Wednesday, 10th September 2014

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Fantastic School

It was great to see so many dads, grandads and significant others who came along to school on Friday morning to be part of our Father’s Day celebrations. The bacon and egg sandwiches were delicious and our special visitors spent time chatting, taking in the sights and playing games with the boys and girls.

A BIG thank you to Mr Formby for organising the Father’s Day Breakfast and to all of the staff, including Elise our Canteen Manager, former staff, family and friends who arrived extra early to ensure it was a success. It was a real team effort.

‘You never know what you can DO until you really TRY.’
‘The difference between ordinary and EXTRAordinary, is that little EXTRA.’
Valley Schools’ Aboriginal Cultural Day

On Friday, 29th August we hosted the Valley Schools’ Aboriginal Cultural Day with over 100 Aboriginal children from across the Valley Schools here at OPS to participate in a day of cultural activities. The schools involved, included Narara Public School, Lisarow Public School, Niagara Park Public School, Valley View Public School, Wyoming Public School and Ourimbah Public School.

The children enjoyed four highly engaging activities, including bush tucker and artefacts with Jessica Sinnott from Koori Kinnections, Darkinjung stories and dance with Athol Boney, painting clapping sticks with Brett Parker and traditional games with Mitchell Markham from Bara Barang. The children had a fantastic time, returning to their schools with many stories about what they learnt on the day.

You can see some of what we did during the day at the following link, http://www.nbnnews.com.au/index.php/2014/08/29/students-dive-into-aboriginal-culture/

We would like to thank Ourimbah Village Butchery for providing a discount on our sausages for the day. They were delicious! Thank you to the Narara Valley High School students who cooked the BBQ for the children. We would also like to thank Central Coast Area Health for providing each child with a show-bag.

A BIG thank you to Miss Katie Clulow, our Aboriginal Education Coordinator who did a fantastic job organising this event, to the presenters, staff from other schools and the students for their beautiful manners and good behaviour. The Valley Schools’ Learning Community is an excellent example of how schools work together to provide additional teaching and learning activities for the students.

Ryley B and Kade D

A Wealth of Extra Curricular Opportunities

There are still an incredible amount of extracurricular activities happening, both this week and next week. On Monday, our talented athletes went to the Sydney North Athletics Carnival and we had our first full scale rehearsal for ‘Ourimbah’s Got Talent’ which has been written by Mrs Alamango for our school concert early in term 4. We have our special Parent Assemblies. Yr 2 are going swimming every Wednesday. Yr 4 are going to the Aussie Bush Camp for 3 days and Yr 5 & 6 are going on an excursion to Sydney. On Thursday, the Student Leadership Team is conducting a fundraiser with a ‘Sport’ theme Mufti Day. This Friday, Karen Wood, renowned author of high quality childrens books is conducting workshops with some of our talented writers in Yr 3 & 4. On the last day of term, we will be celebrating our students good behaviour with our Magpie Rewards Day sausage sizzle. Please see over for more details.

Zone Athletics Champions

Congratulations to the competitors who travelled to Mingara for the Zone Carnival on Tuesday, 2nd September. Not only were our athletes successful on the track and field, but they represented our school with a high level of sportsmanship. We were crowned the 2014 Zone Champions!

Congratulations to the following individuals who ranked in the top three competitors for their divisions - Lucy J - JNR Girls Champion, Joshua M - 2nd Overall SNR Boys and Lily H - 3rd Overall SNR Girls.

We were able to send 19 of our athletes to Homebush, Olympic Stadium to compete at the Sydney North Carnival on Monday, 8th September. Congratulations to Lucy J who has made it through to the State Athletics Carnival in the 100 m & 200 m events, well done!

A BIG thank you to Mr Edwards and Mr Wilson for your ongoing support and organisation in this area.
To close, we’d like to say a massive THANK YOU to Mrs Jacobs, Mrs Murray, Mrs Bouffier and Mrs Morris for managing our team at the Zone Carnival. As well as those parents who volunteered during our time-slot at the barbeque, assisted with transport and showed great support to our athletes. Your support is very much appreciated.

