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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 12th March 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
12-24 March	NAPLAN
12 March	P&C AGM Tonight - staffroom 5.30 pm Meet & Greet 6.00 pm AGM Meeting
17 March	CANTEEN CLOSED
18 March	Yr 5/6 Photo Day & Photo Makeup Day
21 March	Harmony Day
24 March	CANTEEN CLOSED
24 March	Bro & Sista Speak – Wyoming PS
26 March	Interschool Chess Challenge at Wyong Christian Community School
1 April	Nitbusters Day – volunteers needed



A Time to Shine – Zone Swimmers were BRILLIANT!

Congratulations to the 31 students who recently represented Ourimbah PS at the BWPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival.

- Year 2 Jake H, Samual R, Mackenzie S and Ace S
- Year 3 Lachlan C and Sonny R
- Year 4 Ryder B, Miles C, Huxley D, Jayda E, Daniel L, Elliot P, Thomas R, Giana R, Olive S and Oliver W
- Year 5 Savannah A, Sebastian B, Levi D-A, Jack E, Elleanor F, Cameron H, Mercedes S and Callie S
- Year 6 Myles B, Lachlan K, Abbey P, Indy P, Cooper R and Eliza V

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to **Jake H (2R)** who placed 2nd in the 8yr Boys 50m Freestyle and has made it in the combined BWPSSA Swimming Team to compete at the Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival to be held on Tuesday 1 April at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

A special thank you to **Mr Wilson** and **Mrs Alamango** for supporting our students and the BWPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival – without the teacher volunteers these opportunities would not be available for our amazing athletes!















Parent/Teacher Interviews (K-6)

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to all the families who participated in our recent Parent/Teacher interviews. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers engage in these important discussions and learn about the exciting opportunities our Stage Teams and class teachers are preparing for the upcoming school year and set some learning goals for our students.

As you may have noticed, we are incredibly fortunate to have such committed staff members who work diligently each day to offer the highest quality opportunities for our students in a nurturing and supportive learning environment. I would also like to thank those staff who made themselves available outside of regular school hours to ensure they could see as many families as possible. If you were unable to connect with your child's class teacher(s) during the interview period, please make contact with the front office (4362 1033) to arrange a mutually convenient time to catch-up.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Drop-off and Pick-up

The staff and I do appreciate that morning and afternoon routines can be quite hectic at times in regard to parking. **Student safety is paramount to our school**, and I would like to remind all families that the **staff car park is strictly out of bounds for all students** and must not be used as a 'Kiss and Go' area.

We have also noticed a number of parents walking their children into the school and remaining with them until the 8:55am bell. We appreciate that at the beginning of the new school year some children may be apprehensive to separate from their parents in the morning.

As we strive to foster independence and resilience in our students, we kindly ask parents to consider dropping their children off at the school gate. This small change can empower students to navigate their school day with confidence, helping them develop essential life skills. By taking this step, you're supporting your child in building independence while also promoting their ability to handle challenges.

If your child is experiencing difficulties in separating from you in the mornings, please make contact with your child's class teacher so we can arrange for one of our caring Learning and Support Team to support this process.

Thank you for your partnership in nurturing our students' growth!

International Women's Day (IWD)

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8 annually and is a global day recognising the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women worldwide.

The 2025 theme, 'Accelerate Action', calls for rapid advancements in gender equality. It focuses on recognising strategies and tools that drive women's progress in education, employment, and leadership. This theme encourages collective efforts from governments, organisations, and individuals to remove barriers and foster an environment of equal opportunities for women.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the women who contribute to the life and culture at Ourimbah PS and acknowledge their wonderful work in educating and nurturing the future leaders of tomorrow... your children!



Attendance Matters

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school. We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning.

When your child is absent it is important you let the school know, including the reason why, preferably on the day of absence. This helps make sure we know where our students are and offer support for you and your family if needed. It is a legal requirement to explain the reason for their absence within 7 days of the absence.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day a week that's 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning. **Every Day Matters!**

School Uniform

I encourage all parents to ensure their child/ren are in full school uniform, this includes **black shoes** and **short grey or white socks**. However, on sports days students are permitted to wear joggers of any colour.

