



'Endeavour to Excel'

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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 15th May 2024

DATE	EVENT
16 May	BWPSSA Touch Footy Rep Trials
17 May	BWPSSA Zone Soccer
20 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
20 May	Chess Tournament
23 May	Nitbusters Program
24 May	BWPSSA Cross Country
27 May	CANTEEN CLOSED

**TIME TO
SHINE**

A Time to Shine – Release from face-to-face (RFF)

Relief from face-to-face (RFF) teaching is provided in primary schools across NSW, primary departments of central schools and schools for specific purposes to support teachers in their classroom teaching role.

At Ourimbah PS, RFF teaching is an integral part of the school's overall teaching and learning program and it is developed in collaboration with staff. It takes into consideration the needs of all students, including the school's strategic directions, and enables the continued delivery of an integrated curriculum across all stages and all key learning areas.

This year, we have five RFF teachers, **Mrs Bullock, Mrs Ryder, Mr Castles, Mrs Miranda and Mrs**

Wakelin providing explicit teaching in the following subjects: *Creative Arts* (Music, Drama and Dance), *PDHPE* (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) and *Library*.

Celebrating Mother's Day

What a beautiful morning and a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day at Ourimbah PS. My thanks to all of the staff, students and parents who were able to join us last Friday to help celebrate this special day.

A very special thank you to the P&C Mother's Day Committee who led a band of amazing volunteers to run the Mother's Day Stall this year – the students were delighted with the range of gifts they could purchase for their mums!





Thank you to the fantastic staff at OPS for making this special event possible, including the wonderful organisers of this year's celebrations: **Mrs Dunn, Mrs Gordge, Mrs Bunt, Mrs Vila and Mrs Ward** who put the hard yards in preparing for this special occasion. We all think you are TOPS!

National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 10 May

Well done to those students and parents who participated in the **National Walk Safely to School Day** last Friday. The **health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits** that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long-term wellbeing of our children is critical to a positive and successful education and lifestyle. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.

My thanks to **Mrs Miranda** and **Mrs Hampson** for leading this year's campaign with our staff and students.



School Uniform – Winter Uniform

Now that the weather has begun to cool we are encouraging families to transition their children into the **school's winter uniform**. This process can be done over the next few weeks, however, it is preferred that the students will be in full winter school uniform by the **end of week 6 – Friday 7 June**.

Over the past few weeks or so the staff and I have noticed an array of coloured jumpers, track pants, leggings and hair accessories that do not meet the school's Uniform Policy. A few years ago, the school, in consultation with the parent community, initiated some key changes to the existing Uniform Policy. A full copy of the school's current Uniform Policy is attached with this week's newsletter.

Other key reminders:

- Boys and girls may choose to wear **grey shorts / skorts** to school during the winter period if they wish.
- Plain black track pants** may be worn as part of the winter uniform; not just on sports days. Track

pants with large logos or brand names emblazoned across the legs are not permitted!

- Black shoes should be worn throughout the school week; however, joggers of any colour can be worn on sports days only.
- Black bike pants or leggings are not part of the school's uniform, even on sports days!.

Staff Car Park - Student Safety

A reminder to all parents and carers about the **importance of road safety** in and around our school; especially during those busy drop-off and pick-up times. **Student safety is paramount to our school** and I would like to remind all families 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 or use this area as a 'kiss-and-drop' area.

Please note: parents who access before and after school care (TASK) are able to use the car park before 8:00 am and after 4:00 pm for drop-offs and pick-ups

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 – for 2025

A reminder that the online applications for OC Placement for **Year 5 students in 2025** close on **Monday 20 May**. Unfortunately, no late applications will be accepted!

Please return the '**Intention to Apply**' form to your child's class teacher so the school is aware which families have applied online.

Online applications can be made at the following website:

[Online Applications](#)

Kind regards,
Greg Francis (Principal)

CLASSY ARTICLE

RFF – MR CASTLES, MISS BULLOCK, MRS MIRANDA & MRS WAKELIN

Mr Castles took 5/6W for Personal Development and Art in term 1. The students learned about self-management and emotions. There were great discussions and role plays around respect and responsibility and what

actions they can take to positively influence the health and wellbeing of themselves and the community.

Some of the art lessons tied into the theme of thinking about themselves by drawing an inner self-reflection picture and creating a cultural artwork based on themselves. They also experimented with oil pastels and paint to create a nighttime city scene.

Mr Castles is very excited for term 2 as he gets to teach states of matter for Science. This is a great unit with lots of experiments and hands on activities. Students will discover all about solids, liquids and gasses, becoming mini scientists by asking exploratory questions and testing their theories.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM – MRS BULLOCK

Stage 3 are learning to read music and to play the recorder and the xylophone. We are using a program called 'Recorder Karate', which involves progressing through different levels of songs using a 'belt' system like Karate. Stage 3 are extremely motivated to improve each week and to move up to the next belt.

