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'Communicating with our Caring Community'

Wednesday, 23rd July 2025

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT				
25 July	Sydney North Rugby League Finals				
28 July	CANTEEN CLOSED				
29 July	NAIDOC Day				
30 July	Athletics - Field Events Day				
31 July	CC Showcase Rehearsals KMHS				
1 August	Last day for P&C Pie Drive Orders				
	Touch Football				
4 August	CANTEEN CLOSED				
5 August	Education Week - Open Day				
6 August	OPS School Disco				
11 August	CANTEEN CLOSED				
	SRC Mufti Day – gold coin donation				
12 August	OPS Public Speaking Final				
13 August	P&C Meeting				
14 August	Stage 1 Geography Incursion				
18 August	CANTEEN CLOSED				
20 August	Book Parade				
21-29 August	Life Education				
25 August	CANTEEN CLOSED				
	K2026 Kinder Info Session				
28 August	Reptile Park - Kinder				

#### Welcome Back

Welcome back to an exciting Term 3! I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday break, allowing you to return rejuvenated and ready to tackle the challenges this term brings.

Reflecting on the end of Term 2, we experienced a whirlwind of activity that kept both staff and students fully engaged right until the last day. The Central Coast Dance Festival showcased our students' talents and creativity. providing them with the opportunity to perform and express themselves through dance. In addition, the release of Semester 1 Student Reports offered valuable insights into our students' progress and achievements, helping to inform parents and guardians about their children's educational journey.

The PSSA knockout competitions and gala days saw our students participating in various sports, encouraging teamwork and physical fitness while fostering school spirit. Meanwhile, the K-6 Sports in Schools activities provided our students with engaging ways to stay active and learn new skills in a supportive environment. All these events contributed to a vibrant school community and highlighted the dedication of our staff and students.

As we move into Term 3, we are already gearing up for another rewarding and diverse period at Ourimbah PS. The school calendar is filling up with important events that aim to enrich the educational experience for our students. These events will not only enhance their

learning but also provide opportunities for community involvement and support.

We commenced this term with our regular Staff Development Day (SDD), which is crucial for professional growth and development. During this day, all staff members participated in targeted professional learning sessions focusing on the School Plan (2021-2025). This plan outlines our strategic goals and priorities, ensuring that our teaching practices are aligned with the NSW Department of Education's key areas of focus. The training provided staff with the tools and knowledge necessary to implement effective strategies that enhance student learning outcomes.

- New Curriculum (K-6): Linking literacy through the new syllabus documents being released over the next 2-3 years. In addition to English and mathematics, the Curriculum Reform extends to the other key learning areas – creative arts, HSIE (human society and its environment), PDHPE (personal development, health and physical education), and science and technology collectively known as CHPS.
- **Student Assessment**: following the school's External Validation report during Term 2, a key focus for our school has been the effective use of assessment and the role of formative assessment practices within the teaching and learning cycle.

My thank to **Mrs Golding** and **Mrs Brown** for coordinating and leading these professional learning sessions.

In summary, as we embark on this new term, we look forward to building on the momentum from last term and continuing to provide our students with engaging, high-quality educational experiences. Let's make Term 3 a memorable and impactful time at Ourimbah PS!

#### **Pre-service Teachers**

This term, we welcome two student teachers from the University of Newcastle completing their final internship as part of their pre-service training.

Please join the OPS staff in welcoming **Jess Fisher** to Ourimbah PS who will be working alongside **Mrs Sutter** on **3/4S** and **Hannah Arnott** who will be working with **Mrs Gordge** and **Mrs Wakelin** in **K/1GW** for the next 10 weeks.

We wish Jess and Hannah all the very best during this most important phase of her professional development and extend a warm welcome to our school.

## National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 across Australia. It measures key

skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation), and numeracy. These assessments are essential for understanding how well students are progressing in their learning journey.

Why is NAPLAN an important part of the overall Assessment and Reporting cycle?

Please keep in mind: NAPLAN is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance on a daily basis, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

- Identifying Strengths and Areas for Improvement: NAPLAN results provide insights into each student's academic performance. They help identify individual strengths and areas where additional support may be needed, allowing teachers to tailor their instruction to better meet the needs of each student.
- 2. Tracking Progress Over Time: By participating in NAPLAN each year, students and schools can track progress over time. This longitudinal data can highlight trends in learning and development, ensuring that interventions can be implemented when necessary.
- 3. **Informing Teaching Practices:** Schools use NAPLAN data to assess the effectiveness of their teaching practices and curriculum. This information helps educators make informed decisions to enhance the learning environment and ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed.
- Engaging Families: NAPLAN reports encourage conversations between families and teachers about student performance and learning goals. Engaging in these discussions can foster a supportive home learning environment.