**NAB Staff Support**

We were very fortunate to have volunteer staff from the National Australia Bank (NAB) spend a day with us working on the frog ponds, creek area and RAP trail, weeding, mulching and beautifying it. A BIG thank you to Kylie Brooks and her team of NAB business managers, Jason Bailey, Thelma Mellor, Karen La Fou, Adam Pfeiffer, Luke Boyle and Harper Boyle, who volunteered to assist us with looking after our beautiful school environment, it is very much appreciated. Thank you also to Liz Moore and Nicole Worrall who spend time every week working in the frog ponds and creek area.

**OPS Athletics Champions**

Congratulations to Ryley D, Lucy J, Daniel K, Auron M, Claudia P, Toby F and Sara D who are our 2014 Athletics Carnival Champions.

**P&C**

Our P&C Meeting is on tonight, starting at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would be delighted to see some new faces. As part of the schools evaluation and planning for the next 3 years, we will be identifying and discussing areas of strength and areas for improvement. We welcome and will value your input at this important time. Parents will also be given additional opportunities for feedback to the school through our online parent surveys.

**Blue Gum Art Show & Markets**

There are only a few days to go before our BIG event. Much work has gone into its planning and preparation. Please let your neighbours and friends know that it is on this coming Sunday. As this is one of the P&C’s main fundraisers for the year, I would encourage you all to support this special event.

**Alive with Organics**

Last Tuesday, Danielle from Wyong Shire Council came to judge our school for the Alive with Organics Program. The program provides opportunities for students to become involved in fun, innovative and environmentally sustainable projects through the Environmental Group. This year’s theme is ‘Alive with Organics’ which aims to engage schools in looking at organics through human and community wellbeing, environment, waste management, schools interactions and what’s related to the school in their community.

Thank you to the selected students - Caitlin, Savannah, Jessica, Zoe and Tahlia, who presented on the day. They
did a marvellous job! Also, a BIG thank you to Miss Sammut and Mrs Brewin for organising this and supporting the Environment Group.

**Holidays**
This will be our last newsletter before the holidays. Please have a relaxing and enjoyable break. School will resume on Tuesday, 7th October as the day before is a Labour Day public holiday.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg

**Stage 3 Sydney Excursion**
Stage 3 (Yr 5 & 6) students will be travelling to Sydney on Monday, 15th September to visit State Parliament House and the Australian Museum as part of their HSIE unit of work on Government and Indigenous Australians. The students will participate in workshops and self guided tours.

Stage 3 teachers will be accompanying the students on this excursion, along with Mr Whitehouse and Mr Smith. The coaches will be leaving from OPS at 7:15 am and returning by 4:30 pm.

Mrs English

**CLASSROOM EFFORT & BEHAVIOUR POINTSCORE**

**Week 7** - Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 47.5  Platypus – 37
Kangaroos – 34.5  Emus – 29.5

**Week 8** – Winning House – Koalas
Koalas – 41  Emus – 39
Kangaroos – 36.5  Platypus – 31.5

**CLASSROOM AWARDS K-2**


**CLASSROOM AWARDS 3-6**


**MAGPIE REWARDS**
Term 3 Magpie Rewards Day will be held on the last day of term, Friday, 19th September. We are holding a Sausage Sizzle, cooked by the teachers, for all students who have reached their 10 Magpies this term. Year 4 students will have their Magpie Rewards Day on Tuesday, 16th September, due to school camp. They will receive a frozen treat during lunch time to reward them for their good behaviour during the term.

**INTERNS**
This term we have been lucky enough to host two pre-service teachers from the University of Newcastle. At the end of this term Rebecca O’Malley and Chris Wright will have successfully completed their teaching degrees and will become fully qualified teachers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all the work they have done at the school this term, particularly on their allocated classes KC and 2/3F. The children and teachers will miss you. We wish you all the best success for your future teaching careers.

**KINDER TRANSITION CLASSROOM VISIT**
Last Friday, 5th September, was our first independent classroom visit for Kindergarten 2015. The visit took place in the current KMB and KC classrooms. There were two sessions; Red Group 9.00 am - 10.30 am and Green Group 11.00 am - 12.30 pm.

