THE P&C EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held TONIGHT Tuesday 12 February commencing at 7 pm in the staff room. This is a great opportunity for new parents to find out more about our school community and become involved in shaping the future of our school.

The key focus of our P & C is to provide a forum in which parents can talk about needs and aspirations for their children and contribute to a developing partnership with the school.

Fund raising activities have contributed towards reading materials, school welfare and special needs.

Our first meeting will focus on planning, priorities for 2013, programs to be offered, fundraising and its purpose, school maintenance issues, creative arts programs, the school canteen and upcoming school events.

A reminder that our AGM takes place on 19 March. To be able to vote at this meeting you must be a financial member of the P & C prior to the meeting. ie You need to join before the AGM. (Membership is $2)

MATHEMATICS CLASSES

We commenced our graded maths classes today for students in years 3-6. Students have been placed according to assessments conducted last year and in the last week. We have set up structures to support students in all classes and placements will be reviewed on a regular basis. If you wish to discuss maths classes please contact Mrs Lengyel or Mr Stephens.

PARENT READING PROGRAMS

We value highly our reading programs where parents and friends come in to support students with literacy. These programs have commenced and are running smoothly. It is vital that all our students K-6 have the opportunity to read as regularly as possible. If you would like to be involved in a reading support program please contact your child’s teacher. Training and assistance provided.

In 2013 we will continue to run additional reading support programs such as multilit and storydogs where we depend on parent and community assistance. Please contact our Learning Assistance Support Teacher Debbie Timms if you would like to know more.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival last Friday was a great success.

Thankyou to staff and parents for your work and assistance on the day and particularly Miss Christian for her excellent organisation.

Many students qualified to attend the district carnival at the Mullumbimby pool this Friday 15 February. Miss Christian, Mrs Jordan and myself will accompany our team. The bus will leave school at 9.10am sharp as the carnival is scheduled to commence at 9.30am. Please ensure permission note and levies have been returned to school by Thursday.

House results for 2013 were Palm 1st, Flame 2nd, Wattle 3rd and Cedar 4th

Our individual champions were:

**Juniors**
- Meg Porter
- Finn Reece

**11 years**
- Shelby Booth
- Oliver Cronin

**Seniors**
- Cheyenne Pyne
- Shaun Booth

There will be a special assembly on Monday 18 February at 9.15am to present ribbons and trophies to our fantastic swimmers. A full list of results will be published on our website as soon as they are available along with an update of school records after Cheyenne Pyne and Isabella Brett broke existing times.

Please note that the Zone Swimming carnival takes place on Tuesday 26 February at Alstonville.
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Our Teddy Bear’s Picnic is set for Sunday 3 March from 10.00am till 12.00noon in the school grounds. The day is designed for kindergarten parents and students and their families and the year 6 buddies. Other families are welcome to attend if they wish. Events on the day will include:

- Parade of teddy bears or favourite toys
- Live music
- Puppet Show
- Games and activities
- A BYO picnic morning tea

We hope as many families as possible can attend. It is a great chance to get to know each other, teachers and other students. Tea and coffee provided.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
We ask all families to make a contribution towards the costs of providing educational resources for your children. These funds are vital in allowing us to provide students the best possible resources across all curriculum areas. The amount can be paid in instalments. Contributions are:

1 student - $30
Family - $50

All families who have paid by Friday March 8 will go into a draw for $100 school voucher.

MARKETS
Our markets program starts again on Tuesday 19 February with Mrs Lengyel’s 5/6 class attending. This program has been very successful and involves a different class each week travelling to the markets to shop for fresh produce. They return to school and then make a delicious, healthy lunch. It costs $5 per student which covers food costs and bus travel. We get fantastic support from the New Brighton Farmers Market and look forward to continuing that relationship.

PANCAKE DAY
There were many satisfied customers on pancake day with students also helping to raise over $300 for NSW public schools number 1 charity, Stewart House.

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION
There will be an induction ceremony on Friday 22nd February for our school captains and vice captains, members of the school parliament, sporting house captains and vice captains and library monitors. The time of this ceremony has changed to 2.30pm because of a clash with a sporting event.

ELECTIVE CREATIVE ARTS CLASSES
Thankyou for returning creative arts elective notes. We will commence forming groups tomorrow so students know which elective they have by Friday.

We are looking for donations of brightly coloured material for our flag making group so please send into the office if you have any. There are also several groups that would value some parent support during lessons so if you are available to assist please let me know.

K-2 Session is from 12.50 – 1.50pm
3-6 session is from 2.15 – 3.15pm

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO MULLUM HIGH
In 2013 our year 6 students will be involved in a far more extensive transition program to Mullumbimby High school. This exciting program will involve regular visits for curriculum enrichment, gifted and talented days and events with other primary schools. High school students will also be involved in activities at Ocean Shores.

There is a special community evening planned for Tuesday 12 March at Mullum High to discuss secondary education and transition programs. This will commence at 7.00pm in the hall.

CANTEEN ROSTER
15 Feb – Janis Wilkes, Jasmine Blacka, Penny Bennett, Rebecca McVeigh
22 Feb – Mandy Borthwick, Felisha Irby, Jemma Walker, Karla Albert.

COMMUNITY NEWS
YOGA
Yoga Classes continue after school on Tuesdays from 3.30 to 4.15pm in the hall @ $7 per class. There will be a focus this Term on fun while exploring stillness and concentration....enquiries call Shane or Mel on 0418 688 171.

SHIM JANG TAEKWONDO
New Class Opened Fridays 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Ocean Shores Community Centre
55 Rajah Road Ocean Shores
All ages welcome, parents and children can train together. An excellent way to increase fitness and confidence

1st degree black belt instructor Chrissy Butler 0402 823 261

Thanks Chris