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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kindergarten
Our Kindergarten students started last week a little nervous, however very excited to be starting ‘big school’. It was wonderful to hear from so many parents, how settled and ready their children were. They attributed this to our dynamic Kindy Transition program which not only helped children transition but ensured they were ready to undertake the new and exciting adventures of Kindergarten. It is rewarding for us to have so many families choose our school for the academic, social and emotional welfare of their children. Like our motto, we ‘Endeavour to Excel’ through excellence, opportunity and success.

Communicating With Our Valued Community
We are one of the few schools that send home a Class Newsletter at the beginning of each term. Our aim is to keep you better informed about teaching and learning in your son or daughter’s classroom. Please take time to read the Class Newsletters, they are very informative. In most cases teachers have asked you to provide some basic equipment, for example a pencil case or pencil sharpener. Please refer to individual Class Newsletters for specifics. I encourage you, where possible, to provide your child with this basic equipment. We understand that in some instances this will not be possible. If this is the case, please let your child's teacher know and alternative arrangement will be made. When students have basic equipment they are more organised for learning and do not waste valuable teaching and learning time trying to find or borrow equipment from others. Generally speaking, students that are organised for learning are more focused, spend longer on the task and achieve better outcomes.

Parent Teacher Meetings
Kindergarten - Monday, 25th February 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm
K/1M – over several afternoons, please refer to K/1M’s class note
Year 1 & Year 2 - Wednesday, 27th February at 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm
2F – over several afternoons, please refer to 2F’s class note
Year 3 & Year 4 and 4/5A – Monday, 25th February 6.30 pm – 7 pm
5/6S – Monday, 25th February at 7.00 pm
5/6E & 5/6WB - over several afternoons, please refer to 5/6E’s & 5/6WB’s class notes.

These meetings will take place in your child’s classroom, with the exception of Kindergarten who will all be meeting in KMB’s classroom.

We would love to see you all there. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the teacher, to find out about teaching and learning in your child’s class and to show your child that you are genuinely interested in their education and their school.

Forward Planning
Some parents have asked for information regarding upcoming costs throughout term one. We hope that this section is of assistance.

Detailed notes regarding the purchase of textbooks, Mathletics, the Swimming Carnival and school photos will be going home shortly, please keep an eye out for them. Also see the calendar for dates.

Cost:
Mathletics (Yrs 1 to Yr 6): $14
Textbooks (Kindergarten to Yr 6): cost varies with each grade ranging between $14 & $20
Primary Swimming Carnival (Yr 3 to Yr 6): $7.50
School Photos (Kindergarten to Yr 6): cost varies according to the package purchased, ranging between $15 & $30

Parenting Style
This morning I talked to some of our new parents about their individual parenting styles. I asked, “What sort of parent are you? Are you a helicopter parent – always hovering over your child? Are you a fire-fighting parent - always fighting your child’s battles for them?” This resulted in much discussion.

What we know is that children need the freedom to make mistakes and to learn from them; to have an occasional argument with friends but to learn from it. If we constantly hover over or fight our children’s battles they will never learn vital life-long skills.

Parenting is not easy and striking a balance between support, nurture and empowerment is one of the greatest challenges faced. One thing is for sure, we all want the BEST possible outcome for your children.

Parents and Citizens (P&C) Meeting
The first P & C meeting for the year will be held tonight, Wednesday, 13th February at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. All parents are invited to attend.

Contacting Teachers
Parents are encouraged to contact your child’s teacher as needed. However, please be mindful that during the school day (8:55 am - 2:50 pm) the teacher’s main responsibility is to deliver the class program and attend to the immediate needs of the students.

If it’s urgent, teachers are happy for parents to give them a quick message as classes move in at the beginning of the school day, however these should be brief. Please send a letter, make an appointment or arrange a telephone call for longer discussions. The office staff are always happy to pass on messages to the teachers.

Family Contact Details
It is important for the school to have up-to-date contact details for all parents and carers. If you have recently moved house, changed phone numbers (home, work, mobile) or changed emergency contacts please provide the school office with your new details.

STAFF CAR PARK
Please note private vehicles are NOT permitted in the staff car park between the hours of 8 am and 4.00 pm. During this time, it is an out of bounds area for all students. Delivery vehicles, including trucks, are frequently in and out of the staff car park. In order to keep our students safe as they enter and leave school, we request that students use the main pedestrian gate located on Dog Trap Road. The RSL Club’s car park is available for parking.

