Wednesday, 8th October 2014

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Welcome Back
I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and that the students have returned to school feeling reenergised and eager to learn. It promises to be another great term of teaching and learning at OPS. Term four is a very busy term, starting this week with the Yr 6 Mini Fete on Friday. We are looking forward to a day of enjoyable activities and much fun. The day has been organised by our Yr 6 students who are keen to make it a great success.

Yr 4 Camp
Congratulations to our Yr 4 students, on your excellent behaviour whilst away at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. The school received a wonderful email confirming your excellent behaviour at camp and they said that you were a credit to our school. Well done, boys and girls. Thank you to Mrs Price for organising the excursion, also to Mr Annabel and Mr Smith for accompanying the students for the three days. See over for further excursion details.

‘How BEAUTIFUL a day can be when KINDNESS touches it.’
Yr 5 & 6 Excursion
Congratulations also to our Yr 5 & Yr 6 students who represented our wonderful school with much pride on their recent excursion in Sydney. Their behaviour was outstanding and they were a credit to our school. Thank you to Mrs English and Mrs Wakelin for organising the excursion, also to Mr Wilson, Mrs Haydon, Mr Whitehouse and Miss Kimpton for accompanying the students on the day. See over for further excursion details.

Public Speaking Competition
The Public Speaking Competition organised by Mrs Bowd is a credit to our school. The visiting judge, Mrs Carol Hansen and her Year 12 students thought that our students spoke exceptionally well, were well prepared and presented themselves in an exemplary way. They were also most impressed with the excellent behaviour and focus of the students in the audience. They said the students were a credit to OPS and our wonderful staff.

Juniors
Dylan M – 1st (centre), Trinity B – 2nd (right) & Oliver B – 3rd (left)

Seniors
Eowyn P – 1st (left), Kane L – 2nd (right) & Kira C – 3rd (centre)

Valley Schools’ Leadership Presentation Night
The Valley Schools’ Leadership Presentation Night is being held on Wednesday, 22nd October. Our Student Leadership Team will present their special project to the other Valley Schools. The Junior Dance group has also been invited to perform on the evening. See over for further excursion details.

Staff News
Congratulations to Miss Clulow who has been promoted to the position of Senior Education Officer 1 - Aboriginal Education & Student Engagement. Miss Clulow will remain with us until the end of the year and take up her new position in District Office in 2015.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Wakelin who are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl. Also, congratulations to Mr & Mrs Miranda who are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy.

Mr Annabel will be on leave for most of the term, returning for the last two weeks. He will be replaced by Mrs Tina McLean. Both teachers have spent time discussing 3/4A’s teaching and learning program to ensure program continuity and a smooth transition for the class.

Welcome back to Mrs McMurtie who will be on KMB on Mondays & Tuesdays. Mrs Brewin is still on leave and will return at the beginning of week three. She is being replaced by Mrs Kenny on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Congratulations to Mrs Tricia Bradney who was chosen by Merit Selection to fulfil our fourth Assistant Principals position. Mrs Bradney is from Blue Haven Primary School and will take up the position in 2015. The position was highly contested, with a strong field of candidates. Thank you to Mrs Worth, our parent representative, Mr Formby, the Director’s representative and Mrs O’Connell, our staff representative on the Merit Selection Panel.

I will be away for most of next week and Mr Gary Crowther will be relieving in my position. Gary has already spent some time at our school during term 4 last year and he is familiar with our school community. Please make him feel welcome.

Blue Gum Art Show, Markets & RAP Trail Celebrations
Congratulations to Cat Soper, Judy Worth & the P&C for the great job done organising the art show, markets and RAP trail tours. Much work went into the planning and organisation of this special day. Many thanks to everyone who helped out on the day and also to everyone who
came along and supported the fundraiser. The day was another fine example of the high level of support provided by our P&C and our local community.

