**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires**

**Welcome**

We would like to welcome our new Kindergarten students; Alba, Christian, Lexi, Maxwell, Dakota, Elektra and Kade who have had a wonderful start to their first year at school.

We would also like to welcome Jett in Year 4 and his family to our school. We know that you’ll enjoy your time here.

**Choir**

Mrs Smith, William and Maggie’s grandmother has very kindly offered to come to school on Monday afternoons after recess to take singing lessons with all students. These lessons began yesterday and all students thoroughly enjoyed it.

If there are any other parents, grandparents or family members who have an interest or skills in a particular area and would like to work with groups please let us know. We are looking for an interested gardener at the moment who would like to help re-establish our slightly overgrown gardens. It would involve working with an interested group of students one lunch time per week. Please let me know if you are interested.

**WIFI**

Last Wednesday we had WIFI installed in the school’s library. This will mean that students will have easier access to the internet through the use of laptops and iPads.

**Canteen**

This Friday canteen will resume. See next page for details. Big thanks to Pia Cartwright and her band of volunteers for running a very successful and popular canteen.

**School Swimming Carnival**

Notes were sent home yesterday for the school’s swimming carnival. Please note, the correct date is Wednesday, 11th February.

Could all notes and payment be returned by this Friday, 6th February please.

As always, our carnivals can’t run as well as they do without the help of our wonderful families. If you are available to help on the day as a time keeper, judge, life saver etc could you please indicate on the note or speak to Mrs Knight.

**Class Newsletters**

All classes will be sending home class newsletters next Friday with homework. These newsletters are designed to inform parents about what is happening in their child’s class for that term. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting your child’s teacher as they are only too happy to answer all enquiries.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

Somersby Public School is a proud PBL school and we will continue with our program this year. All classes have their ‘class dojo’ system up and running with students earning dojo points for displaying our PBL values and expectations in the classroom.

Our ‘Happy and Friendly Playground Awards’ will also continue this year with students earning awards (raffle tickets) for excellent behaviour in the playground. Fridays will see

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**School Calendar 2015**

**Term 1 2015**

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the raffle drawn and the winner will receive a canteen voucher.

Happy PBL’ing everyone!

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night in the library commencing at 7pm. On the agenda is class formation and staffing for 2015, the 2015-2017 Strategic Plan and the new reforms that we will be seeing put in place by the education department.

Please come along. These are informative nights in a nice and relaxed environment. Hope to see you there!

K/1/2
We’re off to a great start to the term. Our new kindergarten friends are settling in very well. More information about what is happening in our classroom will be coming home next week.

Jade Cranstone

Year 3/4
I’d like to congratulate everyone for a nice, settled start to the year. Everyone has come to class with a really positive attitude and it’s lovely to see everyone working hard.

Our class newsletters will be sent home next week which will contain more detail as to what we are studying etc, but I would like to let you know that homework will start this week. It will be sent home on Friday and is to be returned the following Thursday. In the front of your child’s homework book will be an explanation of homework expectations, but if you have any questions please don’t hesitate in contacting me.

Kirsty Squires

5/6K
Welcome to 2015. Everyone has settled into a routine and we are already working hard. Class newsletters will be sent home next week outlining our learning for term one. Homework will be sent home on Friday. Our first assembly for our new Year 6’s will be Friday week 3. This assembly will be run by Teela and Peter. I’m sure they would love to see you there to support them.

Laura Knight

Year 6 Fundraiser
Our Year 6 BBQ at Masters West Gosford will now be on Sunday March 22nd 9am to 3pm. Please contact myself if you are able to help. 0417 721 435.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the mix up of dates.

Nicki Ward

3/4 & 5/6 Music
Mr Mitchell will be taking the above classes for music. He will be teaching music through recorder tuition. Recorders are available through the school for $13, a note will be sent home shortly. Tuition books will be provided by the school.

Library News
Students are able and encouraged to borrow from the school library as of this week. An acceptable bag (library bag, plastic envelop, shopping bag – not plastic or pillow case) is required. Please make sure books are returned on time.

Library days for the three classes are as follows:
K/1/2—Monday
3/4—Wednesday
5/6—Friday
Please return all overdue library books from 2014.

Choir
We are very fortunate to have the services of Mrs Margaret Smith who has kindly volunteered her time to teach our students to sing on Monday afternoons. She has a wealth of experience working with young children.

Neil Mitchell
Office News
Just a reminder that all absence notes, permission notes, monies and school banking are to be given to class teachers each morning. Also all medical, emergency contacts, phone numbers and address updates etc, need to be reported to the office as soon as possible please for the safety of your child. Receipts for payments will be held in the office for collection until the end of each term for those wishing to collect them.

Julie Broome

P&C News
Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will be open on Thursday mornings from 8.30am-9am. If you’re unable to visit at this time and need uniform items, please contact Kirrilly Green on 0467 723 475 to arrange a suitable time.

P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, February 4
The P&C will hold its first meeting for the year in the school library at 7pm tomorrow. Everyone is welcome. If you are a member of one of our new families, please join us as P&C meetings are a great way to meet fellow parents and to hear more about what is happening at the school.

At tomorrow’s meeting, Mrs Squires will discuss the class structure for 2015 and the school’s strategic plan for 2015-17. Agenda items also include the proposal of a community cookbook as a major fundraising initiative.

AGM
Wednesday, March 4
The AGM will be held prior to the usual March meeting. A new executive team will be elected at this meeting. Please consider whether you might be interested in working with the school as part of the P&C.

Membership fees due now
To be eligible to vote at the P&C AGM, the annual membership fee of $2 per person should be paid before or at tomorrow night’s meeting.

The P&C membership fee also provides you with insurance cover in the unfortunate event of you incurring an injury while you are volunteering at the school. So, even if you don’t intend to be an active P&C member, it is worth joining for this cover.

Kindergarten 2015

TERM DATES
2015
Term 1
27 January - 2 April
Term 2
20 April - 26 June
Term 3
13 July - 18 September
Term 4
6 October - 18 December

Term 2 events

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School Security Number
1300 880 021

Student banking is up and running on Tuesdays
Family needing help.

Looking for a kind lady to look after 7yr old Yr 2 student. 1hr before school and 2hrs after school.

Please call Alison 0405 954 809

March 13
2.30pm
Peter Katrakilis

Gosford Regional Show
4th & 5th May, 2015

Once again the Gosford Regional Show is having a section for children to enter produce that they have grown either at home or at school.

Schools are also encouraged to enter a display.

Last year the display put on by the children of the Central Coast was amazing.

The Show committee look forward to another successful year with children from all backgrounds entering produce that they have grown.

This year we are also holding a baking section for those children who love to cook.

Other activities are Art, Photography, Senior & Junior Showgirls and Produce Judging with the winner proceeding to the Royal Easter Show.

Please check our web site for more information. www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au

Jennifer Winslade
Entry forms available from the school office.

OURIMBAH SURGERY IS OPEN TO NEW PATIENTS

Dr Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to welcome Dr Mary Graham to our Practice!
We are now accepting bookings for new patients. ☺ We bulk bill all children 16 years and under.
For enquiries and appointments please call (02) 4362 3162.

Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming you and your families to our practice!

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UNDER 6’S - 17’S

FAMILY ORIENTATED. FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

ENQUIRIES: Ed 0457810564 or Renee 0402190282

Registration Days: 7th & 14th February @ Wyoming Shopping Centre,