EXCURSION WEEK

Our major excursions for the year are almost upon us. Thank you to all staff involved in creating these wonderful opportunities for our kids to experience. Please remind your children to remember their manners as they depart for their own camp next week as it is a huge responsibility to take a group of students for overnight activities. All teachers attending will be giving up time away from their own families to ensure your child gets to experience a wonderful learning opportunity. So please remember to say thank you to your teachers for organising these excursions.

We have Year 6 students going to Camp Goodenough with Mrs Ensr and Mr Stephens from Monday to Wednesday. Year 5 will be spending the same 3 days at Lake Ainsworth with Mrs Lengyel and Mrs Christian. Year 4 students will be going to Dorroughby Environment Centre for Wednesday and Thursday with Mr Gibbons, Mrs Woods and Mrs Buckley. At all three excursions, the kids will participate in many fabulous activities designed to promote self-esteem, team building, and skills of resilience. I know that everyone who attends will get to enjoy a great camp and create many lasting memories.

All notes and payments should have been returned to the school office by now. Please ensure your notes and final payments are returned by tomorrow if they are still outstanding.

ART EXPO AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who were all successful in receiving an art prize for their school art work entered into the recent Ocean Shores Art Expo:

1st Place - Ramony Naulty (KB)
2nd Place - Meila Warlow (1B), Layla Williams (3/4W)
Highly Commended - Bailey Cooper (1E), Kane Missett (5/6E), Sahara Scalas (3/4S), Zephyr Sullivan (3/4S)

Congratulations to these kids. They have today received their artwork and prize.

END OF TERM

As next week is the last week of the term, I take this opportunity, as I do every term, to thank our school community for participating in yet another very successful and busy term. I also remind our students to keep safe and well during the holiday period. Don’t ruin the time away from school by doing anything silly whilst hanging out of a tree. Actually, stay out of trees altogether, or any other positions high off the ground.

This will also be the final newsletter for the term so it will be my last chance to remind families to enjoy the two weeks off with your kids. School starts back for teachers and students on Tuesday 6 October, due to the long weekend making the Monday a public holiday. See you all then.

PIRATE FUN DAY

Ahoy me landlubbing hearties!! International Talk Like A Pirate Day is fast approaching, so we have planned for some fun with the lingo and I’ll be threatening a few of the kids with making them walk the plank!! You will all soon discover that I love Pirate Day, so we have organised for the kids to have a fun pirate dress up day next Friday, 18 September. The kids will have a fun time in class with lots of activities to finish off the term. It is also a canteen day for our canteen so the kids can avoid getting scurvy!! We hope to see everyone in Pirate clothing (I have asked them to check with a parent before they go tearing up their clothes!!) but the kids can come in sensible sun-safe mufti if they prefer. Let’s finish the term off in a great way before going on holidays. So get your pirate gear on and hoist the mainsails, ya scurvy dogs!!!!

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 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.

STRANGER DANGER

This term, all students have participated in classroom discussions around Child Protection. The program is designed to give all students the strategies required to understand when they might find themselves in a dangerous position and what to do. It is timely then for all families to have your own discussion with your children around your own strategies and identify who the “safe” people are in your neighbourhood if there is ever an emergency. Please spend some time to discuss this with your kids and remind them of the dangers of talking to strangers.

Jeff Robinson - Principal (R)
Canteen News from Michelle

I would like to extend a massive thank you to Amelia, Belinda, Beverly, Billie-Lee, Jen, Lizzie, Leisel, Murray, Orit, Paula, Sue, Tom and Yifat. These parents have been instrumental to the canteen being operational this term. Their dedication and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, we are very short on volunteers at the moment and are in desperate need of more helpers for the next 2 weeks and moving into term 4.

The P&C re-opened the canteen with a limited menu as it is an easy menu to prepare for our children. We have hopes to expand on this menu in term 4, with many of the appreciated suggesting made by parents. We are, however, in much need for more volunteers in order to prepare a revised extensive menu.

We have a great day chatting and laughing and supporting each other in the canteen. It really is a wonderful team of friendly parents and we welcome everyone.

If you are available to help on a Friday, we really need you. Please text Michelle on 0418 154 179 if you are available.

Michelle Kerlin – P&C Canteen Coordinator

Festival of Imagination Thank You

We are so proud and grateful to see our united community come together in such a wonderful way to help raise funds in excess of $10,000 for our magnificent school at this year’s Festival of the Imagination.

Our P&C committee work tirelessly to coordinate this event, yet without the support of staff, students and volunteers, a day like this is not possible.

We would like to thank our community for your support, with special thanks going to everyone who assisted in the many activities we had available on the day, including running and organising our craft stall, hair of the imagination, book stall, plant stall, pre-loved clothing, face painting, ride tickets and raffle stalls, cafe and bbq, photos, performances, decorating, games and bubbles, and our emcee. A big thank you also extends to those who donated food for the cafe, and goods for our many stalls. It was a great team effort to create such a vibrant day.

A massive thank you also goes to all of our sponsors who make this day possible in the first place. The greatest thanks of all, however, goes to the students and families who came out on the day and joined in the festivities. Together we created a truly magical event. Such a beautiful day, enjoyed by so many!

See you all again next year!

Gina Brough – P&C Treasurer

The girls landing a big one at fishing paid sports.
(they were very excited!!)

The big kids busting some moves at the disco.