



OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 3 – Tuesday 13th February



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OPERATION DOLPHIN:

I am Responsible. I walk quickly to the right place.

IMPORTANT!

Transition into 2018

I would like to thank the staff and stage supervisors for their thoughtful organisation of transition into new classes. I have received mixed feedback from parents about our effectiveness with some concerns about communication, composite classes and uncertainty of classes and teachers raised. This was also a discussion point at last night's P&C meeting so I would like to provide some clarity.

During the first two weeks of school our aim was to provide all students with a rich experience of building relationships with peers, teachers and support staff. They were given opportunities to engage in mini units of work with several teachers and school learning support officers, complete assessment tasks and learn about routines and expectations. During this time teachers were observing interactions and learning needs, then meeting regularly in stage teams to plan and to draft class lists. They were taking into consideration class dynamics, relationships and learning needs. A huge amount of thought and care has gone into getting our classes 'right'.

You may recall this was in contrast to the commencement of 2017 when we rushed classes to commence Day One, with teachers spending countless hours organising teaching and learning programs then connecting with their students. When the year started we had significant changes in numbers across grades which necessitated a complete change in class structures in the first few weeks. This was unsettling for many families, distressing for some students who had formed strong relationships with staff and peers, and frustrating for teachers who had put significant energy into planning and organisation. We as a school decided to avoid this.

Staffing in NSW public schools is allocated as follows: Kindergarten 1:20, Year One 1:22, Year Two 1:24 and Years Three to Six 1:30. Unfortunately, year groups rarely fall neatly into the above multiples (and even when they do a full kindergarten class is only two-thirds of a Year Three to Six class). Therefore we need to consider multi-grade or 'composite' classes. The following link to a Centre for Education and Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) document provides additional information on composite classes and a breakdown of the number of students in composite classes in NSW public schools. It may be of interest. (Click on the URL link)

<https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/multi-age-or-composite-classes-in-nsw-government-schools/resource/94c63b57-a758-4f74-934b-cb9222388deb>

Once we have determined the need for composite classes and the number of students in each, we are then able to allocate students to classes. We are mindful of social groupings, learning styles, relationships with staff, academic needs and class dynamics. We intentionally group some students together and ensure others are separated. These classes are not streamed according to ability and it is important this is relayed to students. This year we have been able to maintain stage-based composite classes. Even in single grade classes there is a huge range of interest and ability and teachers tailor learning to the needs of all students by providing learning at their level – especially in literacy and numeracy-based activities. Literacy and maths groups within classes provide opportunities for children to engage with learning at their point of need. Research consistently shows it is the quality of the teacher which has the biggest impact on student performance – not the composition of classes. Our stages are working closely to align teaching and learning programs and to continue to ensure engaging, meaningful and quality learning opportunities for our students.

P&C

Last night we had an excellent turn-out to the first P&C meeting for the year. We welcomed several new and many returning members and I look forward to a productive and positive year supporting our wonderful school.

Class Placements

Classes have now been established, and are as follows: KL (Amelia Lee), KA (Amy Barrett and Abelia Hissink Friday), K/1G (Justine Griffin), 1/2D (Elise Daley), 1/2J (Donna Jordan), 1/2L (Melinda Lengyel), 2M (Christine Melkie), 3/4S (Sonia Woods), 3/4G (Wayne Gibbons), 3/ 4T (Merryl Toop), 5/6P (Petria Essery), 5/6N (Adam Nicholls), 5/6E (Erin Ensor), K/6M (Paula Farrell), K/6G (Libby Gill) and K/6Y (Lee Yabsley).

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or stage supervisor. Assistant Principals supervising stages are as follows: Early Stage 1 (Kinder) – Lisa McGivern, Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – Mel Lengyel, Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) – Sonia Woods, Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) – Erin Ensor and the Support Unit – Lee Yabsley.

Traffic Safety

Families are reminded that we require care and vigilance around roads. To ensure safe practices around roads teachers will be covering topics during class time. Attached to today's newsletter is information for parents and an overview of what we cover. Please discuss these with your children and be sure to reinforce these important messages.

Newsletter

Just a reminder as of the end of Week 4 the newsletter will be distributed on a Friday afternoon. Any advertisements and articles must be received by Thursday evening. Look forward to a 'new look' Ocean Oracle in the coming weeks.

