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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 26th March 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT			
27 March	Disco - Sausage Sizzle Orders Due			
28 March	Y6 – Yr7 High School Expressions of Interest Close			
31 March	CANTEEN CLOSED			
1 April	Nitbusters Day			
1 April	Sydney Nth Swimming Carnival			
2 April	School Disco: K-2: 4:30-5:30pm 3-6 : 5:45-7pm			
2 April	Last day for Easter raffle Donations			
4 April	X Country 3-6			
7 April	CANTEEN CLOSED			
11 April	K-2 Easter Hat Parade			
11 April	K-2 X Country			
11 April	NSWPSSA Swimming Carnival			
11 April	Stage 2 & 3 Cricket			
11 April	Last day of Term 1			



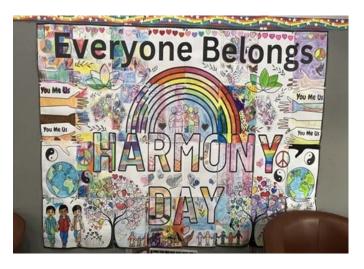
A Time to Shine - "Everyone Belongs"

Last week, the staff and students at Ourimbah PS took part in the celebration of Harmony Week. **Harmony Day** is a significant event that allows us to honour our cultural diversity and foster social inclusion within our community. The ongoing theme, *'Everyone Belongs,'* emphasises the value of being an inclusive and respectful community, where everyone feels they belong and are appreciated members of our school and our broader educational network.

Harmony Day is meaningful as it raises awareness and appreciation for the social and educational values that encourage respectful, safe and responsible learners, celebrating diversity and differences rather than people feeling segregated.

A heartfelt thank you goes to **Mrs. McMurtrie** and **Mrs. Miranda** for organising this year's activities, along with all the OPS teachers and students who make this day a wonderful occasion every year!

Our Harmony Week festivities concluded with a special art display, where every class contributed to a school mural, conveying the key messages of Harmony Day!



Student Leadership - SRC

The Student Representative Council (SRC) provides all students with a voice. Ideas, suggestions and requests for changes to school practice can be made by the SRC.

Each year, grades 2-6 select two representatives to be part of the OPS SRC each semester. The SRC meets regularly to discuss issues relevant to our school. My thanks to our lead teacher, **Mrs Brewin**, for taking on this important role.

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their classmates to be the SRC officials for Semester 1.

- 1/2BY- Mabel H and Zoe W
- 2B- Finbar B and Culver F
- 2R- Isabel B and Jake H
- 3/4S- Mia H and Thomas R
- 3/4T- Xaiiaya C-D and Zahli T
- 3/4PN- Ayden A and Ava S
- 4/5EB- Yuuma B and Jack E
- 5/6W- Bowen P and Lily B
- 5/6A- Mana U and Piper C
- 5/6EK- Jack E and Evana R

P&C Update – AGM

My sincere thanks to all of the parents and staff who attended our P&C meeting a few weeks ago and those parents who have kindly volunteered to take on one of our very important executive positions or community roles – it was a great turn-out and a really positive start to the new year for our community!

A huge thank you to those parents who filled these positions in 2024 – your hard work and support has been greatly appreciated! I especially would like to sing the praises of our Executive Members: Emma Gillan, Holly Bradbury, Marie-Clare Bergman and Kristy Turner without whom our P&C would have struggled to function

last year. I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic efforts and hard work of our P&C School Liaison Officer – *Sally Brown*. Her ongoing contributions to both school and P&C events is second to none!

Pleasingly, we were able to fill all of the key positions for 2025, however, have a couple of vacancies in other supportive roles.

Congratulations to the following parents who were elected to the following positions:

- President Holly Bradbury
- Vice President #1 Emma Gillan
- Vice President #2 vacant
- Secretary Correspondence / Minutes Marie-Claire Bergman
- Treasurer Kirsty Turner
- Fundraising Coordinator Candace Catherine
- Uniform Shop Coordinator Meagan Allomes
- P&C Delegate 1 Renee Norman
- P&C Delegate 2 vacant
- Social Convener Belinda Figallo
- RAP Coordinators Aaron Cooper and Mel Cooper
- Nitbusters Coordinator Mel Cooper
- Social Media Coordinator Sarah Dibdin
- School Liaison Sally Brown

If you are interested in making a difference to your school's strategic directions and participate in the decision-making processes and aspirations that support and shape our school vision, including your child's ongoing education, make contact with the front office (4362 1033) and volunteer your time to work together with the school and like-minded parents by becoming a member of the OPS P&C committee!



