Calendar Week 3

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Principal's Message

Well it has certainly been a busy start to Term 3! I would like to congratulate all of our competitors who attended the District Athletics on both Monday and Wednesday of last week. It was a great two days of very stiff competition, but lots of fun. Thank you to the many parents who assisted with transport over the two days. We couldn’t get there without you!

Well this week is the celebration of Education Week! It is a time when schools throw open classroom doors and invite families and the local community to witness the wonderful learning and teaching that takes place every day. It is a time to celebrate the success of our students and teachers and the staff who support them.

Our teachers are a community asset. Great teachers believe their work with young people helps to build a better and stronger society and they pass their passion for learning on to their students.

Open Classrooms

Thank you to the many parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours who were able to attend our open classrooms to see the rich teaching and learning activities going on within. It was terrific to be able to have time to share a cup of tea and a chat before the special unveiling of our Aboriginal murals.

Notes to be returned to school

- 3-6 National Maritime Museum Excursion
- K-6 Life Education
Unveiling of our Aboriginal Murals

Today we unveiled our three Aboriginal murals created by the students of Otford Public School and Kevin Butler. Other invited Aboriginal visitors were Uncle Vic Chapman, Donna Lloyd and her mother June Wilkinson.

P & C Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to the P & C for the great sausage sizzle put on today. We raised $80 to go towards much needed resources in our classrooms. Thank you to Narelle and Bronwyn who assisted in cooking the BBQ. Your assistance was very much appreciated!

Community of Schools Education Day (COS)

On Thursday 1 August nine schools will be involved in an Indigenous Games day held at seven schools. The theme is ‘Learning Together’ and commences at 11.00am and finishes at 1.00pm.

Hosting Schools

| 1. Austinmer PS – Kinder | 5. Bulli PS – Year 4 |
| 2. Helensburgh PS – Year 1 | 6. Thirroul PS – Year 5 |
| 4. Coledale PS – Year 3 |

Program Overview

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Book Week and Grandparents Day is to be held on Monday 19 August. A separate note has been sent home today. Start thinking about the book character you would like to be in the Book Character Parade.

Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on Friday 30 September so if you haven’t started - Get reading!

Premier’s Sporting Challenge

Your child was issued a Premier’s Sporting Challenge Log which will remain at school. A letter was sent home explaining how this challenge works. All you need to do, at home every day, is keep a record of the activities your child participates in outside of school hours i.e. going for a walk with mum and dad, riding their bike, playing in the backyard with family and friends. Bring that record to school on Mondays and each class will update their activity log as an individual, a class and as a school. Come on OTFORD we can do it!

Choir

Don’t forget that Lucinda is still running choir on a Friday mornings from 8.30 am in the Special Purpose Room.

ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN THE COMING FORTNIGHT

Tuesday 6 August – Surf Sense Talk

Wednesday 7 August – Seacliff Debating Competition commences. Otford to verse Helensburgh at Stanwell Park on the topic: That we should all become vegetarians. Otford is on the opposing side. The second debate is on Wednesday 14 August at Coledale Public School. Otford to verse Stanwell Park as the affirmative team for: Primary school children are becoming too reliant on technology. Good luck debaters!

Thursday 8 August – Years 3-6 Maritime Museum excursion. We have managed to save a lot of money on this excursion, the boat ride alone is usually $90 per person and we are going to experience it for FREE, and only paying for the workshop and bus costs. Please be at school by 7.45am for an 8.00am departure. Don’t forget we will be returning to school late around 5.00-5.30 pm.
Monday 12 August - Life Education Van visit – a separate note has been sent home today.

Public Speaking Competition: Years 4-5-6 have been asked to prepare their Public Speaking speech by Monday 19 August Week 6. Check with your child’s class teacher for when their speech is due. The Seacliff Community of Schools (COS) finals are at Austinmer Public School on Tuesday 17 September. Please ignore the date published in our last newsletter as it has been changed.

