Welcome Back to Our Great School
Many thanks to all of our wonderful parents and carers for looking after the boys and girls on Monday whilst staff participated in professional learning activities, it was very much appreciated. Staff learnt more about both the new Mathematics Syllabus and the new Science and Technology Syllabus, along with the implications for teaching and learning at OPS.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Our Parent/Teacher Meetings are being held over the next 3 weeks. You should have received a note regarding your classes PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS at the end of last term. If you didn’t, please contact the office for details. We would love to meet with all parents, as this is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping you well informed. If you have work commitments and can’t come to school during the scheduled interview timeframe, please contact your child’s class teacher and negotiate an alternative arrangement.
I encourage you all to take the time to participate in these interviews. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child’s report and their progress at these meetings. Please discuss areas of strength and areas for improvement with your child’s teacher, along with any concerns you may have that are impacting on your child’s education.

**Education Week**

Education Week will take place in week 3, between the 28th July and 1st August. It is an ideal opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the great things that are happening at our school. Parents, carers and friends are invited to visit and celebrate with us on Thursday, 31st July. We are having an open day where you will be invited into classrooms and along to our special celebratory assemblies.

We hope you can join us for some part of the day. The staff and students are looking forward to family and friends joining them in their classrooms, watching their special assemblies and staying to share a picnic recess or lunch.

Parents and friends are encouraged to stay over recess and enjoy this time at school with family. Morning tea will be available at the canteen, along with lunch if you would like to stay longer. If you are staying for lunch, please pre order your lunch from the canteen. A note with further details will be coming home shortly.

**TIMETABLE OF EVENTS**

- **Morning session - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**
  9.20 am – 10.00 am: Parents visiting in Yr 3 - Yr 6 classrooms.
  10.00 am: Crunch & Sip time for the students.
  Parents forward to the hall ready for our Yrs 3-6 Special Assembly.
  **10.15 am – 10.55 am: Yrs 3-6 Special Assembly in the hall.**
  **10.55 – 11.30:** Recess break

  All parents, from Kindergarten to Yr 6 are welcome to have a picnic recess with your children.

- **Middle session - Kindergarten, Yr 1 and Yr 2**
  11.30 am – 12.00 pm: Parents visiting Kindergarten, Yr 1 and Yr 2 classrooms.
  12.00 pm: Parents forward to the hall ready for our Kindergarten, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Special Assembly.
  **12.10 – 12.55 pm: K-2 Special Assembly in the hall.**

**Conclusion of our special activities.**

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**The Athletics Carnival**

Our Athletics Carnival will be on Friday, 1st August weather permitting. Parents, carers and friends are also invited to come along to this day and watch the children compete.

**‘Jack’s Bugle’ - Book Donation**

Many thanks to Anya and the D’Jallad Chaney family who donated ‘Jack’s Bugle’ which is an excellent book about ANZAC. The book is of significance, being beautifully written and superbly illustrated by Anya’s aunty, Belinda Elliott.

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**Staff News**

Welcome to Chris Wright and Bec O’Malley who are both completing their teaching internships with us. Chris is working with 2/3F and Mr Formby, whilst Bec O’Malley is working with Kinder Owls and Miss Clulow. The interns will work alongside the class teachers as they hone their teaching skills, prior to completing their education degrees at the end of this term.

**Cake Stall Fundraiser**

We are pleased to announce that the cake stall raised an impressive $745. Many thanks to everyone involved. The money will go towards supporting the creative arts, in particular our school concert which will showcase the talents of our drama, dance, music and choir groups.

**P&C Meeting**

The July P&C Meeting has been postponed until 13th August, starting at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would love to see more new faces there.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal
KINDER 2015 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Parents and carers of children who are eligible to start School in 2015 (whose date of birth is between 1st August, 2009 and 31st July, 2010) are invited to attend one of our Kinder 2015 Parent Information Sessions. Two sessions will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 23rd July with one at 11.30 am - 12.30 pm and the other at 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Please attend the session most convenient to you.

We will present an overview of our fantastic school, the Transition Program and school readiness.

We look forward to seeing you!
Katie Clulow

Please note there is NO P&C MEETING TONIGHT
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th August

NITBUSTERS DAY – Volunteers needed

Nitbusters Day will be held next week on Tuesday, 22nd July between 9 am and approximately 12.30 pm. This is early in the term and also on a different day to usual, so we hope our wonderful volunteers will continue to support this program and will be available to help on the day. New volunteers are always welcome. Morning tea is supplied.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week will be celebrated this term in Week 7 on Wednesday, 27th August. Students will be asked to come dressed as their favourite book character for a Book Week Parade.

We will also be having illustrator, Craig Smith, visit and talk to the students. There will be a small cost involved in this activity.
Thank you
Chris Mastello

SCHOOL BANKING

NEW REWARDS RELEASED IN TERM 3

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Rewards available in term 3 are:

- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

Please send in your redemption card and tokens on banking day. Rewards will be delivered in 1-2 weeks. Pooling of tokens is not allowed.

If you wish for your child to participate in the program, Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132 221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.

BLUE GUM ART SHOW

Calling all artists!!!

