YEAR OFF TO GREAT START
We are thrilled our year has started so well and all students seem happy and settled into their new classes. We are really looking forward to kindergarten beginning tomorrow. Staff are now fully established and excited about the possibilities for 2016. We have had 24 new students join us in years 1-6 and some are pictured below.

PERMISSION NOTES
General permission notes were sent home yesterday. 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 on Monday 8 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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Welcome to Mrs Huxtable and Mr Nicholls
Do Your Best
THE P&C
The first P & C meeting of the year will be held on Monday 8 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 2016, 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 7 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)

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. We will have support on the day from Uplifting Australia and Camp Australia. Events on the day will include:
- Parade of teddy bears or favourite toys
- Music and dancing
- Games and activities
- Parent info session
- 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, coffee and Teddy Bear cake provided.

Swimmers option is a good one as we will have some “Getting Wet” activities.

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

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

All school payments by cash can be made directly to the school office or online by going to the school website.

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.

SCHOOL STREAM
As well as regular newsletter each Tuesday we also send out school information through School Stream and the website. School Stream is loaded onto your smartphone and allows you to receive information, updates and alerts. 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) – Thursday 18 February
- Stage 2( years 3 & 4) – Wednesday 17 February
- Stage 1( years 1 & 2) – Tuesday 16 February
- Kindergarten – Wednesday 24 February - 5.30pm

2016 CREATIVE ARTS
Music
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.nrac.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@nrac.edu.au

CANTEEN
Our first canteen day for 2016 is Friday 19 February. We need more volunteers for our roster so if you are available to assist please contact the school.

We also welcome back Mrs Hughes to our school.

Thanks
Chris Hauritz