



# Ocean Outlook

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Issue 1, Term 2

## Principal's Report

### OPERATION DOLPHIN

Week 2

I am Responsible.

I wear my hat or I play in the eating area.

### COMING UP!

Week 2

**Tue 8th May**

Mindfulness in Library 6:30pm

**Thu 10th May**

Mothers Day Stall in Hall  
Spaghetti Circus K-2 FREE

**Fri 11th May**

GRIP Leadership Conference  
Parliamentarians and Captains

Week 3

**Fri 18th May**

Ditto Bravehearts Show K-2  
FREE

Walk Safely to School Day  
District Cross Country

**Year 5 Opportunity Class applications are open now through to Friday 18th May.**

**No late applications will be accepted.**

### Term 2

Welcome to Term 2 at OSPS. After some time away students and staff have settled back into learning and fun. There is a lot happening this term. Please be sure to keep an eye on upcoming events in our newsletter.

### Anzac Day Dawn Service

Congratulations and thanks to our school choir who performed at the Anzac Dawn Service at Brunswick Heads during the holidays. I received a letter of thanks from the Brunswick Heads/Billinudgel RSL Sub-Branch whose members were most appreciative of the school choir's input. Thank you to Sonia Woods, Wayne Gibbons, Louise O'Boyle, Tom Naulty and Adam Nicholls for organising and supporting the choir, along with the families who ensured our school was so well represented.



### School Plan and Annual Report

The Ocean Shores Public School 2018-2020 plan is now accessible through the school website. It outlines key priorities for school improvement over the next three years along with measures for improvement. There will be regular updates on its implementation at P&C meetings.

The 2017 Annual Report is also on our website. This provides an account of the 2017 year at Ocean Shores PS.

I would encourage all parents/carers to have a read through both documents. Go to <http://www.oceanshore-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> then click on 'our school' then 'planning and reporting'.

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) between Tuesday 15th and Friday 25th May. This year the assessments will be online (with the exception of Year 3 writing). Attached to today's newsletter is information on NAPLAN online. Visit the website for more information <https://www.nap.edu.au/>

### Staffing – Learning and Support Teacher and School Counsellor

Our Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) Debbie Timms is enjoying well-earned long service leave this term. Libby Gill will be taking on the LaST role while Matt Henderson will be teaching Miss Libby's K/6G class. Thanks to Matt and Libby for stepping into their respective roles. The LaST supports students, staff and families to achieve the best possible learning and social outcomes. Libby is contactable via the school office.

We also welcome Elizabeth Pigott to the staff at OSPS. Elizabeth has taken over from Camilla Nova on the counselling team. Elizabeth will be in school on Thursdays and as a registered psychologist, is available to support children and families. Jan Brownlow (our other counsellor) will continue in the role of a Tuesday. If you feel your child may benefit from counsellor support, please make contact with his/her class teacher to discuss a referral.

### Attendance

Regular attendance at school is crucial – both for academic and social success. Families are reminded that children are expected to attend school each day. There are times, however, when children will need be absent due to illness or extenuating circumstances. Please be sure to send an explanatory note on your child's return or contact the school to discuss planned or extended absences.

**Martin Gill**  
Principal

# Cross Country

Our School Cross Country was held today at North Byron Parklands. The weather was perfect for a day spent outside with students, parents and caregivers enjoying a family fun day with BBQ/picnic lunch. Check out the photo gallery attached to the newsletter for highlights from the day.

House points finished the day as follows:

Flame	1st	203 points
Cedar	2nd	184 points
Palm	3rd	181 points
Wattle	4th	122 points

## Congratulations to our Age Champions:

12-13 yr girls	Romme Williams
12-13yr Boys	Hunter Hargraves
11yr Girls	Laila Davidson
11yr Boys	Lauchlan Ganly
10yr Girls	Arielle O'Leary-Hune
10yr Boys	Archer McCallum
8-9yr Girls	Nadia Moothiang-Holmes
8-9yr Boys	Taylor Simpson

## Great participation from K/1/2 classes:

### Kinder Girls

1. Ruby Spires
2. Tully Harper
3. Silkie Jones

### Kinder Boys

1. Ewan Doggett
2. Tahj Kelly
3. Arlo Johnston

### Year 1 Girls

1. Sydney May
2. Sari Sarson
3. Frankie Williams

### Year 1 Boys

1. Rocco Davidson
2. Jonah Alletson
3. Stark Easterbrook-Lenehan

### Year 2 Girls

1. Sofia Fisher
2. Cadence Manoli
3. Violet Soady

### Year 2 Boys

1. Curtis Francis-Green
2. Alex Mizzi

### AWD Athlete

Zarian Richards

*"results from  
the school  
cross country  
held today at  
North Byron  
Parklands"*

## Thank You

Thank you to Michelle Kerlin and Paula Farrell for all your work coordinating the Mothers' Day Stall. Thanks to Erin Ensor for organisation of today's cross country carnival, along with North Byron Parklands for the venue. Gratitude to Sonia Woods and the staff for choir and Anzac. Thanks to Christine Melkie for Maths Olympiad and Kelly Huxtable for coordination of NAPLAN Online.

## Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is soon approaching, and the P&C have organised a special stall to be held on Thursday 10th of May 2018.

Several gift items for mums, grandmothers and any other special person will be available to purchase, with gifts ranging from \$1.00 - \$10.00.

## Help Name Our Octopus!

Our new school octopus, created by Phillip Mann, is missing a name and we thought you might have the perfect suggestion! Please put your ideas for his/her name on a piece of paper and place it in the box at reception by end of week 3. The most popular name is most likely to win. **What could it be??**

Please note that we cannot offer credit on the day, so please remember to bring your money on Thursday so you can purchase something special from the stall.

If you are available to volunteer on the day to help sell gifts from 9am -12pm, please contact Michelle on 0418154179.

## OSPS Maths Olympiad Team 2018

Christine Melkie and her band of dedicated mathematicians have been busily training for Maths Olympiad during their lunchtimes.

The competition dates are 23rd May, 13th June, 25th July, 15th August and 12th September.

Good luck to the following students:

Evie Boschma-Wagner	5/6E	Jake Bailey	5/6N	Kane Wilson	3/4T
Evelyn Allsep	5/6E	Quinn Labelle	5/6N	Oscar Wilson	3/4W
Anastasia Clark	5/6N	Nicolas Bleach	5/6E	Indira Arnold	3/4G
Eden	5/6P	John Ray	5/6N	Jamie Garrett	3/4G
Bodhi Gracie Henry	5/6P	Honey Mowbray	5/6E	Kerala Richards	3/4G
Griffin Pelling	5/6P	Skye Waters	3/4T	Yarrow Alleston	
Kai Bar Giora	3/4G	Juliette Adlard	3/4W		

# Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 18th May

National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 18th May 2018. Now in its 19th year, it is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are to:

- Encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary age children
- Promote the health benefits of walking and creating regular walking habits
- Help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to age of 10 yrs hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- Reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- Reduce levels of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- Promote the use of public transport



## Applications for Opportunity Class Placement 2019

Applications for placement in a Year 5 opportunity class in 2019 open on Tuesday 1 May 2018 and close on Friday 18 May 2018. Parents of Year 4 primary school students need to apply online if they want their child to be considered for Year 5 opportunity class placement. **No late applications will be accepted.**

The intention to apply form is attached to this newsletter. Please complete this form and return to the office by Friday

18th May.

To apply please visit <https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/>

More information about Year 5 Opportunity Classes is available here <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

## Oral Health Feedback

Northern NSW Local Health District Oral Health Service conducted oral health promotion sessions for Kinder & Year 2 students. The children were given a toothbrush and tooth brushing chart to take home. We aim for this to stimulate discussion and establish good oral health habits at home

We conducted 76 Kinder and Year 2 dental / oral health assessments.

If you would like your child to have a free dental assessment at our Byron Central Hospital clinic, please call 1300 651 625 and follow the prompts to register.

*“free dental  
assessments  
for children  
under 18yrs  
of age”*

## Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2018

Winter is just around the corner so it is a great time to visit your local Fire & Rescue NSW Fire Station and learn more about how to be home fire safe.

In an effort to educate the community about fire prevention and safety, Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday 19th May 2018 between 10am and 2pm.

You and your family are invited to visit your local station for

home fire safety tips, hop on a fire truck and chat with fire fighters to learn more about that they do every day.

From Chemical spills, car accidents and natural disasters to education. Prevention and humanitarian relief, across the state, across the country and even overseas, our fire fighters are prepared for anything, anywhere, anytime.

For more information please visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au)



# Mindfulness Update



3/4 T were the next class to complete the 8 week mindfulness class. The students have enjoyed the experience and now have a skill for life to practice as often as they can remember!!

We are happy to announce Miss Sonia's class will be the next lucky class to start next term.

Also there will be a training session for all teachers next week so that they can start implementing some basic core practices.

Here is the people inspiring mindfulness!



As part of the 8 week course students learn about Gratitude. As part of this they made a gratitude tree and each week they add more things they are grateful. Isn't it wonderful? Gratitude helps re-wire your brain into being more optimistic. Optimism has been linked with better health and grades in children. Here is the tree.