Birthday Cakes at School
Often children bring a birthday cake to school to celebrate their special day with classmates. For ease of serving and to avoid sharp knives, parents are asked to please provide cupcakes or pre-sliced cake/slice for these special occasions.

Notes on Website
We are moving to a system where we will also have permission notes and medical notes on our website.

Useful Websites
I have included some useful websites in this newsletter. They are well worth taking a look at.

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.
Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Find out more:

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.
Find out more:

We have another exceptional year planned where once again in 2013 the focus of our school is on quality teaching and learning.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg,
Principal

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos for this year will take place on Wednesday, 6th March. Full SUMMER uniform is to be worn for the photos. Envelopes and information will come home soon. The cost of the packages will vary from $30.00 to $35.00 or $15.00 for a group only photo.

Envelopes are to be filled in and returned on the day of the photos. If paying with cash please have correct money in the envelope as the office and canteen will not have change, and therefore no change can be given.

Yellow family envelopes will be available from the office and will need to be returned by photo day. There is also an album on display at the office for anyone wishing to see it.
School Officials and Sporting Officials photos will also be taken on the day and will be displayed in the foyer for orders to be placed at a later date.

TEXT BOOK SALES
Textbooks will be on sale on Wednesday, 27th February. Notes with more information will come home soon.

WELCOME BACK STUDENT BANKERS
School banking has recommenced at Ourimbah PS for 2013. For all new parents, if you would like your child to participate in the School Banking program your child will need a Youthsaver account from the Commonwealth Bank. You can visit any branch to open one, please take your child's birth certificate and identification for yourself. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank access you can open an account online. Simply logon and select 'offers and apply' tab, then select ‘Accounts’ and ‘Youthsaver’. Please have your child's birth certificate handy.

There is a new range of reward items for consistent bankers including Dollarmite money boxes, calculators, head phones and wallets. Our school also earns

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The RSL Club car park is available for parking and drop off.
All parents and carers have the responsibility to ensure our students are safe.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR & EFFORT POINTSCORE
Week 2: Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 29  Platypus – 25
Emus – 22  Kangaroos – 15
commission for every banker. **For all our existing bankers could you please help our volunteer mums by writing your new class on the front of your wallets?**

The banking day will be Thursdays and bank books will be returned on the following Monday. Please make sure deposit books have your child’s name and class clearly marked on the front.

School banking information packs will come home with students soon. New accounts for all other students can be opened at any Commonwealth Bank Branch or application forms can be downloaded from [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and returned to school.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
This year’s swimming carnival will be held at Gosford Pool on Friday, 22 February for all students in Years 3 - 6 and 8yr olds from Year 2 who swim in squad after school. Children entering the Medley and 100m Freestyle events will need to be privately transported to the pool as these events start at 8.45 am. Parents will be needed throughout the day as judges and timekeepers, so any volunteers will be very much appreciated. Children going in early will pay entry fee at school beforehand.

Notes have been sent home, so please return permission slip, medical note and payment as soon as possible.

**SPORTS HOUSE OFFICIALS PRESENTATION**
The 2013 Sports Officials will be presented with their badges at a K-6 assembly on Thursday of this week. A full list of the recipients will be in the next school newsletter.

**BOOK CLUB – DUE BY TOMORROW 14th FEBRUARY**
Issue 1 of Book Club for 2013 is due back at school by TOMORROW, 14th February.

If you wish to place an order for Book Club, please be sure to fill in the order forms correctly and place your child's name and class at the top of the forms. The forms and payment then need to be placed in an envelope with your child’s name and class marked clearly on the front. Orders can be paid for by cash, cheque or credit card and then by filling in the necessary information on the form. Please send the correct cash as giving change can be difficult. Book Club orders can be given to the class teacher or handed in at the office.

**TERM PLANNER**
Attached to this newsletter is a term planner with dates of upcoming events. Please place this in an accessible spot at home and add events and information to it as you are informed.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Easter will be here before we know it, so it is time to start organising our 2013 Easter Raffle. Last year's one was a great success thanks to the generosity of our school community, with over 100 prizes given out. We hope to make this one just as successful, so are asking for donations of chocolate eggs, rabbits, bunyips or anything chocolate. Plus baskets, toys, chicks, bunnies, etc that can be included in the prizes.

