EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY & ASSEMBLY

This week is Education Week across the state of NSW, a week set aside for schools to showcase much of the wonderful work students are producing in all schools across the state. Today we had our Ocean Shores PS Education Week Open Day. Parents and community members were invited to come to school for the morning to join in with your children for a special assembly to showcase our dancers and singers, before exploring their classrooms and looking through student workbooks to offer some encouragement as we celebrate the effort they have put into their schooling.

I would like to pass on my thanks to all community members who were able to come in for today and enjoy the special assembly, share in some friendly hospitality, and visit classrooms. This really is a special community with a wonderful school. During my speech at the assembly this morning, I mentioned the theme of Education Week is Celebrating Local Heroes, and I mentioned that to me, every student and every member of staff here at Ocean Shores is a hero. Our students are the core reason we are here and the school unites this community in a wonderful way.

SCHOOL GARDEN PRODUCE STALL

Our School Garden Produce Stall is coming back next week on Wednesday 5 August. We will have Cath and some of our students selling fresh grown produce from our Garden at the school gate in the afternoon. All we ask for is a gold coin donation for the items you take, with all proceeds raised going back into the garden project. We hope you can come in to get some yummy fresh food items next week.

Thank you also to Cath and Andrew Graeme-Cook who are currently working very hard on one of our garden areas out the front of 3/4G and 5/6C. Cath and Andrew with a few other helpers are creating a beautiful Sensory Garden in this area that the kids and members from our community will get to enjoy. Come in and have a look at the great work that is shaping our school.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Our School Photo Day is set for next Tuesday 4 August, here at school, so time to get the kids lined up for a haircut and ensure they are all neatly presented to ensure families get a nice portrait of your children. Envelopes were sent home two weeks ago, but are still available from the office if you have misplaced your own. Please ensure all envelopes are returned to the school by Monday of next week.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We wish our 75 competing students the very best of luck as they all run, or jump, or throw their way to secure a place in the District team to compete at the next level of competition, the Far North Coast Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday 14 August. Students will be accompanied on the day by Mrs Ensor, Mrs Christian, Mr Stephens, Mr Campbell and myself. Information for relevant students has been sent home on a separate note. Go team Ocean Shores!

Thank you to those community members who have indicated they are able to help out at the canteen at the District Athletics carnival at Byron Bay Sports Complex this Friday. Thank you also to Michelle Kerlin for coordinating this huge fundraising opportunity for our school P&C, which will see some much needed funds coming into the school to assist with current school projects including new technology.

Our school’s hospitality will be on display this Friday as we endeavor to cater for approximately 800 people from around the district as we do our best to feed them all. Your help is greatly appreciated to help supply home baked goods in the canteen. Michelle sent home a separate note on Tuesday afternoon on purple paper asking for community members to get baking and drop the baked goods into the school canteen today, however, we will still be able to collect baked goods on Friday morning if you have the chance to make something. Your support will be appreciated by the hungry tummy’s at the carnival.

VALLEY FEST

Congratulations to our girls in the Senior Dance Group who performed at the 2015 Valley Fest at Byron Bay HS on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The girls looked magnificent up on the stage and represented our school community with distinction. Wonderful effort girls! Thank you to Mrs Lengyel for your hard work to prepare the girls and get notes out for what was a great showcase of our local talent from most schools in our learning community. Thank you also to the many parents who transported students to the rehearsal day on Monday and then the performances.

P&C MEETING

Thank you to those P&C members who were able to attend the meeting last Monday. We had some good conversation about current projects including the garden and the school canteen and will be discussing some future directions of the school at the next meeting.
At our next meeting we will also have a special visitor from Camp Australia to talk to community about the establishment of our Ocean Shores OOSH (after school care). The service is due to start operations here at Ocean Shores at the commencement of term 4, Monday 5 October. So check your calendars and make the time to come in to hear what is coming.

Unrelated to OOSH, we will have a special surprise coming up next week too, so best watch this space!!