P&C Meeting
Our P&C Meeting is on tonight, starting at 7 pm. Hope to see you all there.

Planning for 2015
We have commenced our planning and organisation for 2015. If you know that your child/ren won’t be attending our school in 2015, with the exception of Yr 6 students, could you please inform the office. Similarly, if you are aware of any students moving into our area who will be attending our school in 2015, please ask the families to make contact with the school.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal

STAGE 3 SYDNEY EXCURSION
On Monday, 15th September Stage 3 ventured to Sydney to visit the NSW Parliament House and the Australian Museum.

Whilst at Parliament House, the students participated in role play situations, focusing on civics and citizenship education. They had the opportunity to learn about the procedures of Parliament and processes of democracy within the Australian Federal System.

During the self-guided visit to the Australian Museum, students were able to explore the following exhibitions: The Indigenous Australians, Surviving Australia, Skeletons’ Gallery, Dinosaurs, Birds, Search and Discover and More Than Insects.

A wonderfully, informative day was had by all, with all students displaying impressive and courteous behaviour. Well done, boys and girls.

Susan English

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE
Week 9 - Winning House – Kangaroos
Kangaroos – 40.5  Platypus – 37.5
Emus – 37  Koalas – 35

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

NEW ENROLMENT FORMS
Over the next week we will send home a copy of the Department of Education & Communities new enrolment form with every student. These forms will have ghosted information printed in them based on the information you have supplied in the past.

Please review all of the enrolment form, make any changes necessary and most importantly add any additional information that is now required by the Department (these areas have been highlighted). Please return to the office as soon as possible.

We understand this may be an inconvenience, however the new information is necessary and signatures are required in regard to permission to publish.

NITBUSTERS DAY – Volunteers needed
Nitbusters Day will be held on Tuesday, 21st October (Week 3) between 9 am and approximately 12.30 pm.

Last term we had a wonderful group of volunteers able to help on the Tuesday and we hope they will continue to support this program and will be available to help again. New volunteers are always welcome. Morning tea is supplied.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
Year 4 attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp on the last three days of Term Three. Thank you to all of the children for their participation and beautiful behaviour whilst away. Special thanks to the parents for funding this great experience.
Student recollections
The Great Aussie Bush was so much fun! I think all the 2014 Year 4’s would agree. The food was nice, the instructors were great and the activities were awesome! One of the kids favourite activities was the new ‘Giant Swing’. As the motto says, Great Aussie Bush Camp was too much fun!
Savannah W 4/5S

On the last week of term my Year 4 group went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. We did a lot of fun things, including the flying fox, high ropes and more. My favourite one was the giant swing. It was so much fun and very high. We also went to bushcraft where we made shelters and damper. I had the time of my life and I think everyone else did too.
Hannah E 3/4A

I loved the camp and I wish I could have stayed longer. I really enjoyed it. My favourite activity at camp was the Country Fair. My group of friends did the milkshake bar. I also enjoyed archery, bushcraft and the dual flying fox. The scariest activity was the giant swing. I did not go on it but I did get strapped in and harnessed onto the swing. At night time we got to watch a movie and we got to have chocolate milk and two cookies. We also got to sing campfire songs when we were going to an activity. We had a BBQ one night. I found the high ropes were quite hard so I did not do the whole thing. Our class really enjoyed the camp and we shared our experiences with our Year 3 students. They are looking forward to the camp next year.
Bethany W 3/4B

At the Great Aussie Bush Camp we did lots of activities, such as bushcraft, high ropes, the dual flying fox, initiatives and the one and only best activity…… the giant swing.
The instructors were wonderful and helped us throughout camp. They provided food and drinks for us. So thanks very much Weapon and Lisa.
I had a fantastic time at camp and I hope that Year 3 can enjoy it as much as I did.
Thanks very much teachers for taking us,
Dylan M 3/4P

AN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
Each year many Year 6 students from local primary schools sit for a test to gain admission to Selective High Schools. This year three of our fine students, Connor W, Ian J and Jason J were successful in obtaining positions for 2015 at Gosford Selective High School.

