P and Hamish P competed against Terrigal PS in the PSSA Tennis Knockout. Although they played very well, Terrigal were just too strong and were victorious on the day. Congratulations and well done to all of the team.

Angela Nagle

PRIMARY 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY

The Primary Cross Country Carnival will be held at Sohler Park on Friday, 13th April. Parents/caregivers are invited to attend the Primary Carnival with races getting under way from 10 am. All students will return to school after the carnival for lunch and afternoon lessons.

INFANTS K-2 CROSS COUNTRY

The K-2 Cross Country will be held on the same day at school as an in-school event for students only.

All students are to wear their sport uniform on Friday.

GRANDPARENTS DAY – 10th April

Invitation to K-2 grandparents and grandfriends.

This year our K-2 children will celebrate the part grandparents play in their lives with a special day on Tuesday, 10th April. Grandparents and grandfriends are invited to come and visit Ourimbah Public School and share some special time with their grandchildren.

The day will start at 11.00 am with morning tea supplied by our wonderful P&C.

During this time, the Library will be open for grandparents to view a display of books which are available to purchase and donate to the school in your grandchild's name. The books will cost \$5 or \$10 and donated books will have a name plate placed inside them to acknowledge the donation.

At 12 noon, the K-2 children will entertain you in the hall with a special assembly, following which you may share a picnic lunch with your grandchildren under the trees on A oval.

Because of limited hall space, we remind parents that this event is a special day for grandparents and we ask that parents save their visit for the class assembly held later on in the year.

We are looking forward to seeing all grandparents and grandfriends on Tuesday, 10th April.

K-2 Teachers

ICAS COMPETITIONS YRS 3-6

The final day to return notes and money for the ICAS Maths, Science and English Competitions is Thursday, 5th April. Students in Years 3-6 are eligible to participate in these University of NSW competitions. Notes are available from the office. It costs \$9.00 per competition to enter. No late entries will be accepted.

PAYMENTS DUE NOW

- **Mathletics/Reading Eggs**
Kindergarten and new students - \$35.00
(includes headphones)
Years 1-6 - \$25.00
- **Voluntary School Contributions**

K-6 - \$48.00 per student

- Yrs 3-6 ICAS Competitions
\$9.00 per competition
English, Maths & Science

BAND WORKSHOP

Teaching Services Australia will be holding a Band Workshop at Ourimbah Public School on Friday, 20th April during the school holidays. All band members are invited to attend.

See the flyer below for more information and details to register.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Perfect Holiday Activity

The TSA School Holiday Band Workshops are on once again! Registration is now open for 6 different workshop dates and locations during the Term 1 school holidays. Give their music a jump-start in 2018!

Visit www.teachingservices.com.au/workshops for all information.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)



17 April
St Declan's Penshurst
18 April
St Michael's Baulkham Hills
19 April
Sacred Heart Pymble
20 April
Regentville Public School
20 April
Ourimbah Public School
24 April
Northmead High School
REGISTER ONLINE! \$80

9th – Michelle Hancox

11th – Charlee H 2/3M

10th – Ewan D 5/6K

12th – Jim Wallace

Thanks to your generous donations there were smiles on the faces of many lucky students, as there were well over 150 prizes in total.

The winning classes who sold the most tickets were K/1S in the infants and 3/4E in primary. Congratulations to both classes.

EASTER RAFFLE

An event such as our Easter Raffle is only possible due to the generous volunteers who give up their time to support our school. Thank you must go to Rachael Lambeck for coordinating the Easter Raffle this year with the support of Victoria Keegan, Nicole McMurtrie, Rachel Timbrell, Jane Demellweek, Lorelei Barkley, Melinda & Natalia Cooper, Jacqui Woods, Katie Robertson, Debbie Ballinger, Lisa Booth, Laura Malloy, Alison Vlaciky and Rechelle Clark who spent hours wrapping the prizes, counting money and collating all the raffle tickets or helping with the drawing of the prizes.

Thank you must also go to the many local businesses for their kind donations towards our major prizes.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

DONATIONS NOT REQUIRED

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday, 9th May in the school hall.

The P&C have once again sourced gifts for the students to purchase at the Mother's Day stall, therefore donations are not required. Prices will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

If you would like to help on stall day, please contact the coordinator Marcia Hercus or the school office, as volunteers will be needed.

P&C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP

Operating Hours – Mondays & Thursdays

The opening hours for the uniform shop are as follows:

Mondays 8.30 am - 9.15 am

Thursdays 2.30 pm - 3.15 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.

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following people who were our top 12 prize winners in the Easter Raffle:

1st - Noah C KA

2nd - Xavier D 2/3M

3rd – Rhonda Wagenaer

4th – Josephine C 5/6F

5th – John O 5/6K

6th – Harry H 1/2GS

7th – Josephine C 5/6F

8th – Rucci F 1/2N

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Super Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Twister Power Handball



Secret Scratch Pad



For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollars token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Rewards still available from the 2017 range are:

- Colour Change Markers
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil and Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

If you are selecting on of these items, please write a note with your request and include your tokens with your next deposit.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Thursday**.

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CENTRAL COAST Century Challenge CYCLE RIDE

Kids Cycle Challenge
9.00am ★ 29th April 2018 ★ Mount Penang Gardens

- ★ Fun Activities
- ★ Jumping Castle
- ★ Children's Loop Ride
- ★ Obstacle Course Ride
- ★ Great prizes!

Prizes for best-dressed super hero!

The Kids Challenge allows junior riders a safe cycling environment to challenge themselves and have some fun! The ride is open to cyclists aged between 4 and 12 years.



Rotary Club of Erina Club of Gosford North

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easter family funfest

**Sat 31 March
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(next to the Big Tent!)**

jumping castle

treats surprises give-aways

live shows

craft and games

food and drinks

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Good News!

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The free Gift of God is Eternal life!
Ephesians 6:23

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OURIMBAH TENNIS ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC

Wednesday 18th to Friday
20th of April &
Tuesday 24th, Thursday
26th and Friday 27th of
April 2018
Time : 9:00 - 2:30

Learn how to play / Make new friends
Win trophies and prizes
Play singles and doubles round robins

TERM 2 2018 TENNIS LESSONS

Bookings are now being taken for
next terms tennis coaching.
Tennis lessons are available from
Monday to Saturday.
Lessons types include Group, Semi-Private
and Private lessons for both

For more information call
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