



# The Pocket Public School



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## Quick Check!

Date	Event	Who's Involved
Thursday 20 February	Headlands District Swimming Carnival	Swimmers who qualify today!
Friday 28 February	Tennis Night	Everyone!
Thursday 19 March	Peasant Prince Excursion	Everyone!
Thursday 26 March	School Photos	Everyone!

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Rain, rain and more rain.

After a large amount of rain fell the school was forced to be non-operational on Friday 7 and Monday 10 February. After two full days at school we again had to close the school and take our learning to Ocean Shores Public School. So we have a lot of people to thank...

Thanks to Ocean Shores Public School for accommodating us on such short notice. A shout out to all their staff and Principal, Martin Gill, for being so supportive of our children and teachers.

Thanks Allan at Brunswick Valley Coaches for keeping us updated as to the bus routes and access to The Pocket.

Thanks to our parents and carers for supporting the change of routine to ensure our children still had access to school and some great learning activities.

Thanks to our amazing staff that made this change seamless. Our staff made sure the children were all supported and engaged in the activities in this new space.

Finally, thanks to the kids! Their focus, behaviour and learning attitude was amazing over these last few days. Everyone at school was so proud!

With many schools being closed across the North Coast and NSW I was proud that our school was able to offer this change of venue to our community.

#### Morning BBQ, Leadership Assembly and Meet the Teacher

Back in week 2 we held our morning BBQ, Leadership Assembly and Meet the Teacher morning. It was fantastic to see so many parents turn up and enjoy breakfast with each other. The assembly was beautifully run by our new captains, Henry and Jess. Well done to both of these two leaders.

If you missed the Meet the Teacher session, feel free to pop in and have a chat to your child's teacher about how the classroom is run.

#### Morning Roll Marking

Each morning our class rolls are marked between 9:00 – 9:30am. If you are arriving at school after 9:00am please escort your child to their classroom to check if the roll has been marked. If it hasn't been marked please leave your child with their class. If it has been marked please attend the front office with your child for a late slip.

#### Days Off (sick, leave or family commitments)

If your child is absent from school please give the office a call so that we can pass this information onto the classroom teacher. When your child returns to school please send in a written explanation for the absence. This will be marked on our roll call system.

#### Book Packs, Voluntary Contribution and Excursions

We understand that the start of the year can be financially draining. If you need any support with school-based payments please come and have a chat with myself or Pauline to see what options are available.

Book packs for all classes are \$60 each. The General Voluntary Contribution for 2020 will remain at \$25 per child.

Payment methods include: Cash, POP (Parent Online Payment) via our school website and EFTPOS available in our office.

#### Sport

Our swimming was held today at Petria Thomas Pool in Mullumbimby. Headlands carnival will be held on Thursday.

Good luck to Casseo who is attending the PSSA trials for basketball on Friday in Ballina.

Next Thursday we start tennis coaching with Steve Gort Tennis.

Each class will get between 30 – 60 mins coaching session. All equipment is provided but children can bring in their own rackets if they wish.

### Parents Tennis night

Steve and Yantra will be running our first 2020 Tennis Evening. It will be held on Friday 28 February from 5pm. Just like previous years, Steve will run adults only games on the court behind the school while Yantra will run coaching sessions for our kids. The kids can also play on the equipment, mud kitchen etc in the school grounds. We will have a BBQ operating so bring your choice of BBQ food and chuck it on the barbie! Even if you don't play tennis, it is a fun and relaxed evening. You don't even need to bring a racket, we have heaps!

### Teachers Learning

I am encouraging our teachers to book in as much Teacher Professional Learning as they can this term. Therefore, you may notice that your child's regular classroom teacher is not on class during the term. On these occasions we try to book supply teachers that know the running of our school and our values. Throughout this term you may see some new faces as we create a pool of supply teachers to call on throughout the year.

### Communication

**Flexibuzz** – Flexibuzz is an app that we use to communicate with our community. If you don't have it be sure to download it through your app store. It will help you stay up to date with everything school.

**School Mobile Phone Text** – This phone is only used in emergencies or on an excursion. Please don't send messages to this phone unless the school has asked you to. This phone is normally turned off.

**Call us or drop in** – If you would like extra information or just want to catch up on what is happening, call us or drop in and ask!

