‘Communicating with our Caring Community’

Wednesday, 22nd October 2014

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| 24 October | Kinder 2015 Ready, Set, Go Program  
  Group 2 – 9.15 am – 12.00 pm |
| 26 October | RAP Working Bee  
  10 am – 1 pm  
  All welcome |
| 27 October | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| 28 October | Stage 2 Taronga Zoo Excursion |
| 29 October | Yr 2 Swimming – ongoing |
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| 3 November | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| 5 November | Yr 2 Swimming – ongoing |
| 5 November | CANTEEN CLOSED |
| 6 November | Fun-a-thon |
| 7 November | Kinder 2015 Ready, Set, Go Program  
  Group 2 – 9.15 am – 12.00 pm |

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

‘What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us, are tiny matters compared to what lies WITHIN US.’

In Appreciation! It’s A Great School
I have been given a wonderful opportunity over the last week to reacquaint myself with Ourimbah PS as the relieving principal. In the last year my professional journey has enabled me to work in a number of different schools. Every school is different with strengths. I believe this is the overall credibility of public education: diversity and strength while maintaining a commitment to being inclusive.

As a ‘new set of eyes’ I wish to share with you some highlights of Ourimbah PS:

- The students are happy, polite, well-mannered and welcoming.
- The staff are committed, dedicated and enthusiastic.
- The community is supportive and friendly and the school setting is beautiful and well maintained.

We too often take for granted what we have around us. I encourage you all to continue to be proud and positive about your school. The reputation of Ourimbah is well known beyond these school gates as a school of excellence. This becomes very obvious upon visiting. Thank you for all you do for the students of the school for they are the reason we come together!

Ourimbah’s Got Talent…… YES You Have!
The concert last Thursday night showcased some of the talented students in the school. Performing arts is only one of the many avenues schools have to highlight and promote gifted and talented students. An impressive aspect of this concert was the fact that it captured what is happening in the school throughout the year. The groups who performed were established ones and were not created just for a public performance! The concert provided an opportunity to publicly bring together a comprehensive school performing arts program. The range of musical experiences was broad and diverse.
From the response of the audience the efforts of the students was well received. Yes, the students were the STARs and the reason for the success.

The extraordinary efforts of the staff must also be acknowledged. Thank you to:
- Mrs Anderson, Mrs Pasfield, Mrs Alamango (organisers);
- Mrs Alamango (drama); Mrs Anderson, Mrs Pasfield, Miss Adams (choir); Mrs Pasfield (guitar); Mrs Anderson, Miss Sammut, Miss Lievore, Miss Adams (dance); Mr Paul (band); Mrs Vila, Mrs Ward, Mrs Dawson (tickets/enquiries); Mr Miller, Mrs O’Connell, Mrs Bowd, Miss Kimpton, Miss Fuller, Mr Formby, Mr Smith and Mr Rainger (support team).

A special mention also must go to the P&C (Craig, Felicity and Nicole) for their catering expertise!

The benefits coming from staging a concert is multilayered. The most impressive benefit is the increased understanding a student develops about who they are and what potential they have. The promotion a concert gives to the image of a school is also extremely powerful and all this was achieved. Congratulations Ourimbah PS! You indeed have talent in the bucket loads. Enjoy your success as I believe success breeds more success.

Gary Crowther
Principal (relieving)

Yr 6 Mini Fete
Congratulations to Yr 6 on the outstanding success of our Mini Fete. You did a fantastic job. Thank you to all of the students from Kindergarten to Yr 6 for your great behaviour on the day and your support of the Mini Fete. It was a most enjoyable day. Thank you also to the Yr 6 parents for your support, to Mr Edwards, Mr Wilson, Miss Kimpton & Mrs Haydon for your organisation and support, and to Mrs Threlfo, Mr Abbot and the Wyoming Lions Club. See over for more details.

Stranger Danger
Recently two students living in The Entrance and Point Claire areas have been approached by adults, both male and female, who have tried to entice them into their vehicles. One child was on the way home from school, the other was outside their home.

We have been educating the boys and girls about stranger danger. Please follow up at home and talk to your child/children about appropriate strategies to use if approached by a stranger.

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE

**Week 1** – Winning House – Kangaroos
- Kangaroos – 32.5
- Platypus – 30.5
- Koalas – 27
- Emus – 26

**Week 2** – Winning House – Emus
- Emus – 40
- Koalas – 35.5
- Kangaroos – 35
- Platypus – 29.5

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

**Week 2**

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

**Week 2**

**Week 3**

NEW ENROLMENT FORMS

Please return the new enrolment forms that were sent home last week as soon as possible to the office. Make sure you check the information thoroughly and make any changes necessary, especially the highlighted sections.

