

ULONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



7th November 2017

Term 4 Week 5

Dear Parents,

Ulong Public School is one small school with some terrific achievements in the past two months. Congratulations to all those involved. The students have been working very hard on a number of projects and it is great to see that they are receiving accolades for their hard work. We have been successful with two art competitions and a writing competition. Congratulations to all the hard working students as we are very proud of you and your achievements. Congratulations to their parents as well, as it makes them stand with heads high when our students do well. We will be recognising our students' hard work and

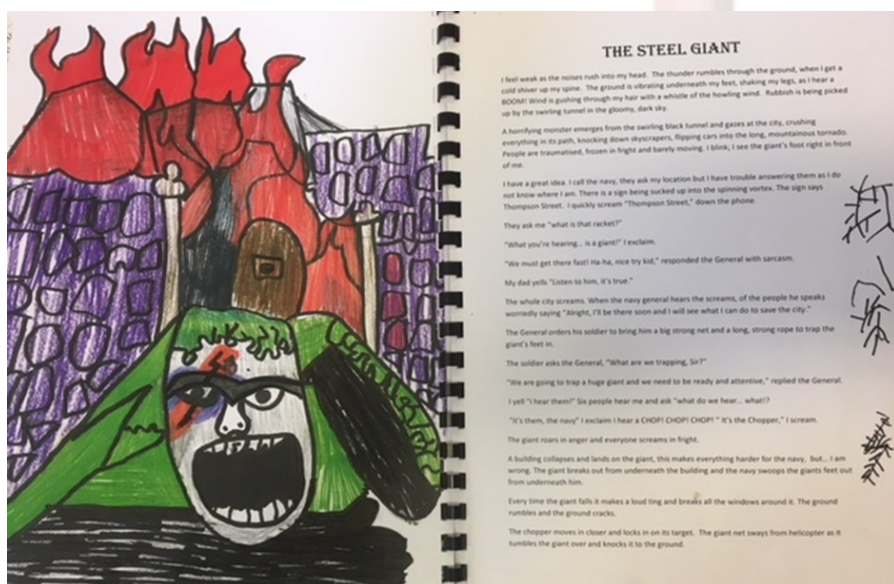
Threatened Species Art Competition



Category 2 - 1st place: Gracie

Category 1 - 1st place: Will

1st runner up: Katie **2nd runner up:** Leah The artwork is currently on display at the Solitary Islands Aquarium at the National Marine Science Centre.



achievements at our End of Year Presentation.

End of Year Presentation: End of year is approaching soon, therefore, please lock in the date 14th November and keep it free for your child's End of Year Presentation. There was an invitation sent home in Week 2 to give enough notice to parents to organise their work commitments. It starts at 10:30am



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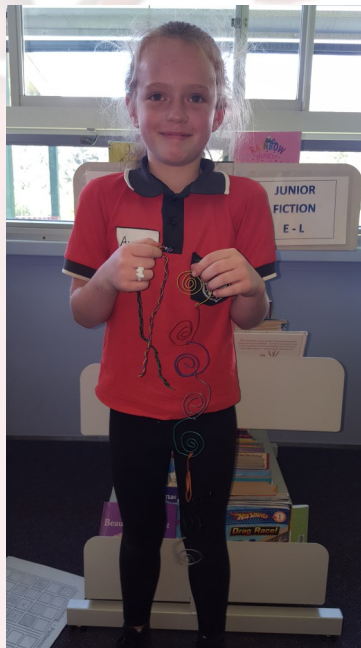
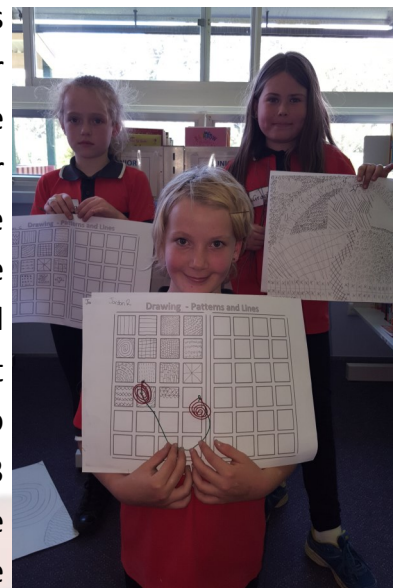
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to 12:30pm and will finish off with a delicious lunch.

