PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Sports Officials

Congratulations to our newly elected sporting officials who were presented with their leadership badges on Tuesday morning. These students were elected by their peers. The elected officials are:

**Kangaroos**
Captains – Kyle S & Maya S
Vice Captains – Mitchell J & Dimity T

**Emus**
Captains – Jared L & Daisharn M
Vice Captains – Jaxon F & Tahlia B

**Platypus**
Captains – Mitchell W & Rhiannon R
Vice Captains – Max G & Kayla G

**Koalas**
Captains – Jackson W & Sara D
Vice Captains – Jack C & Kira C

Parent Teacher Nights

A BIG thank you to all parents and carers who came along to out Parent Teacher Nights, your attendance was very much appreciated, especially considering the inclement weather. If you have any concerns or need to clarify anything, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher, they are happy to talk to you in person or over the phone, whatever suits you best. Please send a
note to the teacher or phone the office to organise a suitable time.

Nitbusters
The school's Nitbusters program is an excellent way of identifying any unwelcome visitors in the boys and girls hair. We are fortunate to have this program in our school and as a result we do not have ongoing problems with nits. If your child comes home with a note recommending treatment, it would be appreciated if you could do this straight away. Nitbusters is a free service provided by the P&C which helps to ensure that nits are not an ongoing problem. Thank you to the organisers, Angela Shergold and Debbie Symons, and their amazing team of helpers, including Lorelei Barkley, Leanne Diggle, Vicki Chapman, Jen East, Nicole Worrall, Michelle Nicholson, Leanne Sheen, Sue Davidson, Lisa Flood and Melissa Dumas who all did a great job last Monday.

School Photos
School photographs are being taken on Wednesday, 5th March. It would be appreciated if all students could be in their SUMMER UNIFORM. Please try not to arrive late on this day as we do not want anyone to miss out on having their photo taken with their class.

Pets at School
Please do not bring pets onto the school site without permission from the school. Please note this also includes dogs on leads. This is a Work, Health & Safety requirement that we need to comply with at all times.

District P&C Meeting
On Monday night we hosted the District P&C Meeting. It was a most informative night and a good chance to catch up with like minded P&C delegates from other schools.

Travelling By Bus
It has been brought to our attention that some of the students who get off the bus at Shirley St have been seen running up the road in Red Cedar Cl, with no apparent parental guidance. Bus travel is a shared responsibility, one that is shared between home and school. We have reminded the students about safe bus behaviour, including walking safely across roads and proceeding safely along foot paths. We have also engaged Busways to run a Bus Safety Education Program. We would appreciate it if all parents with children who travel by bus, could please talk about the need for safe bus behaviour, including how to walk safely and sensibly home.

Staff On Leave
Mrs Price returns from her leave on 28/2/14. Miss Alamango will be on leave between 27/2/14 & 7/3/14.

Text Book Sales Day
Text books will be on sale this Friday, 28th February. See inside for further details.

Swimming Carnival
Our annual Swimming Carnival was held yesterday. A full list of results and a report on the carnival will be in the next newsletter. Thank you to Mr Annabel for organising the carnival and to the volunteers who assisted on the day.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg,
Principal

CORE VALUES
At Ourimbah Public School we value:

INTEGRITY – being consistently honest and trustworthy.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:
- open and transparent decision making processes
- consistent school policies and actions

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:
- trusting others to work independently
- doing what you say you will do
- teachers mark students work consistently to agreed standards

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE
Week 3 – Winning House – Platypus
Platypus – 28  Koalas – 26.5
Emus – 24  kangaroos – 19

Week 4 – Winning House – Platypus
Platypus – 40  Koalas – 35.5
Emus – 32  Kangaroos – 26.5

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2
Week 4

Week 5

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6
Week 4

Week 5

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 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.

TEXT BOOK SALES
Textbooks will be on sale tomorrow Friday, 28th February. Please bring your textbook envelope with money enclosed tomorrow and be sure that envelope is filled in correctly with name and class details. Send correct money ONLY as no change can be given on the day.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
This Friday is Clean Up Australia Day. Clean Up Australia inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. Students will be involved in this initiative, which will be held in the school grounds on Friday. If you would like your child to wear gloves for this activity, it would be appreciated if you could supply them. We are proud to be part of this Australian wide program.

