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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

150 Years Sesquicentenary Photograph

Congratulations to our students who were ‘A Picture of Perfection’ in our Sesquicentenary photo last Wednesday. All 402 students and staff assembled in the shape of ‘150.’ We were fortunate to have 402 students who waited patiently for the big event and were all beautifully behaved. The photo will be on display in the front office and will be available for purchase.

Students in the SRC, as well as School and sports officials also had their photo taken on the day and these photos will also be available for purchase.

Medical Information Forms

Please note that it is a legal requirement for us to obtain a current, activity specific Medical Information Form for all students going on excursions, including sport and other school based activities that take place off the school site. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Photographs, Video Footage, YouTube & Social Media

This is a reminder to all parents that we need to continue to respect the privacy of other students and their families. If you are taking photos or video footage of school activities, please stay focused on your child. The images that you capture are not to be uploaded onto any social media sites, including YouTube and FaceBook, without the express permission of the students concerned, their parents and the school. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in regard to this matter.

P & C Meeting

Our next P and C Meeting is on tonight at 7 pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Work, Health & Safety

It is a requirement of Work, Health & Safety that all visitors on site, including parent helpers sign in at the office, receive a site induction from office staff (on the initial visit) and wear a visitor’s badge. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
Thank You
A BIG thank you to Mr Edwards and Mr Miller who conducted swimming time trials last week early on Wednesday morning and again on Saturday morning. We are fortunate to have caring, dedicated teachers who go out of their way to provide additional opportunities for our students.

Grandparents Day
It was fantastic to see so many grandparents and friends at our special day on Tuesday. The children loved performing for their grandparents. The band, Glee Club, choir, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children did an amazing job entertaining us. Well done, boys and girls. Thank you to Mr Formby and the teachers for organising this special day for us.

Here are some websites that you might find useful:

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help students to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

Essay planning
Students often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organising notes depending on the question and type of response required. These fact sheets explain everything.

Primary school
Reading with your child at home
When your children see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your children with reading.

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous.

Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg,
Principal

STAFF CAR PARK
No private vehicles are permitted in the staff car park between the hours of 8am and 4pm. 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 5: Winning House – Kangaroos
Kangaroos – 36  Koalas – 30
Emus – 24  Platypus – 20.5

Week 6: Winning House – Kangaroos
Kangaroos – 38.5  Emus – 29
Koalas – 27  Platypus – 25.5

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2


CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6


ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS
This is a reminder that there are opportunities for Year 6 students to apply for Narara Valley High School in their Performing Arts Class and Targeted Sports Program.
The Hunter Sports High at Gateshead also has a Talented Sports Program. These applications are still available from the front office.

**ENROLMENT FORMS YR 6-7 2014**
Expression of Interest forms for students attending High School next year need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible, even if your child is not attending a public high school.

**2013 SPORTS HOUSE OFFICIALS**
Congratulations to the following students who have been named as sports house officials for 2013:

**Emus**
Captains – Oliver B & Ella W
Vice Captains – Jacob M & Teagan A

**Platypus**
Captains – Aimee S & Harrison M
Vice Captains – Jasmine A & Alex M

**Koalas**
Captains – Luke J & Karine T
Vice Captains – Kasey T & Sarah R

**Kangaroos**
Captains – Zac G & Maddy B
Vice Captains – Brock E & Tamia R

**NITBUSTERS DAY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Our first Nitbusters Day for 2013 will be held on Monday, 25th March. Students will have their hair checked for head lice and nits and parents will be informed by mail if their child needs treatment at home.

We are once again calling on volunteers to help with this worthwhile program. If any parents are able to spare a few hours on Monday from 9.00am it would be very much appreciated. Morning tea will be supplied and what a great way for new parents to meet other members of our school community, whilst providing a great service for our students. Experience is not necessary as our coordinators will teach you as you go. We look forward to seeing some new faces on Monday as well as our regular helpers. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**CROSS COUNTRY**
The cross country for Years 3 to 6 will take place on Friday, 5th April at Sohier Park. An information note will go home next week with more details. Please start training. Any talented Year 2 runners (must turn 8 in 2013) who have experience and ability at running long distance may apply to participate on the day. They will be competing in the combined 8/9 years division and will need to be able to run 2000m at a steady pace without stopping. A detailed letter of the child’s experience must be submitted to Mr Edwards by next Wednesday, 20th March.

Gary Edwards Carnival Organiser

**BRISBANE WATER ZONE SWIMMING**
Our school was represented by a team of 20 students at the BWPSSA Swimming Carnival on Monday. The team performed extremely well with our school placing 3rd in the overall rankings. WELL DONE!

Special mention to Maddie C, Lucy J, Lilli M and Luke J who will be representing Brisbane Water District at Homebush next Monday. We wish you the best of luck.

**BRISBANE WATER SOCCER TRIALS**
Juan Pablo A, Ethan K and Luke J all attended the Brisbane Water PSSA Soccer trials on Tuesday of this week. All boys gave their best and are anxiously awaiting news on those going through to the next stage of selection for the Sydney North Regional squad.

