

# ULONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



14 December 2018

Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last few weeks have been very busy trying to round up the year.

**End of Year Reports:** The students took the reports home last week. Therefore, if you wish to discuss the report or have any concerns please contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher.

**Ocean Safety Day:** Students enjoyed Ocean safety day last Thursday and learnt some valuable skills to keep them safe this summer while swimming, whether it be at a pool or on a beach. They also learnt how to give CPR in case of emergency.



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**School Liaison Police Officer's Visit:** Jo Brooker came to visit Ulong Public School last week. She spoke to the students about the importance of cyber safety, and about the occurrence of vandalism, graffiti and being on or in a property without permission.

The students were able to speak about the consequences of "bad choices". In addition, about how this could affect their future job opportunities.

**Big Day Out:** I was privileged to share the Year 6 Big Day Out with our girls and the girls from Ulong, what a lovely way to celebrate the end of primary school. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Judith Muldoon

Principal, Lowanna Public School

**End of Year Presentation:** Tuesday, we had our annual presentation and I am pleased to announce the school & students received excellent feedback from all the dignitaries who attended the day. You all should be very proud of your children as they certainly made us proud with all their efforts and hard work. Denise Knight commented about what a lovely school it is. Thank you to my hard working P&C members for the delicious spread of morning tea and lunch. It would be

unfair not to thank the staff Mrs Moore, Mrs Slaveiro, Mrs Malone, Mrs Flanagan and Miss Mephram as they are constantly working hard to provide the best education to our students. A big thank you to Mrs Miller who gave her personal time to make sure the technology didn't stuff up on the day and was the drive behind the fabulous PowerPoint presentation. Christmas stall was a big success again this year. The students always enjoy earning money by selling their hand made craft.

**Packing Up at School:** As we approach the end of the school year, we will be sorting books and collecting each child's equipment. Please send in an extra bag with your child so we can send home the books used this year. We will begin packing up tomorrow and students will be able to take home the majority of their schoolwork. For those who walk home, you may be able to collect their books on Thursday at our end of year Assembly.

**School Attendance:** Whilst attendance at Ulong Public School has shown great improvement with 100% for a few days, I have noticed the amount of school absences are quite high. It is VITAL that ALL students attend school on a regular basis to enable

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them to gain the most out of their learning and to retain the skills taught. I have included a quote from The School's Attendance Policy, for you to consider in the New Year.

Make education important!

*Habitual Absence is defined as 'The child/ young person is of compulsory school age (6 years to current leaving age) AND is habitually absent'. 'Habitually absent is a minimum of 30 days absence within the past 100 school days. However, principals should consider other factors, such as the student's age and learning support needs in deciding on action earlier than the 30 days indicated.'*

### **Santa's Visit & Volunteer's Lunch**

**You all are cordially invited to attend  
our Christmas lunch on**

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December  
at 12:00pm**

**Santa will be visiting our school with  
all his goodies to reward the students  
for their good behaviour. All young  
pre-schoolers are invited too.**

**School Holidays:** This term and year has flown by and it is school holidays again. The school ends on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

and re-opens on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. On Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, staff will be involved in professional learning with the other valley schools doing all the mandatory training like CPR, E-Emergency, Anaphylaxis and first aide training.

These holidays, we are once again sharing our space for the young adults and a security guard will be present to make sure the young adults are not misusing the school grounds. However, we always rely on our lovely neighbours who are constantly keeping an eye out for our little school.

Therefore, a humble request to all the community members to please keep a vigilant eye out at our little school to avoid any break ins and vandalism. We are very grateful to our neighbours like Owen and Karina, who are always taking care of our school.

I would like to wish all our lovely families a very happy, safe Christmas holidays and Merry Christmas to all. Please drive safely if travelling.

Have a great week.

**Surinder Kaler  
Principal**



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