School Website: Visit www.oceanshore-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Email: Send an email to the school's account requesting to be added to the newsletter distribution list:
oceanshore-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Schoolstream: Go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone. Once the app is installed, type Ocean Shores Public School into search.

Hardcopies: Are available for collection from the office if needed.

School Gardening

Sigge McKinley will be recommencing sessions in the school garden in Week 5. Students in Years 3 to 6 will spend an hour a fortnight with Sigge and their teachers planning, planting, budgeting and learning. I thank Sigge for his ongoing generosity and for agreeing to work in afternoon sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays

Martin Gill (Principal) |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs 15th Feb – Leaders Induction Assembly 1pm
Mon 19th Feb – District Swimming Carnival, Kindergarten students commence full days
Tues 20th Feb – Scripture & Ethics commence |

Thurs 22nd Feb – Swimming Carnival Presentation 1pm
Fri 23rd Feb – Newsletter available Online
Mon 26th Feb – School Photo Day, Gardening recommences
Wed 28th Feb - Parent Connect Evening/Expo 5-6.30pm |

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING:

Congratulations to our students who qualified for the District Swimming at Mullumbimby Pool on Monday. We wish you all the best of luck. Please note that due to the prohibitive cost the school will not be taking a bus

Canteen

Thank you to Sigge, Rachel, Panda and Ingrid and Gezz! For volunteering last Friday. Still need volunteers to come and help at canteen on Fridays.. please contact Nadine 0432418130

CANTEEN MENU

COLD FOOD

Sushi

- Tofu Pockets \$ 2.00
- Avocado (GF, DF) \$ 3.50
- Tuna (GF) \$ 3.50
- Tuna & Avocado (GF) \$ 3.50
- Chicken Teriyaki \$ 3.50
- Tempura Prawns \$ 3.50

Rice Paper Rolls

- Teriyaki Chicken & Vegetables \$ 3.50
- Vegetarian \$ 3.50

All served with soy sauce (not GF).

Tamari is available from the canteen if required.

(Please Pre-order all Sushi, Tofu Pockets and Rice Paper Rolls by Thursday 3.15pm. Please place your order in the SUSHI BOX located in the office.

Wholemeal Sandwiches (Lightly Buttered)

- Cheese or Vegemite or Honey \$ 2.20
- Egg, Lettuce & Mayonnaise \$ 3.00
- Salad Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot \$ 3.00
- Ham, Tomato & Cheese \$ 3.50
- Tuna with Mayonnaise \$ 3.50

Wholemeal Wraps

- Salad \$ 3.50
- Chicken & Salad \$ 4.50
- Ham & Salad \$ 4.50

Gluten Free Bread or Wraps Extra \$1.00

(All Sandwiches and Wraps can be toasted.

Please mark this clearly on your order form).

Salad Bowls

- Salad \$ 3.50
- Chicken & Salad \$ 4.50

HOT FOOD

Byron Gourmet Pies

- Sausage Roll HALF \$ 1.90
- Cheese and Spinach Roll HALF \$ 2.10
- Sausage Roll FULL \$ 3.80
- Cheese and Spinach Roll FULL \$ 4.20
- Chicken Mornay Pie \$ 4.50
- Organic Steak Pie \$ 4.80
- **Gluten Free** Organic Steak Pie \$ 5.40

Tomato Sauce Extra \$0.20

Burgers

- Cheese Burger Homemade Beef Patty \$ 3.80
- Chicken Burger Pan Fied Chicken Breast \$ 3.80
- Vegie Burger Homemade Vegie Patty \$ 3.80

Gluten Free Bread Roll Extra \$1.50

(All Burgers are served with Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Mayonnaise & Tomato Sauce. BBQ or Sweet Chilli sauce are available upon request).

Pizza

- Margherita \$ 3.50
- Ham & Pineapple \$ 4.00

Gluten Free Pizza Base Extra \$1.00

SNACKS

- Red Rock Deli Chips \$ 1.50
- Popcorn \$ 0.50
- Fresh Baked Goods \$ 0.50 - \$ 2.00
- Frozen Yoghurt \$ 2.50
- Juicies \$ 0.80
- Fresh Fruit From \$ 0.30

(These items can be purchased at the canteen during Recess and Lunch.

They are not available for pre-order).

