

ULONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



13th December 2019

Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun filled week of celebrations! On Thursday, 5th December, the 2019 Presentation Day was a wonderful opportunity for our school to celebrate student learning and achievements over the last 12 months. Students have enjoyed celebrating the end of the year with their peers and staff in 2019.

Year 6 girls enjoyed having breakfast with their mums, Kindergarten teacher Mrs Williams and myself at the Surf club on Monday. Mrs Williams was so proud to see these young girls who are turning into much matured young ladies. After that we went to Boambee Reserve for the big day out with all the Orara Valley year 6 students and principals. The girls had a ball swimming, canoeing and enjoyed time on the equipment with their peers.

On Wednesday, 18th December Year 6 will enjoy celebrating the completion of their primary school education with a guard of honour and we say goodbye to them and wish them well at High School.

Thank you to all the staff who have made this week a lot of fun for all. To those families who are leaving us, we hope you enjoy your new adventure and we wish you well for the future. To all those families who are returning, have a safe and happy holiday and see you in 2020!

In 2019 we have enjoyed many wonderful student achievements as our students have been able to demonstrate their talents and leadership skills.

We have been working together to learn and implement the latest theories about the 21st century, learning together and created engaging learning experiences that encourage collaboration, creativity and innovation in our classrooms. I am particularly proud of our staff Mrs Slaviero and Mrs Lane who have explored new ways to engage students in learning and how they can improve their practices to make the biggest impact they can on our student's learning.

The success of our teaching and learning programs was celebrated on Presentation



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Day. As you can see, we offer a very personalised and well-rounded education for our students, bringing out their best through the expertise and experience of our teachers. I would like to thank our teaching and support staff Mrs Flanagan, Ms Stevenson for their professionalism and dedication to their roles in the school. It is this dedication that provides for the opportunities and successes of our student.

I would like to thank the administrative staff Mrs Leanne Malone who is the back bone of our school and Mrs Miller and ground staff Mr Paul Malone who work in the background to support the operation of the school and our teachers in delivering their learning programs and providing a safe and beautified environment.

Last but not least, thank you to our parents and families for your support and partnership in the education of your children. I have valued your support as we have built on to our supporting and nurturing school community. The P&C, Karina, Emma, Chantelle and Kevin, who attended every meeting and fund raised to support our school in providing valuable resources for our school, donated money to

the RFS and rewarded students by covering their movie excursion. Finally, to our students. Congratulations on your achievements this year. We are very proud of all your achievements.

Over the next short week a lot of events and extra activities will take place. Please make sure you read the newsletter, look at the school calendar and watch Facebook for updates on what's happening.

Monday, 16th December: Will be a normal day for the students.

Tuesday, 17th December: Students will be travelling with their teachers to Coffs harbour for their Christmas card presentation and Reward Day. The reward is to go and watch Frozen 2 at the Event Cinemas. Students will also receive a small combo of mini popcorn and choice of an apple or orange juice popper. This excursion is fully paid by our amazing P&C.

Wednesday, 18th December: We will be welcoming Santa's visit and will be having morning tea for our volunteers. Our volunteers, Cheryl, Rainey and our P&C members are a very important of our school.

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I am privileged to be part of such a fabulous community and would like to take this opportunity to thank our Ulong general store for their continual support of our little school. I would like to commend Carol Cleary who goes above and beyond to do great things at Ulong to bring the whole community together. Mogie Movies is the prime example. It is all her effort that the school took on board the creation of those fabulous movies, which brought the small schools in lime light and were recognised in the Parliament House. Therefore, I believe that together we are developing a school community that caters to the needs and interests of our students. A school community that believes in itself and all of the wonderful things our students can achieve. A school community that does not put barriers or excuses in the way, but that works hard and values our students and what they can achieve.

I wish each and every one of you a very happy, safe and restful holiday and trust that 2020 will provide some exciting opportunities and successes. Thank you to everyone who has supported Ulong Public School in 2019 and we look forward to

another wonderful year of learning in 2020.

2020 School Year: In 2020 Kindergarten students will start school on the same day as their peers. Best Start assessments will be conducted during the first few weeks of school.

Students return back on Wednesday, 29th January, 2020.

Thank you.

Surinder Kaler
Principal

Nextwave Youth Film Awards: Thank you to all who have supplied their confirmation of attending the Nextwave Youth Film Awards on Friday January 17th!

For those that have not yet confirmed, please do so as soon as possible, as this is a popular event set to sell out!

General festival tickets are now on sale, so that extended guests coming in support of our film can purchase their tickets here: <http://tix.swiff.com.au/Events/Nextwave-Youth-Film-Awards>

The event is also now on Facebook so you



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can share easily with friends and family who may like to come and support our film on the big screen!

Here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/677819715959479/>

We ask that filmmakers arrive at the venue (C.ex Coffs, 1 Vernon Street Coffs Harbour) from 6:00pm in order to get some group photos on the red carpet, and to meet your fellow regional filmmakers!

Congratulations again and we look forward to seeing you there!

Parents attending this event with year 6 students need to confirm ASAP.



What ever you do, do well



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