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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 14th May 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
14 May	P&C Meeting
15 May	Year 4 Gen Ready Incursion
15 May	BWPSSA Soccer – Boys & Girls
15 May	Scholastic Book Club Due
15 May	Stewart House Envelopes Due
16 May	Walk Safely to School Day
19 May	CANTEEN CLOSED
21 May	Netball Gala Day
22 May	Touch Gala Day
23 May	BWPSSA Zone Cross Country

Thank you to the fantastic staff at OPS for making this special event possible, including the wonderful organisers of this year's celebrations: **Mrs Gordge, Mrs Bunt and Victoria Keegan** who put the hard yards in preparing for this special occasion. I also want to acknowledge the hard working office staff (**Mrs Vila and Mrs Ward**) who processed all of the pre-orders and managed all of the correspondence that was distributed to our parent community.

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 – *Rechelle Clark, Jeena Moore, Katie Robertson, Belinda Figallo, Emma Gillan, Holly Bradbury, Marie-Claire Bergman and Dave Norman.*

The students were delighted with the range of gifts they could purchase for their mums!

We think you are all TOPS!

Small Group Tuition

The NSW Government has funded Small Group Tuition (SGT) as a permanent, evidence informed literacy and numeracy program. This program provides targeted, short-term support for students Needing Additional Support (NAS), identified through NAPLAN, departmental and



A Time to Shine – Mother's Day Celebrations

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.

school-based assessments. It is implemented in all NSW public schools, ensuring equitable access for all students.

At our school, the executive team has been collaborating to use this funding effectively. We are refining our plan, recruiting and training staff and identifying students who will benefit most, with a continued focus on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes.

For more information about the program, visit the [Small Group Tuition website](#), or contact the front office (4362 1033) and ask to speak to our school's Small Group Tuition coordinator, *Mrs Golding*.

Each school in the state was given an individual amount based on several key factors to ensure that no child was left behind.

Our School Leadership Team have been meeting to discuss the best and most effective way to spend this money, updating and improving our plan of action to develop the right program for our students and school. We are committed to recruiting and training the best staff and identifying those students who would benefit from the program, which will again focus on literacy and numeracy.

As outlined in the Department's SGT guidelines, we will be targeting small groups of Year 4 and Year 6 students in the key learning areas of literacy (spelling) and numeracy (written and mental computation skills)

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, or the Bus Zone, 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

New Playground Artworks – thank you!

A huge thank you to **Mrs Elsey** and the **Year 6 Leadership Team** who led an amazing fundraising event in 2024 – the Colour Run! Our thanks to our fantastic community who helped raise over \$16,000, whilst providing our students with the opportunity to slime a few of our teachers along the way!

We are pleased to reveal our new playground artworks – the students have been very excited about utilising these new play areas over the past week.







Peer Support -

[Peer Support](#) is an inclusive student wellbeing program available to primary schools and high schools across Australia. Peer Support is a student-led approach to wellbeing and explores four key concepts: *resilience*, *sense of self*, *connectedness*, and *sense of possibility* (K-6).

Each year, our dedicated Year 6 teachers train and support our Year 6 students in the implementation of the Peer Support Program. The lessons taught during the weekly Peer Support activities help our students to thrive emotionally and socially. They provide opportunities for our students to expand their friendship networks, to build positive relationships with their peers and to develop those skills and attitudes required to create a positive growth mindset.

My thanks to this year's student leaders and the wonderful support they receive from our Stage 3 teachers – Mrs Alamango, Mr Wilson, Mrs Elsey and Mrs Kenny.



ANZAC Day – School Assembly

During week 1, our school held a special ANZAC Day assembly with the help from our friends from the Ourimbah | Lisarow RSL Sub-branch – **Mr Ian Turpin, Mr Geoff Talbot and Mrs Mary Talbot**.

It was great to see the winning entries of this year's **ANZAC Day school competition** being presented with their special prizes – congratulations to **Tenzin I (Stage 1), Violet B (Stage 2) and Callie S (Stage 3)**.

I would also like to acknowledge **Mr Castles** who again organised this special cultural event for our staff and students.





Election Day – P&C BBQ

My thanks to those parents who volunteered their time on Federal election day to run the P&C BBQ. The time spent setting up, serving and then packing up at the end of the day is greatly appreciated.