BOOK CLUB DUE TOMORROW

Issue 7 of Book Club is due back at school tomorrow. Orders can be given to the class teacher or left at the office. Please mark form clearly with name and class. Remember that Christmas is not too far away and we can hold orders at the office if you are purchasing for gifts. Just leave a note on the order with your phone number.

CONCERT

A big congratulations to all the students who performed in the ‘Ourimbah’s Got Talent’ School Concert. Thank you
to all the students and parents involved. It was a great success. The students and teachers worked very hard and should be very proud of themselves. A special thank you to the P&C for the yummy sausage sizzle and to everyone who donated a gold coin. We raised approximately $240 for the school.
The Concert Committee

BUS PASSES FOR YEAR 3 - 2015
The Department of Transport requires a new application form for free travel for students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2015.

Would you please complete the application form that has been sent home and return it to the office as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already returned their forms.

Students are only eligible for free travel if they live outside the 1.6 km radius of the school; this is a rule by the Department of Transport and is implemented for children going into Year 3. All other students receive an automatic bus pass and do not need to reapply. Year 6 students progressing to High School need to complete a form from the High School that they are attending. Students with term passes completed and handed back to school before the end of term 4, should have their passes available at the beginning ofTerm 1, 2015.

ROBOGALS NEWCASTLE
On Friday, 7th November Year 5 & 6 girls will have the opportunity to attend a Robotics Workshop run by students from the University of Newcastle. Robogals is a not-for-profit volunteer organisation that aims to increase female participation in Engineering, Science and Information Technology through fun and engaging educational experiences.
Susan English

STAGE 1 DINOSAUR WORKSHOP
During Week 1 and 2, Stage One students attended Dinosaur Workshops at our school. The students were given opportunities to work like real palaeontologists. They dug for fossils, analysed replica dinosaur bones, used microscopes, learnt about different dinosaurs and participated in many engaging activities. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about dinosaurs and were excited to learn more about the ‘Land Before Time’.
Mrs Pasfield

STAGE 2 TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION
As you are aware, Stage 2 students from 3F, 3/4A, 3/4B, 3/4P and 4S will be visiting Taronga Zoo on Tuesday, 28th October.

ALL NOTES HAVE GONE HOME AND MONEY IS DUE BACK BY THIS THURSDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.
Susan English

YR 7 2016 SELECTIVE HS APPLICATIONS
A note has gone home to all Year 5 students with information regarding the process to apply for a position in a selective high school for 2016.
Applications are online only and must be received by 17th November. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday, 12th March 2015.
For more information, there is an information booklet available at the office.

YEAR 6 MINI FETE
Congratulations to all the hard working entrepreneurs in Year 6 who put so much time and effort into a very successful fete on Friday of week 1. The entire school enjoyed a variety of fun and entertaining stalls whilst raising funds towards end of year activities for Year 6. Congratulations to all prize winners and thank you to all the parents who supported the students of Year 6 with their organisation. A very special thank you must also go to the following people for their time and effort on the day, Mrs Threlfo for working tirelessly on the fairy floss stall, Mr Abbott for his months of tedious craftsmanship and assistance on the day and to Wyoming Lions Club for again donating a volunteer and the fairy floss equipment. Over $1800 was raised, well done.
Gary Edwards, Louise Kimpton and Pauline Haydon
SPORTS NEWS
MILO CRICKET FINALS DAY
On Friday, 2nd September seventeen of our senior students walked to Sohier Park to represent our school at the Central Coast Finals Day for the Milo Cup.

After having received the disappointing news that the original gala day was cancelled, we were offered a wildcard entry into the finals day. We entered one boys’ and one girls’ team and our cricketers played tremendously well. Playing against schools that had won their respective gala days, we always knew it would be a difficult challenge. However, the boys won two of their four matches and the girls won three of their four matches, very nearly qualifying for the State Final at the SCG!

Each player represented our school with a wonderful attitude and high level of sportsmanship. They should be very proud of themselves.

Thanks to Mr Wright, who coached our boys’ team to a couple of cracking victories, also to the parents who were able to come along and show their support throughout the day.

Mr Wilson

UNIVERSITY OF NSW MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
The following results are most pleasing and once again we congratulate all those students who participated. We received 7 distinctions, 7 credits, 6 merits and 27 participation certificates.

