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‘Communicating with our Caring Community’

Wednesday, 5th November 2014

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“Attitude is the minds paintbrush, it can colour any situation.”

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Our 2015 School Officials

Congratulations to our newly elected School Officials for 2015. Our School Captains are Vanessa Bouffier and Keegan Ropoama. The Vice Captains are Teagan Mullee and Aiden McGonigal. Our Prefects are Eowyn Peihopa and Jarmaine Tinapay.

Thank you to all of the boys and girls who stood for election. We are looking forward to working with our new Leadership Team in 2015.

Many thanks to our current Leadership Team who have done a great job throughout 2014.
Great School
Many thanks to those of you who took the time to fill in our online evaluation survey, we appreciate your feedback and support. The surveys confirm that Ourimbah is a great school. We will use the data collected from the surveys to assist us with future planning and the development of our 2015-2017 School Plan.

Great Canteen
Congratulations to Elise Blomfield and everyone who volunteers in the canteen, on a mighty fine job in winning one of the Central Coast Healthy School Canteen Awards. Elise and her team do an outstanding job, well done.

Supportive P&C
A BIG thank you to our amazing P&C for their fundraising work and ongoing support of the school. Thank you also to each and every one of you who have contributed to their fundraising which has culminated in a $20,000 donation to the school to upgrade our technology program.

Parent Helpers & Volunteers Morning Tea
We would like to acknowledge the support offered by our school community and invite our parent helpers and volunteers in to have morning tea with us on Thursday, 4th December at 11 am. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of staff who provide the morning tea.

Year 6 Maths Challenge
Ten of our high achieving Year 6 mathematics students are competing in the Valley Schools’ Survivor Maths Challenge, including Bradley W, Connor W, Ian J, Jason J, Maddy F, Mitchell J, Daisharn M, Jayden N, Jaxon F and Jackson W. The challenge involves weekly video conferences and working together as a team to, ‘Crack the Code’ in order to solve complex mathematical problems. The challenge is quite innovative, being modelled on the ‘Survivor’ concept where teams can be voted off the Valley Schools’ mathematical island. Good luck to all of the students involved. Thank you to Mr Miller for organising this and supporting the team.

Fun-a-thon
The boys and girls had lots of fun, at our Fun-a-thon, raising money for our Leadership Teams environmental project. It was great to see the whole school supporting this very worthwhile initiative. To date, we have raised approximately $4,500. If you haven’t already returned your sponsorship money, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to Mr Scriven and Miss Sammut for organising the Fun-a-thon.

Band News
Our Blue Gum Flats Band performed at Wyee Primary School on Tuesday. They did a great job and are to be congratulated on their performance. Thank you to Mrs Pasfield, Mr Paul and the parents for accompanying the boys and girls.

Congratulations Gracie
Gracie G in 3/4P has had her art work chosen by the Executive Director for a Christmas e card. Gracie’s art work was chosen from state wide entries in the Operation Art Competition. Well done, Gracie.

ROBO Girls
Our Yr 6 girls participated in an excellent Robotics Workshop run by Newcastle University. They learnt about computer programming to make robotic devices move.

Early Arrivals
Some parents appear to have forgotten that students are not allowed at school before 8.25 am of a morning when teachers are on duty. This week one of our students was at school long before school starts. By 8 am another 20 students had arrived. This practice seriously compromises student safety. Please do not send your child to school before supervision commences at 8.25 am.

If you need to drop your children off early, our school offers an excellent out of school hours care program that is available between 6.30 am & 9 am in the morning, then again between 2.45 pm & 6.30 pm in the evening. To use this service, phone 1300 105 343 or simply register online at www.campaustralia.com.au. After you have registered, you can contact Christine directly on 0411 298 219. Emergency bookings can also be made on this number.

The Perfect Present
Last week I received two glowing letters of appreciation that I passed on to the relevant members of staff. As a teacher, there is nothing more rewarding than receiving a ‘Thank You’ letter from a satisfied parent or student. As a school Principal, I love receiving letters and emails, hearing about how fantastic our teachers are or about the good deeds they have done. When it comes to school excursions which involve a lot of extra work for staff, a simple ‘Thank You’ goes a long way.