These boys have a thirst for knowledge and a passion to learn and we would like to congratulate them on their well-earned success.
Congratulations boys, we are proud of you!

LEADERSHIP GROUP PRESENTATION
On Wednesday, 22nd October the Valley Schools’ Learning Community will be holding the Leadership Forum Presentation at Niagara Park Public School. At this presentation, the student leaders from Ourimbah Public School will be presenting their leadership projects. Students involved in the Leadership Group are Madeline F, Harrison W, Ben M, Lisa D, Riley F, Georgia M, Sarah F, Justin B, Dean H, Toby F, Connor W and Lily B. To complement their presentation, each school will have a number of students performing. We have nominated the Year 4 Dance Group to perform. The evening begins at 7.00 pm and should conclude by 8.30 pm.
The Leadership Group has been selling Illuminated Water Bottles during lunch to raise money for their project. They will begin selling these again from Monday, 13th October.
Tom Scriven, Karen Sammut and Jessica Brewin

VR 2 DINOSAUR WORKSHOP – NEW DATE
Due to unforeseen circumstances the Year 2 Dinosaur Workshop has been changed to next Monday, 13th October. All other information remains the same as on the note.

OURIMBAH’S GOT TALENT CONCERT
Our ‘Ourimbah’s Got Talent’ extravaganza is fast approaching. Just a reminder to ticket holders that the concert will be held in Week 2, Thursday 16th October 2014.
The P&C will be organising a Sausage Sizzle prior to the show from 5 pm and the performance will commence at 6 pm.
Remember even though you have tickets there are no seat allocations on the night. Make sure you arrive on time to ensure you reserve a seat of your choice. Please be aware there are no more seats available. The concert is sold out.
Our performing groups have been practising very hard and are excited about showcase their talents.
We look forward to seeing you there.
The Concert Committee

WRITING WORKSHOP
At the end of last term a number of our gifted Stage 2 writers were involved in a Writing Workshop with one of our parents, Karen Wood. Karen is a well-known author of books for young people and she very generously gave
up her time to work with our children. The feedback from the students was very positive. They enjoyed sharing their finished pieces of work with each other and, hopefully, learned some new skills along the way. Once again many thanks Karen and well done students.

Tony Formby
Assistant Principal

Student recollection
On Friday, 12th September author Karen Wood visited Ourimbah Public School. She held a writing workshop, where the children learnt what it would be like to be an author. They had to use old book covers to inspire them. At the end, Mr Miller took a photo of all the students. I think the writing workshop went well.

Charlotte M 2/3F

YEAR 6 MINI FETE – attention Yr 6
Year 6 ONLY is to wear mufti clothing on Friday for the Mini Fete.

All Year 6 students are to contribute a cake, slice or biscuit (cut into single serves) for Friday’s Yr 6 Mini Fete. Thank you to all parents in advance.

YEAR 6 MINI FETE – for all students
The Year 6 Mini Fete will be held this Friday, 10th October in the school grounds. Each class will attend the Mini Fete for approximately one hour.

The Year 6 students have been working very hard, planning and organising their stalls and they are looking forward to the support of our other students in making the Mini Fete a great success. Proceeds from the Mini Fete will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and other associated activities at the end of the year.

The students will be able to purchase tickets on the morning of the Fete and/or during their Fete time slot from Year 6 students and staff outside the office. No money will be exchanged at the stalls, each stall’s pricing is an amount of tickets, each ticket will be worth 50c. Students will then use these tickets to purchase items from the stalls or to participate in the activities provided by the Year 6 students. If possible, we ask that children bring their money to spend at the Fete in coins rather than notes to assist in the giving of change. The children, in the past, have brought no more than $20 to spend.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful day and thank you in anticipation for your support.