Wearing full school uniform presents a strong message of unity and projects a positive image of school pride. If your child plays a particular community sport, or if your family barracks for a particular sporting team, you will notice that all members of that team wear the same uniform with pride. They are part of a TEAM and your children are also part of a TEAM – **TEAM OURIMBAH!**



If your child is unable to wear full school uniform on a particular day, please supply them with a note addressed to their teacher with an explanation. It is great to see so many students wearing their full school uniform each and every day.

ADHD and Neurodivergence – Parent Workshop

Kim Bullock Consulting delivers professional development workshops, keynote presentations and consultancy throughout Australia on the neurodivergent brain. The intersection of evidence-based and research-informed data and professional and personal experience makes her workshops and sessions invaluable in helping educators, parents, families and communities best support and celebrate the neurodivergent learners in their care.

Kim's face-to-face workshops help parents strengthen their understanding of ADHD and gain tips and strategies to help their child, whether they are already diagnosed or not yet diagnosed.

Kim is next presenting at Ourimbah RSL on Tuesday 6 May starting at 6:30 pm. Book tickets here - Understanding ADHD and Neurodivergence Workshop



PLP Meetings - Aboriginal Education

During Weeks 8 and 9 (Thursday 20 – Friday 21 March and Thursday 27 March), PLP meetings (Personalised Learning Pathways) will be held for our Aboriginal students in consultation with parents, teachers and students. These plans are an important tool in establishing pathways for Aboriginal students and their families to participate in the life and culture of the school by setting learning goals tailored to meet the academic, social and cultural needs of the individual students.

I would like to acknowledge the great work of **Mrs Sutter** and the **OPS Aboriginal Education Team**, who continue to work alongside the local Cooinda AECG to support our First Nations students and their families.

A separate note inviting parents and carers to be part of the PLP process was distributed last week. If you haven't had a chance to book in for a face-to-face meeting, or phone interview, with your child's class teacher to discuss their Personalised Learning Plan, please contact the front office (4362 1033) and ask to speak to Mrs Sutter.



NAPLAN Tests (Years 3 and 5)

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the

essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Over the next few weeks, OPS students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in a series of assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

If you have any questions relating to your child's participation in this year's NAPLAN assessments, please contact the front office (4362 1033) and ask to speak with one of our school NAPLAN Coordinators (Mrs Golding and Mr Francis).

An information brochure with further information has been included with this week's newsletter.

P&C News

Have you thought about getting involved in the P&C this year? The P&C is important because it:

- ✓ assists in fundraising and providing resources to enhance student outcomes
- ✓ brings parents, community, students and teaching staff into close co-operation
- ✓ aims to build a stronger school community where all children benefit
- provides feedback and advice on school policies and activities.

Membership is only \$2. Contact the front office (4362 1033) for a membership form.

Please join us tonight **Wednesday 12 March** (commencing with a 'Meet and Greet' at 5:30pm) for our AGM and consider nominating for one of our important roles!

Zoom Link for P&C AGM

Please be aware that the licencing agreement that the NSW Education had with Zoom has changed and this platform is no longer the Department's preferred choice for online meetings. As such, any online meeting using this platform will only be available for a maximum of 40 minutes per meeting.

The school is investigating alternate platforms for future meetings for those families still wishing to join our P&C

meetings remotely. Alternatively, you are most welcome to join us for a face-to-face meeting when they are scheduled.

School Voluntary Contributions

Each year we ask families to support their child/children by donating \$50.00 per child (\$125 for a family of 3 or more children) to the school as a school voluntary contribution. The money generated through the Voluntary School Contributions initiative is used to purchase much needed classroom resources and sports equipment for each class to utilise on a daily basis. Voluntary contributions can be paid by cash, cheques can be made out to Ourimbah PS, or via the payments tab in School Bytes.

Remember that our office will accept payment in instalments to assist families paying their contributions. Our office will continue to accept the voluntary school contributions throughout the year.

School Bytes: don't forget to sign-up for the Parent Portal

School Bytes is a comprehensive school management platform providing Ourimbah PS with the tools we need to operate smoothly & efficiently. Over the holiday break we have transitioned over to some new modules for 2025.

The parent communication module allows our school to send personalised emails and SMS correspondence to each family. Parents will be able to access real time data about school events: your child's attendance, academic reports, excursion information and payments and wellbeing data keeping families informed about student behaviour and progress at school.

