

ULONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



29th November 2019

Term 4 Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a few weeks it has been. Our hearts and thoughts have gone out to the many families in our country who have suffered from the devastating bushfires. The fires have affected many people in our local community too. Many of our staff have been impacted by these fires and it has been such a worrying time.

I would like to thank our Rural Bushfire Brigades and those from interstate who have worked so tirelessly to ensure that our homes are safe. I would also like to thank Nick Timms, Felicity, Meagan and Rebecca Lutton as they have given up their time to volunteer and protect us from fires as well as providing first aid to anyone affected as first responders. They have checked in with me and took care of our little village and school. Thank you for the great community service you all provide during these difficult times.

Our thoughts are with our local school communities and in particular Nymboida, Glenreagh and Nana Glen schools.

Intensive Swimming: Intensive Swimming was a great success as we could see a massive change in our students' confidence. The weather has been very kind to us .



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Term 4: Term 4 is definitely in full swing and flying past us very quickly with only 3 weeks until the end of Term.

Please keep an eye on our school communication platforms through Facebook and this newsletter to keep up to date with all of the end of year events including presentation day, talent show and end of year Christmas activities and parties.

At this time of the year we start to look at our 2020 planning. Student leaders' speeches will be held this coming Tuesday, 3rd December at 11am. We would like to invite the parents and carers to listen to their speeches. I wish all students who are putting themselves forward the best of luck with their speeches. It takes a huge amount of bravery to stand in front of their peers, teachers and staff and talk about what difference they can make to our little school.

Presentation: I'm looking forward to our End of Year Presentation this coming Thursday, 5th December at 12:15pm. Our amazing P&C and staff will be providing lunch at 1:15pm.

Student Reports: Students will be bringing their reports home early next week, so please ask your child if they have their report in their bag. Teachers will be available to have a meeting with any parents if they wish to discuss their children's school report. Please

call the school to book an appointment with the class teacher.

WINNERS WINNERS!! A huge congratulations to our Shorebirds Poster competition winners: Aurora and Leah plus our Christmas Card competition winner: Lillee. Their amazing work has earned our school some great prizes and education resources to the value of \$750 and a \$100 book voucher for the library. Aurora and Leah will also receive a certificate and a gift card, and Lilly will receive a book pack, plus 20 printed cards with her name and artwork.

Well done Aurora, Leah and Lillee.

Shorebirds Poster Competition: The senior class has just completed a Science Unit on Shorebirds. As part of this unit of work, students looked at what a shorebird is, where they live and what adaptations they've made to help them survive. We selected the Sooty Oystercatcher as our particular bird to study as it lives on our local coast line and is currently listed as "vulnerable". The assessment tasks included an information report (which will go home in their portfolios) and a poster. These posters included conservation messages and drawings of the Sooty Oystercatcher and were entered into a competition organised by the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, as part of its Overwintering Project. Our students were congratulated on the creativity of their

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messages and how well researched they were. We were excited to learn that two of our students won prizes with their posters. Aurora-Jayne Cochrane won First Place in the Year 5-6 category and her poster will now form part of the Overwintering Exhibition which opens on 6th December. Leah Roberts won Second Place in the Year 3-4 category. Well done to both girls!

Karen Lane

Pillow Case Project: Our students will be participating in this project on Friday, 6th December. Please see the flyer for more information. We have invited Lowanna students to attend this session .

Principal's Big Day Out: Year 6 girls will be travelling with Mrs Kaler to Boambee reserve to enjoy the day with other year six students from the valley. Sausage sandwiches will be provided on the day free of cost. The students can bring money if they wish to buy something from the takeaway shop for morning tea.

Kinder Orientation: Our last Kindergarten Transition for this year is on Tuesday, 10th December. The students will stay at school for the whole day from 9:15am to 3:00pm. I look forward to seeing you there .

Christmas Stall: Students will be selling their

crafty stuff at the grower's market on Thursday, 12th December from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Lunch will be at Brelsford Park from 12:45 to 1:30pm. Students will need to be picked up from Belsford Park at 1:30pm.

Volunteers Morning Tea/Lunches And Santa's

Visit: We will be having a morning tea as a thank you to all our volunteers on Wednesday, 18th December. The students will enjoy some water activities and we will do the guard of honour as it is the last primary school day for our year 6 students. All pre-schoolers are invited as Santa will be giving out presents to all the lovely children at Ulong.

Last Day: Wednesday, 18th December, is the last day for the students and they return back on Wednesday, 29th January.