Congratulations to our students

**Distinction:**
- Year 3: Jane K, Blake W
- Year 4: Ella W, Savannah W, Timothy J
- Year 6: Ian D, Bradley W

**Credit:**
- Year 3: Brian K, Corey S, Maja H
- Year 5: Ebony W, Wesley T
- Year 6: Conner W, Madeline F

**Merit:**
- Year 3: Caleb L, Murray H
- Year 4: Callum S, Caitlin Mc
- Year 5: Kimberley H
- Year 6: Harrison W

Linda Bowd

TERM 3 PD/H/PE HOMEWORK WINNERS
Thank you to all the families who completed last term’s PD/H/PE homework task. All students who returned their completed task notes were placed in a draw for the chance to win a book prize.

Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Early Stake 1 - Melody W KS
Early Stake 1 – Myah A 1L
Stage 2 - Charlotte Mc 2/3F
Stage 3 - Kimberley H 5/6E
The Term 4 PD/H/PE tasks will be sent home this week.
Gary Edwards

Melody W KS

FUN-A-THON
It’s that time again! The Year 6 Leadership Group and the SRC will be organising a Fun-a-thon. Time to keep fit and support our PD/H/PE healthy lifestyle initiative.

The Fun-a-thon will be held on Thursday, 6th November in the school grounds.

A sponsorship form will be sent home shortly. It is very important that students understand how to stay safe when collecting sponsors.

Some friendly reminder do’s and don’ts:

✓ Do ask mum and dads permission.
✓ Do show your sponsorship form to sponsors.
✓ Do collect money and keep safe before the Fun-a-thon.
X Don’t go door knocking.
X Don’t ask people you don’t know.
X Don’t pester people if they don’t want to sponsor you.

There will be some fantastic prizes from Rebel Sport. All students who bring in their completed sponsorship form with money by Monday, 17th November will receive a ticket into the draw.

Tom Scriven and Karen Sammut

POWER RANGERS
The Power Rangers have been busy monitoring energy efficiency of classes at recess and lunch times.

Congratulations to 5/6E, the winner of last fortnights ‘Power Rangers Award’.

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY
Students have continued to take part in Waste Free Wednesdays each week. Students and staff have been encouraged to bring recess and lunch to school with either no packaging or recyclable packaging each Wednesday. The aim of this project is to decrease the amount of rubbish in the school and to increase the school community’s awareness about caring for the environment.

Examples of a waste free lunch box include bringing recess and lunch in containers that can be taken home (as opposed to plastic cling wrap), bringing pieces of fruit instead of pre-packaged food and bringing reusable drink bottles.

LIBRARY NEWS
Library borrowing will finish next week. Stocktake will begin in Week 7 so all books need to be returned by Thursday, 6th November.

Chris Mastello

FAMILY FUN R.A.P WORKING BEE THIS SUNDAY
We would like just a few hours of your time to help maintain our school frog pond environment. We will be planting along the bank of the pond and weeding the area. Bring your family along on Sunday, 26 October from 10 am till about 1 pm. Everyone is welcome! Just bring sturdy shoes, sensible sun safe clothes, hat, water, snacks and a smile. Some light refreshments will be available. Please access the school via the teachers car park or the Pacific Hwy gate. Please meet us under the main COLA at 10 am. We look forward to seeing you there. RAP co-ordinators Liz Moore and Nicole Worrall (Enquiries: call Nicole on 0431 540 633)

OURIMBAH AFTER SCHOOL AUSKICK
AFL Auskick will be holding Auskick tuition and activities at Ourimbah Public School on Monday afternoons from 27th October – 1st December (inclusive) from 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm for children aged 5-12. The cost is $50 for the 6 week program. For more information contact Samuel Shergold on 0466 343 118 or to register and pay online visit aflauskick.com.au.

STUDENT BANKING COMPETITION
BLUE GUM CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome to the warmer weather and the joys of fruits and vegetables on these sunny days. As you can see by the new menu we have revamped our wraps, salads and fruits. Come and enjoy our term 4 specials box.

MELON MAYHEM FRUIT SALAD
LITE MILK - CHOC/STRAWBERRY
$4.50

We will also be keeping a range of frozen fruits for 50c a piece. A fun alternative for cooling down at lunchtime.

Thank you to the two new ladies who have kindly offered to help in the canteen. Our volunteer numbers are low at the moment due to people taking up work. If you could lend a hand in this busy term 4 please email me at ourimbahcanteen@gmail.com

Did you know that our slushie machine is made on Apple juice? It is not a coke slushie even though your children call it that. It is actually fruit burst flavour and is coloured brown.