We strongly encourage all parents to login and access the Parent Portal via this link: https://portal.schoolbytes.education

School Bytes also offers a parent app for Apple and Android devices – these links can be found in the flyer that has been attached to this newsletter.

Greg Francis

Principal

2025 SPORT DAYS

K-2 Wednesday **Yrs 3 – 6** Friday

SCHOOL PHOTOS – 18th March

A reminder that the second school photo day will be held on Tuesday, 18th March.

5/6A, 5/6EK & 5/6W will have their class photos taken on this day, as well as Year 6, School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects & Sport Captains and any students who were away on the first photo day.

Please be aware that it is not too late to register with LookPro Photography to see your child's photos. There is no obligation to purchase. A second copy of your child's registration code was sent home on Tuesday if you had not already registered.

NITBUSTERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday, 1st April (please note change of date)

Ourimbah PS P&C runs a Nitbusters Program on one day of each term, under the guidelines and health controls of the NSW Health Department.

Each class has an allotted time to come to the playground to be checked for head lice by a team of parent volunteers. The volunteer can quickly assess whether the child has contracted lice or may have some concerning eggs (nits). In either case, a letter is sent by mail to your home address indicating the outcome and suggested methods of eradication.

The program has been very successful in reducing outbreaks through the school by educating families to keep a regular weekly watch for lice and in breaking down the barriers of a taboo subject by freely discussing the issue.

This term, the Nitbusters Program will be held on Tuesday, 1st April from 9am. Melinda Cooper is the Nitbusters Coordinator and if you would like to help by volunteering your time (even if it's only for an hour) on Tuesday 1st April, please contact the office and leave your details for Melinda. All help is greatly appreciated

P&C NEWS

P&C AGM & GM, Wednesday 12 March 2025

As part of this year's P&C's AGM meeting a **'Meet and Greet'** for all families will be held at 5:30pm in the staffroom followed by the Annual General Meeting at 6pm and then our regular monthly meeting.

Have you thought about getting involved in the P&C this year? The P&C is important because it:

- assists in fundraising and providing resources to enhance student outcomes
- brings parents, community, students and teaching staff into close co-operation
- aims to build a stronger school community where all children benefit
- provides feedback and advice on school policies and activities.

We are looking for the following P&C positions, if you are interested in these positions and want to know more please feel free to reach out to us via email

(ourimbahpandc@gmail.com), Facebook (<u>Ourimbah</u> Public School P&C | Facebook)

All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations will be called for.

- 1. President
- 2. Vice President
- 3. Treasurer
- 4. Secretary
- 5. Fundraising coordinator
- 6. Social media coordinator
- 7. Social Convenor
- 8. P&C delegate

AGM Agenda, AGM Nomination form, Membership form, summary of positions, General Meeting Agenda are attached for your information.

Zoom

link: https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67003425195?pwd = 0XcEOnHufGiVtBUisenvtrOa6HbVel.1

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Please consider joining the P&C.

Ourimbah Public School

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Open Friday mornings: 8:30 - 9:15am

Uniforms may be ordered through the online ordering system, via the 'Square' app.

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

All orders will be sent home with your child, unless requested in the notes box, to collect by the parent from the office. Please also include your child's name and class in the notes box too.

Attached is a copy of the Uniform Shop ordering form and instructions on how to access the 'Square' ordering system.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and **ANZ** will match it up to \$500.

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:













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A regular income (you or your partner)

free online financial education workshops

Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next

Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card



Saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355



Sever Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.





YEAR 6 PARENTS - see below



NAPLAN 2025

Information for parents and carers



Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with more information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working, and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.



What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the National Assessment Program.

Information on adjustments available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs is provided in the National protocols for test administration.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the National protocols for test administration (linked above), NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN, and our series of videos where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.



What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by letting them know that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at <u>NAP - Public demonstration</u>
site

How is my child's performance reported?