Gary Edwards, Dean Wilson and Louise Kimpton
Year 6 Teachers

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS
Congratulations to the following students who participated in our public speaking finals:

Juniors:
Dylan M, Erica W, Trinity B, Oliver B, Savannah W, Mateah G, Caleb L, Charlotte M

Seniors:
Riley F, Kane L, Kate M, Aiden McL, Kira C, Eowyn P, Aiden McG, Lisa D

It was a wonderful effort from our students, particularly the juniors, who delivered their topics very confidently. The seniors were also impressive and did a good job when presenting their impromptu speeches. The results were as follows:

Juniors
1st – Dylan M
2nd – Trinity B
3rd – Oliver B

Seniors:
1st – Eowyn P
2nd – Kane L
3rd – Kira C

A very big thank you to Ms Carole Hansen, English Teacher from Narara Valley High School and her year 11 students: Laura Dundas, Lillian Kidd and Eloisa Justa for being our judges on the day. They were very impressed with the quality of the speeches.

Linda Bowd

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ENGLISH COMPETITION
The results are back and once again our students have made us proud. We received 1 high distinction, 5 distinctions, 16 credits, 3 merits and 17 participation certificates.

Congratulations to our students.
High Distinction:
Year 4: Savannah W

Distinction:
Year 3: Layla C
Year 4: Ella W
Year 6: Connor W, Ian D, Jason D

Credit:
Year 4: Caitlin Mc, Annabel D
Year 5: Ebony W
Year 6: Bradley W

Merit:
Year 3: Hamish C, Caleb L
Year 4: Ethan G

These results have been most pleasing.
Linda Bowd

SPORTS MUFTI DAY
Well done to all the students who donated a gold coin on our Sports Mufti Day. A total of $443.70 was raised to go towards projects being run by the Leadership Team.

CAPA WORKSHOP
Mrs Rogers held an enrichment workshop for Year 1 at the end of last term. Class teachers selected enthusiastic and creative children to participate. They made a mixed media artwork using the techniques of marbling, printmaking and collage. The art was an underwater scene with a cheeky puffer fish blowing bubbles. All the children loved marbling the background. Heidi enjoyed the different styles and Daetin said it was cool and lots of fun.

RAP WORKING BEE
School rainforest and frog ponds need your help! Thank you to all of you who walked up to see the animal talks and enjoy a guided walk through the school RAP (Rainforest Access Project) Trail after seeing the art show and markets last term. Are you interested in helping maintain our school rainforest and frog pond environments? Then we hope you can come along with your family or friends for a fun RAP working bee on Sunday, 26 October from 10am till about 1pm. Everyone is welcome but we do require enough adult helpers to safely supervise our keen and helpful children and to do some big jobs on this busy day. We look forward to seeing you there.

RAP co-ordinators Liz Moore and Nicole Worrall (Enquiries: call Nicole on 0431 540 633)

BLUE GUM ART SHOW & MARKET DAY
Our local artist and life time P&C member Cat Soper again did a superb job of organising the Blue Gum Art Show. It was a thrill for the budding young artists of our school to have their work on display in a ‘real’ art show and also inspiring to view the work of many other talented artists. Some of you may not know that it was Cat who transformed the ugly grey brick basement near the canteen into the beautiful rainforest scene it is today. Thank you to Cat and her supportive family for all you do for OPS.

This year Judy Worth (another irreplaceable P&C member) organised a Market Day to support the Art Show, which was also very successful. The P&C ran a BBQ with the Bettison family at the helm which catered for the hungry crowds. A mouth-watering display of cakes, slices and pastries lured many to the Cake Stall also organised by the P&C and Leanne Diggle and Kylie Brooks. 45 other stall holders joined in to make the day fun and successful. Thank you to Judy and all the helpers (too many to mention by name) who gave up their time and effort to support this special day which raised approximately $3000 for our school. Well done everyone!
Kathy Price

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Our Voluntary Contributions for this year have been set at $44.00 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 for those who have not yet paid, can be made on money collection days, which are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and can be paid at the office or sent to the class teacher.
THANK YOU TO ALL FOR MAKING OUR 4th BLUE GUM ART SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS!