School Disco
The School Disco is on tonight, please see inside for details.

Classes for 2014
Shortly we will begin forming anticipated classes for 2015. Although parents cannot request specific teachers, you can outline aspects of your child’s development that may need special consideration. Please contact the Assistant Principal who is responsible for your child’s grade, either personally or in writing, if you wish to discuss your child’s class placement for 2015. The Assistant Principals are:
- Mr Formby - Kindergarten, Yr 1 & 2
- Mrs Bowd - Yr 3 & 4
- Mrs English - Yr 5 & 6

Are You Leaving Us?
Our ability to form 2015 classes is completely dependent on knowing the exact number of students we will have at our wonderful school in 2015. We understand that some families may be moving away from our school community and we will be sad to see you go. If this is the case, could you please advise us immediately, by phoning the office on 4362 1033 or sending a note in addressed to me. Even if you’re unsure about moving, we would appreciate it if you could let us know that you are considering this option. We are currently looking at forming classes for 2015 and we need exact student numbers. When student numbers are close to allowing the formation of a new class and offer of a teaching position, it can sometimes come down to as little as only one student. If you are leaving or considering leaving, I would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE
Week 5 – Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 25.5  Emus – 21.5
Platypus – 20  Kangaroos – 19

Week 6 – Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 38.5  Kangaroos – 31.5
Emus – 30.5  Platypus – 23

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2


CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6
NEW ENROLMENT FORMS
A second copy of the new enrolment form has been sent home to families who did not return the first copy. Please return the form to the office as soon as possible with any updated information or changes.

Please note that it is essential that you fill in the highlighted areas of the form, especially the Permission to Publish section. Any forms not returned this time will mean that the students will not be able to have their photos taken or published in newsletters, website, etc.

BOOK CLUB
The final Book Club for 2014 is due back at school tomorrow, Thursday, 27th November. Please mark orders clearly with child’s name and class. Remember that orders can be picked up from the office if they are for Christmas presents, but don’t forget to write a note to remind us.

5/6D & 3/4B ASSEMBLY
5/6D will be conducting the Primary Assembly next Wednesday, 26th November in the school hall at 12.15 pm. Classes 5/6D and 3/4B will each be presenting an item. Parents and caregivers of both classes are warmly invited to attend.

P&C DISCO
The P&C Disco will be held TONIGHT. The theme for this disco will be ‘OPS – Orange, Purple & Silver’.

K-2
Time: 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Cost: $6.00 (includes drink & chips)

Yrs 3-6
Time: 6.45 pm – 8.15 pm
Cost: $4.00 entry (drinks & chips for sale)

Whilst refreshments and chips will be available to purchase during the 3-6 grade disco, it would be appreciated if you only give your child/children the amount you want them to spend. There will be a number of drinks available on the night, these include: juice, water, various soft drinks (no Coke) and Glee carbonated drinks. Drink prices have changed slightly and are as follows:

- Juice, Water and Soft drinks are $1.00
- Glee carbonated drinks are $2.00
- Chips will remain at $1.00 per packet.

Parents are encouraged to discuss healthy choices and moderation with their children prior to the disco.

‘OURIMBAH’S GOT TALENT’ QUEST
Boys and girls it is that time of year again where we would love to see all of your talents. Please start practising at home ready for auditions which will be held during class time over the next few weeks. Your talent may be singing, dancing, drama, ball skills, magic, etc. Have fun and good luck!

ROBOGALS NEWCASTLE
On Friday, 7th November Stage 3 girls had the opportunity to participate in a Robotics Workshop. Robogals is a student-run organisation from the University of Newcastle, which aims to increase female participation in Engineering and Science through fun, educational experiments. The girls used a computer to carefully plan each move their robot made. Robots were required to move around different obstacles without falling off the table. A particular highlight was the destruction course, where each robot was programmed to knock over a cup of pasta. Thank you to the students from the University of Newcastle who volunteered their time. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

Miss Kimpton
WYEE PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND VISIT
On Tuesday, 18th November 2014 the Blue Gum Flats Band performed at Wyee Public School. The band played a variety of songs and wowed the students and teachers of Wyee Public School. The students in the band represented our school beautifully and they should be commended on their behaviour. Well done, students!
Mrs Pasfield

CAROLS ON THE BUS
Come along for a sing along. It’s time for ‘Carols on the Bus’!
On Thursday, 27th November 2014 Ourimbah Public School Choir will be visiting a place near you, so get your singing voices ready!