Share Our Space: Our school will again be opening its ground for our community members as part of the 'Share Our Space' program. Students of all ages can access the grounds. However, the parents will need to accompany them. There will be a security guard to take care of the school in the holidays. Please keep an eye out for our little school.

Have a great week.

Surinder Kaler

Principal



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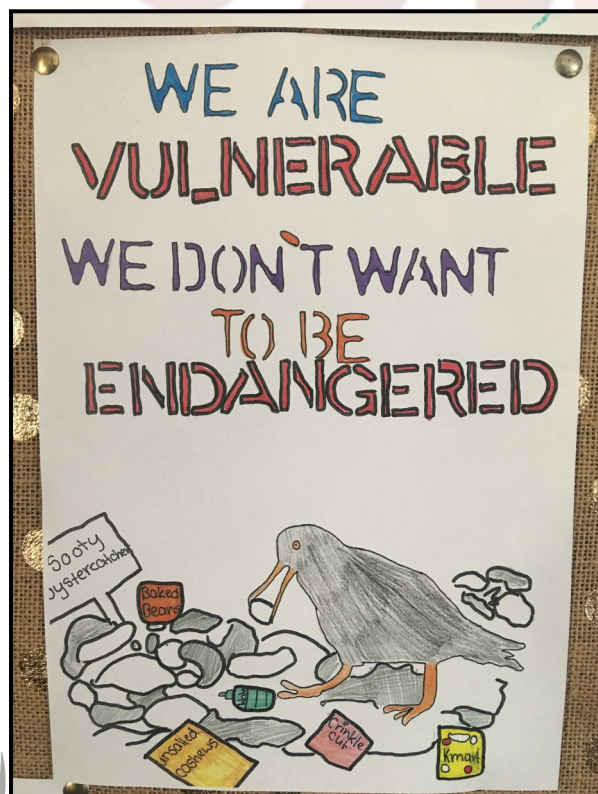
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School Calendar Term 1 2019

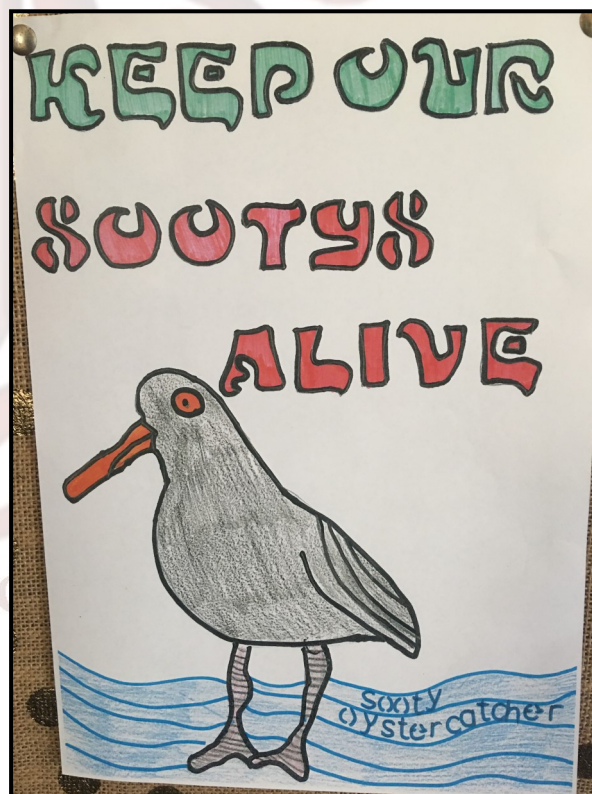
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 2/12—6/12				Presentation 12:15—1:15	Pillow Case Project
Week 9 9/12—13/12	Principal's Big Day Out	Kinder Orientation 9:15am—3:00pm		Christmas Market Stall	
Week 10 16/12—20/12		Christmas Card Presentation in Coffs Harbour	Thank you/ Goodbye Morning Tea & Santa 10:30am LAST DAY	Staff Development Day - No Students	Staff Development Day - No Students
	Holidays Students return on Wednesday, 29 th January				

Shorebirds Poster Competition Winners

Aurora-Jayne



Leah



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Gurmesh Singh MP
Nationals Member for Coffs Harbour

Legislative Assembly Hansard – 14 November 2019

MOUNTAIN LOGIE AWARDS

Mr GURMESH SINGH (Coffs Harbour) (17:05:46): The proud communities of Ulong and Lowanna in my electorate are built on strength, determination, endurance, resilience and stepping up to have a go. The villages are filled with many talented men and women and boys and girls of all ages. Those skills and talents were showcased and celebrated in sensational style at the inaugural Mountain Logie Awards 2019—better known as "the Mogies". The concept behind the awards is to provide an avenue through the creation of short films to showcase the abilities of our local students and teachers from Ulong and Lowanna. The Mogies are the brainchild of Carol Cleary, who said:

