SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION
Our induction ceremony on Friday for our 2013 school leaders had to be postponed due to some extremely difficult weather conditions. It will now take place this Friday at 1.15pm. It will be the first time we have inducted a whole school parliament. We have already met with the parliament members in an effort to promote the importance of student leadership and help our key leaders understand their roles.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Results from the district swimming carnival have now been received. Congratulations to the 24 students who were successful in making the district team for the Zone Swimming carnival which took place today at Ballina.

PARKING AND BUS ZONES
We have a very concerning issue at the moment with many drivers around our school failing to observe road laws and parking or stopping illegally.

Please note – There should be no parking or stopping to drop off students in the school bus zone during designated restriction times. The safety of all our students depends on all drivers following the law. Please do this.

Please note – The in school car park is for staff only. It cannot be used as a means of dropping off or picking up students at any time. This area is particularly busy for students accessing bikes and our special transport bus.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Our Teddy Bear’s Picnic is set for this 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
- Curly Cousins concert
- 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.

FAR NORTH COAST CRICKET
This event was postponed last week. We are awaiting advice on when it will now take place.

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 a $100 school voucher.

MARKETS
Our markets program started again today with Mr Stephens 3/4 class involved. 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 who today presented the school with a cheque for $1500 to assist with our gardens program. This is greatly appreciated and will allow us to employ a gardener for 3 hours per week.

3/4S students receive the $1500 cheque from the New Brighton Farmers market
BRAVEHEARTS
On Thursday 7 March students in years K-4 will be involved in a presentation called Ditto produced by Bravehearts. The show focuses on student safety particular in the area of child protection and prevention of physical and sexual abuse. The presentation is highly recommended and parents are welcome to attend. Student cost for the production is $4.00. Please return permission notes as soon as possible.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO MULLUM HIGH
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. Teachers and Former students will also visit OSPS on Tuesday 5 March to speak with year 5 & 6 students.

CANTEEN NEWS
Pizza Day was a great success! Just like to thank all the students and teachers for their patience, we had more pizza orders then we anticipated! Next special day will be on Friday 22nd March. The theme for the day will be Italian and we will not have the normal lunch menu on offer. If you can help on Thursday 21st for the cook-up/prep day, please phone Tanji Winstanley 66804673. Thanks
Mandy Borthwick

ROSTER
1 March – Leanne Wallace, Natalie Porter, Kim Simon, Jennah Browning
8 March – Janis Wilkes, Jasmin Blacka, Fiona Robb Davis, Jo Fletcher.

STORYDOGS
The Storydogs program recommenced today. Storydogs is run by volunteers who go through a very structured training programs with their dogs. Their purpose is to encourage student reading and promote student well being by providing them the opportunity to read to the dog and owner. We will be running a mufti day later in the year to support the Storydogs program.

EASTER BEACHATHON
We will again be holding our Easter Beachathon. This involves students collecting sponsors for a long beachwalk to be conducted the day before Good Friday ie Thursday 28 March. Everyone taking part in the walk will get a ticket in the major draw of $2000 worth of sporting / health related prizes eg bikes, scooters, tennis rackets
For every $5 they raise they get an extra ticket in the draw and increase their chances of winning a prize. Eg $20 = 4 tickets. This will be drawn after the beach walk commencing at 1.00pm in the school hall. In this way we raise funds through promotion of a healthy lifestyle.
This is a major fundraiser for our P & C with funds raised being used to support our Multilit and other reading programs.
Sponsor sheets and further information will go home on Monday.

KIDS IN CONNECTION
Kids in Connection in conjunction with Ocean Shores Public School is offering the ‘My World and Me’ Program for Stage 3 students. We are initially trialling the program with 5/6C.

The program will provide an opportunity for children to meet and discuss topics such as:
- How they feel about growing up and becoming their own person in the world.
- The responsibility of our choices and how these impact on ourselves and others.
- The influence of and messages we get from different types of media such as movies, music videos, computer games and online social networks.
- Looking at how we express in face-to-face interactions and in online forum interactions.
- Understanding personal relationships and the ways we interact with others.

The school is subsidising the program which costs $800. Students pay $10 each to be involved in the 4 sessions. There will also be a parent session for all stage 3 parents on 27 March.

RUGBY UNION
Our school team will be taking part in the 10 a side Casuarina Cup next Wednesday 6 March. Information and permission notes for this will go home on Thursday. We will need some assistance with transport so please return notes quickly so we can get this organised. There will also be a seven a side gala day in Brunswick Heads on Tuesday 12 March.

Thanks Chris

Lena and Sooty are regular visitors to our school for the Storydogs Program.