Sarah Ryan will also be attending the girls trials for soccer this week.

Good luck to all.
Gary Edwards

**SYDNEY NORTH BOYS CRICKET TRIALS**

Gary Edwards

**BASKETBALL**
Last Tuesday, 5th March, Karina T of 5/6S represented Brisbane Waters at the Sydney North Basketball Trials at Thornleigh Basketball Stadium.

Karina gave her very best on the day and gained a lot from the experience, however she was not selected in the team this time.

Susan English
LOST PROPERTY – VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Thank you to two of our Year 6 students, Gabby and Stacey, who have been helping to sort through the lost property cupboard.
We are still in need of a parent volunteer who would be happy to come in occasionally and sort through the cupboard, so that we can return named items to their owners. This would take approximately one hour and would need to be done two or three times a term. If you would be able to spare some time to help, please see the ladies in the office.

LOST PROPERTY OVERFLOWING
Our lost property cupboard is always overflowing with an abundance of lost items. Please come in and check for lost items ASAP as we will soon be sending unclaimed items to a charity.

RAP (RAINFOREST ACCESS PROJECT)
Our Rainforest trail has fallen victim to the wild weather and is currently closed. The continuous wet weather has left the trees with soggy feet and many have been unable to withstand the raging winds that followed. In total, we have about 20 trees down! Luckily, only about three are over the walkway, and of those, it is mostly the tree crowns actually blocking the path. If we have any willing and able Dads who are chainsaw proficient, I would love to hear from you to organise some lopping time??
We have weekend working bees planned in order to get some serious planting done. We would love to see you there. The whole family is welcome and a free BBQ lunch will follow.
When: Saturday, March 23rd
Saturday, May 25th
Saturday, June 15th
Time: 9.30am until Lunchtime
Bring: Gumboots, gloves, insect repellent, mug and eating utensils.

BOOK CLUB
Issue 2 of Book Club is due back at school by Thursday, 21st March. Don’t forget to mark the order form and envelope clearly with your name and class.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to all the families who have brought in donations for the Easter Raffle. We still need more donations in order to reach our goal of 100 prizes. Chocolate bunnies, eggs, bunyips would be great, as well as any novelty items to go with them, such as chicks, fluffy bunnies, baskets etc.
Please leave all donations at the office.
The following are our major prizes for the raffle:
1st Prize: a Pendo Pad
2nd Prize: a Video music player
3rd Prize: $50 Westfield Voucher
4th Prize: $20 itunes voucher
5th Prize: Diamante mouse and stylus
6th Prize: a Nerf Gun
Prizes will also have lots of chocolate
Be in it, to win it!!

Please return all raffle tickets by Friday, 22nd March.
More raffle tickets are available at the office if required.
Thank you, P&C Fundraising

K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE
A K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday, 26th March under Ourimbah Public School's COLA at 12 noon. Parents of K-2 children are invited to attend this special event and help us celebrate Easter. Easter hats will be made at school.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2013
The P & C are again hosting a Trivia Night to be held on Saturday, 18th May. This is a great local night of fun and laughs. Get some friends together and reserve a table so you don't miss out. A table will cost $100 and can seat up to 10 people.
This event relies on the generosity of the school community so if you can help with a donation that we can use as a raffle prize please let us know.
Table bookings, donations or enquiries can be made by calling Adrienne Collins on 0404 093787 or email ourimbahpandc@yahoo.com.au with “trivia night” as the message subject.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING
Hello Parents. To redeem tokens you can use a redemption card which can be supplied by School Banking or you can simply write a note requesting what your child would like to redeem. Please place request and tokens in the yellow wallet and send it in on banking day. Orders will be filled in 1 -2 weeks. All rewards are worth 10 tokens. Rewards that are currently available are:
- Dollarmite character money boxes (Pru, Pat the dog, Cred, Spen and Addy)
- Hand Ball
- Wallet
- Knuckle Game
School banking day is every Thursday and everyone is welcome to join.
SAVING – A GREAT HABIT TO GET INTO!
School Banking co-ordinator
SESQUICENTENARY UPDATES

MEMORABILIA
Are you OPS alumni?
I am looking for stories and memorabilia to display at our school sesquicentennial celebrations in October. Do you, or someone you know, have particular memories of attending this school and maybe some photos and documents from your time here? If so, and you're happy to share, please give me a call for more details. Rebecca O'Brien 0416 480363

OLD SCHOOL CLASSROOM
Wanted – old school things!
For the sesquicentenary we are setting up an old school classroom for our students and all fete visitors to experience what it was like to go to school 150 years ago. It will be lots of fun and some teachers might even go back in time to teach you!! We are looking for old style (exact age not important) school desks and furnishings to loan for the week of the fete in October. If you or someone you know has any of these items, or ideas, we would love to hear from you. Please call Nicole Worrall on 0431 540 633 or nicole3gumnuts@hotmail.com
- Wooden school desks, chairs, bookshelf
- Ink pots or fountain pens
- Old kerosene lamp for teachers desk
- Old books
- Wooden abacus
- Other old items to create the look and feel of the era

CRAFT STALL
Calling all crafty people – quilters, scrapbookers, knitters and crocheters – we need you.
We are hoping to have a large craft stall at our 150 year school celebrations and would love your help. We will be organising crafty days every month where you can come and help (and possibly learn a few new things). Alternatively you may want to make something at home in your own time. Either way, please contact Lorelei on 0414 507 868 or meet her at the Uniform Shop on Monday 18th of March at 1:30pm and register your interest.

