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‘Communicating with our Caring Community’

Wednesday, 12th March 2014

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‘Todays preparation determines tomorrows ACHIEVEMENTS.’

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Congratulations

The school photographers were very impressed with our wonderful school. They said that Ourimbah was the BEST by far, that the students had lovely manners and were really well behaved. They were also impressed with our beautiful school environment.

Leadership Opportunities for Parents and Citizens

In our 2013 School Survey on leadership, a few parents indicated that they were not provided with leadership opportunities at school. Ourimbah’s P&C, or Parents & Citizens Association, provides a range of leadership opportunities for parents and citizens. Our K-2 Class Coordinators are a fine example of this and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to take on these roles. We met with Felicity van’t Wel last Thursday and she walked us through the Class Coordinator’s Guide. Thank you also to Felicity for her leadership of this initiative.

Our next P & C Meeting is on tonight in the staffroom. The AGM, or Annual General Meeting, will start at 7 pm and be followed by the March general meeting. The AGM provides a good opportunity to take on a leadership role. Support is available for parents who take on leadership roles. We would love you to consider taking on an executive role. Please see inside for more details. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Do You Work for Telstra?

If you work for Telstra, could you please let the office or myself know. We are applying for a Telstra Grant which is influenced by the number of our parents/carers, family and friends who work for Telstra. You can phone the office on 4362 1033 or send a note in to me.

Medical Information Forms

Please note that it is a legal requirement for us to obtain a current, activity specific Medical Information Form for all
students going on excursions, including sport and other school based activities that take place off the school site. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Photographs, Video Footage, YouTube & Social Media
This is a reminder to all parents that we need to continue to respect the privacy of other students and their families. If you are taking photos or video footage of school activities, please stay focused on your child. The images that you capture are not to be uploaded onto any social media sites, including YouTube and Facebook, without the express permission of the students concerned, their parents and the school. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in regard to this matter.

NAPLAN Test Dates
Test dates for all students in Years 3 and 5 are 13th, 14th and 15th May. The 16th May is a catch up date for students who were away. Please avoid making appointments for students on these dates as the information gained from the testing program is very important for both parents and the school.

Work, Health & Safety
It is a requirement of Work, Health & Safety that all visitors on site, including parent helpers sign in at the office, receive a site induction from office staff (on the initial visit) and wear a visitor’s badge. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Staff Leave
Miss McGovern will be on leave from Thursday, 20th March till the end of the term. While she is on leave, she will be replaced by Miss Kimpton.

Clean Up Australia Day
We held our Clean Up Australia day last Friday. Thank you to Miss Sammut and Mrs Brewin for organising the day and to the boys and girls for the great job they did, together we have made a BIG difference.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg

CORE VALUES
EXCELLENCE
Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning:

- Having a go and never giving up.
- Willingly participating in school activities even when you are not good at them.
- Trying to improve in areas that are hard.
- Being a good role model for younger students.
- Participating in something you don’t want to and still doing your best.

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE
Week 5 – Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 41.5  Emus – 31
Kangaroos – 30  Platypus – 25.5

Week 6 – Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 32  Kangaroos – 28
Emus – 25.5  Platypus – 24.5

CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2

CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6

10 MAGPIES K-2
Taya W

10 MAGPIES 3-6
Cirdan P, Blake T

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.

**BUS TRAVEL AUTHORITY – NEW BUS PASSES**

Transport for NSW has advised Busways that the current practice of issuing students with a travel authority letter is invalid and should cease immediately.

From Monday, 24th March 2014 Busways drivers will no longer accept travel authority letters as a permit for free travel.

This means that students who are waiting to receive a new bus pass or have lost their bus pass will have to pay full fare if they wish to catch the bus. The school can no longer issue an interim bus pass.

Please remember it does take several weeks for new passes to arrive.

**BUS 38 – NEW MORNING TIMES**

We have been advised by Busways that Bus 38 in the mornings will now be departing Lisarow High School at a later time. This means that it will now be operating approximately 6-7 minutes later than usual. It is expected to leave Niagara Park School at 8.39 am and continue via the normal route to arrive at Ourimbah Public School at 8.50 am. For further information please contact the Kincumber Depot on 4368 2277 or visit www.busways.com.au.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY – 18th March**

**Invitation to K-2 grandparents and grandfriends**

This year our K-2 children will celebrate the part grandparents play in their lives with a special day on Tuesday, 18th March. Grandparents and grandfriends are invited to come and visit Ourimbah Public School and share some special time with their grandchildren.