Raffle tickets will be coming home this week. They will be in booklets of 6. Tickets will cost $1 each or 6 for $5. There will be additional books available at the office for those who require more.

Amongst the prizes there is a pendo pad, video music player, Westfield voucher, itunes voucher, nerf gun plus lots and lots of chocolate.

Please leave all donations at the school office

Thankyou

**P&C Fundraising**

**UPDATE INFORMATION FOR CLASS TEACHERS**
Could the parents of any students who have special medical requirements or dietary needs please send a note to your child's 2013 class teacher to keep them updated of your child’s condition and needs. We endeavour to pass all information on file to the new class teacher, however a note from the parent is recommended.

Also, if there is any updated custody forms or family issues please keep the class teacher and office informed.

**EXEMPTION FORMS**
Please be aware that if your child is going to be away from school for 5 days or longer (due to holiday, health or other reasons), an exemption form must be filled out and approved by the principal, prior to the holiday. Exemption forms can be obtained from the office.

**CHANGE OF HOME ARRANGEMENTS**
If your child's going home arrangements need to be changed please ensure this is put in writing to your child’s class teacher. Verbal messages to children often end up confused and this can cause them distress.

If you do have to change arrangements by phone during the day please give plenty of time for the message to be received by the class teacher.
LATE ARRIVAL
If your child arrives after the school bell has gone a late arrival note is required. Please bring your child to the office for this note.

EARLY DEPARTURE
A note to your child’s teacher stating time of departure and reason is required. All teachers make every effort to have your child ready at the office but time can slip away in a busy classroom. You must come to the office first to collect a form which is then given to the class teacher.

UPDATED STUDENT INFORMATION
Changing phone numbers can happen quite regularly, particularly mobile numbers. Attached to this newsletter is a form for updating your child’s emergency information. Please complete the form and return it to school if you have any information that has changed. Current custody documentation is also required, if applicable.

SIGNING ON
When volunteering at school it is essential that you sign on in the book in the office foyer, indicating your arrival and departure times. This information is vital in the event of an emergency. Whilst on site you are required to wear a ‘Visitors Badge’. If you have not volunteered previously a “Prohibited Employment” form needs to be completed.

AFTERNOON WET WEATHER DISMISSAL
Parents are requested to wait at the gates under the new covered waiting area in the afternoon for your children, even during wet weather. Waiting near the hall causes congestion and confusion during the dismissal of bus lines. Please send your child every day with wet weather gear to wear. Only children in Years 3-6 may bring umbrellas.

MONEY COLLECTION
All money for excursions, performances, text books, photos etc is to be sent in an envelope to your child’s teacher with their name, class, payment description and amount enclosed marked clearly on the front.

If money is left at the office there can be a delay in your child’s teacher being aware that you have paid for an excursion. The exception to this is for Book Club orders. The orders and money for Book Club can be left at the office or sent to the classroom. Money is collected on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION
If your child requires medication at school, please fill in a Medical Consent form at the office. This form must be completed prior to any medication being administered by our staff. A note to the class teacher is also necessary to inform them of medications and the time to be given.

JASMINE’S CHOPPING HER LOCKS FOR CANCER!
On Saturday 2nd March 2013, Jasmine (11 years old) has decided that she’s going to chop her ponytail off & donate it to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign.

This campaign aims to support women with cancer by providing free real-hair wigs to those who have lost their locks through treatment. You can find out more about Beautiful Lengths at www.beautifullengths.com.au

To make it even more worthwhile please make a donation on Jasmine’s Relay for Life fundraising page where your donation will go directly to the Cancer Council of NSW. You can find it at www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2013/mingara_2013/funky_monkeys/333804

Thanking you all in advance for your support of this fantastic cause!

UNIFORM SHOP

Operating Hours
Normal opening hours for the uniform shop are as follows:

- Mondays 8.30-9.30 am
- Tuesdays 2.30-3.00 pm

Order forms are available from the office with an option to make arrangements for collecting/paying at the canteen or from the uniform shop.

