**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**Magpie Award System**

Today many of our children were rewarded with a sausage sizzle to celebrate their achievement in gaining 10 Magpie awards for Term 1. The staff, under the leadership of Mr Edwards, has worked hard to fine tune the Magpie system which has operated in our school for many years. The staff believes the system is very successful and appreciate the support our school community gives us.

**Peer Support**

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for becoming Peer Support leaders after an intensive 2 day training program. Thanks to Mrs English, Mrs Brewin and Mr Edwards for coordinating the training. The theme for this year is *Living Positively* and we all look forward to lessons run by our Year 6 leaders next term.

**Sport**

Many of our senior children have been trialling for selection in a variety of Regional sporting teams over the last few weeks. Even if they have not been successful they should be congratulated for giving their best. This is a quality that typifies the sporting teams from Ourimbah Public School.

**Lisarow High School**

We were delighted to be visited by Mr Anthony Angel, the Principal of Lisarow High School on Thursday, 28th March. He came with 3 ex-Ourimbah pupils and spoke to our Year 6 children about the transition from Primary School to High School. Ourimbah is working in partnership with Lisarow HS to make the transition as smooth and as rewarding as possible.

**Staff Development Days**

Just a reminder that the first two days of Term 2, 29th and 30th April, have been set aside as Staff Development Days. The staff will be looking at the adoption of new DATES TO REMEMBER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>EVENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10 April</td>
<td>CANTEEN CLOSED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 April</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting – 7pm in staffroom</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 April</td>
<td>Primary Cross Country</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 April</td>
<td>Last Day of Term 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29 April</td>
<td>Staff Development Day – staff only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30 April</td>
<td>Staff Development Day – staff only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 May</td>
<td>Students Return for Term 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 May</td>
<td>CANTEEN CLOSED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 May</td>
<td>Year 2 Rumbalara Excursion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 May</td>
<td>Sesquicentenary Meeting – 1.30 pm in</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>community room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 May</td>
<td>CANTEEN CLOSED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 May</td>
<td>Year 1 Rumbalara Excursion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 May</td>
<td>Mothers’ Day Stall – donations needed</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please read on for further information regarding the BBQ and the introduction of the Home – School Communication card.

**Dates to Remember**

10 April
- CANTEEN CLOSED
- P&C Meeting – 7pm in staffroom
- Primary Cross Country
- Last Day of Term 1
- Staff Development Day – staff only

12 April
- Last Day of Term 1

29 April
- Staff Development Day – staff only

30 April
- Staff Development Day – staff only

1 May
- Students Return for Term 2
- CANTEEN CLOSED

8 May
- Year 2 Rumbalara Excursion
- Sesquicentenary Meeting – 1.30 pm in community room
- CANTEEN CLOSED

9 May
- Year 1 Rumbalara Excursion

10 May
- Mothers’ Day Stall – donations needed
Australia-wide curriculums in English and Maths, as well as elements of Student Welfare. The children will return to school on Wednesday, 1st May.

This Newsletter is our last for Term 1. I hope everyone has had a rewarding and enjoyable start to the school year. Have a fantastic and safe holiday as we look forward to Term 2.

Until next time,
Tony Formby
Assistant Principal

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR & EFFORT POINTSCORE

Week 9: Winning House – Platypus
Platypus – 33  Koalas – 32
Kangaroos – 29  Emus - 26

Week 10: Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 28.5  Kangaroos – 25
Platypus – 24.5  Emus – 24

Week 11: Winning House – Platypus
Platypus – 27  Koalas – 26
Kangaroos – 25  Emus - 23

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. Thank you to the families who have already paid the contribution.
**MAGPIE REWARD DAY**

Today, many of our children were invited to a sausage sizzle held at school. This was to congratulate all those children who have obtained 10 Magpies this term. This is a fantastic achievement.

As you may be aware the Magpie Reward system has been altered this year. Next term all children start with a clean slate and aim to achieve 10 Magpies in the term. A different reward will be given to those children at the end of next term.

Once again congratulations to all those pupils who have received 10 Magpies this term and the staff encourage all children to work towards 10 Magpies next term.

**K–6 COMMUNICATION CARD TRIAL**

As part of the school’s ongoing review of Student Welfare at Ourimbah Primary School, the ‘Magpie Review Committee’ has looked at ways to improve home – school communication along with consistency of the process from Kindergarten to Year 6.

From the beginning of Term 2 the school will be introducing a communication card to give a brief weekly overview of each student’s behaviour and effort in school throughout the week. The card will go home on the last school day of each week and be returned the first school day of the following week. Both parent and teacher will be required to sign the card at the end of each week.

The card is not intended to replace any current forms of communication between school and home, nor is it meant to be a time consuming task for all involved, it is a practical and easy way for the classroom teacher to inform you about your child’s behaviour and effort on a weekly basis.

More information will be explained on the rear of the card with regard to its purpose and use. Hopefully it will also develop responsibility for the students as they develop the habit of collecting and returning the card each week.

Don’t forget to check your child’s bag when they come home on Friday 3rd May!

Student Welfare Committee

**PEER SUPPORT**

Year 6 spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in training for leadership of the K-6 Peer Support Program which will be implemented in Term 2. The theme for this year’s lessons will be ‘Optimism’. The content will be based on living with a positive attitude. The lessons will develop skills such as resilience, coping, critical thinking and planning.

