Wonderful Community School
Karen Jones, our School Education Director from the Gosford office paid us a visit last week and she was very impressed with our school. Karen was particularly impressed with the community spirit that exists within the school which is a great attribute to the students, staff, parents and community volunteers who work together, each and every day, to make the school the wonderful place that it is.

Awesome Grandparents Day
Grandparents Day was a wonderful celebration that involved our grandparents and their ‘grand’ friends. The P&C did a fantastic job with morning tea, their home cooked treats were delicious. The crowd was entertained by our Blue Gum Flats Band and Glee Club who did a great job. The hall was packed with visitors who were further entertained with a special Infants Assembly. Many thanks to everyone who came along on the day, to our P&C volunteers, to Mr Paul and the band, to Mrs Bettison and Glee Club and Mr Formby for organising the day. It was a great team effort.

Staff Car Park
A small minority of parents have continued to put the safety of children at risk by continuing to park in or walk through the staff car park between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, even after repeated requests from the school not to do this. The students also know that it is against the school rules to do so.

Through poor vision or reckless driving practices, these parents have damaged staff vehicles parked in the staff car park. If they couldn't see a parked car, what hope have they got of seeing a child walking through the car park? In the interests of everyone's safety, we are now locking the gate to the staff car park. All pedestrian access will be through the other gate.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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‘Communicating with our Caring Community’
Parents who park in the car park before 8 am and after 4 pm may still continue to do so. A BIG thank you to all of our wonderful parents who support our school, abide by our rules and who genuinely care about the safety of others. You are what makes OPS such a great school.

School Protocols
It has come to my attention that some members of our parent community may not be aware of certain school protocols. Firstly, there is the WHS (Work, Health & Safety) requirement that visitors on our site report to the front office, sign in and collect a visitors badge. Secondly, if you have any issues or concerns regarding another student's behaviour at OPS, please do not approach the child at school. Student behaviour at school is a staff responsibility and will be managed by staff in accordance with our Student Welfare and Discipline Policy. Thank you to parents for your ongoing cooperation in regard to these matters.

Aboriginal Families
Last week, all Aboriginal families were invited in for afternoon tea and a chat with staff about student goals and personalised learning plans. Thank you to the families who came along, to Miss Clulow and Mrs Brewin for organising this special occasion and to staff who brought in afternoon tea, it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

P&C Social Sizzle
We are looking forward to seeing you all at the P&C's free sausage sizzle and social gathering on Friday, 4th April on the front oval. If you intend coming along, please fill in the note & return it to school for catering purposes.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg

CORE VALUES

OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
VALUES

PARTICIPATION
Being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and nation.

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE

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CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2


CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6


MAGPIE REWARD – TERM 1
The Magpie Reward Day will be held on the last day of school for this term – Friday, 11th April. For children in Years 3-6 it will take place on their return from the Cross Country Carnival. Further details will be sent home shortly. Keep working hard towards those 10 Magpies and congratulations to those children who have already received their goal for this term.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
Last Tuesday, 18th March the children and staff welcomed many special visitors into our school to help us celebrate Grandparents’ Day. It was a fantastic morning and the K-2 children were so excited to see so many Grandparents take the time to share this special occasion with them.

The visitors were entertained by our school band, the ‘Blue Gum Flats’, and Glee Club while they ate their morning tea which was supplied by our School Canteen and the P&C. Later on our visitors were welcomed at a
special K-2 assembly where each grade performed for the audience.

By the look on everyone's faces it was a huge success. A special thank you to all the visitors who bought Easter raffle tickets and/or donated a book to our school library. It is days like this that illustrate what a great school Ourimbah is and what an important role Grandparents play in the lives of our children.

Tony Formby
Stage 1 Coordinator

THANK YOU
Thank you to the following wonderful parent volunteers who helped with serving the morning tea and selling raffle tickets on Grandparents' Day: Michelle Walker, Sue Davidson, Leanne Diggle, Kylie Brooks, Lorelei Barkley, Jane Brooker, Samantha Kirk and Kim Bettison. You all did a fantastic job and there were many wonderful compliments on the day.

K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE
The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday, 8th April at 11.35 pm in the school outdoor COLA. Parents & caregivers of K-2 children are welcome to attend. We look forward to a wonderful Easter celebration and seeing some interesting creations!

K-2 Teachers

EASTER RAFFLE – DONATIONS NEEDED
Thank you to all the families who have already donated to the Easter Raffle. There is still plenty of time to send your donations in to the office. The prizes are looking fantastic and the more donations we get the more prizes you will have a chance to win.

Donations could include: all sorts of chocolate eggs, bunnies, bunyips, PLUS baskets, chicks, soft toys, Easter craft packs, Easter lollies etc.

