Dates to Remember

Term 1 2013

12 April Hunter Winter Trials
ANZAC Service 10:30
to 11:00am
Last Day Term 1

29 & 30 Teachers & Support
May Staff Return
1 May Students Return
6 May Netball Kockout V
Nabiac-Taree Rec.
14 -16 NAPLAN - years 3 &
May 5

Principal’s Message

Farewell Mr Harwin was the topic
of our special assembly on Monday
morning. Thank you to the parents
who came and joined us for the
assembly and the morning tea fol-
lowing. The choir sang beautifully!
Mr Harwin particularly enjoyed the
student recollections and he spoke
fondly of his years as Principal at
Old Bar School. Kim Moses, Presi-
dent of our P&C wrote a poem dedi-
cated to Mr Harwin and presented
him with a beautiful mantle clock as
a memento of his time here. In one
sense it is always sad farewelling
colleagues who have made such
an impression on the lives of others.
On the other hand, it can be quite
liberating! I know that Mr Harwin
won’t be idle during his retirement
years. He is already talking about
other items ‘on his agenda’ and will
always remain firmly connected to
the Old Bar community. I, person-
ally, have enjoyed wonderful sup-
port from Mr Harwin. His passion
for education has made him an in-
spiring leader and mentor. Mr Har-
win always began his staff bulletins
with a quote so I think it appropriate
for me to dedicate a quote to him!

“Education is the most power-
ful weapon which you can use to
to change the world.” Nelson Mandela

THANKS MR HARWIN!

Useful Links

Here are some more useful links
that you might like to investi-
gate with your children during
the holidays. Check them out!

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/
zh/homework-and-study/english/
english-tips/getting-your-child-
used-to-writing

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Strug-
gling with the weekly spelling lists?
Here are a few strategies that will help:
Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


ANZAC Ceremonies

On Friday, 12th April, we will be holding our annual school ANZAC assembly at 10.30am in the hall. All parents are invited to join us for this memorial. The community ANZAC service will be held on ANZAC day which falls on the last Thursday of the school holidays. Over the last few years, student representation in the march has been at an all-time high. We are hoping that as many of you as possible will be able to join us again this year. The children can assemble at the ‘Post Office’ corner just prior to 12 midday where the march begins. The service at Club Old Bar is always followed by a free sausage sizzle for the students and friends. Children should come dressed in full school uniform if they wish to march in the parade. Encourage your children to be a part of this special day. With RESPECT as our core value, this is a great way for our students to put it into practise.

REMINDER….

Flowers and greenery are needed for our own school ANZAC service on Friday. Please send along anything that you think would be appropriate to add to a bouquet or wreath. The working bee to put them together will start at 9am in the staffroom. Come along and lend a hand if you are able.

Parent /Teacher Interviews

I hope you all had a chance to make an appointment to speak with your child’s teacher over the past 2 weeks. I know that teachers appreciate the opportunity to discuss programs with you and of course, it allows you to ask questions and get the ‘inside information’ on what’s happening in the classroom. I’m proud to say that the teaching staff at Old Bar really takes this aspect of their job very seriously. They take a ‘holistic’ approach to educating children and utilise parent feedback to plan future teaching. Thanks teachers and thanks parents for joining forces once again to address the needs of our most treasured resource – our children. I’m sure you’ve heard me say this before, but I’ll say it again anyway – We (teachers) want the same things for your children that you want. We are all ‘on the same side.’ Great partnership!

Wow! It’s been a long (11 weeks) busy term. It’s been a great start to 2013 and I’m already filling up the calendar for term 2. More wonderful things on the agenda for Old Bar students and parents! Don’t forget, we have 2 Staff Development Days at the beginning of term 2. The students return to us on Wednesday, 1st May.

Have a wonderful two weeks with your children. Read to them every day and ask them to read to you. That’s your homework!

ENJOY.

Deborah Scanes

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all 32 students who represented Old Bar School last Friday at the Manning Zone Cross Country Carnival at Wingham. All students displayed a wonderful competitive spirit and exceptional sportsmanship qualities.

A big thank you to the parents and students who assisted with setting

David Street Old Bar NSW 2430
6553 7248

Term 1 Week 11
11th April 2013

Student Banking

3 Winbins - Ryley Redman (3/4G)
2 Winbins - Jasey McIntyre (5/6M)
1 Winbin - James Maltby Stone (4/5T)
State Swimming Championships in Sydney last week. Top effort Molly!