From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected of the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly

on what has been taught in previous years of schooling. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at <u>myschool.edu.au</u>.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- · contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit <u>nap.edu.au</u>

To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may not have the capacity to complete the tests in a shorter time frame. **The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 12 March 2025 and finishes on Monday 24 March 2025.** Schools will schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	Year 3 students do the writing test on paper on day 1 only.	Year 3: 40 min	Students are provided with an idea or topic
	Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing on day 1, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations).	Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	called a writing stimulus (or prompt) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	To be completed after the writing test.	Year 3: 45 min	Students read a range of informative,
-		Year 5: 50 min	imaginative and persuasive texts, and then
		Year 7: 65 min	answer related questions.
		Year 9: 65 min	
Conventions	To be completed after the reading test.	Year 3: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling,
of language		Year 5: 45 min	grammar and punctuation.
		Year 7: 45 min	
		Year 9: 45 min	
Numeracy	To be completed after the conventions of language test.	Year 3: 45 min	Students are assessed on number and
y		Year 5: 50 min	algebra, measurement and geometry, and
		Year 7: 65 min	statistics and probability.
		Year 9: 65 min	



OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

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AGENDA	
Meeting	Ourimbah Public School P&C Association – Annual General Meeting
Convened by:	Secretary - Marie-Claire Bergman
Attendees:	All P&C Members
Location:	Ourimbah Public School – Staff Room and via Zoom
Date and time:	12 March 2025 at 6pm
Apologies:	To Be Advised
Minutes by:	Secretary - Marie-Claire Bergman

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No	Agenda Item
1	Welcome and Apologies
2	Acknowledgement of Country
4	Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting Business Arising
4	NIL
5	Presentation of Annual Reports
	Treasurer
	President
	Uniform Shop Coordinator
	Fundraiser Coordinator
	RAP Coordinator
	Nitbusters Coordinator
	Social Media Coordinator
	Social Convenor
	Principal
6	Declaration of all Positions Vacant
7	Election of Official Positions
	President
	Vice Presidents x2
	Treasurer
	Secretary
	Uniform Shop Coordinator
	Fundraiser Coordinator
	RAP Coordinator
	Nitbusters Coordinator
	Social Media Coordinator
	Social Convenor
	 P&C Delegates for the CCC of P&C Associations x 2



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AGENDA	
Meeting	Ourimbah Public School P&C Association – General Meeting
Convened by:	To Be Advised
Attendees:	All P&C Members
Location:	Ourimbah Public School – Staff Room and via Zoom
Date and time:	12 March 2025 after the AGM
Apologies:	To Be Advised
Minutes by:	Secretary - Marie-Claire Bergman

Please allow 10 minutes reading time prior to commencement of business.

No	Agenda Item
1	Welcome and Apologies
2	Acknowledgement of Country
3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting
4	Business Arising
	Action List
	Wish List
5	Correspondence
6	Reports
	Treasurer
	President
	Uniform Shop Coordinator
	Fundraiser Coordinator
	Social Convenor
	RAP Coordinator
	Nitbusters Coordinator
	Social Media Coordinator
	CC Council of P&C Representative
	Principal
8	General Business
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9	Date of Next Meeting
	9 April 2025 at 7pm

If you have any topic that is school related that you would like brought up at the next P&C Meeting, please email the P&C Executive via ourimbahpandc@gmail.com.



OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

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2025 AGM NOMINATION FORM

POSITION:

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Uniform Shop Coordinator
- · Fundraising Coordinator

- RAP Coordinator
- Nitbusters Coordinator
- Social Media Coordinator
- Social Convenor
- P&C Delegates x 2

I nominate	for the above position(s)
within the Ourimbah	Public School P&C Association.
Name:	Date:
Signature:	
	tion for the above position(s) above within the Ourimbah Public School P&C
Name:	Date:
Signature:	



Just One Thing

We would like to offer all Ourimbah Public School families a chance to be involved in our school community.

We have over 300 students attending our school, and we would be grateful if every family would nominate to do "just one thing" throughout the year. Apart from building up our community, a successful campaign will make a significant contribution to our P&C's financial position and help to provide much needed resources for our children that often fall outside of the standard school curriculum.

Please use the QR code below to register online for the events we have coming up in Term 1 & 2. Alternatively please leave your contact details with the school office and we can send you a manual form.

We will be requiring help for nitbusters, uniform shop, school disco, Easter raffle, Mothers day stall and the election BBQ.

Thank you for your time, we look forward to a successful year of community events & fundraising!



https://signup.com/go/ZWPmteQ