Raffle 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 head phones, 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

WESTMEAD HOSPITAL ART
This will be our 3rd year sending art to the ‘Operation Art’ competition. Many wonderful artworks were submitted from Kindergarten to Year 6 for judging. Grace G 3/4P and Madeline C 5/6D were chosen as our school entries.

Thank you to the P&C for their support in paying the entry fees.

Jenny Rogers

CRAZY HAIR DAY
Please support Creative Arts at Ourimbah PS. On Wednesday, 9th April we are having a CRAZY HAIR DAY! Please bring a gold coin donation to support Creative Arts within the school. Students can wear ribbons or spray and tease their hair, however, there is to be NO permanent changes made to their hair and glitter is not to be used. All signs of colour and crazy hair must be gone by the following day as we will be having our Anzac assembly on Thursday.

Students must not be late to school on Wednesday due to having their hair done.

We look forward to seeing your crazy hairstyles!

Creative Arts Committee

SCHOOL BANKING
Put a reminder in your student diary, calendar or mobile phone.

Get banking ready on Wednesday night because...THURSDAY = SCHOOL BANKING DAY.

School Banking has resumed, please bring your yellow bank books and hand to your class teacher.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

There is an exciting new range of rewards on offer for 2014.
Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Ourimbah Public School.

SPORTS NEWS

SENSATIONAL SOFTBALLERS
On Thursday, 20th March the Senior Girls’ Softball Team played in a Gala Day at Bateau Bay. We had a fabulous day winning one game against Killarney Vale but unfortunately losing against Wamberal by only 4 runs. The girls improved immensely during the day and were a pleasure to take out.
The team consisted of Kira, Lisa, Tanya, Georgia, Sara, Rhiannon, Tahlia, Tiarna and Cassidy. Claudia was ill on the day so missed the match.

Thanks so much to Mrs Radcliffe, Mrs De Mouilpied, Mr Doust and Mrs Matthews for support and transport assistance on the day and to Mr Chapman for being an excellent umpire.

Well done girls, you were sensational.
K. Price

TENNIS NSWPPSSA KNOCKOUT
On Thursday, 13th March, Shannon T, Claudia P, Georgia M and Caleb L played tennis against Wyoming Public School at Sohier Park. Unfortunately we were knocked out of the competition, however, all students played extremely well and showed support and encouragement to their team mates. Well done!
Miss Lievore

CROSS COUNTRY
The cross country for Years 3 to 6 will take place on Friday, 11th April at Sohier Park. An information note will go home next week with more details. Please start training. Any talented Year 2 runners (must turn 8 in 2014) who have experience and ability at running long distance may apply to participate on the day. They will be competing in the combined 8/9 years division and will need to be able to run 2000m at a steady pace without stopping. A detailed letter of the child’s experience must be submitted to Mr Edwards by next Wednesday, 2nd April.
Gary Edwards Carnival Organiser

BRISBANE WATER RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
Last Friday, four students from Ourimbah Public School travelled to Woy Woy to participate in the Brisbane Water Rugby League Trials. Daniel K, Aiden M, Jack C and Josh M competed against students from a number of schools attempting to gain selection in our district representative team.
Jack was selected in the Open Brisbane Water Team and will be representing both our school and district at the Sydney North Trials in a few weeks. Well done and best of luck, Jack.
I would also like to congratulate Daniel, Aiden and Josh on their great sportsmanship. You should be proud of yourselves for representing our school at this elite level.
C. Miller

READING CHALLENGE 2014
This year we are once again organising our own Reading Challenge after the great success we had in 2013. All children within our school are invited to challenge themselves by participating in the ‘Ourimbah Reading Challenge’.
To complete the ‘challenge’ students need to read or experience 30 books by December this year. Twenty-five of the books must be from a selected list of books and 5 books can be the child’s personal choices (special books from home or other books that are not on the list). The special list of books includes any books that appear on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge list (this can be accessed on the Internet (https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home/html), as well as many other books especially chosen from our school’s library collection. There are separate lists of books for Years K-2, Years 3-4 and Years 5-6. The books are colour coded and marked for each level so they are very easy to find in the library without referring to the official list.
Children in Years K-2 need to experience 30 books; that is they can read them themselves, share the reading with someone else or have the book read to them. We encourage independent readers to read the books themselves.
Students in Years 3 - 6 need to read 30 books themselves. Children should keep a record of the books they have completed on a special reading log available from the library.

Every child who completes the challenge will be presented with a special certificate at our weekly school assembly. We look forward to many children participating in our reading challenge this year. Any queries about the ‘Ourimbah Reading Challenge’ can be directed to the school library.

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the challenge: Cooper M (KS), Chiquita M (1P), Mitchell H (1L), Eloise F (1/2MA), Keith S (2A), Suzie M (3/4B) and Aiden S (3/4P).
Christine Mastello Teacher/Librarian
The P&C is holding a free sausage sizzle at the school on Friday, 4th April from 4.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and what a great opportunity to come and meet the new P&C team.