During the visits, the children participated in activities that would replicate a normal school morning. They marked the roll on the Smart board and listened to a story. They then broke off into groups, rotating around six activities. The children enjoyed their first unaccompanied visit and are looking forward to their next visit this Friday, 12th September.

Katie Clulow
Kinder Transition Coordinator

**SPORTS STAR MUFTI DAY - TOMORROW**
We are having a mufti day tomorrow, Thursday, 11th September. Children can come dressed as their favourite sports star or wearing their team's jersey. Children need to wear appropriate shoes (no football studs), no singlet tops or exposed midriffs. Students need to also wear their sun safe school hat. Please bring a gold coin donation as the student Leadership Team is fundraising for their leadership project.

**YEAR 6 MINI FETE – Week 1 Term 4**
As you may be aware the Year 6 Mini Fete will be held on Friday, 10th October in the school grounds. Each class will attend the fete for approximately 1 hour.
The Year 6 students have been working very hard at planning and organising their stalls and look forward to the support of our other students in making the fete a great success. Proceeds from the fete will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and other associated activities at the end of the year.

ALL students will need to purchase tickets the morning of the fete and/or during their fete time slot from Year 6 students and staff outside the office. No money will be exchanged at the stalls, each stalls pricing is an amount of tickets, each ticket will be worth 50c. Students will then use these tickets to purchase items from the stalls or to participate in the activities provided by the Year 6 students. If possible, we ask that children bring their money to spend at the fete in coins rather than notes to assist in the giving of change. The children, in the past, have brought no more than $20 to spend.

More information and a reminder will be sent home early in Week 1 of term 4. We all look forward to a wonderful day and thank you in anticipation for your support.

Louise Kimpton, Dean Wilson and Gary Edwards
Year 6 Teachers

AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
On Wednesday next week, Year 4 will be travelling to Karuah to attend the Aussie Bush Camp for the last 3 days of this term.
We are all very excited, particularly looking forward to the dual flying fox and the giant swing. The camp is a fabulous experience that the children will always remember sharing with their friends. A note will be sent home tomorrow with reminders for the Year 4 campers. Thank you.
Yr 4 Teachers

STAGE 2 TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION
On Tuesday, 28th October (Week 4, Term 4) Stage 2 students from 3F, 3/4A, 3/4B, 3/4P and 4S will have the opportunity to visit Taronga Zoo, Sydney.
The cost of the excursion will be $35.00 which includes Zoo entry, Sky Safari and coach travel.
A note will be sent home in Week 1, Term 4 regarding details and payment.
As they say, ‘SAVE THE DATE’.
Susan English

POWER RANGERS
The Power Rangers have been busy monitoring energy efficiency of classes at recess and lunch times. Congratulations to 2M, the winner of last fortights ‘Power Rangers Award’.

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY
Students have continued to take part in Waste Free Wednesdays each week. Students and staff have been encouraged to bring recess and lunch to school with either no packaging or recyclable packaging each Wednesday. The aim of this project is to decrease the amount of rubbish in the school and to increase the school community’s awareness about caring for the environment.
Examples of a waste free lunch box include bringing recess and lunch in containers that can be taken home (as opposed to plastic cling wrap), bringing pieces of fruit instead of pre-packaged food and bringing reusable drink bottles.

Q4: Family ACTIVation Pack
Year 1 Parents
This term, Year 1 students will be bringing home a Family ACTIVation Pack (one per family) – an awesome pack to get children and parents skilled, active & healthy!

The Family ACTIVation Pack is designed to help parents/carers get active with their children by playing quick, easy and fun games at home, in the park or wherever …… games that reinforce the fundamental movement skills already being learnt at school. There are all sorts of tips, ideas and guides for getting active including putting together an ‘Active Home Entertainment Centre’.

This resource has been developed by Central Coast Local Health District and supported by the NSW Department of Education & Communities. 4000 Family ACTIVation Packs are being distributed to primary schools on the Central Coast during this Term.

For more details check out the website www.healthpromotion.com.au click on Q4:Family Activation Pack. We hope this pack helps families to get skilled, get active and get healthy!

