TERM 1
It has been a busy and productive term. It has been particularly satisfying to see our kindergarten students settle in so well and make such great progress with all aspects of their learning. I also have lots of praise for our year 6 students who are taking their responsibility of being school leaders very seriously and generally being excellent role models for other students. Our term ends this Friday. Students return to school on Wednesday 1 May. Teachers will be involved in two training days about the new national English curriculum to commence the term. These days are pupil free.

MULLUMBIMBY HIGH – SUMMIT CLASS
A reminder that applications for the Summit class at Mullumbimby High School are due by Friday 10 May. These are submitted to our school office. Please contact me if you want more information about the Summit class.

ANZAC DAY
Anzac day takes place during the school holidays. All our students are invited to join our student parliament for the dawn service in Brunswick Heads which will commence at 5.00am. It would be appreciated if students would wear full school uniform.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
It is great to have parent Andy Holt on board helping post items on the school website. Andy has been busy in the last week including photos of events that have taken place during the term. Please take the time to go to the Ocean Shores Public School website to check out what is on there.

CRICKET
The school cricket team travels to Modanville on Thursday to play their 3rd round match in the state knockout. We will leave the school at 8.30am to commence the match at 10.30am. Good luck to the boys.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
There was a great performance at school on Monday. Some of the $6 entry fees for this event are still unpaid. Please pay these by end of term.

DISCO
Our first disco for the year was great fun with students putting lots of effort into costumes. There was lots of great dancing, games and energy on display. The disco raised $900 to support personal development programs.

Lots of fun at the pyjama party disco.

The girls danced hard all night.

ATHLETICS
We commence our school athletics program this Thursday 11 April. This will enable us to run a 10 week series of skill development and practice before our track and field carnivals in the last week of term 2. These sessions run on Thursday afternoons from 2.15 to 3.15pm for primary students. If any parent would like to assist with this program please let me know.
ASSEMBLY
At last week's school assembly we were entertained by Miss Christians 5/6 class who showed us some of their quality work. They then combined with 1B to perform a great dance for us.
Principal’s awards went to Bryton Wilkes, Kel Shaw, Holly Jones and Kaelyah Puni who have been producing excellent work in writing. Kane Oliss also received a principal’s award for his mature approach to solving problems.
The school leaders award went to Oliver Cronin for his selection in the North Coast cricket team.
Our next assembly takes place this Friday 12 April commencing at 1.00pm in the school hall. Mrs Woods class will host the assembly with assistance from K/6Y.

STATE SWIMMING
Our swimming team returned from the state carnival with excellent results from our relay team who came 18th in the state. Our individual swimmers also swam well with personal best times recorded. Well done on being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
The school cross country takes place early next term on Thursday 9 May. The course starts and finishes in the school grounds. Students in 8yrs and above walk the course on the Wednesday afternoon. The event commences at 9.45am. Students in K-2 have a fun run in the school grounds commencing at 11.30am. All parents and visitors welcome.

NAPLAN
These national assessment tasks are rapidly approaching. They affect years 3 and 5 at the primary level and years 7 and 9 at the high school level. Dates for testing are 14, 15 and 16 of May.
I am attaching a letter to parents of year 3 and 5 students to provide further information about the tests. Please contact me if you wish to discuss any issues relating to NAPLAN.
Additional information can also be found at:

L3 TRAINER
The skills of AP stage 1, Mrs Lisa McGivern, have been recognised at a regional level. She has been selected to train as an L3 trainer which will enable her to train other teachers in our area in this highly valued program.
Mrs McGivern will travel to Coffs Harbour this Thursday for her first 2 training days. She attends an additional 8 days training and then has days training and supporting other teachers. This will usually happen on Thursdays and Fridays during the year.
When Mrs McGivern is running this program Miss Amelia Evans will teach 1M.

Opposites! An angel and a devil at the disco.

CANTEEN NEWS
ROSTER
12 April – Kate Horsley, Tegan Quinnell, Jo Fletcher, Jennah Browning

P & C
Mothers Day Stall
The P & C will run a Mother’s Day stall next term. Mothers May is on Sunday 12 May so we will hold the stall on Friday 10 May. To make it a success we need helpers either on the day to help run the stall or beforehand to assist with the wrapping.
If you are able to give a few hours please contact Gina Brough (P&C Treasurer) on 0422277170 or 66803870.

Frontrow Sound Systems
The P & C has agreed to support the school in the introduction of sound systems in 2 of our classrooms. These systems are designed to support the learning of all students but particularly those with hearing issues. We will monitor their effectiveness with a view to increasing numbers of the systems. The systems are over $2000 each so this assistance is greatly appreciated.

Festival of The Imagination
The first festival meeting for the year was held last week with good support shown. Laurel Cohn is heading this committee. They have lots of ideas but will need plenty of support to make the event a success. The dates are 31 August and 1 September. There will be workshops, student performances, café stalls, art exhibition, raffles and lots more.

Thanks Chris