Year 6 are looking forward to leading the school through this valuable program. Thank you to Mr Brian Fenning who supplied meat for a BBQ for the students to enjoy during their training.

Yr 6 students and teachers

**RAINFOREST ACCESS PROJECT (RAP)**

Are you keen for our rainforest to be more accessible to OPS teachers and our children for learning opportunities? Each Tuesday, from 9 - 10:30 am, a gloved and gum-booted group meets in the rainforest to make this possible. If you are willing to pull weeds, plant seedlings and get a bit grubby, please join us. We are currently working around the Frog Ponds, but check with the office staff for directions. Contact: Elizabeth Moore 0428 537081.

**SENIOR BAND**

There will be NO BAND after school tomorrow, Thursday, 11th April. However, Thursday tutorials will go ahead as normal.

**EASTER RAFFLE DRAW**

Congratulations to all the lucky winners from the Easter raffle. There were so many wonderful prizes.

The following people were the top 10 winners in the raffle:

1st – Logan M Yr 3
2nd – Chloe W Kinder
3rd – Bailey M Yr 3
4th – Brad Lawson
5th – Tyler A Yr 3
6th – Lorna Allwood
7th – Oceanna W Yr 2
8th – Lucy J Yr 3
9th – Brad Lawson
10th – Abbey T Yr 6

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with sorting, wrapping and displaying of the Easter prizes. A special thank you to: Narelle Smythe, Belinda Jacobs, Jane Brooker, Kerrie McDermott, Jasmine Olzomer, Summer Boyton, Lisa Flood and Judy Worth for their coordination and help with the wrapping and running of the Easter raffle. Well done.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Our photos have arrived at school and have been given to all students.

We have also received copies of the School Officials, House Captains and SRC photos; which are on display in the school foyer for viewing and ordering and are priced at $14.00 per photo. Envelopes are available from the office and orders need to be placed by Friday, 24th May.

For all enquiries regarding photos, please phone the School Photographer on 02 9674 9834.
YEAR 6 SHIRTS
The students in Year 6 will be wearing their new shirts on Thursdays for the remainder of the year to celebrate their final year at Ourimbah PS. The shirts look great.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2013
Once again Ourimbah PS will participate in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. It runs from Monday, 8th April until 9th June. Last year we were able to purchase some fantastic Literacy and Numeracy resources which are now being utilised by staff and children. We ask that if you shop at Woolworths that you consider supporting our school by participating in the Earn and Learn program. Many thanks, Mr Scriven & Staff of Ourimbah PS

SPORTS NEWS
CROSS COUNTRY REMINDER
The Primary 3-6 Cross Country will take place this Friday, 12th 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

BRISBANE WATER RUGBY UNION TRIALS
Good luck to Jacob M at this week’s union trials. All the best and go hard.
Mr Edwards

SYDNEY NORTH RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Corey F represented the combined BWPSSA and SCCPSSA at the Sydney North Open Rugby League trials at Wyong. Good luck Corey.

BWPSSA NETBALL TRIALS
Ella W and Maya P will both be trying out for the BWPSSA zone team to attend the Sydney North Netball trials in Term 2. Good luck girls.

SYDNEY NORTH SOCCER TRIALS
Juan P, Luke J and Ethan K will be attending the Sydney North Soccer trials in Sydney tomorrow.
Good luck boys.

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 2.30 pm. 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 assemble at Yates Rd at 2.00 pm in preparation for the march. 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

MOTHERS' DAY 2013
DONATIONS NEEDED URGENTLY
This year our Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Friday 10th May, which is only eight days after the students return from holidays. 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. Please remember to purchase a gift over the holidays and return it to school ASAP.

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
The next meeting for the Sesquicentenary (150 year) celebration will be held on Wednesday, 8th May at 1.30 pm in the community room. All welcome.

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
April
Thursday,11 – Jane Brooker
Friday,12 - Lisa Flood, Kelly Peihopa
Monday, 29 – School Development Day – staff only
Tuesday,30 – School Development Day – staff only
May
Thursday, 2 – Katie Robertson, Lisa Johnston
Friday, 3 – Stephanie & Chee

Monday, 6 – Cathy Boylan
Tuesday, 7 – Belinda Jacobs

P&C Canteen News
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.
Hope you all have a wonderful break. See you next term.
Remember: Treats ONLY on “Treats Tuesday.” Regular recess items NOT available.

COMMUNITY NEWS
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH
WYOMING
Parents, whose children have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Reconciliation and now wish to prepare them for the sacrament of First Eucharist, please note the Parent Information and enrolment sessions will be held on Saturday, 27th April and Saturday, 4th May from 3.30 – 4.30 pm in OLR Church. The preparation sessions will be Saturday, 18th May from 11.00am – 1.00pm or Saturday, 4th May 2-4pm.
The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated Sunday, 2nd June at 11.30 am at OLR Church. Please phone the parish office on 4324 3962 for more information.

P&C MEETING TONIGHT
7pm in staffroom
All welcome

WELCOME TO
OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION 2013
121 Pacific Highway OURIMBAH NSW 2258
Phone {02} 43621033 Fax {02} 43622531
e-mail: ourimbahpandc@yahoo.com.au

GENERAL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 10th April 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. Code of Conduct (forms on table)
   2. Action List (see attached list)
3. School Wish List
4. Online ordering update
5. Interrelate
6. Sesquicentenary
7. P&C Delegates to Federation for Annual Conference

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

Mr Anthony Angel – new Principal from Lisarow High School to meet all of P & C members.

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