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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 9th April 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
9 April	P&C Meeting – 7pm Staffroom
10 April	Easter Raffle Draw
11 April	K-2 Easter Hat Parade - 1:30pm A Oval
11 April	K-2 X Country
11 April	NSWPSSA Swimming Carnival
11 April	Stage 2 & 3 Cricket
11 April	Last Day Term 1
28 & 29 April	Staff Development Days Term 2 – Staff Only
30 April	Students Return Term 2
1 May	K2026 Open Day – 3:30-4:50pm
3 May	Federal Election – P&C BBQ OPS
8 May	Mother's Day Stall
9 May	Mother's Day Breakfast
11 May	Mother's Day



Term 1 Concludes – off to a great start!

Where did that term go? As this is the final newsletter for the term, it is important to remind all families that the first 2 days of next term, Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April are designated Staff Development Days. This means that all students Kindergarten to Year 6 will return to school on Wednesday 30 April.

This term has seen a variety of academic, sporting, and community-focused activities, including K-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews, Harmony Day and Easter celebrations, PLP meetings, NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5, Year 7 Transition days, and numerous school sporting trials. These events have enabled many of our students to represent our school at the zone, regional, and state levels.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the hard work and commitment of our staff and parent volunteers. We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated and compassionate team that works diligently to provide exceptional learning opportunities for all students, supported by our fantastic SaS staff (front office, General Assistant, and Student Learning Support Officers) and the many parent volunteers who help ensure the smooth operation of our wonderful school!

I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing autumn holiday period.

A Time to Shine – Chess Champions

Congratulations to our fantastic chess team who recently represented the school at a local tournament at Wyong Christian Community School. All 30 players completed across 7 rounds of competitions, regardless of results and were rated by NSW Junior Chess League. Overall, OPS finished a very credible 3rd place with five (5) players being selected to now represent our school in the semifinals during Term 3 – plenty of time to fine-tune your skills and plan your strategies!

A special mention of **Jacob T** (5/6W) who finished the day with the highest-ranking individual score and **Mindy H** (5/6W) who was the highest-ranking girl to compete at this tournament. A BIG thank you to both **Mr Wilson** and **Mrs Worth** who definitely know the difference between their 'bishops' and their 'rooks', for providing supervision for our students on this day and to those families that assisted with transport!











World Record - Charity Event

Former student, Billy Isaacs is embarking upon an incredible challenge of endurance and charity. Billy is participating in an ultra-distance marathon by running 100 miles to attempt to break a world record by being the youngest person to complete this ultra distance at age 12.

Whilst Billy and his family will take immense pride out of his feats, he is also raising funds for the Central Coast Kids in Need (CCKIN) organisation. This charity is a local volunteer organisation who raise money to provide financial assistance to families of seriously ill children on the Central Coast, who are required to go to Sydney / Newcastle Hospitals for treatment. They do this, by easing the financial burden for medications, equipment, travel and accommodation for these families.

Billy has been training hard for the past 10 months pushing his physical and mental limits to prepare for this gruelling challenge. He is a very passionate and dedicated runner who is driven to make a difference to the lives of others who are in great need of your financial support.

Whilst the SRC students have arranged to have a muftiday early next term to raise funds for this great cause, we invite any community members that would like to directly support CCKIN to login into their website to make a donation if you are in a position to do so. Please use 'Billy' as the reference so he can track whether he reaches his goal of \$50,000!

Donate here

Check out Billy's story on this NBN news feed - https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2025/03/29/12-year-old-billy-isaacs-hopes-to-be-the-youngest-person-to-run-100-miles/

Sporting News

Congratulations to the following students who have been representing the school at various sporting events as part of the PSSA sporting program.

 Central Coast Combined Rugby Union – Cameron H (5/6W), Jonah G (5/6A), Jahmin U (5/6EK), Mana U (5/6A), Brayden M (5/6W), Jack E (5/6EK) and Cooper R (5/6A). Good luck boys! AFL Group Sessions – as part of our weekly sporting program, Mr Tahere and Mr Wilson organised for Niagara Park / Ourimbah Dockers to come out to the school as part of the junior Auskick program. The students had great fun honing their hand-passing, kicking and catching skills.







Staffing News - a baby is on the way!

The staff and I want to wish **Mrs Young** and her husband, Shaun, all the very best as they eagerly await the arrival of their second child, due early next term. Mrs Young will be finishing up at the end of this term and we are pleased to welcome back **Anna Van-Drempt** who will be replacing Mel on 1/2BY for the remainder of the school year.



OPS Cross Country Carnival

Last week, the primary students and teachers participated in the annual Cross Country Carnival. Like last year, the primary carnival was again held at the back of the school starting and finishing on C-oval and meandering its way behind the middle classrooms and down the fire trail at the top of the school. This year's competition was very challenging, with the students having to run up a steep hill before negotiating rugged terrain.