TRYATHLON
Congratulations to the following Ourimbah PS students who participated in the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon:
Ella D, Katie D, Ethan G, Eleanor L, Aiden M, Ashlee M, Rhiannon R, Corey S, Khaled W.
Well done everyone.

SCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE
Easter will be here before we know it, so it is time to start organising our 2014 Easter Raffle. Last year’s raffle was a great success thanks to the generosity of our school families, with over 180 prizes given out. We hope to make this one just as successful, so we are asking for donations to be included in the prizes. This could include: All sorts of Chocolate Eggs, Bunnies, Bunyips PLUS baskets, chicks, soft toys, Easter craft packs, Easter lollies etc.

Raffle tickets will be coming home this week. They will be in booklets of 6, with one ticket costing $1 or 6 for $5. There will be additional books available at the office for those who require more. Amongst the prizes there is a $100 Gift Card, 7” tablet with headphones, Smiggle Stationery Pack, a Ten Pin Bowling family pass, a Nerf Scooter etc and lots and lots of chocolate eggs.

Please leave all donations at the school office.
Thank you!

P&C Fundraising

WANTED!
EXECUTIVE TEAM FOR THE P&C
Our P&C is in need of a bright bunch of new faces who are willing to make a difference within our school. For various reasons, most of our current Executive members will be stepping down from their roles and without an Executive team, our P&C cannot exist.

This would mean the loss of all of our school’s P&C run activities, such as the Uniform Shop, Class Coordinators, Rainforest Trail & Frog Pond Maintenance, Nitbusters, Easter Raffle, School Discos, Mother’s and Father’s Day activities, Trivia Night etc. Our current, quite considerable financial assets would be moved to P&C Federation (state), not to the school 😞

We have plenty of people who are happily organising the above mentioned events. We just need some motivated parents to oversee the official business of running our P&C. Ourimbah is a great school and our children benefit enormously from the support provided to the school by the P&C.

Please see the Job Descriptions for these positions later in the Newsletter. For any queries, please do not hesitate to call Sue Davidson on 0409 244 534.

UNIFORM SHOP
NEW Operating Hours – Mondays & Thursdays
The NEW opening hours for the uniform shop are as follows:

Mondays 8.30 am - 9.30 am
Thursdays 2.30 pm - 3.00 pm

Online ordering and eftpos are available in the Uniform Shop. Order forms are also available from the office with an option to make arrangements for collecting/paying at the canteen or from the uniform shop.
BLUE GUM CANTEEN – open Tues, Thurs and Fri

Tuesday special!!!!

For any LUNCH ORDER placed on a TUESDAY your child can also order on their lunch bag.... A TNT for only 30 cents.

All day special continues!

OAK milk 300mls, chocolate or strawberry AND popcorn. $2.30.

Please pass a message on to your older children for me. At lunch time I will have random items over the counter like garlic bread, or nachos, or penne pasta etc. If they wish to have a specific item ready for their lunch they really need to place an order on a lunch bag in the morning. This will save disappointment when they miss out on a particular item over the counter.

WEDGES NOW MADE IN THE CANTEEN DAILY.

Potatoes, spray oil, mixed herbs and garlic.

I am having some difficulties with hash brown suppliers. Please know that I will always have them but they may not always be small triangle shape ones at the moment.

Upcoming roster
27.2.14 - Jamie-Lee, Victoria
28.2.14 - Amy B, Kyrah, volunteer needed.
4.3.14 - Judy W, Lorraine S
6.3.14 - Jamie-Lee, Bronwyn
7.3.14 - Kelly P, Jane B till 12, Kyrah
11.3.14 - Danielle B

Thank you for supporting the School through the canteen.
Elise Blomfield
Canteen Supervisor

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE ENTRANCE HOCKEY CLUB is looking for new players in all age groups (U9 – U17) (boys, girls, women and men). For more info phone Mick 0418 97642 or check out our website www.entrancehockey.org.