Stage 2 are working on a play called 'Toy Store'. In this play, when the owner closes up for the night, the toys all come to life. The students decide what toy they will be and there is always lots of laughter when they 'come to life' in rehearsals.



CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

Week 2 – Dusty I, Tadhg M, Minh N, Archie P KAN; Milla B, Caleb M, Ryder-J T, Lily W KD; Millie C, Eleanor D, Logan W, Madeleine W 1B; Jaxx E, Imogen H, Tobias M, Zahli T 2PN; Sophie B, Levi I, Theodore R, Elias S 2R.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2025

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2025. If you have a child starting next year or have any friends or neighbours with children planning on starting next

year, please contact the front office (4362 1033) to start the enrolment process.

Children may be enrolled in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five years of age on or before 31 July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday. If you are unsure if your child is ready to start school or would like to access further information, please contact the school. As part of the enrolment process, you will need to provide your child's original birth certificate, statement of complete immunisation from Medicare and proof of your current address (a minimum of 100 points of identification are required).

Families are now able to access our online enrolment process to make it easier to enrol your child at your local school. To apply online, your child must be:

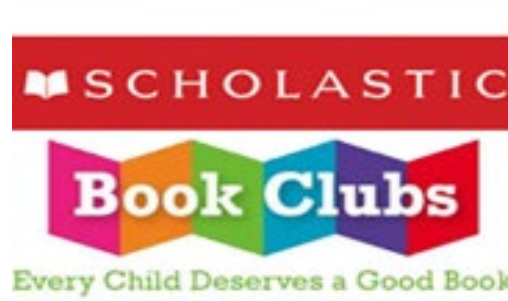
- a NSW resident
- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and
- living in the local enrolment area of the school for which you are submitting an application.

For those families wishing to complete an online application a link can be found via the **"Enrolment"** tab located at the top of our school website. If you are unsure what school catchment area you live in, use the [NSW Public School Finder App](#).

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- Joggers of any colour can be worn on sports days only.



BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3 ORDERS CLOSE TOMORROW – THURSDAY, 16th MAY

Any orders for Issue 3 need to be **returned to the office by tomorrow, Thursday, 16th May**.

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 by cash or cheque or by ordering online with your credit card via the LOOP option.

CRICKET KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

At the end of term 1 the school cricket team competed in a knockout match against Niagara Park. This is the first time they have played together as a team and the first time some of the students had even played a game of cricket. They started off well batting first and scoring 105 runs in their 20 overs. Even though they bowled really well the opposition were able to score the runs with only 2 overs remaining in the game. The students were a credit to the school, displaying amazing sportsmanship, encouraging each other, and making sure that everyone contributed.

Well done on a fine effort!

Mr Paul Castles



BWPSSA NETBALL GALA DAY

Yesterday Ourimbah Public Schools attended a Netball Gala Day where we competed against five different local schools. The first game was a knockout game which ended with Niagara Park Public School winning the game 12-3. But we then went on to play Narara Public

School. The game ended in a draw of 8 all. We decided to play an extra half game which led to our team winning 6-0. Congratulations to Zahra-leiye Toohey, Kalani Kelly-Biddle, Sarah Kirk, Lucy Brooks, Indy Pappalardo, Blair Atkin- Pearce, Brayden Murtagh, Marli Barkess. Another Congratulations to Callie Stanley and Jack Cullen-Ward who made the netball team but were unable to attend the day.

The students were full of enthusiasm and played amazingly. We had such a fantastic day!

Mrs Lauren Ryder



SCHOOL BYTES PARENT PORTAL AND APP

- ❖ Are you missing out on vital information?
- ❖ Have you downloaded the School Bytes Parent Portal & App?
- ❖ Have you selected **Enable Push Notifications** through the School Bytes Parent Portal & App, so that you may receive updated information as it becomes available from the school?

Parents will now be able to see all information relating to school activities and receive the newsletter in the parent portal. Vital information relating to your child/children's school is available at the touch of your fingertips!



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thursday afternoons - 2:30 - 3:15 pm

Friday mornings - 8.30 - 9.15 am

Uniforms may also be ordered through our online ordering system, via the 'Square' App.

<https://ops-uniform-shop.square.site>

All orders will be sent home with your child, unless otherwise requested.

P&C NEWS



BILLY G's GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH DRIVE

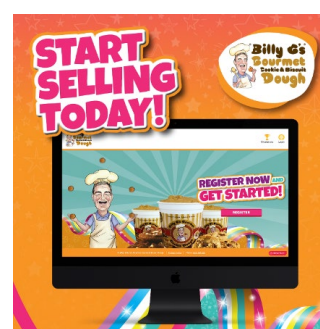
Ourimbah Public School's P&C, are running a Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser this term, to raise money for new resources within our school.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are nine (9) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular Choc Chunk and Raspberry White Choc.

