Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome
A special welcome to all our new families. If you have moved from another school or you have your first child starting Kindergarten, welcome to our fabulous school. I hope that you are happy with your choice.

Thank you very much for the level of support provided in making the first few weeks so successful. Our Kindergarten children have settled nicely particularly after undertaking their Best Start assessment last week. We feel that this transition was very successful as it seemed to dissolve early apprehensions. A big thank you to the ladies from St Martins, as once again they set up their morning tea. Their presence and availability for a friendly chat with anxious parents is always very much appreciated.

New Enrolments
If you hear or know of any children who haven’t enrolled please contact the school so that these students can begin school.

School Contributions
On page 4 of this newsletter I have put information about this year’s school contributions outlining the amounts of your contributions. This includes a General Contribution and a Technology “fee”. Please read this letter carefully.

I would implore parents to consider making these contributions as it is a very small amount when you consider how much it is per week. Payments can be made in instalments. Payments can also be made electronically.

Thank you for your consideration.

Financial Student Assistance
Financial Student Assistance requests are now open. If you require financial support this year with excursions or school contributions please see the front office for a form. Due Friday 22nd March 2013.

From the RTA
In this newsletter (following pages) I have given you a copy of a list of breaches and subsequent penalties for motorists who break the law in regards to driving their motor vehicle. Please read them carefully and adhere to the road rules as parking police WILL fine you. They often camp across the road and take pictures of offending cars.

Primary Swimming Carnival
Yesterday we completed our annual swimming carnival. It was again a great day. Many children competed strongly in a number of events whilst others took part in activities in the indoor pool. Congratulations to Sea Gulls who won the carnival.

A big thank you to Mr Elwin who once again organized a very smooth carnival. Thank you to all the parents who helped out either by time-keeping or serving at the P&C food stall.

School Leaders
Last week I presented the school captains, prefects and sports captains. This week it is my pleasure to present to you the elected Environmental Councillors. They are: Jyah D, Kalem G, Angus P-C, Liam S, Zac J, Sarah C, Ashlee O, Antonia B, Taylor G and Ruby C.

Congratulations to all these children. I am confident that they will all be great ambassadors for our environment.

Medical Information
If your child requires a health care plan from your doctor please make contact with the school as a matter of urgency as all health care plans have to be updated annually and a copy given to the school. This would include any child with asthma or a child who can be susceptible to an anaphylaxis reaction.

Anaphylaxis or allergic reactions
It is paramount that we look after the students in our care. Please ensure that class birthday cakes and any food supplied to the teachers for parties or special days are not containing a peanut base. We do not sell peanut butter sandwiches as an effort to support our highly allergic children so please avoid this food in lunch boxes. We also constantly watch out for insects, bees, pollens etc.

Advertising through the School Newsletter
If you have a business or know of a person with a business and would like to advertise through the school newsletter, please make contact with the school. This newsletter goes out to 400 families in the area and is also posted on the school’s website. Therefore it is a great opportunity for any business to receive a very cheap form of advertising.

Paul Woodcock
Principal
CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED
Canteen helpers are needed on Monday, Thursday and Fridays. For anyone who has some spare time, we would love your assistance and company for 1 day per month for 4 hours.

P & C News
The P&C are back into the swing starting the term with the Primary swimming carnival and ending the term with Market Day, so we have a very busy couple of months ahead.

Market day is our biggest fundraiser raising around $12,000 for the students and school. Our meetings occur the 2nd Monday of the month, so our first meeting will be this coming Monday 11th at 2pm in the Staffroom.

We welcome interested parents to come to a friendly meeting anytime throughout the year. It is a good way of gaining a deeper understanding of the workings and aims of the school whilst also being a proven benefit to your own child’s school experience. New ideas and enthusiasm are what makes a great team & we always look forward to new people contributing. Our AGM is at the March meeting, and all positions will be open. We look forward to meeting you!

Liz Craig (President)

Medical and Asthma Plans
If your child has asthma or is suffering from a medical illness please update your medical plans asap. Also please ensure all medicine that is keep in the office for your child is within the expiry date.

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE WEEK 2

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Dates to remember
- Monday 11th February: P&C Meeting 2pm in the Staffroom
- Thursday 21st February: Scripture commences
- Friday 22nd February: AFL District Trials
- Wednesday 27th February: Milton Show
- Friday 1st March: Regional Swimming
- Wednesday 6th March: District Swimming Narooma
- Friday 8th March: 6B Assembly in the hall at 12pm.
Ulladulla Public School

2013 School Contributions

HOW DOES THE SCHOOL GET ITS FUNDS

The Department of Education provides funding to cover all school operations such as gas, electricity, building maintenance, furniture as well as funds towards paper and casual teacher salaries. Our annual school budget however caters for a wide range of educational experiences for your children. Without our parents’ valuable support and that of our P&C, many of these educational opportunities could not occur. Thank you for your ongoing support.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Ulladulla Public School, with the agreement of your parent community, asks that all our parents/guardians participate in our school contribution scheme.

Funds raised through these contributions will be used to supplement educational resources and programs in our school. The school would welcome your contributions as these will significantly enhance the resources made available to students.

While the importance of your contributions is stressed in the context of our school’s overall finances, no embarrassment or discrimination will occur in our school if there are financial difficulties. Please contact the Principal if you have any concerns in this area. Excursions, visiting performers and most sports incur additional costs and these will be collected prior to the activity.

WHAT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS COVER

School Contributions are distributed across all our educational programs and contribute to the purchase of educational resources that enhance learning.

Technology Contribution is used to purchase and maintain up to date technology to support learning in all areas of the curriculum and to offset printing costs.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS

General school contributions: $44 for 1 child or $80 for 2 or more children. ($1 /week)

Technology contribution: $20 for 1 child or $40 for 2 or more children. (50c / week)

Contributions can be paid in instalments

Payments can be made through the office or through the classroom using the envelop provided.

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