DRINKS

- Just Juice Poppers \$ 1.70
- Apple, Apple & Blackcurrent or Paradise Punch
- Plain Milk \$ 1.50
- Chocolate Milk \$ 2.00
- Banana Smoothie \$ 3.00

Rice Milk Available Extra \$1.00

CANTEEN MENU

FRESH AND HEALTHY

We have responded to parent requests for a fresher, healthier canteen. Please note that our canteen follows the Healthy Eating Guidelines set out by the Ocean Shores P&C Association. These Guidelines have been developed in reference to government guidelines as well as the latest scientific and medical research.

We believe in providing fresh seasonal food made on the premises wherever possible and are supplemented with fresh produce from our own school garden program.

RECESS

Recess items can be purchase over the counter at recess. These items are not available for pre-order.

HOW TO ORDER LUNCH

To order SUSHI and TOFU POCKETS: write your order on a lunch bag with the your Childs full name and class. Indicate the type of sushi and/or tofu pocket and the quantity. Place the order bag in the SUSHI/TOFU POCKET box with payment at the front office by 3.15pm on THURSDAYS the day before canteen.

To order all other lunch items: Please write your order on a lunch bag with your Childs Full Name and Class.

Clearly mark any GLUTEN FREE or ALLERGY advice on the bag along with any extras or omissions.

Drop the lunch bag to canteen with money by 9.15am Friday morning.

Lunches will be delivered to the classroom.

ALLERGY INFORMATION

Please make sure the school has up-to-date information about any serious food related allergies your child may have. Details will be passed on to the canteen.

It is highly recommended that you also highlight this on the lunch bag.


BE A CANTEEN ANGEL

We are always looking for volunteers to help us provide the freshest and healthiest food for our student and staff at an affordable price. If you have an hour or so to spare on a Friday (even just once a term) Please fill in a volunteer form at the front office.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like any further information about canteen, please email

ospandc@gmail.com.



OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parent EXPO

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

5:00PM - 6:30PM

BBQ DINNER - BABYSITTING FACILITIES

166 SHARA BOULEVARDE, OCEAN SHORES

Take advantage of this opportunity to come and meet the dedicated Teachers and Support Staff of Ocean Shores Public School. Meet with class teachers, learn about the programs and extra-curricular activities we provide. Also learn about the additional community support programs which operate within our school.

CONTACT US AT: (02)6680 2766

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Key Road Safety Education messages

	Early Childhood	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Pedestrian safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always hold a grown-up's hand When a grown-up's hand is not available, hold a pram, bag or clothes Always cross the road with a grown-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a grown up's hand when you cross the road Hold a grown up's hand when you're on the footpath Hold a grown up's hand when you're in a car park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road Use a safe place to cross the road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road Use a safe place to cross the road
Passenger safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always buckle up your seatbelt Always leave your seatbelt buckled up in the car Always get in and out of the 'Safety Door' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click, clack, front and back Always buckle up in your seatbelt Get in and out of the car on the footpath side Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road 		
Safety on wheels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always wear your helmet when riding your bike or wheeled toy Always ask a grown-up where it is safe for you to play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate Ride your bike in a safe place away from the road 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride your bike away from busy roads



Road safety



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.





Ocean Shores Public School

will be actively supporting the upcoming

Waterlily Community Celebration

On Sunday, 25 February 2018, 3-6pm at Waterlily Park,
1 Yamble Dr., Ocean Shores

For more details: facebook.com/waterlilyplayscape



GIRL'S and WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAMS OCEAN SHORES!

Registration for Shores United Soccer Club has just opened for the 2018 season.

We've listened to your requests for girl's and women's soccer teams in Ocean Shores.

We're looking to put together girl's teams; Under 10 , Under 11
Possibly Under 9's, Under 12's and Under 13's if we have enough interest.

We're also creating a women's soccer team. Ages 15 and up
All skill levels. All Welcome.
Lots of fun! ☐

There will be limited places on teams and spots will fill up fast.
Get your expressions of interest in early.

Teams will be finalised and registered when we make the team numbers required for each age group.
Be a part of the new Girl's and Women's Shores United Soccer teams!

Take advantage of the NSW Government Active Kids Voucher for \$100 off your child's sports registration fees this year.



For further details and to put your child's name on the list,
contact us on: 0403 267 142

Go Shores!!

Teja Claire - Coach Coordinator
Shores United