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21st March. Classes participated in a range of activities ranging from art work to interactive smart board activities.

Easter Hat Parade
On Tuesday, 26th March the children from K-2 participated in Ourimbah Public School's first Easter Hat Parade. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were very proud of their Easter hats. The children were thrilled to have such a large audience to parade in front of. A big thank you to Mrs Miranda and all those who helped organise this wonderful event.

Easter Raffle
On Thursday, 28th March Ourimbah Public School's Easter Raffle will be drawn. Traditionally, there have been an enormous number of prizes, so hopefully everyone has all their tickets in to increase their chances of winning. Good Luck!

P&C
The next P&C meeting is organised for Wednesday, 10th April. Everyone is most welcome to attend this meeting which is held in the school's staffroom, beginning at 7:30pm.

Anzac Assembly
On Thursday, 11th April there will be a whole school assembly to celebrate Anzac Day. During this assembly we will remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. On ANZAC
Day, Thursday, 25th April ceremonies are held in towns and cities across the nation to acknowledge the service of our veterans.

Staff Development Days
At the beginning of next term there will be two Staff Development Days. These days are Monday, 29th April and Tuesday, 30th April. An extra Staff Development Day has been organised for every school so teachers can participate in training for the New Australian Curriculum which is being implemented over the next few years.

Until next time,
Mrs Susan English,
Relieving Assistant Principal

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR & EFFORT POINTSCORE
Week 7: Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 34.5 Kangaroos & Emus – 31.5
Platypus - 22
Week 8: Winning House – Platypus

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

10 MAGPIE AWARDS K-2

10 MAGPIE AWARDS 3-6

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.

GRANDPARENTS DAY THANK YOU
Thank you to all the wonderful grandparents and friends who visited our school on Grandparents Day and enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren and being entertained by the talented students at Ourimbah Public School.
A big thanks also for all the wonderful donations to our Library. A total of $1108.00 was raised which will go towards purchasing more resources for the Library.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
ENTRIES CLOSE TOMORROW
The closing date to enter the University of NSW Science, English and Mathematics competitions is TOMORROW, Thursday, 28th March. No money or applications can be taken after tomorrow.

EASTER HAT PARADE
The children and teachers were so excited for the opportunity to parade in front of their parents the Easter hats they had made in class. We certainly have some creative children. We saw many Easter bunnies and other Easter creatures with fantastic creations atop their heads. There were so many cotton wool balls floating around - the cotton wool business is looking like a good investment at the moment. I believe there was even a teacher (unwittingly) wearing a cottontail!

Thank you to the teachers from all the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes who put lots of effort into helping the children make their hats and into learning and practising
the songs performed yesterday. Thanks to Ms Lievore and Miss McGovern for organising the items and Mr Whitehouse, with his many and varied “Easter” bunny hats, for compering the parade. Special thanks must go to Mrs Miranda for organising and coordinating the event. It was a brilliant start to our special birthday year!

MAGPIE REWARD DAY
Those students who have received 10 Magpies will be rewarded at school on Wednesday, 10th April. An information note will go home prior to the day for all those participating.

SEWERS NEEDED – HELP PLEASE
If you’re handy on a sewing machine and have time on your hands, the Year 5/6 Dance group needs your help. The dance group need some skirts made for an upcoming concert. Miss Lievore will purchase the material and organise the patterns but we need volunteers to sew the skirts. If you are able to help, please contact the office or talk to Miss Lievore. Thank you in advance.
Miss Lievore

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING
On Monday, 8th April and Tuesday, 9th April Year 6 will be undertaking a course to train them as facilitators of the Peer Support Program which will operate for all students in Term 2. This training course will be held at school under the direction of Mr Edwards, Mrs English and Mrs Brewin. Thank you
Susan English

ACTIVE EDUCATION
On Tuesday, 2nd April, 15 Year 6 children have been chosen to attend the Morisset Outdoor Education Facility with Mrs Brewin to trial some of their activities. This opportunity was provided free from ‘Active Education’ and the Year 6 students attending had their names literally ‘pulled from a hat’. We hope they all have a wonderful day and the weather stays fine.
Susan English

BUSWAYS SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM
Thank you to Sharon from Busways for running the bus safety program at our school last week. All the children enjoyed the day and learnt a lot.

SPORTS NEWS
CROSS COUNTRY
The Primary 3-6 Cross Country will take place next Friday, 5th April at Sohier Park. All parents and families are most welcome to attend. The first race should get under way by 10.00 am. Refer to the student information note that went home in Week 8 for more information. Keep training!
Gary Edwards Organiser

SYDNEY NORTH SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Bronte M, Maddie C, Lucy J, Luke J and Lilli M who represented our school and district at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival last week. Many personal best times were swum and it was great to see so many students representing our school at such a high level.
Well done boys and girls.
Mr Miller

Apologies to Bronte M of 3P, whose name was inadvertently left out of the last newsletter as being part of the team to represent Ourimbah School at the carnival. At only 7 years of age Bronte was the youngest student representing our school.