The day will start at 11.15 am with morning tea, thanks to our wonderful P&C and school canteen, followed by entertainment by our school band, the ‘Blue Gum Flats’ and Glee Club.

During this time the Library will be open for grandparents to view a display of books which are available to purchase and donate to the school in your grandchild’s name. The books will cost $5 or $10 and donated books will have a name plate placed inside them to acknowledge the donation.

Our P&C is again holding their famous Easter Raffle and tickets will be on sale on the day. The raffle will be drawn on 9th April.

At 12 noon the K-2 children will entertain you in the hall with a special assembly, following which you may share a picnic lunch with your grandchildren under the trees on A oval.

Because of limited hall space, we ask that parents save their visit for the class assembly held late in the year.

We are looking forward to seeing all grandparents and grandfriends next Tuesday, 18th March.

K-2 Teachers

**K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE MATERIALS**

The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday, 8th April at 11.35 am in the school outdoor COLA. Parents and caregivers of K-2 children are welcome to attend.

To prepare for the parade, it would be appreciated if you could send in some Easter materials that could be used to make an interesting Easter hat in the classroom. Items might include sequins, ribbon, cotton wool, cellophane, plastic Easter eggs, cotton baby chickens, artificial flowers, pipe cleaners, Easter symbols and much more.

Please send in some items for your child’s use by Friday, 28th March at the very latest.

We look forward to a wonderful Easter celebration and appreciate your efforts to support this event.

K-2 Teachers

**SCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE – DONATIONS NEEDED**

Easter will be here before we know it, so it is time to start sending in your donations for the 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 have been sent home. Tickets cost $1 each or 6 for $5. There are 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
STAGE 3 C.A.R.E.S EXCURSION

The Students in Years 5 and 6 attended the Community and Road Education Scheme at Palmdale this week. This program is a ‘hands on’ way of learning more about bike and road safety.

The following recounts are from students in 5/6E who attended yesterday.

In the classroom we learnt what we should have on the bike to make them roadworthy. If you didn’t have any of these safety items you would get a $67 fine. There was also a competition on which group knew the most. We also learnt how important wearing a helmet is as well as looking for dangerous situations on the road ahead.

Jayden 5/6E

On Tuesday and Wednesday Stage 3 went to CARES to learn more about bike safety and road rules. We learnt how to ride in between objects, straight riding techniques and slow riding.

After learning these skills we went on to a fake road that had traffic lights, signs and a roundabout. The police officers and teachers booked us if we broke any rules.

I learnt that you must indicate before turning around a corner.

Cassidy 5/6E

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS – AFTERNOON TEA

An afternoon tea for our Aboriginal families will be held on Wednesday, 19th March between 2.55 pm and 3.30 pm. This afternoon tea is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s class teacher as well as local Aboriginal community members. Invitations have been handed to Aboriginal students. Please RSVP by Friday, 14th March.

SPORTS NEWS
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to all the students who participated in the Swimming Carnival on 26th February. What a great day and a great venue! Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.

The winning house this year was Koalas and the age champions on the day were:

Junior Boy – Timothy J 3/4P
Junior Girl – Lucy J 4/5S
11yr Boy – Aiden M 5/6W
11yr Girl – Kate M 5/6D
Senior Boy – Jason J 5/6E
Senior Girl – Rebecca S 5/6E

From the results on the day a team of 17 was chosen to participate in the Brisbane Water District Carnival held on Monday.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Ourimbah Public School had a very successful day at the Brisbane Water District Swimming Carnival on Monday. Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved these fantastic results:

Lucy J (Jnr girls) – 1st Breaststroke
Murray H (Jnr boys) – 1st Breaststroke
Morgan R (11 yr girls) – 1st Butterfly
Kate M (11 yr girls) – 2nd Butterfly, 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke, 1st 50m Freestyle
Teagan M (11 yr girls) – 3rd 50m Freestyle
Ian J (12 yr boys) – 2nd Butterfly, 3rd Backstroke, 3rd Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Freestyle, 1st Snr Boy Relay
Jason J (12 yr boys) – 1st Butterfly, 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st Snr Boy Relay
Aiden M – 1st Snr Boy Relay
Josh Martin – 1st Snr Boy Relay

All of these children will be representing Brisbane Water District at the Sydney North Carnival on Tuesday, 25th March at the Sydney Aquatic Centre at Homebush. Good luck to everyone.