Notes were sent home last week with full details and another copy can be found later in this newsletter. Please send your RSVP slip to the office as soon as possible for catering purposes.

Congratulations to the following people who were elected onto the P&C Committee after the March AGM:

President – Kim Bettison
Vice Presidents – Jane Brooker & Lorelei Barkley
Secretaries – Lesley Marshall (Minutes) & Rhonda Wagenaer (Correspondence)
Treasurer – position vacant (Belinda Jacobs – temp)
Uniform Coordinator – Kristy Murray (along with Karen Escott & Caroline Potter)
Auditor – David Bishop Collins
RAP – Nicole Worrall
Classroom Coordinator Role – Felicity van’t Wel
Fund Raising – Judy Worth
Social Convenor – Leanne Diggle
Nitbusters – Lorelei Barkley
P&C Delegates – Craig Kettle & Sue Davidson
P&C Delegates Annual Conference – Craig Kettle, Sue Davidson & Felicity van’t Wel

The P&C Association is a school based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and citizens residing within the school drawing enrolment area – it’s a great way to meet new people and have fun! They are established to:

- promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation;
- assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school;
- assist and co-operate with teaching staff at public functions associated with the school;
- be responsible for the election of parent representatives to any school council in consultation with the principal of the school.

New members are always welcome. Come along to our next meeting on Wednesday, 9th April at 7pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

We also have a new Facebook page, so look for Ourimbah Public School P&C on Facebook and like us to keep up to date with everything the P&C is doing.

Ourimbah Public School's P&C has an opportunity for someone to fill the position of ‘Treasurer’.

The Treasurer’s primary responsibilities are:

- receive and deposit monies;
- maintain records;
- draw cheques and present accounts;
- present an Income and Expenditure Statement; and
- present a Reconciled Bank Statement

So, if you’d like to gain some practical experience to enhance your future job opportunities, then Ourimbah Public School’s P&C wants you! Full training will be provided.

For further information on this position please email ourimbahpandc@yahoo.com.au

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.

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**
Wow it’s nearly the end of term! It’s very busy in the canteen which is wonderful to see. Thank you to the children for their beautiful manners.
Please remember to hand in your Easter Meal Deal order.
Meal Deal Day 8th April!!!!!!!

Have you seen our new Facebook page?
Look for Ourimbah PS Canteen. I look forward to seeing you online.
Did you know?
We make waffle cones - $2
One large scoop of light ice cream in a waffle cone - YUM.

**TUESDAY SPECIAL**
If you order a Tuesday lunch you can buy a TNT for 30c!!!!

**Upcoming Roster**
27th March - Shirriee, Victoria until 12
28th March - Kerrie, Jamie-Lee, volunteer needed
1st April - Lorraine S, Kyrah
3rd April - Bronwyn, Jamie-Lee
4th April - Kyrah, Kelly P

Until next time,
Elise Blomfield

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**OURIMBAH VILLAGE BUTCHERY**

*Under new management*
Your local butcher is now open with premium quality meat at cheaper prices. We also sell fresh cut cold meat.
Come in and say hi and compare the prices. We will also deliver for free.
Please contact Ross or Jeff on 4362 2905 for more information.

**OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY - 1970'S**
All parents and children who were part of the 1970’s Ourimbah Public School 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.

**CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION**
In our ever more digitally connected world the use of smartphones, iPads and apps has transformed the way that we connect and communicate. It can feel like the technology and culture is evolving so fast that it is hard to keep up and understand the things that you, or your children or grandchildren might be accessing or exposed to online.

If you would like to educate yourself further regarding cyber safety and keeping yourself and your family safe and secure in a digital world we invite you to attend the free Cyber Safety Information Session being hosted by The Salvation Army and Mingara Club on **2nd April at 6:30pm**.
The session will be presented by James Cameron, Team Leader for The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Centre in Newcastle, a Cyber communication specialist and Chairman for Cyber Speak Australia.

Please confirm your attendance at this event by calling the Welcome Desk at Mingara on 02 4349 7765.
‘OUR’ Easter Egg Raffle
Sunday 13th April
Huge selection of Easter eggs & Easter goodies to win
Tickets on sale from 12pm
Drawn at 2pm

Sunday Funday
Easter Raffle
Easter Sunday Raffle 20th April
Our regular Sunday raffle with a few Easter surprises to win.
Tickets on sale 12pm
Drawn at 2pm

Thursday 17th APRIL
This raffle will replace our Friday night raffle just for this Easter weekend.
We will have a delicious selection of seafood trays in this raffle to celebrate Easter.
Tickets on sale from 6pm
Drawn at 8pm

The Easter Bunny & Mad Hatter Show
Easter Sunday 20th April 2.30pm
FREE SHOW
The show includes:
* Fun Games * Easter Magic
* Balloon twisting * Easter Songs & Dances
* Free prize giveaways!