Online ordering is up and running through Flexischools!!! In a cashless society I am hoping this will make your life a lot easier when ordering from the canteen. Don't forget we can take care of Crunch and Sip for you as well if you need us too.

LEGO MEAL DEAL DAY - Friday, 14th November 2014. Keep an eye out for the menu which was sent home this week. Orders need to be returned by Friday, 7th November.

Upcoming roster:
23.10.14- Leila, Kathy
24.10.14- Kim, Claire, Jordy, Judy
28.10.14- Kirsti, Jennifer
30.10.14- Lesley, volunteer needed.
31.10.14- Jamie-lee, volunteer needed x2
4.11.14- Danielle

Elise Blomfield
Canteen Supervisor

UNIFORM SHOP
Operating Hours – Mondays & Thursdays
The opening hours for the uniform shop are as follows:
Mondays 8.30 am - 9.30 am
Thursdays 2.30 pm - 3.00 pm

School hats can be purchased from the canteen on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays at a cost of $15.00 each. Don't forget uniforms can be ordered online using Flexischools and will be delivered to students to take home.

UNIFORMS – LOWES TUGGERAH
Just a reminder that Lowes at Tuggerah also sell Ourimbah Public School uniforms. When uniforms are purchased from Lowes a commission is returned to the school. A 2015 Lowes price list has been sent home for your convenience.

COMMUNITY NEWS
KIDS DAY OUT
Kids Day Out will be held on Sunday, 2nd November at Kariong High School. Brochures went home yesterday with full information.

NIAGARA PARK PS FETE
Where: Niagara Park Public School
When: Sunday, 26th October
Time: 10 am – 3 pm

OURIMBAH COMMUNITY MASTERPLAN – WSC
A new Ourimbah Masterplan and Land Use Review is now being developed by Wyong Shire Council. A representative from the Council has been in to the school to advise us that they would like feedback from the community on the Masterplan for Ourimbah. If you would like to have some input in the Masterplan for Ourimbah please go to the council website and fill in the survey at www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay-ourimbah
The survey closes on 15th November 2014. There are also a small number of flyers at the school office with more information.

MUNEN MUSO – OURIMBAH HALL
Sensei Ty Blanch (2nd Dan) has karate and self defence classes running in the school hall on Mondays and Thursdays between 6pm and 7pm. Munen Muso is a Central Coast martial arts style that incorporates different types of karate, kick boxing, self defence and fitness. The classes are excellent for children 10 years and over and adults who would like to learn discipline, respect and goal oriented martial arts in a fun environment with qualified teachers. Whether you are looking for a way to learn something new and get fit at the same time, or if you would like to get your black belt, we can help you achieve your dreams! Classes cost $15 and there is an enrolment fee of $50 which includes your uniform and belt. Please call Sensei Ty at any time on (0421) 645 961 for more details or to make a time to join our school.

OURIMBAH SURGERY
Ourimbah Surgery is open to new patients! Dr Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to announce they are now taking new patients. We bulk bill all Health Care cardholders, pensioners and children aged 16 years and under. For enquiries and appointments please call 4362 3162. Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming you and your families to our practice.

CAR BOOT SALE
Where: Adelene Village Garage/Car Boot Sale When: Saturday, 25th October Time: 9 am – 12 noon Contact no: 4325 3693

POLICE TALK
One of the areas that is becoming increasingly problematic for our students and families is the improper use of the internet and Social Media. A Parent Forum will be held on Thursday, 6th November at 6:30 pm in the Niagara Park School Hall. The information delivered by Senior Constable Jaime Tommerup (Police Youth Liaison Officer at Gosford Police Station) will be a brief overview of current apps that can cause issues between young children in our local area, in addition to what you can do as a parent to protect and supervise your children while online. This is a great opportunity for parents to be proactive, and gain an insight into what may be coming in future years. If you would like to RSVP to the event or would like any additional information, please contact Joanna Henderson at joanna.ratcliffe-cully@det.nsw.edu.au or contact the school office.
Pink Ribbon Market Night
(All funds raised by the centre will be donated to the cause)
Friday 24th October 2014
5pm – 8.30pm
The Learning Haven Childcare
2 Robert Holl Dr
Ourimbah
Sausage sizzle from 5pm
All Welcome
Interested in holding a stall? Cost is $15 (donated to cause)
Email lisa@learninghaven.com.au
Or call 43622441