SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION
Our induction ceremony for our 2013 school leaders took place on Friday. It was great to have many parents present to present our students with their badges. The first major decisions for our school parliament involves organisation of our school disco scheduled for Thursday 4 April.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
The teddy bears picnic was very well attended. I think it was nice for us all to be able to escape the rain and get out of the house for a while. Lots of games, dancing, a fantastic cake, bubbles, parachutes our parade and a great performance by the Curly Cousins put lots of smiles on the kids faces.

ABORIGINAL ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAM
The P&C is currently working with staff and Aboriginal parents to develop an Aboriginal Arts and Culture Program at the school. The vision is:

- to create stronger bonds with and amongst the Aboriginal community;
- to increase the whole school community's awareness of Aboriginal culture;
- to empower Aboriginal parents and students;
- to build stronger bonds between the Aboriginal school community and the broader community;
- to provide Aboriginal parents with an opportunity for training and professional development;
- to enhance Aboriginal arts and culture education in the school curriculum.

We welcome all parents to be part of developing this initiative and extend a special invitation to Aboriginal parents: we would welcome your ideas and thoughts. Our next meeting is Wednesday 6 March at 8.30am in the library. Would love to see you there. To find out more, contact Sonia Woods at the school or Laurel Cohn at ospandc@gmail.com.

ASSEMBLY
We will have our first assembly for the year commencing at 2.15pm this Friday 8 March. The assembly will be hosted by 5/6E with assistance from buddy class 1/2E. The assembly will feature items, display of student work and class and principal awards. Assemblies are run by our school leaders and the host class.

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Results from the far north coast swimming carnival have now been received. Congratulations to the 5 students who were successful in making the team for the Regional Swimming carnival which takes place in Coffs Harbour tomorrow. Our Senior boys relay team is looking very strong and we have Shaun Booth, Josh Brett and Lucia Brett competing in individual events. Good luck to them all.
P & C AGM
The annual general meeting of our P & C will be held on Tuesday March 19 commencing at 7.00pm in the staff room. All executive positions are declared vacant and elections held if needed. Nomination forms for positions are available at school or through contact with the P & C. You must be a financial member of the P & C to be able to vote at the AGM. Costs just $2. The general meeting will follow the AGM. Items on the agenda include committee reports, Easter Beachathon, progress on school targets, maintenance, creative arts and gardening program. Childcare is available.

FAR NORTH COAST CRICKET
Cricket trials for the Far North Coast team were held yesterday at Chinderah. Oliver Cronin, Josh Brett, Max Meikle and Jake Hayes represented our school. Congratulations to Oliver and Jake who were selected in the team to go to Regional trials this Sunday and Monday in Sawtell.

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
Last day for payment to go into the draw for a $100 school voucher is this Friday 8 March.

MARKETS
4/5W attended the markets today. Crocodile burgers, home made hummus, bruschetta and fruit salad were on the menu.

BRAVEHEARTS
This 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 by tomorrow.

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 visited OSPS today to speak with year 5 & 6 students.

CANTEEN NEWS
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
8 March – Janis Wilkes, Jasmin Blacka, Fiona Robb Davis, Jo Fletcher.
15 March – Lisa Moffatt, Michelle Tree, Megan Schenk, Stacey Parkes- Reece.

EASTER BEACHATHON
Sponsor sheets for the Beachathon were sent home yesterday. Our beachwalk to be conducted the day before Good Friday, i.e. 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 racquets
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.

RUGBY UNION
Our school team will be taking part in the 10 a side Casuarina Cup tomorrow Wednesday 6 March. Please ensure permission notes have been returned to school. Mr Tyler is coaching our team. We will be leaving school at 8.45am. Notes will go home Thursday re the seven a side gala day in Brunswick Heads on Tuesday 12 March.

ATTENDANCE
It is a legal requirement that students attend school each day and that all absences or partial absences be explained as our school rolls can be subpoenaed by a court. After 3 unexplained absences the school is required to contact parents formally in regard to attendance concerns. We will conduct our termly attendance review next week. Please send in absence notes if you have not already done so. Absence note booklets will be sent home this week for your convenience.

Thanks Chris