SCHOOL CLOSURE
Thank you for your understanding re the school closure on Friday. We must comply with SES directives under these circumstances. Hopefully everyone managed to stay reasonably dry and we get a change of weather soon.

EASTER BEACHATHON
We will again be holding an Easter Beachathon. This involves students collecting sponsors for a long beachwalk to be conducted on the last day of term 1, ie Thursday 2 April. 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, kites, body boards etc 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 health. This is a major fundraiser for our P & C with funds raised being used to support our school’s Solar project.
Sponsor sheets and further information will go home next Monday.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO MULLUM HIGH
There is a special community evening planned for Thursday 12 March at Mullum High to discuss secondary education and transition programs. This will commence at 6.00pm.

Mullumbimby High School Presents
“The Journey to High School”

Come along and see why Mullumbimby High School is recognised as a leader in quality education, opportunities and personal growth.

Join us for a night of:
• Information
• Entertainment
• Questions and Answers
• Super Yummy Pizza (fresh from our pizza oven)

All welcome!!!!!!!!!
**Become an Ethics Teacher**

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need new volunteer teachers. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. Teachers will need to be able to commit to teaching a half-hour class on Tuesday mornings, and will need typically half an hour to an hour of preparation time (mostly reading through the class material) each week during term time.

For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to http://www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Katherine Whyte, Ethics Coordinator 0432 778 088.

**ASSEMBLY**

We will have our first assembly for the year commencing at **1.00pm in the hall on Thursday 12 March**. The assembly will be hosted by 5/6E with assistance from buddy class 1B. 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.

**CHOIR**

Mrs Woods will again be teaching our choir this year with the support of Mr Gibbons. Choir takes place on Wednesday afternoons. Students not involved in choir participate in other creative arts activities. This year the choir will be involved in supporting the Anzac Dawn Service in Brunswick Heads.

**DISCO (FUN, LAUGH, SING & DANCE)**

We are very excited to announce our first disco for Term 1 2015. It will be held on Thursday Week 8 which will be 19 March, so come along for some dancing, music and fun! We are celebrating the 15 year anniversary of Harmony day in week 8. We would love students to come to the disco dressed in a costume that represents another culture. The cost for this event will be $6.00. This will include a packet of chips and a popper. This event will be held in the school hall, so remember come on down to this amazing night full of fun, don’t miss out, we will see you there.

**On this evening we are also hoping to run two parent forums to look at our school plan and future directions for the school. More info soon.**

**GARDENING**

We will continue to develop our own gardens this year with the assistance of our super gardener, Nectar. We are interested to hear from other parents who might like to assist with this. Please let me know.

**BASKETBALL**

The after school basketball program commences 2 March. The timetable is as follows:

- K-3 – Monday 3.30- 4.30pm
- 4-6 – Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Secondary - Monday 5.00 – 6.30pm

**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.

**PARENT TEACHER EVENINGS**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Kindergarten, Stage 2 and Stage 3 Meet and Greet sessions. It was wonderful to see so many parents involved. We hope that you had a fun evening and we are looking forward to seeing you at other events during the year.

The Stage 1 meet and greet session now will be on Tuesday 3 March at 6.30pm.

**STAGE WEBSITES**

Catch up on the latest information at:

- www.oceanshoresstage3.weebly.com
- www.stage2osps.weebly.com

Sam and Josh are enjoying their card game in maths groups.

Thanks

Chris