P&C CANTEEN ROSTER

February
- Thursday, 14 – Jane Brooker
- Friday, 15 – Lisa Flood, Kelly Peihopa
- Monday, 18 – Julie Hibbens
- Tuesday, 19 – Lorraine Shearman
- Thursday, 21 – Katie Robertson, HELP
- Friday, 22 – Lisa Flood
- Monday 25 – Cathy Boylan
- Tuesday, 26 – Belinda Jacobs
P&C Canteen News

The canteen is in need of volunteers on Thursdays & Fridays. If you can spare a few hours on one of these days please let the canteen know.

Just a quick note to all our wonderful volunteers. If you can’t make it on your rostered day, PLEASE let the canteen staff know, as soon as possible, so a replacement can be arranged. Thank you.

Remember: Treats ONLY on “Treats Tuesday.” Regular recess items NOT available.

CANTEEN ALERT

Due to WH&S guidelines food brought from home cannot be reheated by canteen staff. If your child has special dietary needs & their food needs to be heated, please send into the canteen first thing in the morning, labelled with their name & class. We will refrigerate it, then reheat & put in lunch tray with other orders. Sorry for any inconvenience.

CANTEEN NEWS – New volunteers needed

Ourimbah Public School is looking for some new wonderful volunteers to help out in our canteen. If you can spare a few hours for one day per month, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in the form below and return it to the canteen or the school office. Thank you.

Name: ________________________________
Phone: _______________________________
Child’s name: ________________________

Please mark which days you can help:
☐ Monday ☐ Thursday
☐ Tuesday ☐ Friday

Please note:
Could all previous volunteers please contact the canteen to let us know if you are returning and which days you prefer. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CENTRAL COAST DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

The Central Coast Dyslexia Association will present a demonstration of the Dragons Naturally Speaking software on Wednesday, 20th February at the Bay Sports Club, 5 Bias Ave, Bateau Bay from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. For more information visit www.centralcoastdyslexia.com.au

FIRST GRAMMAR EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE

Limited places are still available for enrolment at First Grammar Education Centres at Ourimbah and Wyoming. All First Grammar Centres offer a quality environment of the highest standard. For a free information booklet please go to www.firstgrammar.com.au or phone the centres on 4362 3600 (Ourimbah) or 4328 4679 (Wyoming).

OURIMBAH NETBALL CLUB

The Ourimbah Netball Club is still in need of 4 x 11 year old players to fill teams for the upcoming season. Beginners to experienced players are welcome. For more information phone Kerry on 0411 831987 in business hours or email www.ourimbahnetballclub@gmail.com

CENTRAL COAST FAMILY SUPPORT

Central Coast Family Support has facilitated two Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Programs on the Central Coast. The Wyong group will meet on the first Thursday of the month from 9.30am – 11.30am at Wyong Public School and the Gosford group will meet on the first Monday of the month from 9.30am – 11.30am at Phillip House, 21 Old Mt Penang Rd, Kariong. For more information, phone 4340 1585.

FREE LOWER LIMB ASSESSMENTS

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong hospital is offering children age 0 -17 free lower limb assessments.

Appointment times: Mondays from 2.15pm - 4.15pm from 4th March till 27th May 2013

Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by two podiatrists. Advice can be offered on footwear, normal development and foot, leg and knee problems.
For more information, or to make a booking, please call 4394 7280.

OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C ASSOCIATION 2013

email: ourimbahpandc@yahoo.com.au

GENERAL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 13th February 2013

TIME: 7.00pm VENUE: Staff Room

AGENDA

(10 minutes reading time prior to commencement of business)
1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

3. Business Arising
   1. Vacant positions
   2. Action List
   3. School's Wish List
   4. Online ordering
   5. Sesquicentenary

4. Correspondence

5. Reports
   1. Treasurer
   2. Canteen Treasurer
   3. Canteen
   4. Uniform Shop
   5. Fundraising
   6. President
   7. Principal
   8. RAP
   9. Nitbusters

6. General Business

If you have any topic that is school related and you would like to be brought up at the next P&C Meeting please email the P&C Executive: email: ourimbahpandc@yahoo.com.au

President – Glenn Pudsey
Vice Presidents – Sue Davidson - Adrienne Collins
Secretary – Jacqueline Kettle
Treasurer – Belinda Jacobs