Thank you to Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club for their generous donation of a mini bus for our annual ‘Carols on the Bus’.

We will be stopping to sing at the following locations:

6.00 pm - The park in Cambridge Circle, Ourimbah
6.30 pm - Cambourn Drive, near Burnside Street, Lisarow (at the bottom of the reserve)
7.00 pm - Corner of Walmsley Rd & Pacific Hwy, Ourimbah

7.30 pm - Ourimbah Public School
We will try to stay as close as possible to these times and return to school by approximately 7.30 pm, for our final performance.

Please come and join in the singing at a location close to you. Tell your friends and neighbours, the more the merrier!

Looking forward to seeing you to spread some Christmas cheer!!!

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA
We would like to invite you to join us at Ourimbah Public School for a morning tea to thank you for the hard work you do in our school and for the support you give our students and teachers.
If you have helped in the classroom, provided transport for teams and events, made costumes for class assemblies, assisted with book club or school banking, volunteered at discos, excursions, in the canteen or uniform shop or assisted in other ways, you are one of our fantastic helpers and we would love to see you!

When: Thursday, 4th December 2014
Time: 11.00am – 11.30am
Where: In the hall

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Thursday, 11th December 2014
10.15 am – 10.50 am
This will be held in the school hall on Thursday, 11th December 2014. Our Year 6 students will receive their Graduation Certificates and Year 6 parents are invited to attend.

The assembly will begin at 10.15 am in the school hall and a morning tea given by our P&C will follow for the parents. We look forward to this special time with our Year 6 students.

Please note this is a normal school day and all students are to remain at school until its completion.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
Thursday, 11th December 2014
6.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Our Year 6 students will attend a dinner to be held in the school hall on Thursday, 11th December 2014. The evening will commence at 6.30 pm and dinner will be followed by dancing (both staff and students!!) and the cutting of the cake.
This is a great way for our Year 6 students to finish the year and to display the maturity they have gained ready to begin high school.
We ask that all students dress APPROPRIATELY and keep in mind this is a Primary School Farewell not a Year 12 Formal.

2014 PRESENTATION DAYS / ASSEMBLIES

K-2 ANNUAL PRESENTATION
The K-2 Annual Presentation Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 10th December beginning at 9.30 am. K-2 students will receive their annual class awards.

Parents of award winners and class officials have been invited to the Presentation Assembly.

Unfortunately we are severely restricted by the size of our hall and can only accommodate prize winners and their parents.

If you receive a letter advising that your child is to receive an award, please reply as soon as possible so that we can be sure that you have received it. Please contact Tony Formby if you have any queries.

Full summer uniform is to be worn by all children in K-2 on Presentation Day.

YEARS 3-6 ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY
Our Primary Presentation Day this year will be held on Tuesday, 9th December. On this day many of our Year 3-6 students will receive a variety of awards for class, band, music, sport etc. The induction of our 2015 School Officials will also take place at this assembly. The assembly will begin at 9.30 am.

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If you receive a letter advising that your child is to receive an award, please reply as soon as possible so that we can be sure that you have received it. For further information please contact Linda Bowd during school hours.

This day is successful due to the generous donations we receive each year from a few local business houses. In order for the children to keep receiving a high standard of prizes we are in need of some more sponsors. If anyone would like to donate towards our Presentation Day, we would be most grateful.

Cheques can be made out to Ourimbah School and receipts are issued.

As we no longer have hotdogs on our regular menu we will be having a hotdog day on the last canteen day of the year. If your child is missing the good old hotdog, pre place your order below.