Five Cent Drive
This week’s results are as follows:

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A total of 5080, 14920 to go!! Ask mum, ask dad, ask granny and pop! Bring in those 5c coins and help OBPS reach the target of 20000 coins in Term 2!

The winning class for Term 1 is 2/3H! They will receive a voucher for an icy pole.

Girls Soccer
Good luck to Molly Arens who has been selected to represent the Manning Zone at the Hunter Girls Soccer Trials in Newcastle tomorrow. Molly will be trialing for a spot in the Hunter team to compete at the State Soccer Carnival next term. We also congratulate Molly on her success at the NSW PSSA

PSSA Cricket Knockout
On Wednesday the Old Bar school cricket team travelled to Forster for their match against Forster Public School. Forster won the toss and sent Old Bar in to bat. Jaxon O’Connor and Patrick Moses were both bowled in the second over by Luke Holbrook and Alex Slade and Charlie Martin started a good partnership. The boys put on twenty seven runs and it was unfortunate that Alex fell to a diving catch by the wicket-keeper for seven. Charlie batted well for his six runs and Joshua, Troy and Jake gave good support to take the total to 6 for forty seven. In reply Forster, lost their first wicket to a good run-out by Troy, but Liam Simpson batted well to take the home side to victory in the twentieth over at 3 for forty eight. All the team members played well and Charlie took two wickets for twenty two runs off his five overs. The team would like to thank the parents for providing support and taking them to Forster and also Mr Hampson for umpiring at square leg.

Ripping!!
Clean 3-4 ft. waves, the occa-
sional barrel – the surf was perfect for Saltwater Boardriders Inc. (SBI) April comp. Alistair Williams, 3/4S, made the most of every wave winning the Grommets division. This month’s comp saw the debut of Lucas Crossingham, 3/4S, skimming across the face of unbroken waves. Yeooow! SBI holds a comp on the first Sunday of every month. Surfers of all abilities are welcome. Grommets are taken care of by many willing caddies. Alistair is stoked when he gets to paddle out with his idols Oscar Scanes and Ben Dunne. He hopes to pop an air 360 and carve a powerful snap in the near future.

Reported by: Adele Williams.

P&C News
Canteen
If you would like to volunteer some time in the State’s Number 1 Regional Canteen during term 2 please provide your name and phone number to the canteen or the admin office. You will be guaranteed a fun day with a delicious lunch, great company and contact with the lovely children of OBPS. Congratulations to the children who attended the zone cross country last week; you represented your school with pride and displayed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to Molly for achieving a wonderful result in State swimming for backstroke. Wishing everyone a great break – stay safe and have fun.

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URGENT PLAYERS NEEDED
Old Bar Junior Pirates are urgently seeking more players for their Under 7’s, Under 11’s and Under 12’s age groups. If there are any players, boys or girls, wishing to play Rugby League in these age groups, please come down to the Old Bar Football Grounds (near the Tennis Courts) on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm and give training a go. Registration is $90 for the entire season and includes a Football and Pirates Club Polo Shirt.

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Northcott Presents:
Understanding Your iPad
Northcott invites those working directly with individuals or caring for someone with learning, literacy or limited communication skills to two introductory workshops exploring iPad technology.

These workshops will provide an introductory guide to practical information on how to maximise iPad technology into daily routines along with:
- How best to set up your device
- Tips and tricks
- Internet and e-mail
- Using your iPad away from home
- Communications
- Voice dictation & printing
- How to search for, purchase, download and store apps on your iPad

We have allocated the last ½ hour of each workshop for individual questions and answers – you do not need to have an iPad on the day.

Who should attend
Parents, carers, extended family members (grandparents), therapists, respite workers, teachers, teacher aides, early childhood workers, disability support workers

DATE
Thursday 2nd May 2013
TIME
EITHER 1:00-3:00pm OR 5:15-7:15pm
Hurry, places are limited!
VENUE
Uniting Church (Auditorium Room)
29 Albert Street
Taree
COST
The workshop is free of charge – light refreshments will be provided
RSVP
Tues 23rd April 2013
MNC Regional Office 02-6561 2366
*Please confirm session preference and dietary needs upon RSVP

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