GIRLS CRICKET
On Friday, 15th March, Year 5 and 6 girls played cricket against Niagara Park Public School. The girls played well and encouraged each other throughout the game however Niagara Park were the victors on the day.
Good effort girls.
Miss Lievore

BOYS CRICKET
After persevering through a washed out game, the boys’ cricket team played a rematch against Wyong and won in a closely contested game. Well done boys!
Mr Scriven

SYDNEY NORTH CRICKET TRIALS
Luke J has made it through to the final trial for representation in the Sydney North PSSA Boys Cricket squad for the upcoming State Championship.
Gary Edwards

COMBINED BOYS SOCCER TRIALS
Congratulations to Luke J, Juan Pablo A and Ethan K who have all made it through to the Sydney North soccer trials as part of the combined Brisbane Water/Southern Central Coast PSSA’s.
Good luck boys.
Gary Edwards

COMBINED GIRLS SOCCER TRIAL
Sarah R will trial on Thursday for selection in the combined BWPSSA/SCCPSSA team.
Good luck to Sarah.
Gary Edwards
COMBINED ZONE RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Good luck to Corey F, Brock E and Josh M who are all trialling this afternoon for the combined zones league team. All boys are sure to give their best.
Gary Edwards

ANZAC DAY MARCH
Traditionally our school has always taken part in the town march on Anzac Day. The march will be held on Thursday 25th April and will leave from Yates Road at approximately 2.30pm.
Our school officials usually lead our school group followed by any interested students. If your son or daughter is interested in attending the Anzac Day march please let Mrs English know by Thursday 4th April. Please be aware that parental supervision is necessary as there will be limited staff supervision. If your son or daughter can be present on the day it would be greatly appreciated.
Students are expected to wear full school uniform, however as a mark of respect we will not be wearing school hats for the purpose of the march.
Thanks for your support.
Susan English

OUR BEAUTIFUL OURIMBAH SCHOOL
Recently the P&C asked parents to write to Wyong Council to prevent the rezoning of our lands. Kelly Peihopa, the mother of Eowyn, Cirdan, Tamati and O’Shea wrote these beautiful words that we would like to share with you.

My name is Kelly Peihopa and I am a parent of 4 children attending Ourimbah Public School. My family moved here in 2008 from Sydney and one of the first things people said to me when we moved to Ourimbah was how fortunate we were to move to Ourimbah as it had a great school with a beautiful rain forest. I was very surprised as I had never seen any of the Central Coasts lush forests before. I felt this was another one of those ‘signs’ that we had made a good choice.
Coming from a school in the middle of suburban Sydney, this was a pleasant and welcomed change.
I love how you walk in the school and you can feel the coolness of the air drop and slowly you feel and smell the rain forest. It is unique and lovely how the stairs to the class rooms are built around the rain forest and when it rains, there are water falls everywhere. The long bridge over frog pond is lovely and you can hear the animals all the time. I remember thinking how healthy this must be for the kids to breath in this cleansing air and to feel the coolness and to see the beauty around - all whilst on a trip to school.
I don't have the attached letter I was supposed to attach. It wouldn't work, so I almost deleted this email entirely until I decided that maybe my words would hit home more than a letter anyhow.
A very special lady I know leads a team of caring volunteers regularly to maintain the rainforest. She has lived in Ourimbah most of her life and attended the school as a child, she now lives next to the school and is dedicated to maintaining the rain forest for the children of today and tomorrow. What she needs is more help and support to make what is already a Central Coast treasure into a permanent haven of life and preserved nature and history.
Please do what every person in this school community wants and look after the interest of the children and their children in preserving what deserves to be kept, but what could all but disappear if it gets into the wrong hands. No amount of development or money would ever, ever compensate and once it is taken, it can never return. Do you really want to be responsible for that - you are making a serious life time decision that will impact generations of people, not to mention destroy a last bit of paradise in our area - something we should be honoring and protecting with all our might.
I hope those of you who are making these decisions for ‘the people’ will take a walk through and see, smell and feel what this precious piece of wonder has to offer. Come see it after it rains, find out about the sacred Aboriginal sites; after all you are a part of our community too and it is for you as well as for us.
I hope and pray you will do the right thing for all of us, I know what that is and I hope you soon can learn what it is too.
Most sincerely,
Kelly Peihopa

STUDENTS STORIES
I love the rainforest at my school. You can see amazing animals that live there. You can hear birds chirping and bush turkeys scratching the leaves.

By Zachary F 3P

We have the most beautiful school. We can hear birds chirping in the rainforest outside our classroom.