A special mention to the following parents who helped throughout the day – *Damon Jones, Kirsty Turner, Holly Bradbury, Matt Bradbury, Aaron Cooper, Ben Hope, Emma Gillan, David Hampe and Belinda Figallo.*

A great team effort!

Property Works – Internal Fencing

As part of our ongoing plans to improve student safety and school security, we have successfully applied for integration funding to secure the finances to install a new internal fence and access gate adjacent to the staff car park,

including additional fencing behind F-block (canteen block).

The works will start today, Wednesday 14 May, commencing with temporary security fencing enclosing those areas where the fence panels are being installed (map attached). The MPC will be closed until the end of Term 2.

Please note, these areas remain strictly out of bounds for all students and visitors until the works are completed. It is anticipated that the internal fence and gate will be completed by the end of this term (weather permitting).



School Uniform – TEAM Ourimbah!

As we begin to head into the cooler months, it is quite common to see our students out of uniform, wearing multi-coloured jumpers, track pants and on occasions a beanie. Wearing full school uniform presents a strong message of unity and projects a positive image of school pride.

We are now 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 6 June.

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.
- Short grey or white socks are required.

- Black bike pants or leggings are not part of the school's uniform, even on sports days!

In consultation with the Ourimbah P&C Association we are in the process of developing a **Uniform Survey** where all families have the opportunity to provide their views on the school's current uniform policy, including those items of clothing that are available from the school's uniform shop. When the survey is distributed, please take the time to complete it so we are provided with a balanced view of how our community feel about this topic.

World Record – Charity Event

In a few weeks' time (Mingara Athletics Track – 10:00am on May 24), 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.

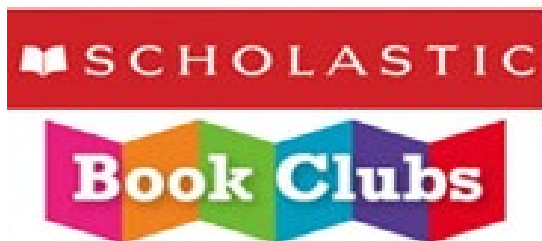
Whilst the SRC students have arranged to have a multi-day on **Wednesday 14 May (Sports theme)** to raise funds for this great cause, we invite any community members that would like to directly support CCKIN to login into their website to make a donation if you are in a position to do so. Please use '**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/>



Kind regards,
Greg Francis (Principal)
Principal



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

BOOK CLUB – DUE TOMORROW

Book Club Issue 3 orders close tomorrow, Thursday, 15th May 2025.

Please be sure to fill in the order forms correctly, with your child's name and class and then send into school with payment to the front office. Orders may be paid **by cash or by ordering online with your credit card via the LOOP option.** Online orders can be placed at: <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent.aspx>

If you are a **first time** user of the Book Club LOOP online ordering system, you will need to register first or login if you are a returning customer?

2025 FUNDRAISING FOR STEWART HOUSE- CHARITY ENVELOPE DRIVE

A reminder that donation envelopes are to be returned to the office **by TOMORROW, Thursday, 15th May**, so that we can ensure that your envelopes make it to Stewart House before the draw date of Thursday, 23 May. Every \$2 donation (you can donate more!) secures an entry into the draw for a chance to win a \$4,000 travel voucher!

STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE

Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.



Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025

Important:

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

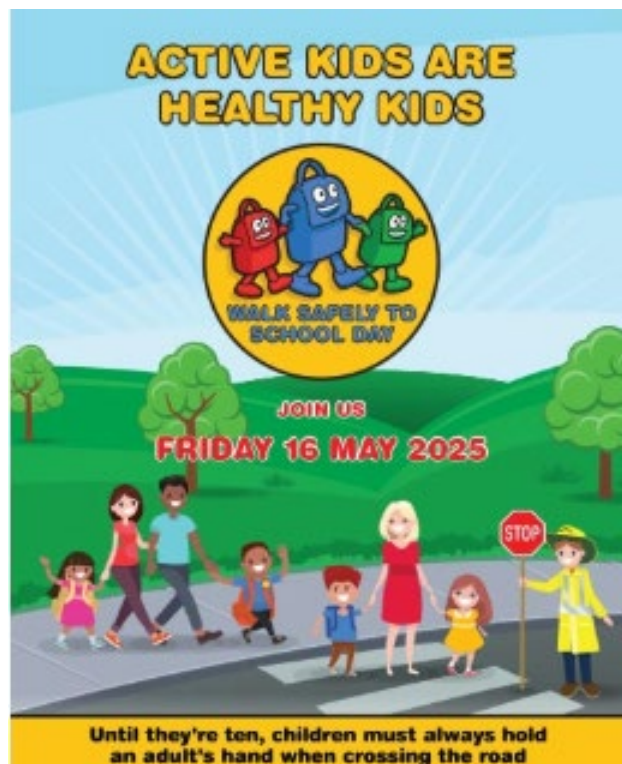
Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday, 16th May