**Newsletter** – READ ME! The newsletter is full of important dates and information.

### Debating Workshops

We are lucky to be sending a group of children to the upcoming debating workshops. Children attending will learn all about the skills of debating.

### Writing Workshops

Storyboard is running a series of high achievers writing workshops at Ocean Shores Public School. We are able to send 4 children from our 4/5/6 class. The teachers are currently marking and looking through student writing samples to select these four children.

### Scripture and Ethics

Scripture and Ethics starts tomorrow! There are limited spaces available in ethics. If your child misses out on attending an ethics group they will attend non-scripture. In non-scripture our children engage in a whole class story and activities.

### MEAL DEAL

This Friday we will be having sushi as canteen didn't go ahead last week. All the orders from last week will carry across to this Friday. If your child didn't hand in an order and would like sushi, meal deals are available at the office.

### POCKET STARS

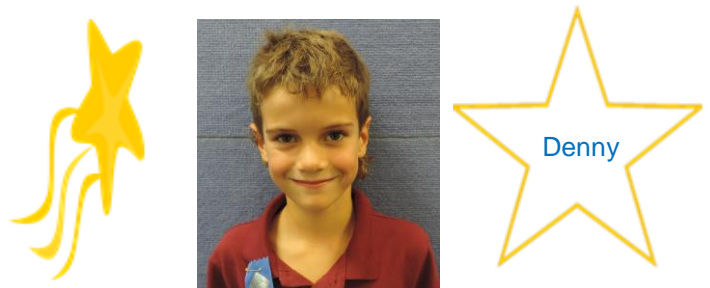


**My special skills and interests are:** Playing the iPad and playing soccer.

**Something you may not know about me:** I have a pet cat.

**When I grow up, I would like to:** Be a Policeman.

**My teacher says:** I have settled into The Pocket really well and is making great friends.



**My special skills and interests are:** Playing handball.

**Something you may not know about me:** In 2019 I went on a holiday to America.

**When I grow up, I would like to:** Be a Teacher.

**My teacher says:** I am a trustworthy and reliable student always willing to lend a hand.



**My special skills and interests are:** Singing and science.

**Something you may not know about me:** I am getting a frog called Kermit Bixby the Wonder Frog!

**When I grow up, I would like to:** have a career in musical theatre.

**My teacher says:** I am always kind and compassionate to fellow students and staff alike.



**My special skills and interests are:** Art and macramé.

**Something you may not know about me:** I have a cow called T Bone.

**When I grow up, I would like to:** Be a Zookeeper or an Artist.

**My teacher says:** I am a thoughtful, kind and considerate student and has settled into Year 6 life so well.

## ENROL NOW

Offer your child the gift of playing a musical instrument during school hours.

Piano/Keyboard lessons are on offer as well as African Drum and Dance.

The lessons are Fun and Creative, and taught at the school during school hours.

Lessons consist of music reading, composition, creativity, playing by ear and performances.

Email [musicforkids.oz@gmail.com](mailto:musicforkids.oz@gmail.com) or call Joanne Sloane on 0422562179 to enrol your child now.

All enquiries are welcome

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Become a Scout!** BE PREPARED FOR NEW ADVENTURE



All girls and boys (ages 8-14) that join Scouts Australia will have a chance to go on adventures, have fun, make new friends, build confidence, try new things and become a positive influence in our community.

Check out our relaxed and friendly Scouts group at Brunswick Heads.

Your first 3 weeks are FREE!

During school terms:

Cubs (8-10 years) every Wednesday from 5.30pm - 7pm

Scouts (11-14 years) every Monday, from 6pm - 8pm.

We are an approved ACTIVE Kids\* provider

(\*NSW Government's Active Kids rebate program)

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## MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL 2020



YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS

*The Journey to High School*

### STEP UP INFORMATION NIGHT

School Tour between 5.30pm and 6.00pm

Tuesday 3rd March - 6pm to 7.00pm (information and welcome)

### TOURS OF THE SCHOOL

Saturday 7th March at 9.00am & 10.00am

### TRANSITION DAYS

Wednesday 11th March - 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Wednesday 20th May - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Thursday 4th June - 1.30pm to 3.00pm

### HIGH ACHIEVERS APPLICATIONS DUE

Friday 12th June 2020

### ORIENTATION DAY

Tuesday 1st December 2020 - 8.50am to 3.00pm

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