PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Welcome Back
WELCOME BACK, I hope you all had a relaxing break and the students have returned to school keen to learn. Our school motto is ‘Endeavour to Excel’ and in order to provide the highest quality education for every student at OPS it is essential that we all; staff, parents, students and community members, work together in a supportive, collaborative partnership based on mutual respect. We are looking forward to working with all of you.

A Great Start to the Year
It was an absolute pleasure to walk around the school last week and see so many smiling faces in the playground. It was obvious that the boys and girls were happy to be back at school. I was very impressed; they were all in school uniform and wearing it with pride. They look fantastic, especially with their school hats on. They are to be congratulated on making such a great start to the year.

Welcome Kindergarten
A BIG, warm welcome is extended to our 66 Kindergarten students who came in for their Best Start assessments last week and started in classes on Monday. Kindergarten students will be in a flexible grouping, team teaching arrangement until the end of the week.

Welcome to Our New Families
On behalf of the staff, students and parents, I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the students and their families who are new to our school community. I encourage you to join the P & C and to offer your support in the classroom, where possible.

Classes For 2013
Thank you to the students & parents for your patience in waiting for our new classes to be formed. The classes are as follows:

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5/6S Mrs Susan English (Stage 3 Supervisor – Term 1)
5/6W Mrs Nicola Wakelin is on leave and is being replaced by Mrs Jessica Brewin

Welcome to our new teachers; Miss Rebecca McGovern and Miss Jakie Adams. Miss Ashleigh Lievore, Mrs Jessica Brewin (nee Foott), Mr Tom Scriven and Mr Chris Miller are also back with us this year.

Both Mrs Stella O’Connell and Ms Karen Sammut will be our Reading Recovery teachers, we are very fortunate to have been allocated additional Reading Recovery time. Ms Karen Sammut is also our LaST (Learning and Support Teacher) providing additional support, after recess each day, to students in need. Mr Matthew Whitehouse also works as a LaST teacher on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

Mrs Christine Mastello is still in the library and Mrs Jenny Rogers will continue to provide RFF lessons.

Caring, Dedicated Teachers
I would like to thank the teaching staff who spent a considerable amount of time at school during the holidays and also staff who spent time working from home on plans, programs and organisation for 2013. We are fortunate to have a caring, dedicated staff.

Sesquicentenary Celebrations
We are set for a big year with our Sesquicentenary celebrations which will provide us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 150 years of public education at OPS. We are the oldest school on the Central Coast and we are very fortunate to have a unique school environment in a beautiful, bush land setting.

Quality Teaching & Learning Environment
As part of our commitment to providing a quality teaching and learning environment, we have installed airconditioners in the four new BER classrooms. On the day they were being installed, it was 42 degrees. A BIG thank you goes to the P & C who have set aside funds over two years to pay for the airconditioners. We are very fortunate to have a supportive P & C.

Caring, Supportive P & C
Please note that P&C Meetings are no longer on the third Monday of every month, they have been brought forward to the second Monday of every month. Our first meeting will be at 7 pm next Wednesday, 13th February in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Magpie Review Report
Mr Edwards has written a detailed account of the findings of the Magpie Review that occurred throughout 2012. I would like to thank Mr Edwards for his leadership of the Magpie Review Team throughout 2012 and also the staff who attended these meetings. See inside for further details. Please take the time to read it carefully as our Magpie Reward System has changed significantly in order to reward students for their ongoing good behaviour on a more regular basis.

Staff Professional Learning
On the Staff Development Day, professional learning was on ‘Focus on Reading’ (FOR), the New English Syllabus, Quality Systems and updates on emergency care and anaphylaxis training. Thank you to Mrs Stephanie Seddon and Mrs Christine Mastello for leading some of our professional learning sessions. Staff are also involved in professional learning every Monday afternoon.

Wonderful Office Staff
Last Wednesday, the office was the busiest it’s been for years with enquiries and new enrolments. Thank you to everyone who waited patiently to be served. Thank you also to Mrs Sue Vila and Mrs Leanne Dibben who worked nonstop all day to ensure student, parent and staff needs were addressed. Thank you to Mrs Darrelyn Ward who put in may extra hours working on our school newsletter.