Firstly I’d like to thank ALL our talented artists, young and old, for choosing to exhibit artwork in our beautiful hall. The showcase of talent was outstanding. To our K-6 artists, thank you for taking the time to produce such beautiful artworks. You should all be very proud of your amazing talents. Congratulations to those of you lucky enough to sell your artworks. A huge thank you goes out to the wonderful staff in the office for your time, our fabulous P&C and to our volunteers including Mrs Darrelyn Ward, Mrs Kathy Price and Virginia Donovan for helping to put together a superb art show and thanks to Mr John Hagley and family who helped dismantle the heavy art screens and pack them back into a trailer. This art show comes together with help from only a few volunteers of which I am truly grateful.

I would also like to thank the many people and local businesses who donated prizes for our raffles, including Albina Enberg, who donates exquisite floral arrangements every year, Christies Framing Tuggerah, John Ralph’s Camera House Erina, Budget Lawns Plus Ourimbah, Chapmans Quality Fruit Wyoming and Mohr Indian Restaurant Ourimbah for generous vouchers and donations. Thanks to Ourimbah Newsagency and CoastFm963 for advertising year after year. A BIG thank you goes out to Belinda Jacobs for her smiling face selling raffle tickets and handling the art show’s finances ALL DAY! Also thank you to Connor and Savannah W who donated their time on the day to play beautiful music to entertain us all. We asked all visitors to vote for their favourite artwork and the winner of the People’s Choice Award went to Mago Lee for her stunning colour pencil artwork ‘Hunter Valley Gardens’. Winner of the K-6 People’s Choice Award went to Hannah Bolton for her acrylic artwork on cardboard ‘Branches in the Deep’. Congratulations to you both. Well done! Congratulations to all our raffle winners too! This year’s art show was such an exciting event alongside the markets so I’m sure that the next one will no doubt be even bigger! I personally thank every one of you and especially my family who year after year help set up and dismantle it all.

Cat Soper

BLUE GUM CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to an exciting term. This term we will be having a themed Meal Deal in Week 5. The theme will be ‘LEGO’.

Please look out for the order form as it will be a great day to be a part of.

After the Meal Deal is done and dusted we will move on to some Christmas fun. We look forward to sharing these great days with you.

Many of our volunteers have picked up work and we are now low on help. Please consider coming along to the canteen and joining our team. You can phone the office or email me at ourimbahcanteen@gmail.com.

Have you checked out our Facebook page? Ourimbah P.S. Canteen

ONLINE ORDERING IS NOW UP AND RUNNING. Head to flexischools.com.au, register your family and you will be ready to go. There will be ongoing specials happening online so pop on and take a look!

We have changed milk vendors and our flavoured lite milk will now be a tetra pack in chocolate or strawberry. This is still a great option for little hands to hold and easy to manage. We also have milkshakes available at recess and lunch. The flavours are chocolate, strawberry, caramel or vanilla. The cost is $2.00 each.

Upcoming roster:
7.10.14- Judy, Danielle
9.10.14- Victoria until 12, Jamie-Lee, Kathy
10.10.14- Kelly, Dewi
14.10.14- Jennifer, Lorraine
16.10.14- Lesley, Lisa J
17.10.14- Stephanie, Chee
21.10.14- Danielle, Albina

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.

Elise Blomfield
Canteen Supervisor

P&C MEETING TONIGHT
7 pm in staffroom
All welcome
See agenda on next page
COMMUNITY NEWS
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.

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Kate Sinclair 0418 612 806

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All ages and standards welcome.
Junior Competitions.
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For more information call Angela Nagle on 0402021159

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