Dear parents and students,

School Uniform
The wearing of a school uniform encourages pride in the school, contributes to a sense of belonging, assists in the promotion of good discipline and effective learning and reduces to a minimum, the undesirable distinctions between children in the same school that may result from wearing different clothing. It also provides greater security for children travelling to and from school.

When the students are in full school uniform they look great. I would continue to ask parents and students to be mindful of the uniform and wear it every day. There are a few items being worn that do not fit into the correct uniform. Girls headbands should be blue and jewellery worn should not be such that it will cause an injury. May I remind parents that we have a uniform shop where items can be picked up for $2.00 each.

A couple of important tips:
• Uniforms look best when they are cleaned regularly.
• All uniform items should have the student’s NAME clearly marked on it.

Student Assistance
If you require financial support this year with excursions, uniforms or school contributions please see the front office for a form which are due in on 22nd March.

School Contributions
Thank you to the families who have paid their school contributions. School contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter of choice for parents. Funds raised through this contribution are being used to supplement educational resources and programs in the school. Our school would welcome your contributions, as this will significantly enhance the resources made available to students.

This year eligible families received the School Kids Bonus ($205 per student paid in January and a further payment of $205 to follow in July) to assist with back-to-school expenses.

Your contribution is $44 per child and $20 for technology

Parents who pick their child up at 3pm this term should ensure that they are properly supervised and stay around the “Rainbow Seats” Children are NOT allowed on the Infants equipment during this time and they should not be allowed to run around making excessive noise as Years 1-6 are still working in class. Thank you for your cooperation.

Primary Oval
The issues with the primary oval from last year in regards to the unacceptable fill that was tipped onto the oval has been satisfactorily resolved. The fill was taken away by qualified contractors and replaced with certified soil. New turf has been laid over the clean, certified fill The DEC and Work Cover have inspected the site and given their “all clear”.

Student Attendance
From “INSIGHTS” by Michael Grose—parent educator.

“Its not ok to be away.. Nor to be late to school.”
He states that “When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.”

“The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.”

“Conversely students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.”

If you are interested look up parentingideas.com.au or if you would like a copy of the article let me know and I’ll give you a copy.

Enjoy your week!

Mr Paul Woodcock
Principal
Ulladulla Public Percussion Ensemble News

The Ulladulla Public School Percussion Ensemble marked its 11\textsuperscript{th} Year anniversary last year reaching a total membership of 160 drummers. This year it has been decided to split into two separate groups, a Junior Group of Year 3 & 4 students and a Senior Group of Year 5 & 6 drummers. This will hopefully allow more individual support for beginning students and extend our more experienced drummers.

The Senior Performing Group will start on Friday 8th March and will run each Friday during Terms 1 & 4 from 12:40pm – 1:25pm. In Term 2 the group will run on Wednesdays between 11:40am and 12:25pm. This group will also be able to join other Creative and Performing Arts groups such as choir and recorder ensemble. The Senior Group will be the one that will be primarily invited to perform at various community and school events.

The Junior Group will start on the First Friday of Term 2 from 12:40pm – 1:25pm. It is open to any student who can supply their own drum, an enthusiastic positive attitude and an ability to work as a cooperative team member. It will run every Friday during Term 2 and take a break in Term 3 when we run our annual Talent Expo and School Play. This group will possibly have some sessions in Term 4 if we can squeeze them in to our busy schedule. Students will be able to develop their skills and confidence in this group without the pressure of preparing for performances.

Students who join this group will need to be committed to the group and will be unable to join other groups such as recorder, choir and drama as they are all run at the same time. Students who intend joining the Percussion Ensemble and already have a drum, need to see Mr Johnson and sign up for the group. Further information is also available on request if you are unsure about joining. The school has a limited number of drums for loan if you are experiencing financial difficulties and need to borrow a drum.

Scripture 2013

Ulladulla Public School Scripture program will commence this Thursday 21st. Our Scripture timetable will be divided into two sessions 2.20pm and 2.55pm respectively. We thank our wonderful Scripture volunteers for their ongoing support and look forward to another positive year.
School Photos
School photos will be taken on 12th and 13th March. The school does not open the envelopes so correct change must be placed in envelopes. Family photo envelopes can be collected from the office. A timetable of class photo times and dates will be sent out in next week’s newsletter.

Canteen Helpers Needed
Canteen helpers are needed. For anyone who has some spare time, we would love your assistance and company for 1 day per month from 9am-2pm.

Advertising in the Bulletin
If you own a business and would like to advertise in our newsletter please contact the office. A business card size only costs $5.50 per week.

Canteen Recess Special
WEDNESDAYS 20/2 and 27/2
FRUIT SMOOTHIE & MILK SMOOTHIE
Various Flavours Available

Milton Show 2013
The Milton Show is on Friday 1st March 2013. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been invited to participate in an educational visit to the show. This is an opportunity for children to investigate our community’s customs and rural events. We highly recommend their participation. Children are currently creating their class show posters as well as being involved in a range of activities that will be on display. Due to large crowds expected at the show, the safety of all children is of paramount importance. Therefore, while children are at the show each child will need to be in the care of a parent, relative or minder during the event. A permission note was handed out to children last week and must be returned to their teacher as soon as possible. If you have lost your note please go to the office and collect a new one.

If you are organising for your child in Primary to attend the Show with their siblings in K-2 please note, their teacher will also need written permission for them to attend the show.
Forest Feral Membership

The Forest Feral badges are again on sale for those new to our school or Ferals that have lost their badge and wish to replace it (Primary ONLY). **Badges are $3.00.**

Forest Ferals along with parents and teachers make up Ulladulla Primary School’s Environmental Council. **You don’t have to have a badge to be a Feral.** But it shows support.
All students from **Years 3-6** are automatically registered as ‘Forest Ferals’.

**Stage 2** will be going on an environmental excursion in Term 3.

Fill in the form below if you wish to purchase a badge. 
Cut and return to your CLASS teacher

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**Forest Feral Membership Form**

Fill in your name and class.

Tick the box to purchase a badge ($3.00).

**Please give your money and note to your teacher.**

I.............................................. of class............ would like to purchase a badge.  

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Thank you  
Class Teacher Signature

Forest Feral Councillors  
The Forest Feral has paid

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**Early Bird Request**

6M will be conducting a plant stall for market day. It would be great if families, friends and neighbours of any Ulladulla pupil could start to pot up any cuttings, grow seeds, collect seeds for packeting or send in any plastic pots for others to use.

Thanks Ms Morales

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**Office News**

Please try and give the right money when paying for sport or excursion. The office doesn't carry any change.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ULLADULLA DOCKERS AFL REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

**Date:** Thursday, 21st February  
**Time:** 4.30–6.30 pm  
**Where:** Ulladulla Sports Park

**Age Groups:** 10’s (new) Football to suit your lifestyle! - Intra Club, no travel, no weekend games 12, 14 & 16’s - Shoalhaven Junior AFL Competition.  
**Contact:** Don on 4455680

The Shoalhaven Women’s Wellness Festival is shaping up to be a huge event which women of all ages, their families and friends, will find both fun and informative. **And it is free!!!!** The Shoalhaven International Women’s Day theme for 2013 is ‘Women’s Spaces’. The Festival is providing lots of spaces where women can learn more about health and wellness. We invite all Shoalhaven women to come along to the Wellness Festival to Celebrate, Investigate, Communicate and Rejuvenate at the Lady Denman Museum Complex, Huskisson, Friday 15th March from 1 – 7 pm. Contact for further information including transport options to and from the Festival: Judith Reardon 4422 1299 or Maxine Edwards 4421 5077.