BWPSSA SOCCER TRIALS

Good luck to Ourimbah’s soccer players who attended the BWPSSA trials this week, Claudia P-Y, Jared L, Kyle F and Toby F. If successful they will trial again with southern Central Coast Zone before the final Sydney North Region trial in Sydney.

Gary Edwards

BOYS CRICKET REPORT

On Thursday, 6th March, the boys cricket team played against Wyong in the first round of the NSWPSSA Knockout Competition.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, our captain Jack C 5/6W, got us off to a good start with a score of 13. Kyle F 5/6E also toiled away at the crease to amass a total of 41 runs before retiring. The boys scored a respectable 96 runs off the 25 overs with only 8 wickets falling.

In reply, Wyong batted their full 25 overs, but could only manage 78 runs having lost 6 wickets. A special mention goes to Joshua M 5/6W for his unplayable spin bowling, claiming 2/10 off his 4 overs.

The team represented Ourimbah PS with a high level of sportsmanship and enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to take away such a well-mannered group of boys and we look forward to our next match later this term.
Thank you to all of the parents who assisted with transport. Also a special thank you goes out to Steven Campbell who worked tirelessly on the score book.

Mr Wilson

ASTHMA – ATTENTION PARENTS
Asthma is very common amongst many students at Ourimbah Public School and often Blue Reliever Puffers need to be administered throughout the day under supervision.

We have noticed that many of our students do not know the correct way to use their puffers and spacers. It is very important that parents help us by teaching their children the correct way to administer their medication. It is most important that they learn to take 4 breaths in between each puff of medication. Please practice this with your child so that we can work together to be sure they are getting the full benefit of their Asthma medication.

STUDENT ABSENCES - NOTE REQUIRED
When your child returns to school after being absent for any length of time, please send a note to the class teacher with an explanation of dates and reason for absence, eg sick, appointment, etc.

PARENT TRANSPORT
Parents and carers who are transporting students to sporting events or excursions must fill out a form with their licence details and current comprehensive car insurance details, as well as a Prohibited Employment Declaration. These forms are available from the office and can also be found on the school’s website in the notes section. Please bring them to the office for filing prior to transporting other students.

RAINFOREST ACCESS PROJECT (RAP)
A small group of volunteers continue to clear weeds and debris from the school’s Rainforest and Frog Pond areas each Tuesday morning (9 - 10 am). Please come along to see what we are up to and what we are hoping to achieve. Perhaps you will find that you would like to join these weekly sessions to help restore harmony to these unique areas. Contact Elizabeth Moore, Nicole Worrall, or the office for more information.

P&C MEETING - Tonight
7 pm in staffroom
All welcome

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.

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 NEWS
Current specials
- All day special - Popcorn and Oak milk for $2.20
- Tuesday lunch order special - If you order your lunch on a Tuesday, you can purchase a TNT iceblock on your lunch bag for just 30c!!!

HOTTEST ITEM ON THE MENU AT THE MOMENT..... Milkshakes! Why not give them a try. Please return all
Easter meal deal orders by 1st April.

Upcoming roster
13.3.14 - Victoria, Jamie-Lee, Amy B
14.3.14 - Mel, Dewi, volunteer needed
18.3.14 - Grandparents Day - Liz R, Albina
20.3.14 - Lesley M, Amy B
21.3.14 - Judy W, Adri, volunteer needed
25.3.14 – Danielle B

Did you know???
We are now on Facebook. You can find us by searching Ourimbah P.S. Canteen. This is a place where we will share upcoming events, menus, ideas and specials that are current each week. Pop along and join us! Adults only please.

Volunteers
Many of us volunteer in different environments around our community. Volunteering is a rewarding way to share your energy to help others. Thank you to everyone who volunteers at Ourimbah Public School. This term the volunteers are getting together for dinner. If you have volunteered and would like to attend, please call me at the canteen for the details.

Until next time, Elise Blomfield
Canteen Supervisor
ourimbahcanteen@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS
Ourimbah Public School Community of the 1970’s
All parents and children who were part of the 1970’s OPS community are invited to attend an informal catch up at Ourimbah RSL Club at 11.30 am on Saturday, 3rd May 2014.

For more information please contact Toni Brewster on 4362 1421 or Hanne Rose (Berry) on 4362 1322.

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
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.