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

Fortnightly Newsletters
As of next week, the newsletter will go home fortnightly. Please keep your eye out for next week’s newsletter.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg,
Principal

Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

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Find out more:
Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory? Find out more:

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION
The school newsletter is distributed to the youngest child in the family on a fortnightly basis and will come home on Wednesday on odd weeks of the term. Today’s newsletter (Week 2) will be an additional one, with the full newsletter to follow next week in Week 3. The newsletter is also accessible on our school website, along with other valuable information and a calendar of events which is updated regularly. The website address is www.ourimbah-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

BÜS PASSES
All Bus Passes have arrived at school and will be handed out to students in their new classes as soon as students are settled. Any recent applications for bus passes may take a couple of weeks to arrive. Any Kindergarten parents who are sending their child on the bus for the first time must send a note to the class teacher so they are aware of any change to home arrangements.

REPLACEMENT PASSES
If a bus pass is lost: (after they are given to the students)
- Enquiries and purchasing of replacement bus passes is now available online. Just visit the Busways website at www.busways.com.au – select the Central Coast Region and School Bus Passes.
- Term bus passes for students who are not eligible for free travel (those students living inside the 1.6km radius) are also available to purchase online at the same internet address.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Our Voluntary Contributions for this year have been set at $43.00 per student. The voluntary contribution from our parents is an important part of school finances that contribute to our ability to ensure we have adequate resources in the classroom for your children. Our school delivers great learning programs for students and your support is appreciated. Payment of the contributions can be made on money collection days, which are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

STUDENT BANKING
Years 1-6 can resume banking from tomorrow, Thursday, 7th February. 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 Kindergarten 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 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 will come home soon with more information.

ABORIGINAL STUDENTS HEARING TESTS
Could all aboriginal students please return their hearing test permission notes to the office by Tuesday, 13th February. Thank you.

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. 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 if an emergency procedure is required. 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.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

The parent information sessions will be held in Week 5. Dates and times of sessions will be in next week’s newsletter.

**CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS**

This year we will be having a Country Fair for our Sesquicentenary celebrations. I will be doing workshops with the children to make things for the Craft Stall. My first activity will be friendship bangles. If you have any embroidery thread or wool you could donate it would be a great help. Please hand in at the office.

Thank you, Mrs Rogers.

**OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL - 150YRS IN 2013**

The school is 150 years old in 2013. On Sunday, 20th October we plan to celebrate this great milestone with an old time fair. If you are interested in being a part of this memorable event please come along to our next “Sesquicentenary Meeting”. It will be held on Wednesday, 13th February at 1.30pm in the Community Room/New Uniform Shop location. If you are unable to attend but wish to be involved please email judyw1863@gmail.com or you can ring Judy Worth on 4362 1649.

**BOOK CLUB – DUE BY THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY**

Welcome to all of our new students and parents. The first issue of Book Club for 2013 has been handed out. For some of our Kindergarten children and parents...
this may be the first time you have seen the Book Club brochures.
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.

**Issue 1 of Book Club for 2013 is due back at school by Thursday, 14th February.**

**EASTER RAFFLE ORGANISER**

The Easter raffle will soon be upon us and we are looking for someone to take on the role of coordinator. This is the first fund raising event of the year. It involves the organisation of tickets and prizes and then the wrapping of donations as more prizes. You also get to be involved with the drawing and distribution of the prizes, which is always a lot of fun. This event only occurs in term one, so it isn’t a full year commitment. If you are interested in being a part of this event, please ring Judy Worth on 4362 1649 or email judyw1863@gmail.com.

**OURIMBAH PS POSITIVE REWARD SYSTEM TRIAL 2013**

Following on from findings relating to the Student Welfare Survey completed in Term 4, 2011 by the Ourimbah School community, the school will be trialling a new system throughout 2013. In brief, the system is very similar to the ‘Magpie Award’ system used in past years along with minor changes which intend to address survey findings for the benefit of students and staff. The ‘Magpie Awards’ name will not be changed as it has been embedded as one of the many successful Ourimbah traditions.

Advancements in technology and the use of computer related data has also played a role in changes to the system, enabling us to enter and monitor student behaviour data through a program called Sentral. In the new system all students are given the opportunity to be rewarded for their behaviour and effort, both in the classroom and the playground.