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual campaign and event which encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers, to walk safely and regularly to school. It is important for children and young people to be active every day. **Mrs Worth will be at the front gates on Friday morning handing out tattoos to all students who walk to school.** We look forward to seeing our families and students walking safely to Ourimbah Public School on Friday, 16th May!



P&C NEWS

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.

P&C MEETING TONIGHT - 14th May

The P&C meeting will be held tonight at 7 pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda for tonight's meeting is below.



**OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION**
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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:	14 May 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action List Wish List
5	Correspondence
6	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer President Uniform Shop Coordinator Fundraiser Coordinator Social Convener RAP Coordinator Nitbusters Coordinator Social Media Coordinator CC Council of P&C Representative Principal
8	General Business
9	Date of Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 June 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 shirts still waiting on invoice. Greg/Sue to check for next meeting. Reach out to Federation re guidelines around P&C engaging with business - Kirsty ONGOING Greg sent a polo sample to Lowes. Waiting for costings and artwork ONGOING Uniform survey use google survey. Sarah put survey online with assistance from Emma. Sal to send suggested changes to Emma. ONGOING Discuss Uniform shop inventory we need to offload, Meagan ONGOING Sal to send changes to survey to Emma. Greg to look into cost of silent disco. Greg to touch base and discuss an outdoor shoot and potentially a review of the donation. Candace to bring pie drive proposal and info to the next meeting. Emma to check if Rotary is doing a bake sale. Greg will ask Lauren to look into Ripples Story comp. Kindy page - MC to set up, check with Emma. COMPLETED

4	Wish List
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genready for yr 4. \$1150 ACCEPTED School request for \$3000 for literacy for K-2. ACCEPTED School request for \$3000 3-6 for mathematics. ACCEPTED

8	General Business

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

LISAROW PUBLIC SCHOOL

Country Fair

RIDES Live entertainment
Street food MARKETS RAFFLE
& STALLS AUCTION

Scan to buy tickets

Saturday 24 May
9am - 3pm Macdonalds Rd Lisarow

COME TOGETHER FOR RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY MAY 29TH

JOIN US as we come together to celebrate First Nations cultures and strengthen our community bonds.

MARCH DETAILS:

Start: Coast Shelter (346 Mann St, Gosford)
Time: 9:30AM sharp

Arrive at Industree Group Stadium at 10AM to join in a celebration of culture and community.

- Smoking ceremony
- Cultural demonstrations
- Community spirit

Come be part of something powerful. Everyone is welcome!

A special thank you to our event sponsors and partners:



Who to contact?
To learn more about the yagunda baranggu program please contact us at Barang Regional Alliance
connectedbeginnings@barang.org.au
43 513225

Supporting our gudjagang (children)
Connected Beginnings is a program supporting the first 2000 days of child development and parental needs.
We assist with access to Education and Health services such as antenatal, immunisation, Allied Health, preschools, playgroups, transition to school and everything in between, to ensure a strong, successful start at school.

What is Connected Beginnings?
The Connected Beginnings program draws upon the strength and knowledge of our community to improve access to existing early childhood, maternal and child health and family support services to ensure children are safe, healthy and ready to thrive at school by the age of five.

Who is the program for?
The aim of the program is to provide a great start for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from birth to 5 years of age, by improving their wellbeing prior to school, with a specific focus across education, health and family services.

The program will work to integrate local support services so children and families can access culturally appropriate support services, including:

- maternal and child health
- early childhood education and care
- family support
- preschools and schools
- local government and council support

What is our role?
Barang Regional Alliance, along with our Health partner Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Services will deliver the Connected Beginnings program for the Central Coast. We will collaborate with service providers to link families with services they need to ensure our children are healthy, strong and ready for school.

connected beginnings
yagunda
baranggu
help to thrive

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- To learn more about our program, and to access additional resources, please visit our website:

mynrma.com.au/education



TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
WEDNESDAY, 28TH MAY FROM 12pm - 2pm
MINGALETTA, 6 SYDNEY AVE, UMINA BEACH

Meet author **Melissa-Jane Fogarty** and receive a **FREE** copy of her **NEW BOOK**.




