

29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Term 2 Week 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Last week, Thursday, students took their School Reports home. We hope that you have gained more of an insight into what your child has been learning in school and their efforts and abilities. Reports are one way of teachers communicating information to you about your child's learning. Parent teacher interviews are another way to discuss your child. I strongly encourage every parent to make a time (15 minutes) to discuss your child's progress with their teacher if you haven't already made a time. Please choose the time that suits you or call the school to make an alternative appointment.*

**Athletics Carnival:** Last Tuesday, our school participated in the Orara Valley Athletics Carnival and I was so proud of my Ulong students who gave their 100% and gave other schools a tough competition. Congratulations to all students who took part and to our place winners. Joseph Roberts was declared the 11 year olds boy champion and will be representing Ulong in District Carnival next term.



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**Attendance:** *This Semester, the student attendance has been very poor. I understand, that at times we do need to take time off from school due to sickness but it has come to my attention that at times students are using this excuse to have a day off. This impacts on their learning, as they miss out on valuable learning and slowly start falling behind. Students will achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options through regular attendance at school. If the student is away for 3 or more days, a medical certificate from the doctor is required and that is the requirement for the staff as well. In failing to do so, the matter will be referred to the 'Home Liaison Officer' known as HSLO's and further undesirable action can be taken. My humble request to all parents is to please take this into consideration, as we want the best for your child and our Ulong students.*

● In NSW, all children from the age of 6 are legally required to attend school daily.

**Head Lice:** *Head Lice infestation is a common problem throughout the world in all socioeconomic groups. Considerable myth and misinformation surrounds head lice and their management. Studies have shown that around one in four primary school aged children in Australia have head lice. It is easy to treat, however, we need to be vigilant to do weekly checks and treat it if required. More information can be found on the website below.*

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

**Mrs Teale's Farewell:** *Thank you to all families and parents who attended the merit assembly and Mrs Teale's farewell. Mrs Teale will be sadly missed, however, we will have 2 wonderful ladies who will job share. Mrs Leanne Malone, will work 2 days every odd week (Thursday and Friday) and 3 days every even week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Mrs Miller will work every Tuesday. However, there will be days when no one will be in the office due to the new financial system training called LMBR.*





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**Pirate day:** *Pirate Day is an annual national event created to generate awareness and much needed funds for children's brain cancer. All funds raised are allocated to research projects across Australia through The Adventurers and The Kids' Cancer Project. Last Thursday our students dressed as Pirates, played plank games with noodles and balance beams. They linked all the fun with mathematical games like designing a map and following directions to get to the treasure. Aurora & Makenzee made cool Pirate ship hot dogs. The students had a lot of fun and raised \$31. Thanks goes to Mrs Slaviero, for organising such a fabulous day. The students got to enjoy hot dogs and pirate cupcakes.*





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**Fun with Maths:** Last Tuesday, we had an Incursion from Victoria to show our students that maths can be fun. The goal was to enable students to be empowered to “think for themselves” by allowing them to actively use “hands-on” practical materials to discover a strategy best suited to solving real life maths problems. It was a presentation of colourful, educational, hands on and standalone creative problem solving activities. It was based on current maths syllabus and structured to all year levels. The aim was to challenge students in a non-competitive environment and allow students to have fun and entertain the students to solve the problems. Students worked in small groups and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



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**NRL:** The students have been practicing NRL at the school this term, culminating with a NRL Gala Day at the Coramba Sports Ground. Our students made us proud by winning the trophy for the Fairest and Best Behaved Team.



**Smiles Onsite:** Ulong Public School is collaborating with Smiles Onsite to promote healthier, happier smiles at our school! This incredible service is being offered for FREE under the federal government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), and comes along with the chance to grab some amazing prizes.

All students will be given a consent form to take home so that they can participate, and also so that they can go in the draw to win prizes!!

### How does it work?

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule grants all eligible parents with \$1000 Medicare benefit which can be used towards dental expenses per child, over a two year period. Eligible parents should receive a confirmation letter; however if

you are still unsure, Smiles Onsite can check for you on completion of their consent form.

### Can I make use of this service if I'm not eligible?

Of course! Smiles Onsite can do almost everything that your local dentist can do on board their unique mobile Clinics. If you would like them to see your child for a scale and clean, fillings, fissure seals etc., these services can be offered with NO GAP payable.

This service is a great opportunity to get kids into the habit of good oral hygiene, and we hope you're as excited about it as we are!

You can fill out the dental consent form for your son or daughter by selecting this link - <https://form.jotform.co/71720410445850>

If you have any further questions about this program or your eligibility, please contact Smiles Onsite directly on 1800 276 453.

**Last day of Term 2:** 30<sup>th</sup> June is the last day of term 2.

**First day of Term 3:** The students return back on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July.

I would like to thank all my families and students for a wonderful productive term and as always, I would like to request to please keep a watchful eye on our beautiful little school. The cameras will be on, however, please contact the police or me of any suspicious activity.

I hope you have a relaxing break and stay safe.

Kind Regards

Surinder Kaler  
Principal



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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

### TERM 2 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Staff Development Day Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July Students return Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July					

Star of the Week  
Week 9

**Gracie**



Star of the Week  
Week 10

**Eli**



*What ever you do, do well.*