**THE NED SHOW PERFORMANCE**

We have a free show scheduled for Friday of next week, 7 August, for all students called The NED Show. The show comes to us from America, with the artists travelling around Australia to implement the show and its themes of getting along and anti-bullying across the country. The show runs for approximately 45 minutes and is highly engaging for students and community members. It is appropriate for toddlers to attend the show if community members would also like to attend. The show will commence at 9.30am on 7 August in our hall.

The show is free, as the presenters will then supply merchandise for sale to the kids following the show, which will follow on from a part of the show where the presenters will show the audience some tricks with yo-yos. We will have for sale on the day and for a week after the show, a selection of yo-yos ranging in price of $8, $15 or $20 for the super duper model. There will also be smaller items the kids might like to purchase. Kids can bring money in to school on the day if they wish to buy a yo-yo. We will then use the hall as a yo-yo safe zone (if there is a such a thing!) for kids to spin their hearts out and practice many of the tricks they will see at the show.

**SUPPORT UNIT SCSC – SUPPORT COFFEE SHARE COMMUNICATE**

Ms Mortimore has scheduled 2 x SCSC (Support Coffee Share Communication) meetings this term. The first will take place on Wednesday 5 August, commencing at 2.30pm, which is next week. This meeting is open to all parents, especially those with students with special needs to give parents an opportunity to connect with other parents and with staff. The second meeting this term will take place on Wednesday 2 September, also commencing at 2.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided in the Support Unit for those wishing to attend this great way to connect. We hope to see you next Wednesday.

**FESTIVAL OF THE IMAGINATION ART COMP**

Once again, our P&C will be running the Festival of the Imagination Art Competition this year in conjunction with the Ocean Shores Art Expo. The cost is $4 which covers the cost of the canvas which will be supplied to students. The age groups are 4-6 year olds, 8-10 year olds, and 11-13 year olds with a choice of 3 themes including Little Creatures, Beginning, or Natural Events. Entry forms for students are available for collection by interested students in the school office. Thank you to Jo Maiden for coordinating this activity.

**TERM CALENDAR SENT HOME**

Term Calendars were sent home with the eldest student from every family on Tuesday of this week. This provides a good outline of known activities for parents to base planning around if you wish to get involved in any of them. Please keep the calendar handy throughout the term to track things as they unroll. Extra copies are available from the school office.

**LIVE LIFE WELL**

From time to time, I will be including a few handy hints from the Live Life Well Program, which promotes healthy living. The message today is about getting kids off the screens in a bid to get them more active. We hope you get some good tips.

**ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS - REMINDER**

Please remember our message from last week about the changes to access to our school grounds outside of school hours. Our school is not a play area after 3.15pm. We should not have kids or adults playing here after school, or on weekends, or during holidays. Those who do so may be implicated in damage to the school if it has occurred.

I must remind our community that the school is covered by the Inclosed Lands Act outside of school hours (school hours are 8.45am – 3.45pm). This means that anyone found on school grounds after 3.45pm on school days, or at any time over the weekend or during holiday time could be prosecuted for trespassing unless you have a valid reason for being on school business. Your support is appreciated.

**OPERATION DOLPHIN**

**WEEK 1 – FOLLOW SCHOOL RULES**

Congratulations to the following students for being recognised for following our Dolphin rule last week: Jake Duindam (1B), Aysha Scalas (1E), Miro Stacy-Scott (1A) and Sarah Bennett (K-6Y). Well done kids!

**WEEK 2 – USE MANNERS & BE KIND TO OTHERS**

Congratulations to the following students for being recognised for following our Dolphin rule this week: Juliette Adlard (1E), Lachie Brown (KG), Laurence Croft (K-6C) and Bella Condon (K-6C). Well done kids!

**5 TIPS TO HELP WITH SCREEN TIME AT HOME?**

Are you having trouble getting your child off technology and television?

Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day.

- Go screen free for week days
- Try technology free Tuesdays or Imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times when your child has access such as “no screens before dinner”
- Issue 2-5 year olds with two half hour screen time vouchers a day, and 5 – 18 year olds with four half hour screen time vouchers for recreational use a day. Once they’re used, no more screen time!
- Restrict access by not allowing any screens in the bedroom, this has lots of other positive outcomes such as better sleep as well.

**Jeff Robinson – Relieving Principal**