HOTDOGS FOR HOLIDAYS DAY!
When: Friday, 12th December
Where: Blue Gum Canteen
What to do: Complete the below order form and return it to school by Tuesday, 9th December complete with payment. Orders will be placed in the lunch tubs as per normal lunch routine. If you wish to order a drink, feel free to add it to your lunch bag.

NAME: ___________________________
CLASS: ________________________
HOTDOG WITH SAUCE - $3.00

TERM 4 MEAL DEAL
SUMMER SUB - YOUR WAY
Your choice of Sub
Water or lite milk
Icy cup
Volunteers: Canteen Christmas Party - 22.11.14. Please let me know if you can make it. Looking forward to a great night amongst friends.

Upcoming roster:
20.11.14 - Victoria, Leila, Jamie-Lee
21.11.14 - Kim, Claire, Judy
25.11.14 - Jennifer, Lorraine
27.11.14 - 2 x volunteers needed
28.11.14 - Leila, Jamie-Lee, volunteer needed
2.12.14 - Danielle, Liz

I would like to personally thank the many volunteers that have helped in the school canteen this year. Due to your hard work and commitment we have been able to achieve the Healthy School Canteen Award. Each and every one of you hold a special place in this team. Thank you from myself and the 400+ children at Ourimbah Public School.

If you would like to come and help in the canteen please phone the school on 4362 1033 or email me at ourimbahcanteen@gmail.com. It would be wonderful to meet you.

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.

CAMP AUSTRALIA ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Recently our Ourimbah OSHC underwent assessment and rating through the Department of Education and Communities. We are pleased to announce that we received a rating of Meeting the National Quality Standards. Following are the ratings we received in each Quality Area.

Quality Area 1 - Educational Program and Practice - Meeting National Quality Standard
Quality Area 2 - Children's Health and Safety - Meeting National Quality Standard
Quality Area 3 - Physical Environment - Meeting National Quality Standard
Quality Area 4 - Staffing Arrangements - Exceeding National Quality Standard
Quality Area 5 - Relationships with Children - Meeting National Quality Standard
Quality Area 6 - Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities - Exceeding National Quality Standard
Quality Area 7 - Leadership and Service Management - Meeting National Quality Standard

COMMUNITY NEWS
HARVEST CHURCH PRESENTS CAROLS IN OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
6:45 pm on Saturday, 20th December 2014
Live Band, Musical Items, Carol Singing
Visit by Santa and much more.
All welcome. A great night to celebrate Christmas with your family.
Presented by: www.harvestchurchcc.org.au
Alex Kostalas
Harvest Church

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- Payroll & Superannuation
- Bank Reconciliations
- BAS preparation & lodgement
- Financial Reports / Compliance
- Business Training
- On site or off site
- Reasonable rates - Fully Insured
- MYOB QUICKBOOKS EXCEL

SATURDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2014
6:45 PM
HARVEST CHURCH PRESENTS CAROLS IN OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL

**Carols at Ourimbah**

Live band, musical items, carol singing, Santa visit & much more.

[www.harvestchurchcc.org.au](http://www.harvestchurchcc.org.au)

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**DYSLEXIA, ANXIETY & THE SCHOOL SYSTEM**

FREE EVENT

Come along to hear Laura Dehmam’s advice on how parents and teachers can work together to navigate a path to create ‘best practice’ environments for our children – reducing anxiety and increasing literacy.

Laura is passionate about educating children, and helping families to best manage the effects of Dyslexia. She is the Learning and Support Coordinator at Niagara Park Public School.

**November 19, 2014  7.00pm**
Gosford Leagues Club, Parkview Room

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**Mt Penang Gardens presents**

**Christmas Lights in the Gardens**

12-16 December 2014
6:30 to 10pm - Lights turn on at 8pm

Entry: $10 Family Pass (2 adults + up to 3 children)
$5 additional/single ticket

For event updates go to
Facebook/Mt-Penang-Gardens-Event-Park

Come along with your family and friends to see a stunning Christmas lights display on the Central Coast. There will be twilight Segway rides, food vendors, roving entertainers and much more!

Mt Penang Gardens, home of the 2014 Central Coast Carols, Parklands Road, Mt Penang Parklands, Kariong (2 min from the Gosford exit M1)