

# ULONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



26 October 2018

Term 4 Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed your valuable family time during the holidays and over the long weekend. The calendar for Term 4 already appears full of action packed activities. We look forward to another exciting busy Term 4 at Ulong Public School.

I would like to thank Mrs Moore for relieving me while I was on sick leave. Ulong School is very fortunate to have such dedicated staff who support each other and put the best interests of the school and the students first.

So far we are having a very productive year, with lots of professional learning. Last Thursday after school, Mrs Moore and Miss Mepham attended professional learning at Upper Orara Public School, along with other Orara Valley schools. We were exploring how to use learning intentions to drive our programming and student learning. Part of this is providing students with a clear learning goal, teaching content linked to the learning intention and providing students with the tools to reach their learning goals. Students are provided with timely feedback

and set goals by their classroom teacher to help them reach these learning intentions.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS:** We are now accepting enrolments for students wishing to start Kindergarten in 2019. Please contact our office staff to pick up your enrolment pack and also please inform other community members if they have a child turning 5 on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to pick up their enrolment pack. If you wish to discuss any issues, please make an appointment to see me. Kindergarten transition sessions will start on Tuesday of week 3 from 11:15 am to 3:00 pm. This will continue each Tuesday for four weeks.

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING:** Intensive Swimming is coming up in week 7. The school will cover the bus cost, however, the pool entry fees will need to be covered by families. We will try to support this cost as well by reducing the cost for families with more than two children in the same family .



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**ARCADE LAUNCH:** Our Arcade game launch is in week 4. This has been our last term's Project Based Learning unit of work. The students thoroughly enjoyed it and will be checking out its functionality in week 4, Thursday at 11:45 am. All parents are invited to come and join us for morning tea at 11:15 am and be part of the launch at 11:45 am.

**HAIR LICE:** We have reports of nits again so please check your child's hair for these pesky creatures and treat them accordingly. It is important that we treat all members of the family and also have clean and washed linen after the treatment. There was a note that went home earlier this week.

### Story Time



**END OF YEAR PRESENTATION:** Our end of year presentation is on Tuesday 11 December, at 10:30 am. Please lock in the date as the students look forward to this day to celebrate their achievements with their family and peers.

Have a great week.

**Surinder Kaler**  
Principal



### The Harbour Tennis Academy

#### Tennis Coaching for Kids

**Where:** Orara Valley Tennis Centre,  
Maston's Rd, Karangi

**Time:** 4:15 to 5:15pm

**When:** Monday Afternoon

**Cost:** \$10 per person per week

Please confirm with Allan Pade on  
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# TEENS, PARTIES AND ALCOHOL

A practical guide to keeping them safe

A free presentation 'NOT TO BE MISSED' by renowned speaker Paul Dillon

ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Paul Dillon (Drug & Alcohol Research Training Australia) has delivered Professional Development seminars for teachers, parents and others who work with young people for many years.

Using the most up-to-date statistics and research, the workshop aims to empower attendees by providing the facts around some of the issues in this controversial area.

*Teenage parties provide young people with valuable opportunities to develop a range of social skills that they need to relate effectively with their peers. As they get older, alcohol is likely to become a part of these social gatherings and, unfortunately, things can go wrong. Using the recently released 2016 Australian Secondary Students Alcohol and Drug (ASSAD) survey results, this presentation will examine what we know about school-based young people and alcohol use and its use at parties. It will also provide some practical strategies and simple tips for parents considering allowing their teen to attend such an event to help ensure they are as safe as possible.*

**Where:** John Paul College Theatre  
Hogbin Drive, Coffs Harbour

**When:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Time: 6.30pm

**To register:** [please CLICK HERE](https://goo.gl/forms/MpBcq1UJfDgSu3ag1) or add this to your address bar  
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### School Calendar Term 3 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 29/10—2/11					
Week 4 5/11—9/11				Arcade Launch	
Week 5 12/11—16/11	Tech Day (to be confirmed)				Maths Enrichment Day Stage 3—Nana Glen Stage 2—Karangi
Week 6 19/11—23/11					
Week 7 26/11—30/11	Intensive Swimming				
Week 8 3/12—7/12			P&C Meeting	Ocean Safety	Big Day Out—Coramba
Week 9 10/12—14/12		End of year Presentation		Christmas Stall	
Week 10 17/12—21/12			Christmas Lunch & Santa	School Holidays Start for students Staff Development Day	Staff Development

What ever you do, do well



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