A special thanks to the carnival organiser, **Mr Tahere**, for his tireless work and wonderful organisation before, during and after the day. My thanks also to **Mr Rainger**, **Mr Wilson**, **Mr Castles** and some hardworking students from **5/6W** for assisting with setting-up and packing-up.

The winning house will be announced after the Easter holidays!

This year's age champions are:

- 8/9 Years Lestelle M and Oliver C
- 10 Years Lexi P and Logan B
- 11 Years Callie S and Jack E
- 12/13 Years Indy P and Brayden M

Good luck to our team who will now be competing at the BWPSSA Zone Carnival on Friday 23 May at Wyoming PS.









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.



Mother's Day Celebrations – save the dates!

Ourimbah Public School will be hosting our annual Mother's Day celebrations in Week 2 of Term 2. Our Mother's Day stall will be held on **Thursday 8 May** and our Mother's Day breakfast on **Friday 9 May from 8.00** am – **9.30** am. We would love for the mums, or special women in our students' lives, to join us for the morning!

Order forms were distributed via School Bytes (email) last week. We will be serving a pancake breakfast (3 pancakes) with various toppings and a drink for \$5.50. If you require a Gluten Free option for pancakes please indicate on the consent page by indicating the number required for gluten free when ordering online via School Bytes.

A coffee van will be here on the day for those wishing to purchase hot drinks (adults only).



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!**

School Security

As we approach the autumn school holidays, I ask all families who live in close proximity of the school to report any suspicious activity on our school grounds to **Wyong Police** (4356 6099) or the **School Security Unit** (1300 880 021).

If you notice damage to school property, anti-social conduct or suspicious activity on the grounds, or after school hours, please do not hesitate to call the abovementioned numbers.

Greg Francis Principal

POLYNESIAN CULTURAL GROUP

Kia Ora! Bula! Talofa! Kia Orana! Hello!

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that Term 1 saw the introduction of a new cultural group at Ourimbah Public School - BroPS! This initiative celebrates the rich traditions, history, and values of Polynesian culture, led by the passionate and dedicated Mr. Tahere, who hails from a proud Māori heritage.

BroPS, which has already gained momentum with 27 enthusiastic students, is a wonderful addition to our school community. The students involved are learning about the unique customs, language, and artistic expressions of Polynesian cultures, including those of the Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island and other Pacific Island nations. This program aims to foster inclusivity and understanding with the addition of some non-Polynesian background students who have been encouraged to join as a means of appreciation.

Mr. Tahere has begun the year by displaying various Maori artifacts such as authentic green stone (pounamu) from New Zealand and tiki masks, and has asked students to present their own artefacts that they find important to their culture. BroPS has also spent the last 5 weeks learning the haka which was performed at the 3-6 assembly in week 10. Stay tuned for more updates and upcoming performances!

We encourage all students to embrace the opportunity to learn more about Polynesian culture and participate in the activities that will continue throughout the year. This is just the beginning of an exciting cultural journey at OPS!

Mr Tahere

KINDERGARTEN 2026 OPEN DAY

On Thursday, 1st May 2025, Ourimbah School will be holding a Kindergarten Open Day from 3.30-4.30pm, to welcome any enrolments for Kindergarten 2026. This will include a Tour of the school, visiting a Kindi classroom and gaining lots of important information.



OURIMBAH SCHOOL'S SRC FOR 2025

Please meet our 2025 School Representative Council (SRC)



<u>P&C NEWS</u> MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 8th May 2025. Gifts will range in price from \$2 to \$10 each. Please send in cash with your child on the day, so that they may make a purchase/s.





Ourimbah Public School



THURSDAY, 8TH MAY 2025

Gifts at the Mother's Day stall range from \$2.00 to \$10.00 each.

If you would like your child to choose a special gift, please send the appropriate amount of money with them on Thursday, 8th May.







Friday 9th May 🕥 8am - 9:30am

We invite all the mums, and special women in our students' lives, to join us for a pancake breakfast on the 9th

We will have loads of activities to enjoy on the day including:
-Bracelet making &
Colouring
-Games & Sport
-Photo Booth
-Reading in the library

The Two Travelling
Mugs coffee van will
be here on the day for
those wishing to
purchase hot drinks.

Please place all orders via SchoolBytes before Thursday 1st of May!

Please see SchoolBytes for more information.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

This year's Mother's Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, 9th May 2025, from 8-9.30am. This year we are holding a Pancake Breakfast. All orders are to be placed online via School Bytes, **before Thursday**, 1st May.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

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

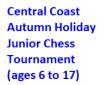
https://ops-uniform-shop.square.site

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 syst







Entry fee \$10

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

glosh6090@gmail.com 0432 453 726 WHIS.

