

9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Term 2 Week 7

**Bush Tucker & Sensory Garden:** As you are all aware, last year, we were successful in receiving a State Environmental Grant of \$3500 for our Bush Tucker and Sensory Garden. In spite of the freezing cold wind, the teachers and students have started the initial process of digging and planting some bush tucker plants on Thursday. Mr Moss will be making a fire pit for our garden and will get some log seating organised for the students. It will be a beautiful outdoor classroom for our students once it is all complete. We are looking at completing it by week 3, Term 3.



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**MGoals:** The school will be using MGoals to record student's goals and will upload student work on to it. All parents will get their personal password and will also get SMS to inform you that your child's work sample has been uploaded for you to view. I did show a video of it to familiarise my families. If you would like more information please contact me and I can go through it again. Please ask your child for the letter and the password that they are bringing home with the newsletter.

**NRL:** Students are enjoying NRL sessions every Friday with Anthony. These sporting sessions are possible as we get the Sporting School Funding. Ulong School will be participating in the NRL Gala Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**P & C Meeting:** I would like to Thank all my parents that attended the P&C Meeting. It was a great opportunity for them to meet the school director and share their concerns or clarify any issues regarding High School Zoning.



**Louise Park:** We had a joint day at Lowanna to meet the author Louise Park. It was a fantastic experience for our students to meet her. The funds were shared with the four Early Action For Success Schools. Our students also took her

autographs and requested if they could be her next characters in her book. Thank you to the parents who helped us in providing transport.



**Grip leadership:** Our two school captains had a fabulous opportunity to attend the Grip Leadership Course in Coffs Harbour at the Race course. This course aims to provide and enhance the useful leadership qualities that are required to be great future leaders. Thank you to Mr Hicks for providing transport.

**OVLC Athletics Carnival:** Please ask for the Orara Valley Athletics permission notes from your children. It is being held at the BCU International stadium In Coffs Harbour on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June. It will be private Transport as it is for students in Stage 2 & 3. Getting a bus for 10 students is not possible due to the cost involved. It is always good to share the responsibility of providing transport within the community. I understand everyone has got commitments, however, it is very important to be a part of these kind of extra curricular activities too.

**Stage 2 Science Enrichment Day:** It was very discouraging to see my stage 2 students missing out on valuable learning by not attending the

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stage 2 Science Enrichment day at Glenreagh Public School. It is very hard for the school to employ someone to take 3 students to other schools as it costs the school a lot of money to just employ someone to take students to other schools. Ulong School hosted stage 3 students and every school had students and the transport was provided by a parent or they all took turns.

**Year Six T-Shirts:** The year six students are looking very smart in their Year six t-shirts. Thank you, Mrs Slaviero for organising these beautiful T-Shirts.

**Water Wise:** The students learnt how to take care of their rivers and to conserve water. They did a few hands on activities to understand about the different materials and detergents that are polluting our water ways.

**Public Holiday:** The school will be closed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, for the Queen's Birthday as it's a public holiday.

**End of Term Merit Assembly:** The school will be acknowledging the students' hard work and will be awarding certificates and prizes for excellent results on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, at 12:45pm and will be followed by Mrs Teale's farewell lunch and an assembly item that will be focused on how the students perceive Mrs Teale.

**Mrs Teale's Farewell & Lunch:** As stated earlier, we would like to welcome all our parents and community members to come and join us for Mrs Teale's Farewell Lunch. Mrs Teale has been a very important member of this beautiful school for the last 10 years. She has played a major role

in supporting the students' needs and learning. Mrs Teale is missed dearly, however, we wish her good luck for all her future endeavours. The staff will bring a plate to share and we would like to request all parents or any community members to bring a plate to share as well. Formal invitation will be sent home in late week 9.

**High School intake Zone:** Last term, a letter was sent home to inform the families about Secondary Schools Intake Zone for Orara Valley Schools, Year 7 2018-2021.

As previously advised, in 2017 a shared zone will remain between Coffs Harbour High School and Orara High School for Year 6 students seeking enrolment into Year 7 in 2018. If demand for placements at Coffs Harbour High School exceeds the space available, Orara High School will be the local option available.

From 2018, students seeking enrolment into Year 7 for 2019 will have Orara High School as their local feeder school. This will be the case for all Year 6 students in the primary schools in the Orara Valley.

From 2019 to 2021, siblings of students already enrolled at Coffs Harbour High School seeking enrolment into Year 7 will be entitled to enrol if there is sufficient accommodation available.

If you wish to discuss this further or have any concerns please feel free to come and discuss it with me. However, an opportunity was provided to discuss it with the school director too at the P&C Meeting.

Regards

Surinder Kaler  
Principal



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

## TERM 2 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 12/6 - 16/6	Public Holiday	Fun with Maths Sparky & Shady		Pirate Day	
Week 9 19/6 - 23/6		Sparky & Shady Orara Valley Athletics Carnival			NRL Gala Day at Coramba
Week 10 26/6 - 30/6	Parent/Teacher Interviews Merit Assembly & Mrs Teale's Farewell	Sparky & Shady			Last Day

Holidays commence Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July  
SDD Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Students return Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Star of the Week  
Week 6

**Joey**



Star of the Week  
Week 7

**Seth**



*What ever you do, do well.*

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