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 Friday 8 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 beachwalk 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 music programs and purchase of reading materials.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO MULLUM HIGH
There is a special community evening planned for Thursday 10 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)

P&C
The P&C AGM will be held next Monday March 7 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 7th 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 1.00pm in the hall this Thursday 3 March. The assembly will be hosted by 5/6E with assistance from buddy class 1/2B. The assembly will feature items, display of student work and class and principal awards.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Our Teddy Bear’s Picnic is set for this Sunday 6 March 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.

DISCO (FUN, LAUGH, SING & DANCE)
Our disco will be held on Thursday Week 10 which will be 31 March, so come along for some dancing, music and fun! The student parliament have conducted surveys and determined the theme for the disco. It will be, “DREAM” Students can wear a costume that relates to the theme. It could be about something you dream to be or do, a dream you have had etc etc.
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.

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 this Friday March 4 will go into a draw for $100 school voucher.
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Zone Swimming carnival took place in Murwillumbah on Friday. Finley Neylan, Minister for Sport has filed this report.

We had a very successful day on Friday. Ocean Shores had a total of eighteen swimmers representing our school at the Zone carnival in Murwillumbah. Amber Borthwick took out zone 11yr girl’s champion. An amazing achievement! All who represented our school last Friday did an amazing job. In total, four swimmers have qualified for the next carnival at Kempsey which will include swimmers from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads. They were Eve Porter, Amber Borthwick, Archer McCallum and Seamus Graeme Cook. Well done to everyone who competed and thank you to parents for your fantastic support of students.

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 over 200 students audition for the 60 available spots in our selected dance groups. To attempt to support the students who were unsuccessful we will operate other dance opportunities by adding 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 Tuesday afternoon in term 2 for all students K-6. Planning has begun to determine which activities we will run during these times. Letters will be going home soon for students to choose their electives.

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 Nova 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.

CRICKET
Our school team played Bangalow in the state knockout last Wednesday. We won the toss and sent Bangalow in. They batted very well and made 164 runs. Luke Ollis and Hugo McCallum were two of the best bowlers with Jerome Moroney and Liam Chilcott also taking great catches. When we batted we made 46 runs with Josh Hayes and Will Carpenter our top scorers. Even though we lost we had a great game. Thanks to Mr Nicholls for coaching us. By The Sports Ministers

CANTEEN
Thankyou to Amelia, Barbara, Billie-Lee, Michaela, Sigge and Steve for the wonderful job you did in the canteen on Friday.

NETBALL
On Friday selected Stage 3 students were very lucky to have Julie Ryan come and teach netball skills. Students participated in a variety of physical activities fundamental to netball. All the students who participated had fun and 6 students were lucky enough to receive netball posters for their high levels of respect and skills. Overall we had a fantastic afternoon playing and laughing with friends.
From Gemini and Amali School Media Department

COMMUNITY NEWS
Byron Shire Community Services Expo
This is an invitation to all services that provide to Indigenous people in the Byron Shire to showcase their service at Byron Community Services Expo. Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre, 55 Dalley Street Mullumbimby Thursday 17 March 2016 10am until 2pm.
This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about services for your mob and connect with the local Indigenous Community. Please have a look over the attachments for further information. Please forward to any other service providers that may be interested. Contact:
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Thanks, Chris