Lesley Matthews
Principal

OPS School Fete

Chocolate Toss Stand
We are running a stand at our upcoming school fete that requires loads of chocolate bars to make it a huge fundraising success. We are seeking parents support to gain as much chocolate as possible by running a few mufti days and all that is required is a donation of chocolate on each mufti day. So please put Wednesday 7 August, Thursday 29 August and Wednesday 11 September in your diary and start bulk buying your chocolate now!

You can donate any type/flavour of chocolate block but please ensure its large enough (e.g. family sized block of chocolate approx. size 200g) for a $1 coin to land on, as that is the game - players toss a coin and if it lands on the chocolate, they win it.

If you forget to buy the chocolate (or eat it before the day!) then a gold coin donation would be appreciated instead which will go towards buying chocolate for the stand. If you have any questions, call Monica Wendt 42948101. Thanking you all in advance.

White Elephant Stall
Please save any bric a brac, kids and adults clothing, books, magazines, toys and anything that might be used for our white elephant stall for this year’s fete. Goods can be dropped off at the school office and placed in the marked bag.

Thanks for your help,
Bronwyn and Madeline.

News Flash

We love to hear about our current and former students’ achievements. Send us an email and we will publish it in the school newsletter each fortnight.

Dear Family and Friends,

Alex and Angus are going to attempt to do this year’s World Vision 40 Hour Famine fund raiser.

This annual event raises money for the thousands of people throughout the world who do not have sufficient food on a daily basis. It also aims to bring awareness to the plight and suffering of these people.

To take part in the 40 hour famine you have to agree to give up something for a 40 hour period. Alex and Angus will be giving up food.

They have come up with the idea of taking part on their own, not through school or any other organisation.

They aim to raise $200 as they have read on the World Vision Website that through the scheme this amount will feed 5 families for a month.

Should you wish to sponsor them please follow the link below, or maybe simply send them a message of support at alexandraneveralexander@gmail.com

http://40hf.com.au/AlexandraandAngusMurphy

Thanks so much, Sarah for Alex and Gus.

NB The official date for the famine is 16th - 18th August but Alex and Gus will be doing theirs on the 2nd - 4th August due to a prior commitment. This is allowed in the fund-raising regulations.
MindQuest 2013
ST GEORGE GIRLS HS
VICTORIA ST KOGARAH
On Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2013 the 70th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much more, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $170 (including GST).
Contact Otford Public School Office for a brochure
Closing Date: Friday 16 August

Scarborough Art Show
The annual Scarborough Art Show is being held this year on the weekend of 5/6 October 2013. The Art Show will again feature the ArtSpark competition which seeks young talented students attending public schools in the Northern Illawarra to submit an entry. The theme for this year’s exhibition is ‘Water’.

If your child would like to enter please come and get an entry form from the school office. All art works will need to be returned to school by Thursday 12 September

Helensburgh Lions Club Annual Fair
Our annual fair will be held on Saturday 26 October in Charles Harper Park with loads of new stalls, a fantastic line-up of entertainment, delicious food and new rides. The Lions Club will be holding a second-hand book and CD stall and would love your donations of good quality books and unscratched CDs. Remember, all money raised by your local Lions is spent on community initiatives and selected national and international programs, so help us raise some serious money and clear out your dusty bookshelves at the same time! Any book and CD donation can be left at Civic Video and the Lions would like to thank Nicola, Zoe and the Civic team for their generous support and space :) Contact Gina on 4294 1371 or at nhork@yahoo.com for more information.

I have fun with faces
Try our fun, free app that helps pre-schoolers develop their reading and numeracy skills. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/i-have-fun-with-faces

Homework and assignments
Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child’s home project activities. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments

When to start school
Starting school is a big step. How do you know if your child is ready? This video Kindergarten features teachers discussing this sometimes tricky issue. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/is-my-child-ready-to-start-school

Merit Awards
K/1  Matilda, Ava, Sam & Isabella
2/3/4  Chloe, Lucy, Mikey & Cooper
4/5/6  Laura, Bennet, Nick & Griffin