3 March 2015

EASTER BEACHATHON
Sponsor sheets and information for our Easter Beachathon are being sent home today. The Beachathon 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 activities such as K-2 Music, Aboriginal cultural program and technology.

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.

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

RUGBY UNION
We have 15 players participating in the 2015 Casuarina Cup this Thursday. Good luck to the team and coach Jem MacDonald. Please ensure all permission notes have been returned.

P&C
The P&C AGM will be held next Tuesday March 10 at 7pm. This meeting is vital in determining the future directions of our key parent organisation. Please come along and be involved. All nominations for P&C Executive positions can be made in writing at the front office prior to the meeting on the 10th of March or in person on the night.

Childcare is available if needed.

ASSEMBLY
We will have our first assembly for the year commencing at 1.30pm in the hall this Friday 6 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. The date has changed from Thursday due to a clash with the rugby union gala day.

DISCO (FUN, LAUGH, SING & DANCE)
Our disco 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 a parent forum to look at our school plan and future directions for the school. More info soon.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Please ensure these contributions are paid to be eligible for our draw on Friday. These funds are vital for the school to be able to provide best possible resources for your children. Costs are
1 student - $30
Family - $50

All families who have paid by Friday March 6 will go into a draw for $100 school voucher.

STAGE 2 and 3 WEBSITES
Catch up on the latest information at:
www.oceanshoresstage3.weebly.com
www.stage2ospw.weebly.com

Do Your Best
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Zone Swimming carnival took place in Ballina last Wednesday. Meg Porter, Minister for Sport has filed this report.

We had a very successful day last Wednesday. Ocean Shores had a total of twenty-two swimmers representing our school at the Zone carnival in Ballina. Our junior girls relay team came third and senior girls came fourth, with the junior boys and senior boys producing a top effort also. Eve Porter took out zone junior girl’s champion. An amazing achievement! All who represented our school last Wednesday did an amazing job. In total, seven swimmers have qualified for the next carnival which will include swimmers from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads. They were Eve Porter, Amber Borthwick, Kai Albert, Arabella Lackey, Finley Neylan and Meg Porter. Well done to everyone who competed and thank you to parents for your fantastic support of students. Good luck tomorrow at the regional carnival in Lismore.

CREATIVE ARTS
The school is looking at ways we can continue to provide the greatest range of opportunities for students to participate in creative arts events. A clear challenge is to support the large numbers of students interested in dance and choral activities. We had 110 students audition for the 40 available spots in our selected dance groups. To attempt to support the students who were unsuccessful we will operate a second dance group for boys and girls on Wednesday afternoons. We will also offer choral and other creative arts options at this time. Some of our selected dance and choral groups will rehearse outside this time. In addition dance will be added to our elective creative arts options in term 2 and sports electives in term 3.

Term 2 Elective Creative Arts
This activity takes place each Thursday afternoon in term 2 for all students K-6. Planning has begun to determine which activities we will run during these times. If any parent has a particular skill or activity you would like to suggest or become involved in please contact me.

CORRECTION
Our term 2 calendar incorrectly states that April 27 is a public holiday for Anzac Day. This is incorrect. Anzac Day falls on a Saturday this year and this is the only listed holiday. My apologies for the error.

AFL
Last Thursday Ocean Shores PS students were blessed to have Gold Coast Suns AFL players visit the school. The students were very excited to meet some of their heroes and enjoyed kicking the football with them. AFL is just another wonderful sport for all students to participate in and have fun with friends. Thank you Gold Coast Suns for the visit.

On Friday students from Ocean Shores PS attended the District PSSA AFL trials. All the boys played and trained very well. One of these boys was Finley Neylan who made it on to the next level to represent our school at Zone. Well done Finley!

JEWSH SCRIPTURE
Parent, Orit Ben Harush is prepared to take Jewish scripture classes for any interested families. Please contact me if you would like your child to be involved in Jewish Scripture.

BASKETBALL
The after school basketball program commenced yesterday. 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 COUNSELLING SERVICES
We are lucky to have the services of two excellent school counsellors at Ocean Shores.
Jan Brownlow works on Tuesdays. Her focus is with students in years 3-6 and the support unit.
Camilla deNova works on Thursdays. Her focus is with students in years K-2.
If you need to make an appointment with our counsellors please contact myself or the office to schedule a time.

Thanks
Chris

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