KINDERGARTEN
We were thrilled to have 39 kindergarten students enrol yesterday. We have formed two straight classes with Mrs Barrett and Mrs Griffin excited about getting to know their new pupils. Mrs Yabsley is also thrilled to have her students commence in K-6Y. Kindergarten students were able to spend some quality time with their year 6 buddies who support them during eating and play periods.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Our Teddy Bear’s Picnic is set for Sunday 22 February 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
- Music and dancing
- 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.

PERMISSION NOTES
General permission notes were sent home last week. These cover attendance at local walking excursions and permission to have photographs taken and used in newsletters, our website and the media. We have also sent out forms for parents to update contact details, phone numbers and email addresses. Please return this information to us as soon as possible.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our swimming carnival will be held this Friday 6 February. The carnival will take place at Mullumbimby Pool. Students will leave school by bus at 9.15am and we expect the carnival to be over by around 2.00pm. The carnival involves students in years 2 who turn 8 this year through to year 6. It is a trial for the next carnival and focuses mainly on capable swimmers. Students who are not confident swimmers can choose to stay at school and have lessons as normal.

We will need parent assistance with timekeeping and judging so please let Miss Christian know if you are available to help.

The canteen will be open at the pool for snacks and drinks however since it is a school event no lollies or fizzy drinks will be sold. Children should bring their own lunch.

We would like to pass on our congratulations to students who were voted in as House Captains at the recent house meetings. They were:

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THE P&C
The first P & C meeting of the year will be held next Tuesday 10 February commencing at 7 pm in the staff room. This is a great opportunity for new parents to find out more about our school community and become involved in shaping the future of our school.

The key focus of our P & C is to provide a forum in which parents can talk about needs and aspirations for their children and contribute to a developing partnership with the school.

Fundraising activities also take place to compliment resourcing of school programs and implementation of P & C projects.

Our first meeting will focus on planning, priorities for 2015, programs to be offered, fundraising and its purpose, school maintenance issues, creative arts programs, the school canteen and upcoming school events.

A reminder that our AGM takes place on 10 March. To be able to vote at this meeting you must be a financial member of the P & C prior to the meeting. ie You need to join before the AGM.(Membership is $2)

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 6 will go into a draw for $100 school voucher.

Other costs and fees for involvement in online programs will be detailed soon.

REMINDER
A reminder that Ocean Shores is a Nut Aware school. Because of the dangers nuts and nut products present to some of our students such foods are not to be brought to school. Thankyou for your support of this important safety strategy.

SCHOOL STREAM
As well as regular newsletter each Tuesday we also send out school information through School Stream and the website. More details are attached.

STAGE MEETINGS
We have scheduled stage meetings to allow parents to connect with teachers and each other early in the year. Parents will receive specific information about meetings from stage leaders. Meeting dates are:

Stage 3 (years 5 & 6) – Wednesday 11 February
Kindergarten – Tuesday 17 February
Stage 2 (years 3 & 4) – Wednesday 18 February
Stage 1 (years 1 & 2) – Thursday 19 February

SCHOOL CALENDAR
The term calendar has been sent home today. Please update as needed.

2015 CREATIVE ARTS
Music
Our involvement with the conservatorium of music will continue in 2015. If you have not yet registered with the Conservatorium of Music please do so soon so lessons can commence. The Conservatorium takes pride in providing Professional Music Teachers to deliver instrument tuition in our school.

Parents, if you would like your child to learn an instrument at school this year, please enrol them by going to their website www.nrcac.edu.au and clicking on ENROL at the bottom of the page.

For more information about Music in Schools or to request a new instrument at your school, you can contact Zoe at zoe.abbott@nrcac.edu.au

We will also be offering our keyboard program on Tuesdays. Contact the school for more information.

K-2 Creative Arts
The K-2 creative arts program will commence on Tuesday 24 February. More information soon.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
Thanks to Rob Brough and Louise O’Boyle for their work over the school holidays painting and decorating the K-2 toilets. They are much brighter and more student friendly.

CANTEEN
Our first day of canteen for the year will be next Friday 13/2/15. Jodee had been busy during the holidays making some exciting changes to the menu such as replacing the Cheese Burger with a homemade Chicken Schnitzel Burger and replacing Spaghetti Bolognese with Nachos.

Please familiarise yourself with the new menu attached and how to place orders.

We are always looking for volunteers to help at the canteen. If you are available on a Friday please see the attached volunteers form and return it to the office as soon as possible or contact Michelle directly as she is working on the roster for this term now and is in great need of more volunteers.

Thanks
Chris Hauritz

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