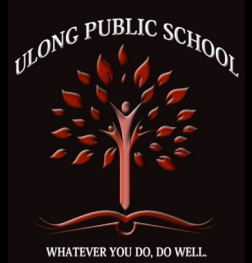


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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



17 August 2018

Term 3 Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous couple of weeks we've had. Our school community has celebrated Education Week with other valley schools and in our own school. Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who joined us in celebrating education week. I am sure students enjoyed the challenges and classroom visits. I would also like to thank parents for supporting our fundraising by sending in money so students could take part in our fashion show that raised \$68 for the farmers.



FUNDRAISER: Our next fundraiser is Pyjama Day and Crazy Hair Day on Wednesday 22 August. Therefore, I request all parents to send a couple of dollars as we have a goal of raising around \$500 for our cattle farmers who are struggling due to the severe drought that we are facing. We will have a 5 cents trail in the coming weeks so help us by saving your 5 cents coins and give them to your child to help them be a winner. There will be a prize for the biggest 5 cents trail and the teachers will be taking part in this too.

APPOINTMENTS: I would also like to make another humble request to please make an appointment with your child's teacher or myself if you have any concerns. Without appointments it makes it very hard for us to

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talk to you as we are trying to teach our students and it takes away valuable teaching time. All your concerns are very important to us and we would like to listen to it carefully and work on it straight away.

EVACUATION DRILL: We held our evacuation drill on Tuesday 14 August. The students followed the procedures well and all students were able to be evacuated in a short space of time. These drills give us the chance to tweak some of our procedures. Well done everyone.

SUPERVISION: I would also like to remind all parents that school starts at 8:40 am and before that your child is unsupervised. Teachers are legally not supposed to start playground duty until 8:40 am. Teachers, at times, come early to prepare their lessons and quite possibly may get stuck in road works or have other family issues and may not be at school before 8:40 am. In that case the gates and rooms are locked. If there is an urgency please call me and let me know as we do like to be available and help wherever possible.

ABSENCES: Student absence is another concern that we are facing. As stated earlier, it is crucial that students attend school regularly unless they are sick and in that case

a medical certificate is required. There are a few students that are being monitored and may need to be referred to the HSLO .

ASSEMBLY, BOOK WEEK AND CUPCAKE DAY:

Next Thursday 23 August, we will be celebrating Book Week so students can come dressed as their favourite book characters and bring a gold coin donation to buy a cup cake. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for our Book Week Parade at 11am followed by morning tea at 11:15am and assembly at 11:45am.

CHILD PROTECTION: We have invited Y-pep agency our to school. They will be running a couple of workshops to support our PDHPE and child protection unit of work. All students will participate as it is a mandatory part of our curriculum.

SPORTS: This term the students are enjoying NRL every Friday as part of our sports.



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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING: The staff here at Ulong school have been involved in a lot of professional learning this year. On Tuesday, we were fortunate to have Katina Zammit from Western Sydney University lead us, along with Glenreagh and Lowanna schools, in familiarising us with the Fair Go Project to enhance student learning and understanding. The staff is continuously looking at all the new research and strategies to improve student outcomes. As an Early Action for Success School, we are well advanced in looking at the Literacy & Numeracy Progressions as we were a pilot school. We have our Instructional Leader Mrs Peta Robinson who works very closely with the staff to monitor their improvement and collect quality data.

In Week 2, Miss Mephram and myself flew to Sydney for 2 days to focus on how to insure a smooth transition in English for our stage 3 and stage 4 students. This will be a continual program that will help our students have a smooth transition into high school. We are a team of four schools: Orara High School, Glenreagh, Lowanna and Ulong Public Schools.

Have a great week.

Surinder Kaler

Principal



WRITING WORKSHOP:

Our day at Nana Glen

Dear parents and carers,

Lilliee, Aurora, Chloe and I went to a creative workshop. We learnt about the protagonist and antagonist in stories with some Orara teachers. It was really fun because we did lots of planning and learning. There were many other schools like Karangi, Nana Glen and Lowanna. At first we introduced our selves to the other schools. Then we played a game that was called 'said is dead'. We were given pieces of paper with dice on it and we picked our numbers. I got a mad scientist in a junk yard. I wrote a huge story and then it was home time. It was an amazing day.

By Leah

Hello parents and carers, on the 14th of August four students went to Nana Glen P.S. for a creative writing workshop with some high school teachers. At the beginning of the workshop we sat in a circle and went around saying our names, what our favourite books are and why we like them so much. Then we moved on to learn about the antagonist which is the enemy of the character and the protagonist which is the main characters. We had five minutes to write a paragraph about what was on the board but most of all we all had fun on the day. It was a valuable experience.

By Lilliee.H

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On the creative writing day, Chloe, Leah, Lillee and I went to Nana Glen PS for a workshop.

When we arrived we introduced our selves in a circle. After that we went outside to describe a tree, sky, water and other stuff. I learned about the protagonist and antagonist .Protagonist is the main charter and antagonist is the

character who causes the problems for the main character.

We had a fabulous day.

By Aurora-Jayne

School Calendar Term 3 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 20/8—24/8				Book Week & Cupcake Day Assembly	NRL
Week 6 27/8—31/8				CAPA Enrichment Day at Upper Orara Yrs 3-6 (4 students)	Summer Sports Day Yr 3/4 T-Ball at Glenreagh Yr 5/6 Cricket at Ulong
Week 7 3/9—7/9	Fruit & Veg Month Starts				
Week 8 10/9—14/9					
Week 9 17/9—21/9			K-2 Enrichment Day		
Week 10 24/9—28/9					Fruit & Veg Month Finishes Last Day of Term 3
	Holidays Students return on Monday, 15 th October				



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