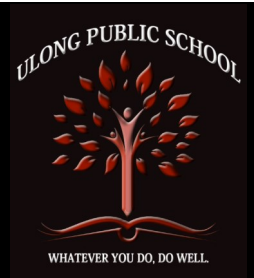


# ULONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Term 3 Week 9

Dear parents,

I don't know where this term has gone. This is the last newsletter for this term. As always we have been very busy and hectic. It was very unfortunate to see so many people suffering from Flu and Influenza A. It was not only students and parents suffering but also teachers. I hope the worst is over and from now we will enjoy the warm weather and will recover for an exciting final term for the year.

**Healthy Eating \$1 initiative:** I am very pleased to inform you that our \$1.00 meal initiative has been quite successful and I have heard a lot of positive feedback from my parents and students. I would like to thank the parents who have supported this initiative by letting their children try it out. I know there are times when a child doesn't enjoy a particular cuisine but it is all about exposure. It has been teaching our students some valuable life skills of cooking, washing and cleaning. I am reviewing if we keep this initiative going as term 4 is very busy with assessments, reporting, parent meetings, big presentations and performances. However, any feedback from parents and community is welcome.

**Marine Debris Art Competition:** Congratulations to all the students on the work they entered into the Solitary Island Marine Debris Art Competition, there were some wonderful pieces. Special congratulations to two of our students who won their sections. William Houlihan won Category 1 (Year K-2) and Gracie Walsh Stewart won Category 2 (Year 3-5). We also had Katie Byrne and Leah Roberts coming 1st and 2nd runner ups in Category 1. Winners receive a

family pass to the Solitary Islands Aquarium and the runners up will receive a Solitary Islands Marine Park prize pack. Well done to all our students for trying their best.

**Book Week:** What a wonderful day we had last Thursday with students and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters. It was great to see the students bringing along a book and explaining the story and what they enjoyed about the book. Well done to everyone for getting involved.



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**K-2 Enrichment Day:** Ulong School is hosting all the K-2 students across the valley for the K-2 Enrichment Day next Wednesday 20th September. Our hard working P&C will be catering for this event and it would be great to see some parent volunteers to help ease the workload on the day. Please contact the school if you would be available.

**AFS Visit:** Today we have had members from the Rural Fire Services visit our school to teach and bring awareness to our students regarding bush fires and ways to deal with fires. As the temperatures begin to warm up and there has been little rain this information will be valuable to our students.



**AFL:** Week 10, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be our last AFL lesson. The students have thoroughly enjoyed AFL for the past 5 weeks. Next term, we will be participating in a Tennis program.

**Softball Carnival:** The Orara Valley Learning Community Softball/T-ball Carnival is a day where all the small schools get together and enjoy sporting activities. These kinds of days are important as students meet other students which makes the transition to high school easier as they have already made those links and relationships. It was disappointing that only 5 of our students attended. If this absenteeism continues we will find ourselves very isolated as no school will be willing to invite us and hence we lose that connection & bond.

On the other hand it was good to see the K-2 students mingling with the K-2 students from Glenreagh Public

school. Thank you to the parents who made an effort to drive their children down to Glenreagh.

On a positive note we would like to congratulate Aurora Jayne Cochrane and Jordan Roberts for being amongst the winning teams at the OVLC softball/t-ball carnival. Well done to the students who attended it is all about having a go, doing your best and making friends within the Orara Valley community.

**Music Lessons:** The students are well and truly preparing for their big presentation and are enjoying Mrs Phillips music lessons on Tuesdays.

**Gardens:** The gardens are starting to look good. Thank you to Barb who helps the students with her green thumb in the Munch & Crunch garden. Mr Moss & Mrs Slaviero are working hard in putting the Sensory garden together. I can't wait to see the finished product with all the colourful animal sculptures gifted to students by Mrs Teale on the wall.

Next term students will be completing group projects to develop a sense of ownership and pride in our school environment. We would appreciate the help of parents and community members in these projects throughout the term culminating in a Garden Gala Day in Week 5 of Term 4.

**End of Term Party:** Next Friday is the last day of this term and therefore to celebrate the students can come to school in Mufti and will watch a 'G' Rated movie with popcorn and drinks for a gold coin donation which will go towards year 6 present for the school.

**Term 4:** The school opens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

There is no pupil free day so everyone will start back on that Monday. Have a safe and happy break. Please keep an eye out for any intruders trespassing at our school.



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