By Jack M K/1M (Kindergarten)

In this beautiful rainforest you can hear many different types of birds chirping. The tall trees are a great sign to show that this school is very lucky and environmentally friendly. The leafy ground is hard to walk on but it's an
adventure trying to walk through the RAP trail. The leeches are common, but that's just a part of the rainforest. If you reach a high point in the RAP trail you might be able to see the sun shining through the tall trees. The green moss growing on the rocks feels slippery and smooth unlike the spiky plants and long vines that feel rough and prickly. The broken trees that have fallen over on top of the ponds are another part of the RAP trail that makes it such a beautiful place.

By Lily-Rose H 5/6E

In the rap trail there are lots of birds. Once I saw a tree that had vines wrapped around it. The RAP trail is beautiful and we should protect it.

By Lucas C 1S

SUE DAVIDSON – OUR RAP COORDINATOR

Our beautiful RAP trail and rainforest is extensively nurtured by a special parent Sue Davidson. Sue and her family Warren, Katie, Ella and Will work passionately to make this haven a special place for us all here at Ourimbah to enjoy. We appreciate all your enthusiasm and effort.

Last weekend the Davidsons and two other families gave up their time to assist them with maintenance issues. Thank you to the Worrall family (Nicole, Rhys & Bethany) and the Moore family (Elizabeth & Suzie) who consistently give their support.

We would not have our lovely rainforest without all of you. Thank you.

If you would like to help with the RAP trail working bees, the next one will be on Saturday, 25th May.

MOTHERS’ DAY 2013

It's time once again to show our mums how much we love and appreciate them.

This year our Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Friday 10th May.

All the children at OPS will be able to purchase a gift for their mother, grandmother or other significant female in their family.

Each child will choose a special gift and have it wrapped, all ready to surprise their mum on Mother's Day. We hope to have 500 gifts for the children to choose from. These will range in price from $2 to $10. To do this we need your help.

We are therefore asking that each child donate a gift. Anything you think mum would like.

Some suggestions are:-
- Personal – perfume, scarves, gloves etc
- Bathroom- face washers, hand towels, soaps, face/body/hand creams, hair products, nail polish etc
- Kitchen – recipe books, small dishes, utensils, aprons, tea towels
- Household – picture frames, candles, vases, note pads, pens etc
- Garden – gardening gloves, small gardening tools, solar lights, small pots, seeds, books
- Puzzle Books
- Chocolates and Biscuits

All donations can be left at the office. Only new and unused items please.

If you would like to help on the day, please give Angie Nagle a call on 43621345.

I thank you for your support in this upcoming event.

Angie Nagle
P&C Fundraising

2013/2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books will be available again this year at a cost of $60 each. This book contains vouchers for discounts at many Central Coast and Newcastle restaurants (formal and casual) and local attractions and services.

If you are interested in pre-ordering a book, order forms for the 2013/2014 Entertainment Books are now available at the office.

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.

SESQUICENTENARY UPDATE

A book is currently being produced detailing the 150 year history of Ourimbah Public School. Complete with detailed historical information, documents, photographs and precious recollections, this book will be one to keep for generations to come. It will be printed some time later in the year and there may be a chance to pre-order your
copy in the coming months. So keep an eye out for notifications in the school newsletter soon. Just a reminder there is a Facebook page set up called ‘Ourimbah Public School 150 yr Celebrations 2013’ if you want to ‘Like’ this page you can get updates of the celebrations here. We currently have 264 people on this page exchanging memories and school photos so feel free to have a look.

MEMORABILIA
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
Girls winter tunics and pants will be available by pre order only. Please ensure you place your order no later than Week 10 (next week).

If anyone has any outstanding Layby’s, please collect them ASAP.

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, 28 – HELP
Friday, 29 – GOOD FRIDAY

April
Monday, 1 – EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday, 2 – Jasmine Olzomer
Thursday, 4 – Jane Brooker
Friday, 5 – Julie Hibbens, Angela Shergold
Monday, 8 – Cathy Boylan
Tuesday, 9 – Narelle Smyth, Angela McLachlan
Thursday, 11 – Jane Brooker
Friday, 12 – Lisa Flood, Kelly Peihopa

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAXOPHONE LESSONS
Affordable Saxophone lessons at Narara at a cost of $15 for half an hour. Can arrange to come to you for an extra price. Call Catherine on 0422 293617.

DENTAL CARE
Platinum Dental Care at Erina is currently offering complimentary examinations for all children with our Dental Therapists. Please phone us on (02) 4367 7500 to reserve an appointment.
Central Coast Regional AECG

Invitation

The Central Coast Regional Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) would like to invite Aboriginal community members, school staff and other interested people to attend the re-established meeting of the Gosford Local AECG. The details of the meeting are:

Gosford Local AECG

Date: Wednesday 3rd April 2013

Venue: Ourimbah Public School
121 Pacific Highway, Ourimbah NSW 2258

Time: 4pm – 5:30pm

We would like to see as many people as possible at our info session, your support and attendance would be greatly appreciated.

For further information please contact Ken Westerhall, Department of Education and Communities on 49 043 934 or email Kenneth.westerhall@det.nsw.edu.au

Hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!