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.

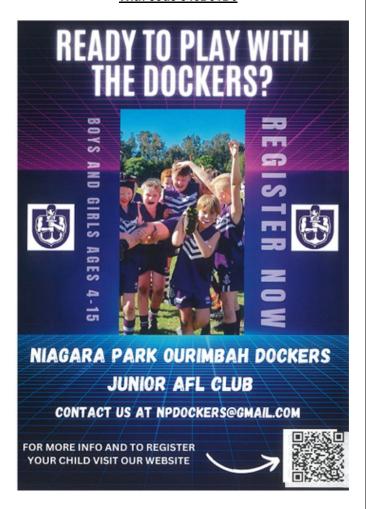




Niagara Park Ourimbah Dockers Junior AFL Club Auskick

\$50 off rego promo code F47E9F34

Under 9's Juniors \$100 rego (normally \$170) With code 848D31D6





Vote YES! to helping out at the Election BBQ....

The Federal election date has been set for the 3rd May. Elections are a rare opportunity for the P&C to engage with the greater community and raise funds for the school.

We are looking for helpers on the day to help at the BBQ and for volunteers to donate baked goods for our bake sale.

Please use the QR code or hyperlink below to register online. Alternatively please leave your contact details with the school office.

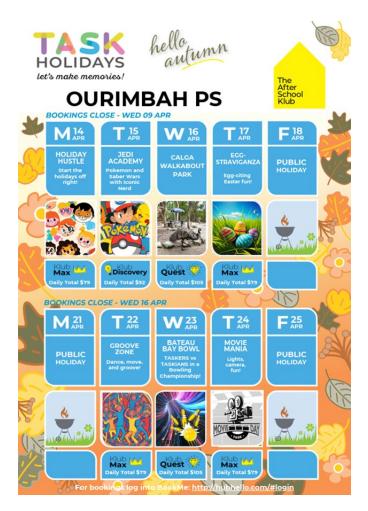
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OURIMBAH PS



Mighty Mariners Holiday Clinics

We sincerely appreciate your continued support with our club and the connection with your athletes. Your commitment to fostering a love for the game and encouraging development at all levels does not go unnoticed.

As a token of our gratitude, we would like to offer an exclusive discount for your students/players to attend our **Mighty Mariners Holiday Clinics** this April. These clinics provide a fantastic opportunity for young athletes to develop their skills, have fun, and train with our experienced coaches in a supportive and engaging environment.

To take advantage of this special offer, simply use the code **LLI751**when registering online at:

https://central-coast-mariners-

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to welcoming players to the Mighty Mariners Holiday Clinics and continuing to work together to grow the game!

Best regards,

Mighty Mariners Team

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OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION



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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:	9 April at 7:00pm
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
	 14 May 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.

5	Action List
	 RAP working bee late May keeping in mind Election.
	 Genready yr 4 - Sal to get quotes for year 4. Approx \$1150. P&C to fund. Need to raise the motion for spend.
	Curtains for the change room - Kirsty to wash, Aaron to put up.
	 Reach out to Federation re guidelines around P&C engaging with business- Kirsty ONGOING
	 Greg ask Lowes to send us a sample for polos
	 Uniform survey, use google survey, circulate by April - Meagan to do. Madeleine offered to help
	 Discuss Uniform shop inventory we need to offload, Meagan
	SRC vote on disco theme COMPLETED
	Sally book coffee van for carols
	 MC create easter raffle donation flyer COMPLETED BY CANDACE
	MC send volunteer summary to sal and Sue COMPLETED

4	Wish List	
	•	GenReady program for Year 6 in Term 3 - \$2,376 invoice to come after the event based on attendance.
	•	Decodables \$5,918.30 spend approved, awaiting invoice.

8	General Business
	Election BBQ 3 May
	 Ripples Story Competition - Sarah to discuss

Executive Positions	Position Holder	
President	Holly Bradbury	
Vice President 1	Emma Gillan	
Vice President 2	Position Vacant	
Secretary	Marie-Claire Bergman	
Treasurer	Kirsty Turner	

Administrative Roles	Position Holder	
Uniform Shop Coordinator	Meagan Allomes	
Fundraising Coordinator	Candace Song	
Social Convener	Belinda Figallo	
RAP Coordinator	Melinda Cooper & Aaron Cooper	
Nitbusters Coordinator	Melinda Cooper	
Social Media Coordinator	Sarah Dibdin	
P&C Delegate 1	Renee Norman	
P&C Delegate 2	Position Vacant	



Ourimbah Public School welcome Kindergarten enrolments for 2026.

There will be an opportunity to connect with our Principal, Assistant Principal Early Stage I 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

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