DANCINALITY

Dance Classes for kids 3 - 12 years
Monday Afternoons - Ourimbah Public School Hall
4.30 - 5.00pm Tiny Dancers 3 – 5 years
5.00 - 5.30pm Primary Jazz 6 – 8 years
5.30 - 6.00pm Hip Hop 6 – 12 years
6.00 - 6.30pm Cheer 6 – 12 years
$6.50 / class PAY AS YOU GO...
CALL 4342 1195 FOR FURTHER INFO
MENTION THIS NEWSLETTER AND GET YOUR 1ST CLASS FREE

NIAGARA PARK DOCKERS
Paddy Clifton Oval, Narara
2014 Registration Date
Sunday 16th February 10.00am - 11.00am
Sunday 23rd February 9:00am – 12:00pm
We Play Sunday Footy – Youth Girls Footy in 2014
Boys: U9’s, U11’s, U13’s, U15’s, U17’s
Youth Girls: U14’s, U18’s
For further information please contact Greg Sullivan on 0427 820 534

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Func.Fit Central Coast  Phone 0411 311 198
14-16 Kathleen Morreau Rd
Niagara Park NSW 2250 (next to Niagara Park Train Station)
Ourimbah Public School P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12th March in the staff room at 7pm. All parents, carers and citizens of our community are invited to attend.

It is however important to note that only financial members of Ourimbah Public School P&C are eligible to stand for election and vote on a ballot. The AGM is an important meeting as it is the forum for electing new office bearers to the following positions:

- President (1)
- Vice President (2)
- Secretary (1)
- Treasurer (1)

Additional positions to be elected at the AGM include:

- Uniform Shop Coordinator
- RAP Coordinator
- Nitbusters Coordinator
- Class Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Social Convener
- P&C Delegates for Central Coast Council of P&C (2)
- P&C Delegates to Federation for Annual Conference (3)

*NOTE - These positions are able to be held by a team of people.*

Please come along and join the P&C movement. Be part of the excellent work that goes on at your school. The more members we have, the stronger our organisation becomes and the more we can contribute to Ourimbah and Public Education in general.

To arrange financial membership ($2) or to make any further enquiries, please call Sue Davidson on 0409 244 534.

Ourimbah Public School P&C
Summary of Office Bearer Positions

President
- 1 Role to be elected

Duties
The President is responsible for:
- The successful functioning of the P&C Association
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being a signatory on the association's bank accounts
- Chairing meetings (see Fact Sheet: Chairing Meetings) but, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting.

Vice President
- 2 Roles to be elected

Duties
- Support the president and deputise in the President's absence
Secretary

- 1 Role to be elected

Duties

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the decisions of the meeting – unless otherwise stipulated – and is also responsible for a range of routine administrative tasks.

The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas.

The Secretary is required to:

- attend every association meeting and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting. (In the absence of the Secretary the meeting may elect a person to take the minutes.)
- receive and table incoming correspondence
- write and despatch outgoing correspondence as required
- give notice of meetings
- convene special meetings when requested
- provide information as requested by P&C Federation
- maintain official records of the P&C Association such as:
  - The constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees
  - Incorporation Certificate
  - ABN details
  - List of financial (voting) members
  - Minutes
  - Attendance book
  - Correspondence

Treasurer

- 1 Role to be elected

Duties

Whilst all P&C members should be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the treasurer's primary role. The treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The Treasurer presents a report in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement for each P&C meeting.

The Treasurer also gives advice and sets an example for others so that all funds held and handled by the P&C are openly accounted for. The Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C. This includes the canteen and any other specific fundraising committees. This does not mean that treasurers must undertake the actual bookkeeping themselves but they must ensure that the various sub-committee financial records have been kept to the Treasurer's satisfaction.

The Treasurer should encourage members to understand the state of the P&C finances and to ask questions about what they don't understand.

The Treasurer must ensure a cash book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association.