LIBRARY NEWS
Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Ourimbah Reading Challenge in Term 3: Hannah D KC, Cooper M, Hamish P KS, John O 1A, Lucinda M 1P, Alex P, Anouk v W, Michael M 1L, Samara C, Keith S 2A, Lucas C 2/3F, Charlotte O, Suzie M, Layla
ILLUSTRATOR VISIT
Craig Smith was a resounding success with all the students. They enjoyed watching him draw and were impressed when he taught them some of the finer points of drawing.

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 for those who have not yet paid, 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.

RAP'S BIRTHDAY BUSH BASH
The Rainforest Access Project was started on 31st August 1994, so it is now 20 years old! To celebrate, we are running a RAP Bushcare open day on 14th September, alongside the Blue Gum Art Show and Markets. There will be guided RAP trail tours, live animal displays, bush regeneration demonstrations and talks. Make your way to C Oval before or after you have enjoyed the artworks and sampled the markets. See Nicole Worrell or Liz Moore for more details.

THAT'S A RAP!
A huge thank you to Kylie Brooks and her NAB colleagues who turned up last week for an all-day RAP working bee, despite the threat of rain. The NAB team moved a lot of mulch; tidied up the RAP trail's lower entry point and along the trail; and a couple of them also helped Mrs Mastello in the library for a couple of hours. Their combined efforts have helped make the trail more accessible for the Bushcare Day this Sunday.

BLUE GUM ART SHOW & MARKET DAY
Well it has finally arrived! The Art Show and Market Day are on this Sunday, 14th September. We hope the sun will be shining and that everyone will come along on the day and have a great time.

BLUE GUM CANTEEN NEWS
IT'S HERE. FlexiSchools Online is ready to launch! Have you logged on to FlexiSchools and created your account? This system is so easy to use and takes away all the hassle of finding money for lunches.

With this newsletter you will have a Summer Menu and an information brochure for online ordering. Head to flexischools.com.au and follow the prompts. Everything you see on the Summer Menu is being finalised at the moment online and will be ready to order by week 10 and onwards. I use this system for my children's lunch orders and find it so much more helpful than the old way. You are more than welcome to use either at the Blue Gum Canteen but I hope you enjoy the digital version like I do.

Popular items in the canteen at the moment are our cinnamon muffins! These also have crushed weetbix in them to boost the fibre content. You could try this trick at home. Why not come and give them a try.

Elise Blomfield
Canteen Supervisor

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

School hats can be purchased from the canteen on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays at a cost of $15.00 each.
CAMP AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY CLUB

Camp Australia will once again be running their Holiday Camp on school premises during the holidays. For more information on the holiday camp program or to make a booking visit www.campaustralia.com.au.

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P&C MEETING TONIGHT
7 pm in staffroom.
All welcome

COMMUNITY NEWS

SEASONS FOR GROWTH FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM
Season for Growth is an 8 week (1hr/week) course helping children experiencing loss or grief due to family breakdown by developing new life skills through activities and discussion.
Locations: Wyong, Erina, Woy Woy
Each child receives their own personal journal.
If you would like to express your interest or know more then:
Call Lisa on 0421 629 649
lisa@tlcwellnessandtherapy.com.au
www.facebook.com/tlctherapy.au

CENTRAL COAST LAPIDARY CLUB
You are invited to the Lapidary Club’s Gem Show on Saturday, 11th & Sunday, 12th October at Mingara Club, Tumbi Umbi. Entry is free and you will be able to collect free samples.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & FETE
Where: Narara Uniting Church, Wyoming Rd, Wyoming
When: Friday, 26th & Saturday, 27th September
Time: Friday 11 am – 7 pm & Saturday 8.30 am – 2 pm
Enquiries: Mrs Heather Mogg Ph 4323 9404
Our Junior Activities Program or ‘Nippers’ (5-14yrs) is a great opportunity for families to become involved in Surf Life Saving. More importantly however, Nippers teaches kids how they can help themselves and their friends stay safe at the beach while having heaps of fun along the way. Nippers are held on Sunday mornings throughout summer and teach invaluable surf safety and lifesaving skills. Come along to our registrations to find out more.

Registration Days
Sunday, 14th September – 10 am to 2 pm
@ Wamberal SLSC - 1 Dover Road Wamberal
Or join online at www.lifesavingonline.com.au
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