

# ULONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Term 1 Week 11

Dear parents,

The term has just flown by and therefore, this is the last newsletter for this term.

**The Big Vegie Crunch:** Thank you to all parents and students who came dressed as their favourite vegetable. Thank you to Golden Dawn for their donation of a delicious healthy box of vegetables.

We crunched it!

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10 am, our school participated in The Big Vegie Crunch as part of Vegetable Week.

We joined 270 other schools across NSW in an effort to break the record for the most children eating vegetables simultaneously.

40,612 students crunched together and a further 14,117 students crunched over Vegetable Week. That's a whole lot of vegetable eating! Unfortunately, we weren't able to break 2018's record of 50,000 students eating vegetable simultaneously, but there is always next year!

Thank you once again for packing vegetables for your child/children to crunch.



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**Cross Country:** I am so proud of all my students that attended the carnival. It was a beautiful day and all the students did very well. Congratulations to everyone and a special mention for the students who will be representing Ulong Public School at the next district carnival: Jordan, Leah, Gracie, Katie and Aurora. Well-done girls!



**Merit Assembly:** Our Congratulations to all the students who received an award for their improvement in learning. We are very proud of you all and your achievements. You all make the school and your parents proud.



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### Application Award Recipients:

Stage 1 Summarh Thomas

Stage 2 Joseph Stewart

Stage 3 Lillee Harriss



### Citizenship Award:

Aurora-Jayne Cochrane.

Aurora-Jayne has showcased outstanding behaviour. Always very helpful, caring and responsible. I am extremely proud of her.



### Attendance Award:

Congratulations to all the students who have had over 98% attendance this term. They are at school on time and remained at school until the end of the day. Regular attendance and being on time every school day definitely improves your child's learning success and engagement in the learning. It also allows children to form

friendships and feel a sense of belonging as a member of our school community. We value every child in our school and want them to be successful learners who enjoy coming to school. Every day counts!

The attendance award recipients were: Jordan, Leah, Lillee, Aurora-Jayne and Thomas. Well done!



**Year six T-shirts:** The year six T-shirts look very smart and it is nice to have them early in the year so students can get good use of them. The cost of the T-shirts was \$33.90 each. However, the P&C have kindly agreed to donate \$10 dollars towards the cost. The school will cover another \$10.00 of the cost and the balance of \$13.90 is to be paid by the students.



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**ANZAC Day:** I would like to remind all my parents and community that ANZAC Day falls on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April and as usual our students will be dressed in full school uniform and will assemble at the school's front gate ready to march at 10am. I would like to apologise in advance that I won't be able to attend, as I will be overseas. However, Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Stephenson will assist the students on the day.

**Term 2:** Next term will start with a bang too and will be another busy fun learning term.

First of all, I would like to inform all my families that I am on Long Service Leave in Week 1 of Term 2. I will be overseas taking care of my parents. Therefore, I have employed Mrs Alison Hawken, retired principal from Lowanna Public School, as the teacher on the 3-6 class. Mrs Slaviero will be in my chair as the Relieving Principal for the first week. These two ladies have a wealth of knowledge and the school will be in very safe hands and will run smoothly as always.

**Life Education Van:** Life Education Educator and our mascot Healthy Harold will be visiting our school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students will participate in the 'Safety rules!' Module.

Stage 2 and 3 students will be participating in

the Life Education Modules 'Relate Respect Connect'. It is a unique, contemporary learning experience that explores building positive, safe and respectful relationships. It empowers children and young people to make safe and healthier choices through education. It will be delivered face to face and through online modules.

The Life Education Program is a fun interactive learning experience that aims to empower children to make safer and healthier choices.

Working with one of our highly experienced educators, and our loveable mascot, Healthy Harold, students enjoy animated stories, engage in hands-on activities, sing songs, and take part in discussion and problem solving with their peers.

If you have any questions or require more information, please don't hesitate to call the school. The cost is \$10 but as it is part of PDHPE learning, the school will cover the cost for every student.

**Shake A Leg Program:** Thank you to Ruben for contacting the school and offering our students this fabulous opportunity to participate in the 'Shake A Leg' program. It is completely free. This program is a health promotion program and a joint project with

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the Aboriginal Health Unit – Hunter New England Local Health District and the Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service. It has now been extended to include three Child Health Networks. The project is a school-based program for both primary and secondary schools. Our 'Shake A Leg' program will run from Kinder to Year 6 next term on Friday Week 2 to Week 9 at 1:45 to 2:45pm.

**Holidays:** On behalf of our school staff, I would like to wish our school community a happy Easter and a safe holiday. Students will finish Term 1 today, Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

School will resume for staff on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and **students will return on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

**Surinder Kaler**  
Principal

**P&C News:** Ulong P&C would like to say thank you to the Big Banana Fun Park for our first prize donation, the Dolphin Marine Conservation Park for the second prize donation and Elle Mcrae for her help in organising the donation. A huge thank you to all the grandparents, parents and students for their Easter donations that went towards the amazing prizes that we were

able to put together.

And now our lucky winners were:

First prize - Ann Burke

Second prize - Fiona Pavlich

Third prize - Felicity Cochrane

Our lucky student who sold their tickets and returned their money was Sam Nagle. Sam won his own Easter basket which was very well deserved.

The P&C would like to also thank everyone who bought tickets that will enable us to give back to the students in the near future.



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filled holiday.  
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