Sporting News

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the school at various sporting trials:

Rugby League: the following students were successfully in gaining selection in the BWPSSA zone team to play at

the upcoming Sydney North Trials on Tuesday 8 April at Tuggerah.

- Under 11's Jack E, Jahmin U, Cooper R, Oliver T and Mana U.
- Opens Brayden M and Jonah G.





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.

ANZAC Day - 'Lest We Forget'

Our school community has the opportunity to participate in this year's **ANZAC Day ceremonies**, both of which are taking place in the Ourimbah RSL Club grounds on **Friday 25 April** (second week of the April school holidays):

- The Dawn service will commence at 5.30 am.
- The Afternoon service will commence at 2.00 pm.

Students participating in the ANZAC Day March, should meet at Yates Rd between 1:00–1:15pm to complete their check-in with the accompanying OPS staff. It is anticipated that the March will commence at approximately 1:30 pm.

All Ourimbah PS students are invited to join the March, which will be led by our school officials, and senior students, followed by any other interested students - please be aware that parental supervision is necessary.

Lisarow PS – Country Fair: Happy 40th Birthday!

Our friends from Lisarow PS are busy preparing to celebrate their 40th year of hosting their annual Country Fair. The Lisarow P&C Association warmly invite the OPS school community to join them for this exciting event on:

Saturday, 24 May (9:00am – 3:00 pm)



High Potential and Gifted Education Programs

The staff and I are excited to once again provide enrichment learning experiences and opportunities to enable students to achieve high standards of learning, develop self-confidence and a commitment to personal excellence.

As part of our commitment to High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE), we are pleased to be able to offer enrichment opportunities in the key learning areas of Mathematics, English (writing, debating and public

speaking), Creative Arts (ukulele, visual arts, choir and dance) and extra-curricular activities (chess, ICAS and GaTS camp). It is anticipated that these groups will commence at the beginning of Term 2.

Our HPGE Team have used multiple measures of internal and external assessment data, as well as teacher nominations and our ongoing professional judgement to guide the decision-making processes for how these groups are formed and which students have been approached to participate in these groups.

Some groups meet weekly and others fortnightly, providing students and teachers with the opportunity to extend themselves beyond the regular classroom curriculum. A huge thanks to the HPGE Team (Mrs Bullock, Mrs Golding, Mr Wilson, Mr Bradbury and Mrs Pasfield) for providing these ongoing enrichment opportunities for our students.

Aboriginal Education: Bro Speak / Sista Speak

Following a very successful program in 2024, the Valley Schools Learning Community are collaborating to deliver **Bro Speak & Sista Speak Program** throughout 2025.

This initiative is designed to support young Aboriginal people to succeed in their educational journey and teenage years. The program aims to assist students to develop essential skills, self-confidence and cultural connections.

There will be 4 sessions delivered at various locations throughout 2025. Students in Years 4 - 6 have the option to participate in workshops to be held at various local schools during Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4. See below for details.

Proposed dates & times:

- Term 1 Monday 24 March at Wyoming PS (9.30 am 2.15 pm)
- Term 2 Monday 26 May at Ourimbah PS (9.30 am -2.15 pm)
- Term 3 Monday 18 August at Glenvale SSP (9.30 am 2.15 pm)
- Term 4 Monday 10 November at Lisarow PS (9.30 am 2.15 pm)

Transport will be by minibus provided by T.A.S.K. (Before & After School Care providers). There is no cost to students for the program or transport.



Greg Francis

Principal

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



CROSS COUNTRY 2025

3-6 X Country – Friday 4th April

K-2 X Country – Friday 11th April





All donations can be dropped off at the school office until the 2nd of April.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our annual Easter Raffle is just around the corner, and we're looking forward to bringing our community together to support the wellbeing of our students. This fundraiser isn't just about raising money - it's about making a real difference in the lives of our kids by creating opportunities for them to thrive and participate in enriching school activities.