Cookie dough orders must be placed online using the online platform.

Orders are **open from Monday, 13th May 2024 until Friday, 13th June 2024**, so make sure you get rolling and create your online fundraising page today!

Please see the attached flyer for more information.



An advertisement for JB Dance & Acrobatics. On the left, two young girls with blue bows in their hair are hugging; they are wearing blue leotards with black skirts. To their right, the text 'JB Dance Head Quarters' is displayed, followed by the address '5b Toowoon Bay Rd, Long Jetty' and the phone number '0401 473 457'. Below this, the phrase 'TRY YOUR FIRST WEEK FREE' is written in bold. At the bottom right is the 'JB DANCE & ACROBATICS' logo, which features a stylized 'JB' with a silhouette of a dancer inside the 'B', followed by the words 'DANCE & ACROBATICS' in a bold, blue, blocky font.

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THE SWEETEST WAY TO FUNDRAISE!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you so much for supporting our Ourimbah Public School P&C, especially through fundraising. We are excited to announce we are holding a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** drive as a major fundraiser this term. To achieve our goal all funds raised will go towards new resources within our school for our students, we need to sell a total of 500 tubs!

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are nine (9) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular **Choc Chunk** and **Raspberry White Choc**.

You can also create your own cookie magic with the Golden Classic flavour – the base of the Billy G's secret family recipe. You can Add Hundreds & Thousands, macadamia nuts and white chocolate pieces, anything you like: the sky is the limit on what you can create! There is even something for your special furry friends, with a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough! Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising – so stock up!

Get started! Students have now received a Billy G's order form with instructions on how to collect orders. Please note Billy G's is a completely cashless fundraiser. All orders must be placed online and paid by credit or debit card or PayPal. All Cookie dough orders must be placed online using the online platform. Create your child's profile by visiting australianfundraising.com.au, click on the "Cookie Dough Login" and follow the instructions in your order form.

Start Date: Monday 13th May 2024

Final Orders Due: Friday 13th June 2024.

Estimated Delivery Date: Thursday 24th June 2024.

How do prizes work? Every student who sells two or more tubs will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 11 prizes up for grabs, so why not set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all? Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold. You can also gain the chance to get your very own Billy G's Scented Gel Pens by obtaining all of your online virtual badges.

You can Win Big! Our highest tub seller will go into a draw to win the \$10,000 Budget Bonanza (\$2,500 Coles Gift Card, \$2500 Woolworths Fuel Card, \$2,500 Harvey Norman Gift Card and \$2,500 Visa Gift Card) OR a Playstation 5 Gaming Bundle. Plus, every [student/member] that achieves all online virtual badges will win a Billy G's Scented Gel Pens.

Don't forget to refer to your Order Form for all the information. Happy fundraising!

Happy Fundraising!

Ourimbah Public School P&C



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Ourimbah Public School expects every student to be in school uniform. Parents, staff & students support the school's dress code.

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist the Ourimbah school community in:

- *defining an identity for the school within its community*
- *developing students' sense of belonging to the school community*
- *providing an opportunity to build school spirit*
- *enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities*
- *promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity*
- *reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment*
- *increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school*
- *promoting positive community perceptions of public education*
- *making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.*

(School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools 2004)

DRESS CODE

BOYS (SUMMER)	GIRLS (SUMMER)
White short sleeved shirt Grey shorts Short white socks Black 'V' neck sloppy joe or zip-front fleecy jacket Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Black leather shoes or black joggers Black & White polo shirt with emblem (optional)	Grey/white/black checked tunic with peter pan collar and black tab White short socks White short socks/grey tights Black 'V' neck sloppy joe or zip-front fleecy jacket Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Black leather shoes or black joggers Black & white polo shirt with emblem (optional) Grey shorts or Grey skorts (optional)
(WINTER)	(WINTER)
White long sleeve peak collar shirt Long grey serge trousers or black trackpants School tie Black 'V' neck sloppy joe or zip-front fleecy jacket Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Grey short socks Black weather jacket Black leather shoes or black joggers	White long sleeve peak collar shirt Grey serge tailored long pants or black trackpants Grey princess line serge tunic with emblem School Tie White short socks/grey tights Black 'V' neck sloppy joe or zip-front fleecy jacket Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Black leather shoes or black joggers Black weather jacket
*** Students may wear grey shorts / skorts in winter if they prefer ***	

