Wednesday, 30th April 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Great School
Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their school holidays and the students have returned well rested and ready for another exciting term. Many thanks to the students, parents, staff and community members who all contributed to making Term 1 such a great start to the year. We are very fortunate to be part of such a great school.

Staff Development Day
A big thank you to all parents and guardians for supporting our staff by keeping their children home on Monday, 28th April. Staff at OPS spent part of the day learning about the changes to students learning with the implementation of the new Mathematics Curriculum in 2015. The other part of the day involved staff revising the 12 Fundamental Movement Skills and looking at current school policies and programs developed as a part of the Live Life Well at School Program.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5 in week 3 of this term. The tests will take place from Tuesday, 13th May until Thursday, 15th May and will test students on aspects in Literacy and Numeracy.

It is essential that students arrive on time during week 3 as the test will take place in the morning. All students are encouraged to get plenty of rest during that week and to eat a healthy breakfast each morning to assist with their concentration. Good luck, to all students.

Staff Car Park
Just a reminder that in the interest of everyone’s safety, we are continuing to lock the gate to the staff car park during school hours. The gate will be locked from

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‘Communicating with our Caring Community’

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‘Each day can be the beginning of a wonderful future’
approximately 8.30 am. All pedestrian access will be through the gate on Dog Trap Rd. 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.

Cross Country

On the last day of Term 1 students in Years 3-6 walked to Sohier Park and participated in the Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day. It was great to see all the children having so much fun. Thank you to Mr. Edwards for all his organisation and to the staff and parents for assisting at the carnival.

Whilst 3-6 were enjoying their carnival K-2 participated in their own mini version. I had the pleasure of being a part of their morning at school and watching the students enjoy running around the circuit created in the playground. Thank you to Mrs. Alamango for organising this event for K-2.

ANZAC Day Assembly & March

On Thursday, 10th April the staff and students of Ourimbah Public School participated in their annual ANZAC day assembly. The students were given the opportunity to show their respect for the soldiers who fought in 1915 and to pay tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in war.

Well done to 5/6E on a wonderful assembly.

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A huge thank you to all the students that represented our school on Friday, 25th April in the ANZAC Day March at Ourimbah. I have been told the students looked wonderful dressed in their school uniform and represented our school with pride.

Focus Value – FAIRNESS

OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
VALUES

FAIRNESS

Treating people equally without showing any favouritism and accepting that everyone is different.

- making sure that everyone has a turn when playing a game
- always playing fairly in everything you do
- never criticising or making fun of others because of their religion, colour of their skin, accent or background
- always listening to both sides of an argument
- including everyone equally
- never cheat or be a bad sport not arguing when you don’t agree with a decision
Congratulations Cassie E
In the school holidays Cassie travelled with the Narara Valley High School Band to Brisbane, QLD, to participate in the National Band Championships. In the marching competition the band came first and in the ensemble section the band came second. Cassie enjoyed being given the opportunity to travel with the band and experience such a competition. This is a wonderful achievement and Ourimbah Public School would like to congratulate Cassie and the Narara Valley High School band on their achievements.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2015
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. Information regarding the tests and opportunity class have been sent home to Year 4 students with this newsletter.

Nicki Wakelin
Relieving Principal

CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE
Week 11 – Winning House – Emus & Koalas
Emus & Koalas – 21
Platypus & Kangaroos – 19.5

ANZAC DAY POSTER COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students who were the winners of the ANZAC Day Poster Competition:
Yr 2 – Grace C 2/3F
Yr 3 – Murray H 3/4P
Yr 4 – Lauren R 3/4A
Yr 5 – Jessica B 5/6W
Yr 6 – Madeline F 5/6W

NITBUSTERS DAY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Our Nitbusters Day for Term 2 will be held on Monday, 12th May. Students will have their hair checked for head lice and nits and parents will be informed by mail if their child needs treatment at home.

We are once again calling on volunteers to help with this worthwhile program. If any parents are able to spare a few hours on Monday, 12th May from 9.00 am it would be very much appreciated. Morning tea will be supplied and what a great way for new parents to meet other members of our school community, whilst providing a great service for our students. Experience is not necessary as our coordinators will teach you as you go. We look forward to seeing some new faces as well as our regular helpers. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL – NEXT WEDNESDAY, 7th May

MOTHERS’ DAY
2014
Our Mothers’ Day stall will be held next Wednesday, 7th May.

With this date quickly approaching we need your help in the way of a donation.

Gifts will range in price from $4 to $10 each.

Some donation ideas include:
Face Washers/ Soaps/ Books/ Puzzles/Candles/ Writing Pads
Tea Cups/ Gardening Gloves/ Tools/ Chocolates/ Hand Cream
Manicure Sets/ Nail Polish/ Sewing Kits/ Gift Bags

Only new and unused items please.

Please leave all donations at the office. If you would like to help with wrapping or on stall day, please contact Angela Nagle on 0402 021159.
SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our photos have arrived at school and have been handed out to all students.

We have also received copies of the School Officials, House Captains and SRC photos, which are on display in the school foyer for viewing and ordering and are priced at $14.00 per photo. Envelopes are available from the office and orders need to be placed by Tuesday, 10th June.

For all enquiries regarding photos, please phone the School Photographer on 02 9674 9834.

OURIMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL SRC FOR 2014
Congratulations to:
1/2MA - Annabel N and Tevita L
2M - Kya B and Jackson H
2A - Holly-Rose S and Keith S
2/3F - Hamish C and Oceanna W
3/4A - Harmony C and Corey A
3/4B - Layla C and Jake K
3/4P - Dylan M and Maja H
4/5S - Trinity B and Cody W
5/6D - Madalyn C and Rhys M
5/6E - Rebecca S and Tom M
5/6W - Adrian H and Jessica B

These are the SRC representatives from each class for 2014. Along with the school officials they will be organising fundraisers, discussing school issues and putting forward ideas to make our school environment a better place.

PEER SUPPORT
Week 1:
Our whole school will be starting Peer Support sessions this Friday. Students will be using a new module; Taking Opportunities which focuses on resilience. The experiences presented in the module help children to develop skills to identify their strengths, celebrate their achievements and seek assistance when faced with challenges. In this session each group will establish their group agreements so they can work well together. Children will share some of their favourite things and learn about the other members of their group. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do this week to help them take an active role in Peer Support.

Week 2:
This week in Peer Support the children will learn about the importance of having a go. The activities will help them identify what they have already learned to do and what things they would still like to learn. The children will also explore their feelings when faced with difficulties and identify the need for courage when they try something new.

During the week encourage your child to be aware of the importance of learning from their mistakes and trying new experiences.

Nicki Wakelin, Gary Edwards, Dean Wilson
Yr 6 Teachers

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will recommence tomorrow. Remember that banking day is Thursday and books will usually be returned on the following Monday.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE
The Stewart House donation drive is on again and donation envelopes are coming home this week. If you wish to donate to this wonderful cause, then please place a $2.00 coin in the envelope and fill in your details and return to school by next Friday, 9th May for your chance to win a family holiday valued at $4000.

Stewart House is the NSW Public Education’s Charity of Choice and your donations support the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

WINTER UNIFORM
The weather at this time of year can be quite changeable so we allow a few weeks grace where both summer and winter uniform can be worn. Full winter uniform will be enforced from Week 4 and there will be a reminder in the next newsletter.
**BOOK CLUB**

Issue 3 of Book Club will go home this week and all orders are due back at school by Thursday, 15th May. Please mark all envelopes clearly with child’s name and class.

**LOST PROPERTY**

We are not very far in to the colder weather and already we have a stockpile of lost, unnamed jumpers. Please remember to mark your child’s jumpers, hats and lunch boxes clearly with their name and class so that lost items can be returned.

Please come to the office and check the lost jumper pile for any missing items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the uniform shop or a local charity mid-term.

**2014/2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment Books will be available again this year at a cost of $60 each. This book contains vouchers for discounts at many Central Coast and Newcastle restaurants (formal and casual) and local attractions and services.

If you are interested in pre-ordering a book, order forms for the 2014/2015 Entertainment Books are now available at the office.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**OURIMBAH PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the school cross country carnival last term and well done to those placing in the top 6 of each age group. A note will go home next week with regard to the BWPSSA carnival.

A special thank you must go to those parents who were able to assist with course supervision as well as assistance with setting up or packing up on the day. Thanks heaps!

Final points score: Koalas 144, Kangaroos 139, Emus 96 and Platypus 50. Well done Koala house.

Gary Edwards Carnival Organiser

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Don’t forget that school hats can also be purchased from the canteen on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays at a cost of $15.00 each.

**BLUE GUM CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back to a winter warmer Term 2 in the Blue Gum Canteen. In the next day or so you will receive a new menu that is specifically for these colder months. I have started to do ‘taste testing’ with the children so they can try the new items.

There will be a Winter Wonderland Meal Deal Day in June where the children can enjoy those seasoned wedges that they love so much. Unfortunately all wedges have been removed from the weekly menu as the previous ones didn't meet the standards that we adhere to and the children didn't embrace the freshly made ones.

It’s been a great delight to see the children enjoying the items that we cook in store. Well done to them for choosing great freshly baked items. Hottest of them all is mini banana muffins!!!

Upcoming roster:

Would you like to join our team? Please don't be shy. It’s a really easy day.

- Friday, 2.5.14 - Judy, Adi
- Tuesday, 6.5.14 - Leanne D, Lorraine S
- Thursday, 8.5.14 - Victoria, Lesley M, Bronwyn, Julie H
- Friday, 9.5.14 - Kelly P, volunteers needed x2
- Tuesday, 13.5.14 - Danielle B, Agnes

I'm looking forward to fun and laughter in Term 2. I hope your children are too.

Elise Blomfield
Canteen Supervisor

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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 the 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.

**HANDWOVEN TEXTILES & ENAMELS EXHIBITION**

There will be an exhibition of handwoven textiles and enamels by Elizabeth & Heather Calnan (mother and sister of Mrs Goring) at Palm House, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney from 28th May until 9th June from 10 am – 4 pm daily.
Ourimbah Tennis Academy

Term 2 2014
Tennis Lessons
Bookings are now being taken for this terms tennis coaching.
Tennis lessons are available Monday to Saturday

Lesson types include Group, Semi-private and Private lessons for both children and adults

For further information contact
Angie on 0402 021159