Enrichment Days: I would like to bring it your attention the importance of Enrichment Days. These days are organised after great planning by all the principals and staff of the 7 Orara Valley schools. These days are an extension of the work done in the school and is offered to students who have an interest in these subjects. It is also a way of socialising and getting to know students from other small schools and establish that relationship of friendship. We get together a couple of times in a term for all the carnivals, excursions and eventually they meet up at high school and don't feel that isolated. The students show great interest in these enrichment days and request me to pick them for these days.

We are allowed to send 3 students from each stage but at times I have made special requests to allow Ulong to take 4 students due to the interest shown by the students. However, I am very disappointed on seeing that after all the work and requests in sending 4 students, we end up having one student attend. This has happened a numerous times. It is very humiliating for that one student and the school. It comes across as Ulong parents do not take pride in their child's education, which I know is not true. We live in a small community and know each other. It is not very hard to take turns in organising lifts or pay the parent \$5 for fuel and wear & tear of their car to transport your child. The school covers most

of the cost as compared to bigger schools that charge students for everything. We provide buses for the whole school excursions free of cost but cannot afford to organise bus for 3 students. I have discussed this issue



with my P&C and have come to the conclusion that if the note and money doesn't come to school before the due date your child misses out.

Another suggestion was to take students whose parents are willing to provide transport. I personally like to give this opportunity to the

students who are capable and have interest in the KLA & not on transportation but lately, it has been very disappointing. I understand that sometimes the circumstances are difficult but please remember we are here to help. I am sorry if I have been little cranky but I am sure if you put yourself in my shoes you will feel my pain.

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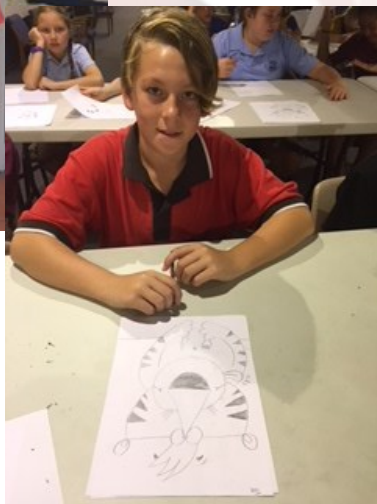
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CAPA Day: Thank you to the parents who made an effort to take their children to the CAPA Day. I got exceptional feedback on how well our students were behaved. Joseph made some new friends that are going to the same high school and learnt a few techniques on how to draw cartoons that express different emotions and body language.

Games & Gadgets: The students had an amazing time on Tuesday learning about robots and putting them together and programming them to obey



their commands. They also enjoyed the Wii at lunch time. This day was organised as an Introduction of STEAM and the school will incorporating these skills in our daily learning.



Water Wise Art Winner:

Congratulations to Jordan Roberts for winning the Water Wise art competition.

Maths Enrichment

Day : Stage 2 students will be attending this day at Coramba Public

School. The students attending are Aurora, Gracie & Jordan. Stage 3 students will attend this day at Nana Glen Public School and the students are Jada, Joseph & Aidan.

Please talk to each other to organise the lifts. It could be one parent drops them and the other parent picks them up or pays them some money to cover the fuel, as we all do it hard at times but we try to do the best for our children to help them have a brighter future. If there is a problem please call the school a week before, so we have enough time to help and sort out the issue.

Surinder Kaler
Principal



What ever you do, do well



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School Calendar Term 4 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 6/11—10/11	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons		Maths Enrichment Day Stage 2 at Coramba Stage 3 at Nana Glen	Working Bee Garden Project	Tennis
Week 6 13/11—17/11	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons	End of year Presentation at 10:30am		Story Telling Virtual Excursion	Tennis
Week 7 20/11—24/11	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons	Kinder Orientation	Intensive Swimming in Week 7		
Week 8 27/11—1/12	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons	Kinder Orientation			Tennis
Week 9 4/12—8/12	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons	Kinder Orientation			Tennis
Week 10 11/12—15/12	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons	Kinder Orientation			
	Holidays				
	Students return on Tuesday, 30 th January				



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