Individual NAPLAN student reports will be distributed to families over the coming days. Each report will provide detailed information about your child's performance in various areas, including comparisons to the national average. We encourage you to take the time to review these reports with your child and discuss their achievements and aspirations for future learning.

If you have any questions about the reports or the NAPLAN process, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher by contacting the front office (4362 1033). For more information about NAPLAN visit the NAPLAN for parents and carers site.

#### Semester 1 Student Reports

At the end of last term, Semester 1 Student Reports were sent home to all families. If for some reason you did not receive your child's report, please contact the front office

to request that a copy be sent home or re-distributed through the School Bytes Parent Portal.

**Parent / Teacher Interviews:** as reported in the last few newsletters, Parent and Teacher Interviews will be coordinated a little differently this year - <u>Parent/Teacher interviews</u> are by appointment only.

If you would like to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their Semester 1 report, please email or phone the school to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet (face-to-face and phone interviews are available).

As always, if you have any concerns about your child's learning, or social and emotional growth and development, please make contact with your child's class teacher through the front office (4362 1033) – this can occur at any time throughout the school year!

#### Athletics Carnival - field events day

We will be holding an additional Athletics Carnival for students in grades 3-6 (including any Year 2 students who are turning 8 in 2025 and have already nominated to be part of these events as part of our Term 2 program) on Wednesday 30 July. This event is being held as an extension of our weekly sporting sessions and, as such, spectators will not be invited to this event.

Students will be competing in shot-put, discus, high jump and long jump. The best athletes will then be selected to represent our school at the BWPSSA Zone Carnival if they meet the zone qualification requirements.

Students will rotate through each activity with their age groups. Please note, students who are unable to attend this event will be ineligible to qualify for the Zone Athletics Carnival within the specified field events.



#### Education Week - 'Ignite Your Potential'

Public Education Week will be held from Monday 4 – Friday 8 August 2025 (Term 3 / Week 3) celebrating the theme: 'Ignite Your Potential.' Public Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, our teachers and, most importantly, our students.

This is a time when we celebrate and acknowledge all those who contribute to our children and young people's educational journey. School staff, parents and carers, community leaders and P&C associations all play an important role in our students' education.

As a school, we will be celebrating Education Week with our students and our parent community and ask you to save the date for our Open Day - Tuesday 5 August. We will be celebrating Education Week with some special assemblies in the hall, open classrooms, and an opportunity to have morning tea with your child during the recess break.

We would love to see you here for the day so please put this date in your calendar. A program with further details to follow early next term.

If you are staying for morning tea or lunch, please preorder your food from the canteen via the flexischools link below: <a href="https://www.flexischools.com.au">www.flexischools.com.au</a>. Only snack foods will be available for over-the-counter sales on the day.

A separate flyer with a timetable of events has been included with this week's newsletter.



## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with a Disability

Ourimbah PS, along with all Australian schools, is required to participate annually in the **National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)** on School Students with Disability. This collection of data will assist us in ensuring all students take part in all school activities on the same basis as students without a disability.

Our school is dedicated to ensuring all students have effective and differentiated learning programs to ensure that all students have the ability to succeed at school and achieve their full potential.

By law, schools are required to make reasonable adjustments where needed to assist students with a disability. These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005.

The NSW Department of Education will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, <u>OPS will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students</u>.

The National Consistency Collection of Data (NCCD) will take place in Term 3 and will not affect your child in any

way. They will not be required to undertake any additional testing.

If you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability, please make contact with the front office (4362 1033) and ask to talk with one of the following staff members about this process: your *child's class teacher*, the school's *Learning and Support Team Coordinators* (*Mrs Wakelin and Mr Castles*), or the school's *NCCD Coordinator* (*Mr Castles*).

A fact sheet has been included with this week's newsletter. Alternatively, you may wish to visit the NCCD website – NCCD - Parent Portal

Kind regards,

Greg Francis (Principal)

#### **LIFE EDUCATION 2025**

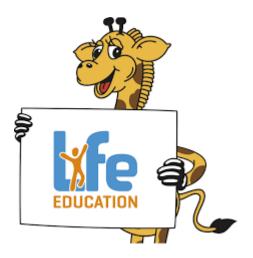
It's that time of year again, when the Life Education van and Healthy Harold visits Ourimbah School. This year the class visits will begin from Thursday, 21st August and finish on Friday, 29th August.

If you would like to find out more about what the students will be learning during the visit, please go to <a href="https://www.lifeed.org.au">www.lifeed.org.au</a>

Healthy Harold Merchandise can also be purchased (online only) and must be purchased **before Wednesday**, **20**<sup>th</sup> **August 2025** 

(one day before the school visits commence).

Please see the flyers and instructions attached on how to purchase merchandise, etc.



