FINAL NEWSLETTER 2014
This is our final newsletter for 2014. Thanks to our school community for your wonderful support throughout the year. We wish you a happy Christmas and holiday period.
The first day next year for students in Yrs 1-6 is Wednesday 28 January.
Kindergarten commence on Monday 2 February.

CAI T E N
Our final canteen day for the year is this Friday 12 December. Thanks to Jodee and her wonderful volunteers for your great help in 2014. Without your support the canteen wouldn't operate. If the current volunteers could please let us know if they are still able to help next year that would be great. We will be on the lookout for more helpers next year so if you can, or know of anyone that would like to, you can pick up volunteer forms at the office.

SCHOOL LEADERS
Our assembly last Friday featured speeches by our prospective school leaders. All students made high quality presentations and should be very proud of their efforts. 2015 school leaders will be announced at the presentation day on Thursday.
Amongst the fantastic speeches from our young leaders, the school enjoyed a rousing talk and beautiful song from an inspiring young visitor.
Ta’Kaiya Blaney, is a 13 year old from Sliammon First Nation, in British Columbia, Canada. An environmental activist since she was 8 years old, Ta’Kaiya’s speeches, singing, songwriting, and acting reflect her concern for the future of the planet. She has spoken many times at United Nations conferences and globally about environmental and indigenous affairs.
See: www.takaiyablaney.com for more info.
Ta’Kaiya is here as a presenter for the Uplift Festival, happening this weekend at the BRSCC in Byron Bay.
Uplift is offering a program entitled Youth In Action, has great kids’ activities and loads of speakers, workshops and forums for all to enjoy.
Children under 12 are free, Youth (13-21) get entry for $50.
See: www.upliftfestival.com

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
The last day for students is Wednesday 17 December.
Teachers will be at school till Thursday 18 December participating in training programs and 2015 planning.
As usual we will conclude the school year with an assembly in the school hall at 3.00pm on Wednesday to farewell our year 6 students. We then will follow our normal tradition of forming a guard of honour for Yr 6.

PRESENTATION DAY
You are invited to our 2014 Presentation Day Assembly this Thursday 11 December at 9.30am. On this day we will recognise the achievements of our students across all curriculum areas.
We will have performances by our senior dance group and choir.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
The Year 6 Farewell and Disco takes place tomorrow Wednesday 10 December at the Ocean Shores Country Club. The event involves a sit down meal of gourmet pizzas, a graduation ceremony and a dance for students and parents. Students need to be at the Country Club just before 6.00pm to enable some photos to be taken. The meal will commence around 6.20pm with the official ceremony beginning at 7.00pm.
The ceremony will include:
Presentation of graduation certificates
Address by school captains
Slideshow of student activities
Cake cutting and formal dance
We remind all parents that this is an official school event and as such no alcohol is permitted in the auditorium.
We are looking forward to a fantastic night. Many thanks to Mrs Lengyel and her team for their organization.

REPORTS
Reports should be sent home on Friday. Please contact your child’s teacher if you wish to discuss the report. I am also available to talk to parents on any reporting related issue.

Do Your Best
NORTH COAST AWARDS
We are thrilled that three students from our school have received major awards from the North Coast Sports Association. Congratulations to Mackenzey Ormiston, Oliver Cronin and Kel Shaw who have been recognised for their outstanding efforts at National level in 2014.

TALENT QUEST
The talent quest will take place on Monday 15 December and will begin at 9.30am. The program has been completed and is available at the school office. Students involved in performances will be provided with a program. Many thanks to Mrs Barrett and staff for organising this event and to our volunteer judges for the day.

END OF YEAR EXCURSIONS
Parents and students are reminded that participation in Tuesday 16 end of year excursions is dependent on students maintaining high standards of respect, responsibility and safety. Please return notes and money ASAP.

CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC
Congratulations to all our Music in Schools students who have applied themselves with some great outcomes, including school performances this semester. Progress Reports have been sent out to the schools and should be arriving home with your children before the end of term. I hope you enjoy basking in the glow of your efforts.

I would also like to acknowledge all the parents and carers who support their children to practise regularly and remember their music folders & instruments on lesson day. Thanks also to school office staff, teaching staff and principals for their support of Music in Schools.

In these early learning years, students are setting up a strong foundation to be able to have versatile and broadly applicable skills as a musical person for the rest of their lives. Keeping a balance between fun and challenge is important, and if you would like some tips on this, see the download on our website.

A reminder for all students wishing to continue in the program next year that enrolments are now open on a first come first serve basis. Please go directly to our online enrolment form at www.enrol.nrcac.edu.au

More information about the program and our teachers is available on our website www.nrcac.edu.au and information brochures at the school office.

Our office is attended until Dec 19, so please settle all 2014 accounts by this date.

STUDENTS / PARENTS LEAVING
As well as our year 6 students leaving our school we farewell some great parents and families. Many of our Yr 6 students are the last of their families to attend Ocean Shores Public School. Thankyou for you great support over many years.

SUPPORT UNIT
The installation of our new demountable support unit is now almost complete. It will be a great addition to our excellent facilities. We have also had a new teacher appointed to the support unit and will welcome Brendan Campbell to our staff next year.

MULLUMBIMBY HIGH UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be open on the following dates to purchase uniforms prior to the 2015 school year.

Thursday, 22nd January 10am to 12.30pm
Tuesday, 27th January 10am to 12.30pm
Wednesday, 28th January 8.30am to 9.30am

The uniform shop will then be open each school week on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.00am.

The uniform shop is also happy to receive second hand uniforms to re-sell.

OOSHI
Plans for establishment of Out of School Hours care are progressing however contracts and the tendering process mean that we will not be ready for the start of 2015. We are working towards commencement in term 2.

IN CONCLUSION
We have had another outstanding year at Ocean Shores which has featured outstanding student results and achievements in academic, social, cultural and sporting areas. It is very rewarding to see our Ocean Shores family working together to get such great outcomes for our students. We can only see more of the same in 2015. Best wishes.

Thanks
Chris Hauritz