You’re invited to enter artworks in the Blue Gum Art Show 2014.

Our wonderful Blue Gum Art Show is back! We are very excited to invite you to our 4th Blue Gum Art Show on Sunday, 14th September from 10 am until 4 pm for one day only!! Our last art show, back in 2012, was such an exciting event and this one is shaping up to be even bigger. This year we will proudly showcase talented artists and their artworks, from paintings and sculptures through to photography. Again we are including a Children’s Exhibition for child artists from Kindergarten to Year 6.

It’s going to be fantastic!! So put that date in your diaries, grab an entry form from the school office or download one from the school website under OPS Information. You can even grab an entry form from the Ourimbah Newsagent and General Store. If you need more details, check out our pages on facebook - ‘Blue Gum Art Show’ or ‘Ourimbah Public School P&C’. Entry forms will need to be filled in and returned, with your entry fee to the school office no later than Monday, 1st September. You can contact Cat Soper on 0438 821673 if you need more information. Also, if anyone would like to donate artworks or items for raffles please let me know.

So grab an entry form and get creative!
This year in addition to our fabulous Art Show we will be having the Blue Gum Markets, so tell your friends and neighbours. A stall site will cost $25. This money goes to the P&C, whilst any money you raise from your stall on the day is yours to take home. You can sell trash and treasure, crafts, books, clothes, etc. Conditions apply. Get in early as there are limited places. For more market information, terms and conditions and registration forms, please go online to the school website at www.ourimbah-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and look under Ourimbah Information or alternatively you can email the P&C at ourimbahpandc@yahoo.com.au. You may also visit the front office during business hours. We are hoping that the local community and businesses will support this great day of art appreciation and shopping.

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.

BLUE GUM CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome back to Term 3. Just around the corner, on the 1st August, is the Athletics Carnival. This is the canteens biggest day of the year. If you have a chance to help in the canteen at Sohier Park please let me know by email on ourimbahcanteen@gmail.com or pop in on the day.

Term 3 continues with our Winter Menu. There has been a great response to this menu and it’s wonderful to see the children choosing from our meals made within the canteen. If you need another copy for home I have spares in the canteen. Please ask your child to come by and collect one.

I am searching for simple biscuit recipes. Do your children have a favourite biscuit that we could try in our canteen? We would love to share it with the rest of the school. Biscuits low in butter and high in fibre are ideal.

COMING UP - WEEK 4 - Healthy Bones Week.

Roster
17.7.14 - Victoria, Julie
18.7.14 - Shirriee, Regina
2.7.14 - Danielle
24.7.14 - Lara, Jamie-Lee
25.7.14 - Stephanie, Chee, Judy, Adi
29.7.14 - Albina, Judy, Lorraine

Elise Blomfield
Canteen Supervisor

INTERRELATE
The P&C will once again be holding an evening session on Interrelate on Wednesday, 20th August. This program is for students in Years 3 – 6. A flyer with full information will come home this week.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – AVAILABLE NOW
The Entertainment Books have arrived and are available at a cost of $60 each. The book contains vouchers for discounts at many Central Coast and Newcastle restaurants (formal and casual), as well as local attractions and services.
If you are interested in purchasing a 2014/2015 Entertainment Book, they are now available at the office.
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
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.
School hats can be purchased from the canteen on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays at a cost of $15.00 each.

COMMUNITY NEWS
OURIMBAH VILLAGE BUTCHERY
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.

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
Come & see Scouting in action at Ourimbah Scout Hall,
Ourimbah Creek Rd, Ourimbah on Saturday, 26th July 12 pm-3 pm
Free sausage sizzle will be provided.
Scouting is for boys & girls from 6 to 18 years old. Plus adults can join too.
Questions? Call Lynn MacDonald, Group Leader on 0404 006 400

KIDS SPORTS PROGRAM
For children 3-5 years
At Wyoming Schools as Community Centres SACC
Subsidised Rate: $40 per child
FREE to eligible families*

The Ready Steady Go Kids program is designed to build confidence, team work and school readiness skills by teaching the basic concepts of a variety of sports. Sessions are approximately 45 minutes. We play in the sun or the rain.

Term 3
2 classes every Friday - 9.30 am & 10.15am
at Wyoming SaCC
Commencing 18 July 2014
*Eligibility criteria applies
Registrations are essential, contact Philippa Skipper SaCC
Facilitator on 0477 317862 or email: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au
Wyoming Schools as Community Centres (SaCC) is located in the grounds of

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Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Session
Please come along to the Parent Information Session most convenient to you:
Wednesday, 23rd July
11.30 am - 12.30 pm or
6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
in the School Hall
Ourimbah Public School
121 Pacific Highway Ourimbah
We will present an overview of Ourimbah Public School, the Transition Program and school readiness. We look forward to meeting you.

Children whose date of birth is between 1st August, 2009 and 31st July, 2010 are eligible to begin school in 2015. Enrolment forms may be obtained from the Administration Office, Ourimbah Public School between 8.30 am and 3.00 pm Monday—Friday or by contacting the school on (02) 4362 1033
www.orimbah.p.schools.nsw.edu.au
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