(SPORT)	(SPORT)
Coloured polo shirt with house logo Black shorts or black trackpants Black 'V' neck sloppy joe or zip-front fleecy jacket Black brimmed hat or bucket hat White short socks Joggers – any colour	Coloured polo shirt with house logo Black sport skort or black trackpants Black basketball type shorts (not bike pants) Black 'V' neck sloppy joe or zip-front fleecy jacket White short socks Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Joggers – any colour
*** Representative sports hoodies can be worn on sport's days only ***	
<p>The following items are NOT permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants with stripes down the side or with brand logos • Cargo pants • Jeans • Long sleeve top under polo shirt • Short shorts – bike pants • Coloured under garments under white shirts 	

HATS

It is school policy that **all** children are to wear black wide brimmed hats for all organised physical education activities and while playing outside at recess and lunchtime. This hat policy is fully supported by the Cancer Foundation as an effective means of protecting students from the harmful effects of over exposure to UV rays. Please support this policy in the interests of your child's long term health. The school uniform shop/canteen stocks hats printed with the school logo. (No baseball-style caps are allowed.)

JEWELLERY & COSMETICS

Students may wear a watch, a plain ring, one pair only of small standard sized, plain silver, gold or clear studs only or sleeper earrings less than 1.5cm in diameter (**one earring** in each ear). Only a single necklace **or** single bracelet may be worn but it must be a recognised Medic Alert or for religious/cultural reasons.

The wearing of cosmetics is not acceptable. This includes makeup, nail polish, coloured hair sprays and temporary tattoos. Sunscreen, deodorants and clear lip balms are not considered to be cosmetics.

HAIR

Students must ensure that their hair does not create a health or safety risk. Students with long hair (touching collars) are required to tie their hair back at all times. Long hair must be tied back as a preventative measure in avoiding/containing the spread of nits. Hair ribbons, scrunchies and headbands may be black or white only.

FOOTWEAR

Students are required to wear sensible, closed-in, black footwear to school. Thongs, Ugg boots, skate shoes and masseur type thongs are **not** considered to be appropriate footwear. Joggers of any colour may be worn as part of the Sports Uniform and on sports days only. Black shoe laces only. Should a medical condition necessitate the wearing of any of these, a written note **must** be provided by the parent/medical practitioner. Only plain white or grey ankle socks should be worn/visible, as per the Dress Code itemised above.

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Pleated Shorts – Girls may wear grey pleated shorts, as part of the summer uniform, on all school days except for sport days and those identified as requiring formal uniform (see below). At no time, are leggings/tights to worn under the shorts. Pleated shorts are available through the P&C Uniform Shop.

Polo shirts – Girls and boys may wear the approved black & white polo shirt with the school emblem, as part of either the summer or winter uniform, on all school days except for sport days. In summer, the polo shirt can be worn with shorts, and in winter the polo shirt can be worn with long pants, weather permitting. At no time are long sleeves to be worn under the polo shirts. Polo shirts with emblem are available through the P&C Uniform Shop.

Polo shirts may be worn when representing the school at district level or higher, or whilst on school excursions.

Year 6 Commemorative Shirts – Year 6 students may wear their commemorative polo shirts on designated days only!

In each case, the school will notify parents, in advance, of the uniform requirement for each activity.

The more formal uniform is appropriate at any time, except sport days. The pleated shorts and polo shirt are OPTIONAL – there is no requirement for parents to purchase them.

UNIFORM PURCHASE

UNIFORM SHOP:	Monday	8.30 am – 9.15 am
	Wednesday	2.30 pm – 3.15 pm

****Volunteers required ****

Online orders can be placed via Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au Uniform order forms are available at the school office or on our website.

Cash or cheque – payable to Ourimbah Public School P&C

Eftpos is also available at Uniform Shop

POLICY DEVELOPMENT and REVIEW

This policy was developed in consultation with staff, students and parents of Ourimbah Public School to accommodate the addition of an optional polo shirt and pleated shorts. The optional additions were in response to a survey in Term 4, 2017 when 212 parents supported their inclusion; 20 parents were against the addition.

During Term 4, 2017, product samples were sourced and the *School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools* guidelines were consulted to ensure compliance with health & safety standards, fitness for purpose and appropriate costing.

In Feb 2018, parents were invited to be part of a focus group to develop the protocols above. Fifteen parents either attended the meeting or sent in written suggestions for consideration.

In consultation with the Ourimbah P&C in June 2019, several policy changes were adopted by the school – these included:

- The wearing of black trackpants in winter.
- Black joggers may be worn in place of black leather shoes.
- Coloured joggers permitted on sports days only.
- Grey shorts and skorts may be worn by boys or girls in both summer and winter.

Principal – Greg Francis

Mother's Day Breakfast 2024



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Library Book Covering Volunteers

We are desperately seeking some parent volunteers to cover our new books as they come in. If you think this is something you can help out with please get in contact with the school office or come and speak to Mrs Ryder in the library.