#### **2026 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2026. 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 (43283024) 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 "About our school - Enrolment" section of our school website. If you are unsure what school catchment area you live in, use the https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/

#### **KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION DATES & EVENTS:**

TERM 3 WEEK 6: Monday, 25 August

**5-6.30pm** Parent Information Session in Hall.

TERM 3 WEEK 9: Wednesday, 17 September

3.15-4.30pm Flying Start "Kick Off" event.

#### TERM 4 WEEKS 4-7: KINDER TRANSITION DATES:

Wednesday 5 – 25 November

9.00am-12.30pm in the Kinder rooms.

TERM 4 WEEKS 5-8: Monday 10 – 26 November

1.30-2.30pm Additional Transition sessions.

#### <u>P&C NEWS</u> 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.

#### P&C PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The P&C Pie Drive Fundraiser orders are due in by **Friday**, **1**<sup>st</sup> **August**. Orders are to be placed online, via the website **https:// opsfundraising.square.site**All orders will be available for pick up from the hall on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August between 2:30-3:30pm.

Please see the attached flyer for Pie Drive Menu

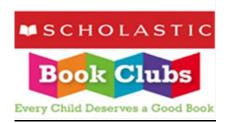
### PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION K-6: TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Ourimbah School will be holding a Public Speaking Competition in Term 3 for all K-6 students on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. The times for the speeches are based on the stage of each child.

Each child has been asked to prepare a speech to present to the rest of the class in the first few weeks of Term 3. Potential topics and instructions on how to prepare and deliver their speeches, will be discussed in class.

Students will be selected from each class to move through to the the school final. Parents of finalists will be contacted and invited to attend the public speaking final on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August at specific times for their stage.

For further information, please read the note located in School Bytes.



#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 Brochures should be coming home soon. Orders are due back to school by Thursday, 7th August 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

#### LIBRARY NEWS

#### THE GREAT BOOK SWAP - INDIGENOUS LITERACY

Ourimbah Public School is proud to be taking part in The Great Book Swap in 2025! This event is a fun way for students to share their love of reading while raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, which works to improve literacy outcomes in remote Indigenous communities.

As part of the event, we are asking families to donate preloved books in good condition. These books will be sorted and made available for students to purchase for a gold coin donation. All book donations should be sent to the school by Friday 10 August to allow time for sorting. The Great Book Swap will be held in the school hall at lunch on Wednesday 20 August alongside our Book

lunch on Wednesday 20 August, alongside our Book Parade celebrations. Students can bring a gold coin on the day to select a book to take home and enjoy.

Any addition donations can be made via the school's donations page, which can be accessed via this QR code.



Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause!

Mrs Kenny and the Library Monitors

#### STEM RESOURCE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program is thriving, with students eagerly exploring hands-on challenges that develop creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. To keep the momentum going, we're seeking donations of everyday items that can be reused in STEM projects.

If you're able to contribute, we'd love donations of ( and not limited to) the following materials:

Wool or yarn (any colour or thickness)

Paper towel rolls (no toilet rolls, please)

disposable spoons

Paper cups or plastic cups

Paper plates / bowls

Wooden skewers

Small cardboard boxes (no bigger than cereal boxes)

String or twine

bottle caps, jar lids

Paper clips, rubber bands, straws

Clean plastic containers or lids (e.g. yoghurt tubs, ice cream containers, milk bottle caps)

sponges

fishing line

ribbon

foil pie tins

zip ties

plastic scoops (from protein powders, formula)

plastic bread tags

bubble wrap

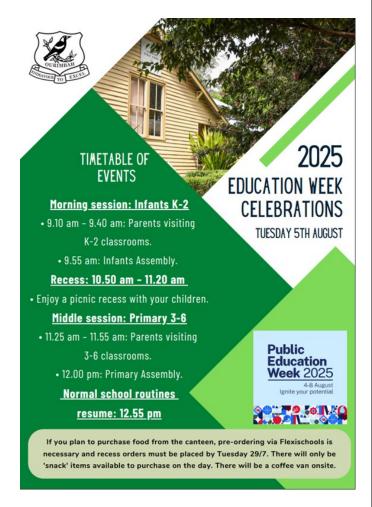
cup cake papers

or if you have any other ideas or suggestion, please feel free to contact Mrs Kenny in the library.

Donations can be dropped off at library or sent in with your child to drop off at the library (there is a donations box inside the door). Every little bit helps us create engaging learning experiences, thank you for supporting our budding scientists, engineers, and innovators!

Mrs Kenny, School Librarian.

#### **EDUCATION WEEK - OPEN DAY** TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST 2025



#### OPS DISCO - SPORTS THEME - WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

There will be a school Disco held this term in week 3 -on Wednesday, 6th August. The theme will be SPORTS!

