State Tennis Trials: Congratulations to Aria Little, Maka Ofati and Logan Straight who represented the entire South Coast at the Tennis State Championships last week in Sydney. The South Coast team competed extremely well, with the boys’ team placing in a tie 5th and the girls placing tie 7th from 13 Zones, including independent schools and 2 Catholic Zones. This was an outstanding achievement considering the level of tennis they faced. For instance, one girl from Sydney North is currently ranked 2nd in Australia for her age. The South Coast Public Schools Tennis Coordinator Mr Paul Woodcock, Principal of Ulladulla PS, shared that the “children displayed outstanding sportsmanship, behaviour, team spirit and cooperation all week. They grew as tennis players and realised the importance of team work and supporting each other. I cannot fault their commitment and attitude”. Congratulations students. You have made the South Coast and Merimbula Public School very proud. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who transported students to the event.

Thank You P&C: Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended last night’s P&C Meeting.

Don’t forget that our P&C will be holding their annual Mother’s Day stall this week see P & C news for details. Please make sure that all money sent into school with your child is in a labelled wallet or envelope. Children are also encouraged to bring a small carry/shopping bag and loose change if they are purchasing something from the stall. Thank you to the volunteers who have already committed to running this event that the children love so much. If you are able to assist during either the Thursday or Friday time, or can help setting up on Thursday from 12 noon, please let the office know so that we can forward your name to the P&C.

Quiz Works Presentation: This week the Quiz Works performance will take place for all students who attend Special Religious Education (SRE) and Catholic Scripture. If your child does not attend either of these classes and you would like them to attend a theatrical/puppet presentation, please send in a note before Friday.

Mrs Smith Leave: Mrs Jenni Smith will be taking leave from today until May 27. Mrs Dot Green will be teaching K/15 during this time. Mrs Green has taught K/1 at times throughout the year and together with Mrs Smith has worked to ensure a smooth transition for the students during this time.

Mrs Pearce: Welcome Mrs Pearce to our team! Mrs Pearce will be teaching KW each Wednesday this term while Ms Wilson coordinates our English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, implementing some great activities in KW with Mrs Pearce.

NAPLAN:
Next week Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN tests, they are as follows: Tuesday 12th May, writing and language conventions; Wednesday 13th May, reading; Thursday 14th May, Numeracy. These tests are compulsory so please try to ensure your child attends school during this time. If for some reason they cannot attend on any of these days Friday 15th May will be a catch up day for any tests missed.

Opera House Recorder Group News:
It has been exciting to see and hear the developing skills of this group of girls. We are continuing to practise each week but, as there are four different parts to play, I have divided the practice sessions into two parts. Descant 2 on a Thursday morning and Descant 1, Treble and Tenor on a Friday morning. I have been impressed with the level of dedication the girls are showing to practise and improve their playing. Well done girls! Practise, practise, practise! If your child is unable to attend the sessions, could you please let me know. Thanks.

Mrs Smith

School Banking On Wednesdays!

The School Banking program started today. Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver (Dollarmites) deposit books, containing your child’s weekly deposit and a completed deposit slip need to be placed in the money drop box in the school office by 9.00am Wednesdays.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office. Please note that all new accounts need to be opened directly with the Commonwealth Bank, either online, in branch or over the phone. Our school does not offer the account opening facility at this time.

The Uniform shop is open on:
Mondays from 8.15 am-9.15 am, Thursdays from 8.15 am-9.15 am & 2.15 pm - 3.15 pm.

If you are unable to attend in these hours order forms are available from the school office. Please fill the order form out with payment options and leave in the post box in the foyer.

Stewart House: Envelopes for the 2015 Stewart House Donation Drive have been sent home today. If you wish to donate, please place a $2 coin or equivalent in this envelope and return to school by Friday 15th May. Complete the details on the back of the envelope to be eligible to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Book Club: The latest brochures are out today and orders are due back by Friday 15th May. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED. Reminder – We do not accept cash orders for BOOK CLUB. You can pay by cheque made out to Scholastic Australia OR by credit card online www.scholastic.com.au/payment OR by credit card automated phone service 24 hours freecall 1800 557 908. Once you have made a payment you will get an 11 digit receipt number which needs to be recorded on the order form. Then return the order form to school for processing. Proceeds from Book Club go towards much needed books for the Library, however there is never any obligation to order.

Mother’s Day Stall: The P & C’s annual Mother’s Day Stall will be running this week. Gifts for mothers will range from $10c to about $6. The stall will be open in the canteen area over two days. Thursday (May 7) open from 1:00 – 1:55pm and Friday (May 8) open only in the morning before classes commence.

Annual Mother’s Day High Tea: Last Sunday, May 3, The Mother’s Day High Tea was held at Oaklands in Pambula. Forty three attended and sampled the high tea treats, tea and coffee, bubbles, goodie bags and tried out for the lucky door prizes.

I would like to thank all those who attended what was a very successful social gathering. I would like to thank Oaklands, its staff and the members of the P & C, in particular Karyn and Jenni, who helped make this event such a success.
Canteen Helpers: Thank you to our new volunteers helping out in the canteen so far this term. It is great to see some new faces. If you have any time to spare, even just an hour, when you can assist in the canteen, please complete the Helper’s Note on the bottom of the new menu and return it to school.
Children love seeing Mum, Dad, Nan and/or family in the canteen.

