WELCOME BACK
We hope that you all had a nice holiday break and that the kids are all excited to be back. Daylight savings time starting right at the end of the holidays has left most of us feeling a little weary but I know we will all bounce back soon as we adjust our internal clocks and get back into routine.
We are certainly in for another busy term. Term 4 is traditionally a busy one as we move to the end of the year. It is especially exciting for the students in Year 6 as they get closer to starting high school and all that this journey will bring them. At the other end of the spectrum, we will also welcome our new 2016 Kindergarten students as they come in to participate in our Kindergarten Transition program, which will commence on Monday 2 October.
Welcome back to all of our students who enjoyed catching up with their friends and their teachers this week. It is always great to see their smiling faces on the first day back at school after a break. Welcome also to our new families who have started at our school this term. I know you will be made to feel very welcome in our school community.
We have attached a term calendar which outlines many of the important dates for the term. Please contact the school office if you need any of these items clarified. Some of the exciting things planned include the Book Fair and Book Character Parade, Market Days, Grandparents Day, Count Us In singing, The BFG excursion for Stage 2, Surf Safety program, Bike Ed program, Special Swimming Scheme, Remembrance Day, International Day for People with a Disability, 2016 Leaders Assembly, and much, much more. So fasten those seatbelts again for what is sure to be a great term.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Grandparents Day is an opportunity for communities to recognise and celebrate the valued role that our grandparents play in our society. This year, the day of celebration falls on Sunday 25 October. We have decided to hold our own Grandparents Day celebrations here at Ocean Shores on Thursday 29 October, so we would like to flag this date for community members to get organised in inviting all of the kids grandparents to come in to our beautiful school on this day to give them an opportunity to see where their grandchildren learn and laugh and play all day long. A separate note will be sent home next week with greater detail regarding the day, but please ensure that you alert all grandparents to keep the 29 October free for a visit to our school and a chance to celebrate their “grand-ness”.

2015 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM
We are taking registrations now for our new Kindergarten Transition Program that will commence in a few weeks to ensure that our starting students next year will be prepared for ‘big’ school. The transition program will involve the kids coming into our beautiful school for a 5 half day program every Monday, commencing from 26 October.
The kids will get to experience all that school offers and get a chance to really familiarise themselves with how our school day runs and participate in a huge range of wonderful activities. This transition program is aimed to better prepare the kids for their start in Kindergarten in 2016, to alleviate any nerves and ensure they get the best start to their education. Information sessions for parents will also be included at this time.
Please make sure you contact our school office on 6680 2766 to register your child to be included in this free transition program.

BRUNSWICK HEADS ENVIRONMENTAL WALK
Ocean Shores P.S recently entered into the local Brunswick Heads Environmental Walk competition with a turtle sculpture made from recycled materials. The project involved students and staff from the school, including students fishing last term for sport, cleaning the Brunswick rock walls after each fishing trip. The sculpture highlights the need to be aware of our rubbish and the impact it has on our ocean life. The school will clean the local beaches and encourage litter free lunch days as part of this program.
A special thank you to Rob Brough and Wayne Gibbons for all of the work to make this project happen.

DO YOUR BEST
BOOK FAIR & CHARACTER PARADE

Our annual Book Fair is scheduled for Thursday 22 October. Mrs Rologas is excited to once again be holding the Book Fair in our library as an opportunity for families to purchase some wonderful books for your children, which in turn is a fundraiser for our school library.

Every student will get an opportunity to look through the books and posters that are on display at the Book Fair. Students and parents are able to purchase books and items on display, with the school receiving a commission on the number of sales made during the Fair. Mrs Rologas then always places an order of books from the Book Fair that we get to keep, so your support is greatly appreciated. I encourage mums and dads, or grandparents to come on in during this day to have a look at the display. Books make great presents for upcoming birthdays or Christmas too.

Students are invited to also come dressed on this day as a character from one of their favourite books. We will have a Book Parade for all classes to show off their costumes for students and parents starting at 2.30pm in our hall for those who can attend. We know the kids will enjoy this day, and we look forward to your support.

SCHOOL GARDEN

The school veggie garden is blooming at the moment thanks to the hard work of local parent helpers Ziggy, Cath, Kate and the enthusiastic help of students. We appreciate the wonderful work you do. Keep an eye out over the next few Wednesday afternoons for the garden stall at the front of the school for our produce stall. Money raised will help fund more plants and seeds to keep our garden going.

Check out our awesome garden beds!!!

STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Next week on Wednesday and Thursday 14/15 October, we will have 3 of our amazingly talented athletes travel to Sydney to compete in the NSW State Athletics Championships at Homebush. Congratulations to CharlieOrmiston, Finley Neylan and Dylan Powell on this wonderful achievement. We wish the boys the best of luck for their events and look forward to seeing them when they return. Good luck boys. You have the whole community behind you!

P&C GENERAL MEETING

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday 19 October. We hope to see a lot of community representation as we evaluate some of the programs already completed this year, including the Festival of Imagination, but also plan for the term ahead. Our P&C is a very active group of willing participants who come along to share in the vision for our school, so come along and get involved. The meeting commences at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. We hope to see you there.

OCEAN SHORES OOSH NOW OPEN

Our own OOSH (Out Of School Hours care) commenced on Tuesday with the kids already attending enjoying the activities. The service runs before and after school and will also run during vacation time. If you have questions for the team, please call in to see them either before or after school one day and enquire about the program offered. Greater detail about our new OOSH Coordinator, other staff, and the centre program will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW

Please contact the school office to alert us of details of new students planning to enrol in any grade at Ocean Shores PS for the remainder of this year, but also for 2016 Kindergarten enrolments. I am always happy to provide a walk around our beautiful school. It sells itself, but I will also provide a whole swag of information about the amazing and innovative programs we run here. Make sure you talk to all of your friends and neighbours about our school and tell them of the magic that happens here every day. Please call us on 02 6680 2766 if you are aware of any possible new enrolments for now or for 2016, as we are starting to plan for next year and it helps to include these details if known.

Jeff Robinson - Principal (R)