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
March
- Thursday, 14 – Jane Brooker
- Friday, 15 - Lisa Flood, Kelly Peihopa
- Monday, 18 – Julie Hibbens, Sherry Denton
- Tuesday, 19 – Lorraine Shearman
- Thursday, 21 – Katie Robertson, Lisa Johnston
- Friday, 22 – Stephanie & Chee
- Monday 25 – Cathy Boylan
- Tuesday, 26 – Belinda Jacobs

P&C Canteen News
Super Salad Lunch Special next week, 18th – 22nd March. Please see attached flyer.

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.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
If you are interested in student accident insurance there is information available from the school office on StudentCover by EBM Insurance Brokers or go to www.studentcover.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS
AUSTRALIAN PERFORMING ARTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL
The Australian Performing Arts Grammar School will be holding an Open Day on Saturday, 23rd March from 11am – 2pm at Level 3, 255 Broadway, Glebe. There will be tours of the school throughout the day and performances at 11.30 am and 1.00 pm. For more information phone 02 9518 5123.

CAR BOOT SALE
Narara Valley Baptist Church is hosting a community Car Boot Sale on Saturday, 16th March from 8.00 am – 1.00 pm. Come along to 127 Narara Valley Drive to find some bargains.

GIRL GUIDES
Coastal Valley Girl Guides (Wyong Shire units) is inviting girls 5 -18 to attend a ‘Be a Guide for a Day’ event to be held at Mingara Oval, Tumbi Umbi on Sunday, 14th April from 9.30 am – 2.45 pm. For more information email beaguideforaday2013@gmail.com
LISAROW PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNTRY FAIR
Come along and enjoy the fun for all the family.
When: Saturday, 16th March
Where: Lisarow Public School, McDonalds Rd, Lisarow
Time: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.
The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.
Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL P& C MEETING
email: ourimbahpandc@yahoo.com.au

GENERAL MEETING DATE: Wednesday
13th March 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   4. Online ordering
   2. Action List   5. Trivia Night

4. Correspondence
5. Reports
   1. Treasurer  6. President
   2. Canteen Treasurer  7. Principal
   3. Canteen  8. RAP
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

COME IN TO SEE THE CHANGES AT OUR RSL.
CLUB BINGO NOW ALSO ON TUESDAYS
11AM—$5
PLUS KIDS DISCO LAST SAT OF EACH MONTH, ROCK TRIVIA, KARAOKE, EASTER
Egg Raffle and much more—see our website for details!

Kids Disco
Saturday 23 March
5.30—7.30 pm
Tickets at reception
All you can eat Asian Buffet
Open 7 days—new caterers and
Asian chefs getting great feedback from our members!

6-22 Pacific Highway
Ourimbah
P: 02 4362 1104
www.ourimbahrsl.com
Super Salad Spectacular
18th – 22nd March 2013

□ Caesar Salad                    $4.00
□ With Chicken                    $5.00

+ Small Water

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□ Garden Salad                    $4.00
□ With Chicken                    $5.00

+ Small Water

Name: __________________________
Class: ________________________

OURIMBAH RUGBY CLUB

Under 6s, 7s & 8s - ONLY $25
Under 9s & 10s - ONLY $50
• Play modified rules.
• Suitable for boys and girls.
• Shorts and socks provided.
• Safe, fun environment.
• No ongoing fees

Location: Ourimbah Rugby Park

Contact Name: Matt Ritchie
Contact Mobile: 0419 995 586
Come and Try on Friday 22 March 6pm – 7pm
It's FREE
Ourimbah Public School

Trivia Night 2013

When: Saturday, 18th May 2013
Where: Ourimbah School Hall
Time: 6.30 pm start
Cost: $100 per table (max 10 per table)
BYO food and drink for your table
Sorry, no kids allowed, this one’s for the grown-ups only.

This major fundraising event is a great night of fun and laughs. So grab your friends and bring lots of coins for spot games throughout the night.

Tables are limited so BOOK NOW!

To secure a table please contact Adrienne Collins on 0404 093 787 or send an email to ourimbahpandc@yahoo.com.au with “trivia night” as the message subject.

We are also accepting donations for raffle prizes so if you or your business can help please let us know via the contacts show.

Your support can help make this event a huge success!

Thanking You
Ourimbah Public School P&C