Here is the class practicing Mindfulness.



Want more info? Contact Barbara Underwood 0403661416 or [barb@ohrs.com.au](mailto:barb@ohrs.com.au)

The next adult 8 week mindfulness course starts in July. Come and explore your own mindfulness practice.

# NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2018

## Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

## What will be tested?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2018, for the first time, some students will sit NAPLAN online. To get an idea of what the tests look like, visit the public demonstration site at [nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site)

NAPLAN Online will not be a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing test on paper.

## How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

## Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

NAPLAN Online uses an adaptive test design, which presents questions that better match student achievement levels and provide more precise results for teachers and schools. As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit [nap.edu.au/online-assessment](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment)



## Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. Where applicable, you should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

## NAPLAN Online 2018 tests timetable

The test window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online test window starts on Tuesday 15 May and finishes on Friday 25 May.

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test
Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed before the conventions of language test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
Conventions of language	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 60 min. Year 9: 60 min.	To be completed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability

## What if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule. Individual students are not permitted to sit NAPLAN online tests after Friday 25 May 2018.

## How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your school.

## How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at [myschool.edu.au](https://myschool.edu.au)

## Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](https://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](https://nap.edu.au)

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN will be handled by ACARA, visit [nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy](https://nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy)

# Community Announcements

Join us and  
together we can

# WALK ALL OVER

## BREAST CANCER

Register to walk or run:  
[mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://mothersdayclassic.com.au)

**SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018**



WOMEN IN BLUE  
Mother's  
Day  
Classic



The Mother's Day Classic is a fun run/walk held around the country annually and is Australia's largest breast cancer research fundraiser with monies raised going directly to the **National Breast Cancer Foundation**.

The **Ballina Mother's Day Classic** event on **Sunday 13 May** starts from **Missingham Amphitheatre, Kingsford Smith Drive** at 9:00am with on-the-day registrations available from 8:00am. Participants are encouraged however to take advantage of the online discount and pre-register at [www.mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au) before midnight on Wednesday 9 May.

The Mother's Day Classic is a family-friendly event and dogs on leads are welcome to participate for a gold coin donation.

The team from **Bakers Delight** will once again provide bakery treats for participants and coffee & water will be available to purchase.

A **Loma Jane** pop-up store will offer attendees a 20% discount offer with 2 or more items purchased and local animal rescue group, **Northern Rivers Animal Services (NRAS)** will have a stall selling winter dog coats for our four-legged friends.

FB: Mother's Day Classic - Ballina  
E: [MDC.Ballina@gmail.com](mailto:MDC.Ballina@gmail.com)

## BYRON BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Young Bee's- (Ages 5-8) Thursdays 3.30- 4.15pm @ Byron Public School starts 10/05/18

Hoops at The Hive Mini Bee's (Ages 8-12) Tuesdays 4-5pm @ Cavanbah Centre starts 15/05/18

**!! MUSTERS !! FOR ALL COMPS FROM 14/5/18 to 26/5/18**

PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS- Sat 19/5/18 & 26/5/18- 10-11.30am

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOYS- Monday 14/5/18 & 21/5/18 - 5-6pm

NB- (PSB-Winter comp played on Mondays)

Just turn up if looking for a team or have a team

More info [www.byronbasketball.com](http://www.byronbasketball.com) info@byronbasketball.com

*"the most powerful thing we can do is get involved  
locally. Help our local community and become  
community activists in our own smaller circle"*

## FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Brunswick Heads Scouts Fundraiser

Saturday | 19th May | 11am-4pm  
Terrace Reserve, Brunswick Heads



- ◆ Live Music from Local Artists
- ◆ Amazing Raffles and Prizes
- ◆ Kids Activities and Craft
- ◆ SES, Fire Brigade and VRA Displays



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## Halpin Productions Presents...

Award winning Neil Simon's stage comedy. An amateur production by arrangement with Origin Theatrical, on behalf of Samuel French Inc.

**All profits will be donated to the Buckley family who have two little sons with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy**

On stage at Ocean Shores Community Centre:

Friday 11th and 18th May

Saturday 12th and 19th May

Sunday 13th and 20th May (matinee)

Get your tickets from [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)

or phone 0437 599 679





## Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2019

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Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 1 August 2018**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Tuesday 1 May 2018** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. The application website opens on **Tuesday 1 May 2018** and closes on **Friday 18 May 2018**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **1 May 2018**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

**Remember:** The tear-off strip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

**Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS.** This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.  
**TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.**

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## Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2019

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2019

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, either:

I have internet access and will be applying online

☐

**OR**

I do not have internet access and will use a public library to complete the application

☐

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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