

ULONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



28th November 2017

Term 4 Week 8

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all my parents, community members and Mr & Mrs Neil from the Lions Club for attending our presentation as it means a lot to our students and staff. We would also like to thank our hardworking P&C members for putting out such delicious spread of cakes and lunch. A special thanks to Chantelle Perkins for organising the members, menu and delegating jobs efficiently. Also, a big thank you to Paul and Mr

Moloney for doing the BBQ. Last but not the least, the staff who worked tirelessly to make sure the assembly ran smoothly & the students who were so well behaved. It was a huge success and got a lot of positive feedback from the staff and Lions club. However, we would like to hear from our parents or community members their thoughts and suggestions to improve our presentation day.



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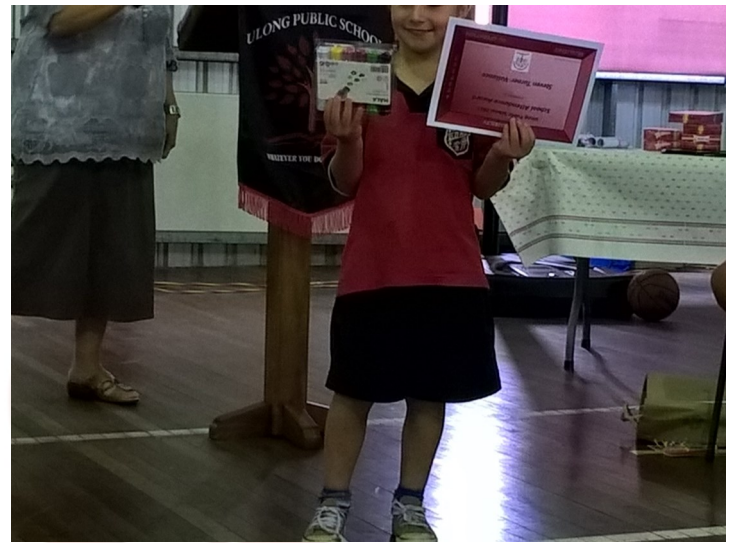
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Intensive Swimming: Week 7, we had Intensive Swimming and the students learnt some valuable skills on how to be safe around water. Although, the weather wasn't that great but there was no lack of enthusiasm from both staff & students .



What ever you do, do



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Kinder Orientation: Week 8, Mrs Moore will be hosting Kinder orientation for our lovely pre-schoolers to give them a taste of what Kindergarten will look like next year in her class. We will be having Kinder Orientation every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Mrs Moore has worked tirelessly to make it fun and informative to both students and parents.

On Tuesday, 28th November, we will be hosting a guest speaker from 'Live Life Well @ School' to provide some information on the importance of healthy lunches. On Wednesday, 29th we will have Wendy doing eye screening test to make sure all our students have 100% eye sight and it's a free service. So please lock in these dates and make the most of these free services .

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Puberty Talk: As Kinder Orientation is important as a starting point for our little Kindy students, in similar way it is very important for our seniors to understand the changes in their body and have a Puberty & Hygiene Talk before they are ready to make the next transition of their life by going to high school. Wendy Estall, who is a registered nurse at the Coffs Base Hospital is kindly volunteering to come and provide this important information. This talk is part of our PDHPE syllabus and is mandatory to be taught in Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6 students). However, if you don't wish your child to participate in the Puberty & Hygiene Talk, please let us know.

P&C Meeting: We will be having our last P&C Meeting for this year tomorrow, Wednesday, 29th November at 9:15am in the staff room. So please come along be a part of your child's education and feel free to provide us with suggestions of what you would like to see in this beautiful little school.

Beach Day: Week 9, Tuesday, 5th December, Ulong & Lowanna school will share a bus to take our students to Park Beach Reserve for Ocean Safety Talk. It is a very productive and important day as the life guards train our

students to be safe around water and teach some valuable skills like CPR and swimming techniques. This day is organised with Coffs Harbour City Council as they provide us with life guards for the day. It is a very safe day as we have all teachers and life guards there to be with the students in the water.

End of Year Reports: The end of year reports will be coming home on Friday, 8th December. So please check your child's bag for the reports.

Parent/Teacher meeting: We will be holding Parent/Teacher Meetings in Week 10, Wednesday 13th December. Therefore, if you have any concerns regarding the reports and would like to talk to the teachers, please call and make an appointment for the time that suits you.

Growers Market Stalls: The students had shown interest to hold stalls as part of their learning of Profit & Loss and the life skills of earning a business. Therefore, they were told to come up with ideas about the items that they could make with the help of their parents and older siblings for the market stall. They are supposed to have a list of things used and the amount of money and time spent on it. If your child has made an item and makes some profit after selling,



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they will be allowed to keep that profit as they would have spent time and some money on making those items.

Reward Day: After the market stalls, we will take the kids around the shops at the mall, take a photo with the Santa, take them to the new Jetty and have picnic lunch that will be provided by the school as a reward for all their efforts and hard work. It will be private transport as most of the parents go shopping on Thursdays and can also check out our stalls. The school has already paid for the stall at the Grower's Market and is ready to rock and roll.

Christmas Party & Volunteers Morning Tea: Santa will be visiting us on the last day

Friday, 15th December at 10:30am to deliver some presents for our amazing students. Therefore, all parents, community members and pre-schoolers are invited to meet the Santa and be part of our Christmas Party. We will also be holding a morning tea for all our hardworking Volunteers as a thank you, who have helped us in various ways like working bees, making stuff for our gardens, stalls, cooking, shopping, driving students to and fro from different venues etc. Please come along and join us for morning tea. We will have a short Newsletter end of Week 10 with lots of photos of all the events and to inform you of the last day of 2017 and first day of 2018.

Surinder Kaler
Principal

School Calendar Term 4 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 27/11—1/12	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons	Kinder Orientation Live Life Well	Eye Screening P&C Meeting 9:15am		Tennis
Week 9 4/12—8/12	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons	Kinder Orientation Beach Day			Tennis Principal's Year 6 Big Day Out End of Year Reports
Week 10 11/12—15/12	Gumbayyingirr Language Lessons	Kinder Orientation	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Growers Market & Reward Day	Christmas Party & Volunteers' Morning Tea

Holidays—Students return on Tuesday, 30th January

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