To make this event a success, we kindly ask for your generous support. Donations of goods, handmade crafts, or vouchers would be greatly appreciated and will help us build an exciting prize pool that brings joy to our students and their families.

All donations can be dropped off at the school office until the 2nd of April.

Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a lasting impact on our school community, fostering a positive and supportive environment for all our students.

Thank you for your kindness and continued support. Together, we car make a real difference in our students' lives.





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:



YEAR 6 PARENTS - see below



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:











18 years or older

income (you or your partner) Attend free online financial education workshops

Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card



Saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355



Saver 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.



Disco Sausage Sizzle Order Form

The P&C will be holding a SAUSAGE SIZZLE at the upcoming disco on Wednesday 2 April so you and the kids can grab an easy dinner. They will be available between 4.30pm and 6pm.

If you would like to order a sausage please complete and return the below form along with payment (CASH ONLY) to the office by Thursday 27 March.

Please DO NOT pay via any online portals. Please note this is separate to the disco entry price.

Cash payment slip for sausage sizzle

Child's name:	Class	

Items ordered	Cost	Quantity	Total
Sausage on bread	\$4.50		\$
COMBO Sausage on bread & drink (fruit juice)	\$6.00		\$
GRAND TOTAL (Cash only thank you)			\$





Ourimbah Public School welcome Kindergarten enrolments for 2026.

There will be an opportunity to connect with our Principal, Assistant Principal K-2 and our Kindergarten Team.

Tour our amazing school, visit a Kindergarten classroom and ask any questions you may have. KINDERGARTEN 2026 OPEN DAY



THURSDAY 1/5/2025 3.30 PM - 4.30 PM

If further information is required, please contact the school on 4362 1033 or via email at ourimbah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au







Campers are put into groups of 16-20 campers based on their age. Events run from 8:30am - 3:30pm DAILY

New campers receive a Rookie jersey as part of their rego. \$110 for 2-days or \$60 if you have an Active Kids Voucher!

CAMP 1: 14 - 15 APRIL @ CENTRAL COAST GRAMMAR SCHOOL CAMP 2: 16 - 17 APRIL @ TERRIGAL HIGH SCHOOL CAMP 3: 23 - 24 APRIL @ LAKES GRAMMAR WARNERVALE Book now @ www.motiv8sports.com.au/locations/central-coast/ or

use the QR code to visit our event pages for more details.



Central Coast
Autumn Holiday
Junior Chess
Tournament
(ages 6 to 17)

Entry fee \$10

For full entry details please email, not text: Gary Losh

glosh6090@gmail.com

0432 453 726



Before entering, please email me for the full flyer

For NSW country players. Limited to 88. Please don't pay until entry confirmed.

Tuesday 22 April Must pre-enter by Sunday 20 April

Erina Trust Hall (enter via Ilya Ave off Karalta Rd. 9.30am – 4.00pm

Minimum ability: Must know how to move the pieces and complete games independently.

PARENTS & CARERS CONNECT

'Knowledge and Support on your Journey'

MoveAbout Therapy Services is proud to present...

"Building Resilience in Your Child: Strategies for Emotional Growth"

Thursday, April 3rd from 6.30-8pm

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming evening of connection, conversation, and community at one of our three clinics. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers, share experiences, and gain helpful insights.

RSVP via the QR code or by phoning the clinic you wish to attend.

Bella Vista - 8883 0088 Berkeley Vale - 4389 1812 Warners Bay - 4070 9010

For parents of kids of all abilites.

To create a relaxed space for connection and conversation, this is a child-free event.









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BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 09 APR

M 14 APR

HOLIDAY HUSTLE

holidays off right!

JEDI ACADEMY

Pokemon and Saber Wars

W 16

CALGA WALKABOUT PARK

EGG-STRAVIGANZA

Egg-citing Easter fun!

PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Max M Daily Total \$79



Discovery Daily Total \$92



Ouest V Daily Total \$105



Max 些 Daily Total \$79



BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 16 APR

M 21 APR

PUBLIC HOLIDAY 22 APR

GROOVE ZONE

Dance, move, and groove!

W 23 APR

BAY BOWL

TASKERS vs TASKIANS in a Bowling Championship! Z4 APR

MOVIE MANIA

Lights, camera, fun! **25**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

















For bookings log into BookMe: http://hubhello.com/#login







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