Council had upgraded the audio visual equipment at the Ulong hall, of which I am president, and I thought it would be a great idea to showcase our fantastic regional facility, as well as bring to the focus of the greater region of Coffs Harbour just how fantastic our students are up here. I wanted them to sit back and take note. I also wanted the kids to experience a formal function, something a little fancy, no alcohol and lots of fun. So the fairytale happened and Cinderella went to the ball.

Carol went on to say that the awards have also helped to bring the communities and their people even closer together, further uniting the two villages. In her original pitch to the teachers, Carol envisaged that during the creation of the short films the students would be exposed to an integrated learning platform, combining a wealth of skills from all academic areas in a playful yet challenging environment.

The final presentation night, which I attended on Saturday 2 November at the Eastern Dorrigo Community Hall and Showground at Ulong, provided a chance for the students to be exposed to a formal event and a red-carpet affair. This fantastic venue has a large six-metre screen for viewing the short films, a quality sound system, and plenty of seating and tables for all.

Ulong and Lowanna schools were each invited to produce two short films from their students. These were designed, written, filmed and totally composed and compiled by the students, with the guidance of their teachers. The teachers and their students were given the opportunity to be involved in a workshop run by Screenwave's Dave Horsley. When completed, the films were submitted for judging by Kate Howat and Dave Horsley.



All four short films were shown at the presentation night, when winners were announced and awarded. The Mountain Gold Mogie went to the winning school, Ulong, for *A Night They Will Never Forget*, with all involved receiving a medal. Ulong also took out the People's Choice Award. Led by Ulong Public School principal, Mrs Surinder Kaler, *A Night They Will Never Forget* was made by students from years 3 to 6. Scriptwriter Gracie Walsh-Stewart, narrator Joseph Walsh-Stewart, director Gracie Walsh-Stewart, actors Abraham Roberts, Jordan Roberts, Leah Roberts, Lillie Harriss and Aurora-Jayne Cochrane, and teacher Mrs Karen Lane all deserve to be congratulated on this wonderful effort.

The Best Director award went to Abraham Roberts of Ulong for *The Magic School Bus*, which was made by kindergarten to year 2 students, with scriptwriter Abraham Roberts, director Abraham Roberts, and actors Evie Cleary, Sam Nagle, Thomas Cochrane-Timms, Ally Moloney and Summara Thomas. Teacher Mrs Penne Slaviero, teacher's aide Ms Karina Stephenson and teacher Mrs Jackie Moore also played a part.

Best actor was won by Joseph Walsh-Stewart from Ulong, the narrator in *A Night They Will Never Forget*. The best actress award went to Shayna Stewart in Lowanna Public School's *Facing Fears*, which also received a special judges' commendation and was led by Lowanna Public School principal Mrs Harmonie Dal-Bon. The film tackled bullying in schools and won the highly commended award. It included Scriptwriter Deacan Taggart, director Deacan Taggart, actors Hezekiah Edwards, Thomas Robb, Ryan Sherden, Will Houlihan, Olivia Williams-Hardy, Brodie Soderlund, Jarred Johnston, Tyrone Eather and teacher Mrs Harmonie Dal-Bon. Shayna also appeared in *Take A Shot*, along with scriptwriter TeArani Edwards, director Ebony Penhall, actors Chanelle Chapman, Delilah Weldon-Schneider, Seraiah Edwards, Alice Maddison, Jake Steer-Wade, Cameron Agius, Jasmine Kelly, Clarissa Williams-Hardy and teacher Mrs Harmonie Dal-Bon.

The winning film will run with other finalists in Dave Horsley's Nextwave for young filmmakers, which is quite an achievement. The money donated from grants and local businesses ensured that impressively shiny trophies were awarded on the night. I am delighted that the Mogies have been such a smashing success that plans are already under way for 2020, which may allow schools from other areas to participate. I acknowledge Carol Cleary's merry band of helpers, including the Ulong hall committee comprising Katie and Vince Sibio, Rina Stephenson, Steve Cleary and Riney Goulet. I also thank Kelly Lee from Coffs Harbour City Council. The awards were funded by Australia Post Community Grants, Ulong General Store, Moran AW Sawmill, Adriene White and Dion Miller.