The P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on the night of the Disco. Sausage Sizzle Orders are to be pre-booked only, therefore all orders need to handed into the office no later than Friday, 1st August.

Please see the attached flyers for further information.



#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Are you ready to take your shot-stopping skills to the next level?

Join us for the Central Coast Mariners Community Goalkeeper Development Program this Term 3 – an 8week high-energy experience designed specifically for young goalkeepers aged U8-U15.

Led by our Men's NPL Head Goalkeeper Coach, Bryce Deaton, this program gives players a unique opportunity to train with elite-level insight in a fun, supportive environment.

Throughout the program, we'll focus on mastering:

- Middle Third Shot-Stopping
- (2) 1v1 Situational Awareness
- Trosses & Cutbacks
- **Tild Distribution Techniques**

PLUS – experience 2 sessions of exciting, competitive games and enjoy special guest appearances to challenge and inspire our next generation of keepers!

Starts Wednesday, 30 July ☐ Limited spots available – don't miss out!

**∂** Book your spot now

We can't wait to see you out there - gloves on, ready to go!

#### **Mighty Mariners Team**

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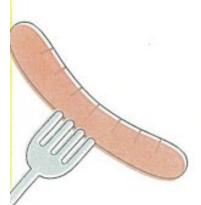


# Disco Sausage Sizzle orders NOW ONLINE!

The P&C will be holding a SAUSAGE SIZZLE at the upcoming disco on Wednesday 6 August so you and the kids can grab an easy dinner. They will be available between 4.30pm and 6pm. This is separate to the disco entry price. Pre orders only. Closing date for ordering, Friday I August, thank you.

If you would like to place an order please visit the below link or scan the QR code.

https://opsfundraising.square.site/discobbq





Online orders are preferable but if you would like to pay via cash please visit the school office for a manual form.



# OURIMBAH AGO





# PIE DRIVE

# PERFECT FOR AN EASY DINNER (AND DESSERT!)

Beef Pie (6 pack)	\$18.50		
ef, Bacon & Cheese Pie (6 pack)\$2			
Party Pie (12 Pack)			
Party Sausage Roll (12 Pack)			
Spinach & Ricotta Roll (6 Pack)	\$18.50		
Family Beef, Cheese & Bacon Pie 9"			
Family Steak Pie 9"	\$15.50		
Family Mornay Chicken & Veg 9"	\$14.00		
Cream Lamington (6 Pack)	\$10.50		
Custard Tart (6 Pack)	\$12.50		
Vanilla Slice (6 Pack)	\$12.50		

Please place orders via the website: https://opsfundraising.square.site Ordering closes on the 1st of August. Orders will be available to pick up from the hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, between 2:30pm and 3:30pm.



# Life Ed and Healthy Harold are visiting our school

Students will be given the opportunity to see Harold and to learn about keeping themselves and others, happy, safe and healthy.

If you would like to find out more about what your child will be learning and to gain access to the family resources page, please visit Life Ed's new website:

www.lifeed.org.au









### **Healthy Harold products**

Bring Healthy Harold home with you





Healthy Harold Plush Toy Small 20cm Large 35cm \$8 \$15 Healthy Harold Lunch Bag \$14 Healthy Harold Drink Bottle \$10 Healthy Harold Backpack \$20 Healthy Harold Value Pack \$39.95











Healthy Harold High Bounce Ball Healthy Harold Temporary Tattoo **50c**  Healthy Harold Pencil Case \$5 Healthy Harold Stikki Note Pad \$1.50

Healthy Harold Keyring \$4

#### How to order Healthy Harold merchandise online:

- Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store: Go to <a href="https://bit.ly/haroldshop">https://bit.ly/haroldshop</a> to access the store
- Select your customer type: Choose 'Parent/Carer ordering for child' to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school.
- Place your order: Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout.
- Important Dates: Orders for the school delivery open six weeks before the Healthy Harold visit date, and close one day prior. Be sure to mark your calendars and place your orders in time!
- Delivery: All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- · category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- · consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the <a href="Australian Government's Privacy Policy">Australian Government's Privacy Policy</a> (<a href="https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy">https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy</a>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Principal



9.10 am - 9.40 am: Parents visiting
 K-2 classrooms.

• 9.55 am: Infants Assembly.

Recess: 10.50 am - 11.20 am

· Enjoy a picnic recess with your children.

Middle session: Primary 3-6

• 11.25 am - 11.55 am: Parents visiting 3-6 classrooms.

• 12.00 pm: Primary Assembly.

Normal school routines

<u>resume: 12.55 pm</u>

Public Education Week 2025

TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST



Ignite your potential

If you plan to purchase food from the canteen, pre-ordering via Flexischools is necessary and recess orders must be placed by Tuesday 29/7. There will only be 'snack' items available to purchase on the day. There will be a coffee van onsite.