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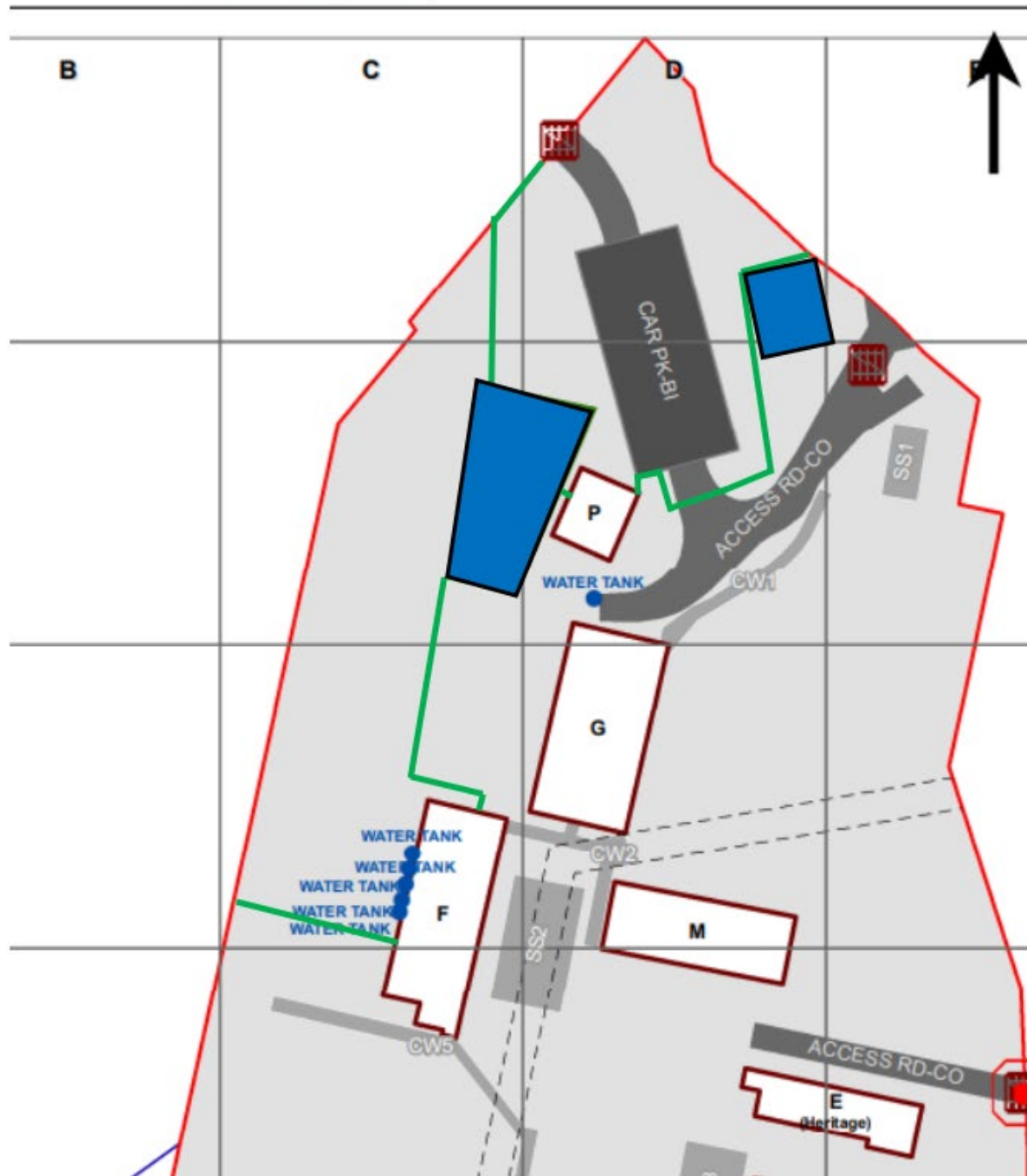


Are you wearing your helmet correctly?

Learn the safest way to get out of a car

Who should sit in a booster seat?

2820 - Ourimbah Public School
Site Plan (11780)



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Proposed Fencing



Work Zones (out of bounds)