The new system will be based on recognition for good behaviour and effort over a single term rather than a full school year. At the end of each term those students achieving 10 ‘Magpies’ will be eligible to participate in the ‘Magpie Term Reward.’ This may vary from term to term, from an ice block, daytime disco or even a day out etc. The teachers have many exciting ideas for these rewards and no doubt the children will too!

There will be no emphasis on a yearly total to gain a major reward as in the past. Each student will be eligible to take part in the term reward activity if they have received 10 class ‘Magpie Awards’ that term. The following term everyone starts anew. All terms will be of equal importance. Each student will have a ‘Magpie Reward Card’ which will be kept by the classroom teacher. The card will indicate the progression from 1 to 10 awards. No daily Magpies will be handed out as in the past. Individual presentation at weekly assemblies of the ‘Golden Magpie Certificate’ will continue each term. The ‘Magpie Reward Card’ will go home at the end of each term as a receipt and memento. Staff will no longer be limited by the number of rewards they are allowed to give out each term. We will be rewarding more children, more often for good behaviour.

The school will continue with the K – 6 House Points Shield and various other in-class reward systems. The ‘Playground Award’ will expand from positive playground behaviour to include behaviour and effort when working outside of the regular classroom eg library, sport, art, etc. This will be known as the ‘Citizenship Award’ with a canteen voucher going to the lucky draw winners each week.

As mentioned before this is only a trial, but hopefully a successful trial. It may throughout the year require ‘tweaking’, but in the long term continue to make Ourimbah Public School the best school on the Central Coast, with the best students who along with their staff and community are rewarded for their efforts.

Parent support is vital for a successful trial. The P & C have supported the ‘Magpie Reward System’ in past years and their support of this initiative has been and will continue to be greatly appreciated. In addition any parents with suitable reward ideas are welcome to pass them on to the school. Please contact your child’s class teacher for more details with the trial if required.

Mr Edwards,
Chairman of the Magpie Review Team
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.

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
WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL RATE INCREASE
Wyong Shire Council will be holding two information sessions for the public so they can be informed of upcoming rate increases and options available. The community information sessions are being held on:

- Thursday, 7 February – 7.30pm – Council Civic Centre, 2 Hely Street, Wyong &
- Tuesday, 12 February – 7.30pm – Halekulani Hall, Scenic Drive, Budgewoi

OURIMBAH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
The last registration day for OUFC is Saturday, 9th February from 9am to 1pm at the Ourimbah RSL Club. If possible, please complete your online registration at www.myfootballclub.com.au before arriving at the club to make payment.

OURIMBAH WYOMING JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB registrations days are as follows:
Sat 9th Feb – Ourimbah RSL 10am-2pm
(All players)

Sun 17th Feb – CRL EXPO MINGARA
Time TBA (All Players)
Cost $120 – Includes: Shorts, Socks, Polo Shirt & Insurance
For more Info - Call Robert: 0420 634 353
Ages 6-16. New & Old Players welcome
Go The Mighty Magpies!

OURIMBAH NETBALL CLUB
Come and try netball with Ourimbah Netball Club in 2013. Ourimbah Netball Club is looking for girls interested in playing netball who are turning 5 years -16 years as well as seniors in 2013.
No experience necessary to join a team and have fun.

Registration dates & information
Sat 02 Feb, Ourimbah RSL 10am - 2pm
Thurs 07 Feb, Ourimbah RSL 6pm- 8pm
Please contact our Registrar on 041 183 1987 during business hours or at ourimbahnetballclub@gmail.com

CENTRAL COST UNITED PHYSIE & DANCE
For all enquiries call Michelle on 0407 258 56 or visit www.centralcaostphysie.com
or www.physieanddance.com.au

POLISHED BY DONNA
Polished by Donna will run a one day grooming and deportment course for 6 – 11 year olds which can help improve or create self-confidence.
Date: 10th March
Contact no: 4304 5735

P&C MEETING
13th February
7pm in staffroom
All welcome

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

[Image of children singing]

GLEE CLUB
Is your son or daughter always singing?
Are you looking for an after school activity that they are DYING to come to every week?
Then come and try GLEE.

Songs that they will love singing.
Great for boys and girls.
Infants and Primary age only.

Where: Ourimbah School Hall (straight after school)
When: Mondays 2.50-3.50pm during school terms
Cost: $5.00 per week
No audition process, pay by the week.

Please call Kim on 0417-223-611 to reserve a place for your child.

Come and have FUN with us!!!!!