K-2 News

Assemblies: Well done K/1S on a wonderful assembly. We enjoyed Kindergarten’s alphabet rhymes and Year 1 did an amazing job of presenting. Congratulations to all students who received a merit certificate.

Our next assembly will be hosted by KW on Monday 18th May, Week 5 in the Jackson Hall at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

PBS: Week 3 award recipient is Roux Butler-Woollard.

Watch it Grow-Shh it’s a secret!: Stage 1 have been getting very scientific in the last week watching carefully for changes to our mealworms. We have noticed that they have shed their skins and are changing. Please remember if your children ask questions not to tell them the end result! We love to learn by investigating. Also this week we have been playing mother hen to 24 eggs and will continue this for 21 days. We have borrowed an incubator and been donated 24 eggs from Eden Marine High School. Thank you to Eden Marine High School.

Bravehearts: Next Thursday all children K-2 will be attending a Bravehearts program about keeping children safe. It will be provided free of charge and support our unit of work on child protection.

News: Each child in Stage 1 will be asked to deliver a speech of approximately 2 minutes this term on a living thing of their choice. Look out for a letter coming home this week. Any questions please see your child’s class teacher.

Stage 2 News

Student Supplies: Stage 2 students must have their basic learning supplies renewed for Term 2. These basics include whiteboard markers and glue sticks. Quality HB pencils, an eraser, sharpener and ruler are also essential. Please ensure your child is well equipped by supplying these items.

PBS: This week five students from Stage 2 have achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix.

Awardees were: Jayda Hulme and Harrison Tuckwell for Care. Dylan Watkins, Riccardo Albanese, Hollie Staight and Kayla Smith for Responsibility.

Sport: Term 2 Sport will focus on Track and Field Athletics skills. This will culminate with our School Athletics Carnival. The Track Championships will be held at Berrambool Oval on Wednesday, 3rd June.

Conversations: As explained last week, Stage 2 has a new segment called ‘Conversations’. There will be some questions or a topic each week for your child to talk with you about relating to topics they are discussing/learning about in class. This isn’t homework, but a fun way to involve yourself in your child’s education. Talking is so important! Conversations can happen in the car, on the couch or at the computer where they might want to show you their research skills using search engines to find information.

What is a Simile? Can you use a simile on Mother’s Day to show your mum/grandma/guardian how much they mean to you? The rugged rascals in 4C might also like to share their knowledge about Alliteration.

Stage 3 News

History and Science: We are enjoying our units for this term. In Earth and Space students are beginning to research our Solar System, and enjoying interesting facts about Black Holes and debating whether or not Pluto is actually a planet. In History, students are continuing to learn about what Australia was like a century ago, and the conditions that lead to WWI.

In Maths this week we are concentrating on fractions, decimals, percentages and time. It would be great if you could help your child by quizzing them on these topics during everyday activities like shopping, cooking and building. Thanks to those parents and carers who have replenished their child’s pencil cases. If you have not had time to do this, it would be helpful if you could ensure that your child is properly equipped for lessons with a blue and red pen, HB pencil, ruler, eraser and pencil sharpener.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion: The first account has now been sent out to all parents about the excursions for Year 6 students. These accounts have been carefully considered to make the payments manageable for parents and carers. If you have any questions or concerns about these payments please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Parent Concerns: From time to time your children may come home concerned or upset about something that has happened at school through the day. Many parents feel that they would like to discuss their child’s concerns with the school. The first person you should approach is your child’s teacher. They generally have the most knowledge about your child. If you need further assistance, they can arrange for you to talk with a Stage Leader or the Principal. Thank you for your cooperation.

PSA Heroes: Congratulations to Logan, Aria and Maka who travelled to Sydney last week to participate in the State Tennis Carnival. By all accounts, The South Coast Team played above and beyond expectations and can be very proud of their efforts against some top quality competition.

Well done to Luke, Tyler and Damon for their efforts on Friday when participating in the South Coast Rugby League Carnival. We are all very proud of your effort and commitment.

Woodwork Project: Year 6 and FM are doing some woodwork projects. If anyone has old wooden skateboard decks that they don’t want we would love to take them off your hands. Mr Morris.

Softball News: The MPS Knockout Softball Team has been training hard despite the rain and soggy oval! This week has seen a HUGE improvement in the cohesiveness of the team and the skills of the girls. We play our first knockout game against Pambula, at Pambula PS on Thursday 7th May at 12.30. I know the girls are all excited and will play their very best on the day. Good luck girls!

Good Luck: Good luck to our Boys and Girls Soccer Teams who are playing in Tathra this Friday. Good luck also to our Girls Softball team who are playing against Pambula on Thursday. We know that you will make our school proud.

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WEEK 3

Wednesday May 6 - Zone Cross Country
Thursday May 7 - Softball KO v’s Pambula
Otitis Media Screening
Friday May 8 - Quizworks Scripture Presentation
Sunday May 10 - Mother’s Day

WEEK 4

Monday May 11 - Years 3-6 Assembly 2pm
Tuesday May 12 - NAPLAN - Language & Writing
Wednesday May 13 - NAPLAN - Numeracy
Thursday May 14 - NAPLAN - Reading
Friday May 15 - NAPLAN Catchup
State Dance Workshop
Sunday May 17 - Tuesday May 19 SCLC Music Camp

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