



UPPER ORARA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Knowledge, Truth and Freedom



Term 1 Week 7

12th March 2018

WELCOME TO WEEK 7

Last week was a very busy week in classrooms. K-2 students are enjoying many wonderful *hands on* activities and Last Friday our Year 6 students enjoyed a visit from the Principal, Transition to High School Representative and some students from Orara High School. Our students had the opportunity to ask questions and have some of the uncertainties about High School clarified.

Over the coming weeks we have many activities and events. Please ensure your term calendar is updated and if you find an event is fast approaching and you have not received a note, please contact the school.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to families who have already generously donated to the Easter Raffle. The raffle draw is now less than 3 weeks away. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon for families to sell or purchase. Thank you for assisting with this P & C fundraiser. Remember funds raised by P & C are used to provide resources for our students.

COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS REMINDER

Thank you to all our families who have continue to send in Coles vouchers. The box is getting quite full. Please keep sending them in so we can get some great new equipment for our students.

HARMONY DAY

This year **ALL** Orara Valley Schools are participating in Harmony Day celebrations at Ulong sporting fields and hall. If you would like to be a part of this day please contact the school or Mrs Kaler at Ulong Public School. A permission note for this event will accompany your child home shortly. Please see flyer accompanying this newsletter.

DATE	EVENT	COST/ TIME
20/3	Responsible Pet Care Visit	
21/3	Harmony Day—Ulong	\$6.00
29/3	Easter Hat Parade/ morning tea/ raffle	
30/3	Good Friday Public Holiday	
2/4	Easter Monday Public Holiday	
5/4	OV Cross Country	\$2.00
4/4	Movie Character Fundraiser and Lunch	Gold coin donation
5/4	K-2 Parent Teacher Interviews	
6/4	3-6 Parent Teacher Interviews	
10/4	Great Debate Ulong	
11/4	District Cross Country	
12/4	Assembly / Last Day End Term 1	
30/4	Staff Development Day	
1/5	Term 2 Starts	

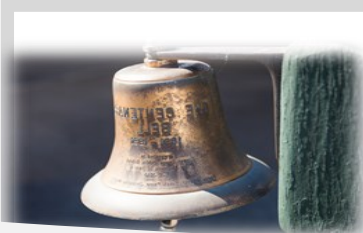
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MOVIE CHARACTER DAY FUNDRAISER

On Wednesday 4th April, Upper Orara Public School students will be having a Movie Character Day to raise money for the Sydney Children's Hospital.

Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and come dressed as their favourite movie character. Each class will parade their costume at the morning assembly and everyone is welcome to come and watch.

The 3-6 class will be preparing a healthy lunch for students to buy. Stage 2 students will be making watermelon icy poles and Stage 3 students will prepare a salad in a cup. A lunch order form will accompany your child home just prior to this event.

GREAT FOOD @ SCHOOL GRANT

Earlier this year Mrs Clark applied for a Great Food @ School grant through NSW Health Mid North Coast Health and Live Life Well @ School. I am very happy to announce that we have secured a \$500.00 grant. We will receive a further \$500.00 when Mrs L-S, who has generously agreed to, completes some professional development. The money from these grants will be spent on a new gardening and cooking program we are implementing in 2018.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will take place during Week 3 Term 2. Year 3 and 5 will do the paper version of this test in 2018. A detailed note has been sent home with your Year 3 or Year 5 student today.



Hudson

15th March

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Bonnie (Yr K-2) and Haylee (Yr 3-6) .

Bonnie receives her award for " her enthusiastic manner towards her learning."

Haylee receives her award for "an excellent reflection on our LENGTH learning."

Congratulations Bonnie and Haylee!



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NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE 2018

Friday 16th March is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Upper Orara Public School has registered as an official National Day of Action school. Teachers will be accessing teaching resources on the Bullying No Way website at www.bullyingnoway.gov.au. Students will learn to understand and recognise bullying in its various forms, who they can turn to for assistance and learn about different strategies to use when in difficult situations. This website also has a great parents and carers section.

In preparation for this special event, the school is having a *No Bullying* Competition. Students have the opportunity to create a *No Bullying* poster at home with entries closing on Friday. Prizes will be awarded to one student in each stage group ie. Kindergarten, Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2), Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) and Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6). The students have been given a piece of art paper to take home today for this purpose.

PBL

Last year the staff at Upper Orara Public School decided to start the journey to become a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school. PBL is a comprehensive, integrated, whole school approach to supporting the learning and well-being needs of students. PBL is grounded on the principles of prevention, instruction and function. During some professional learning sessions with the PBL consultant last year and in consultation with students and staff we determined our school's three expectations (Be Safe—SAFETY, Be Caring—CARING and Be a Learner—LEARNING).

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a two and a half day workshop to learn about the next steps to take in the implementation of PBL. The next phase in this process is to form a PBL team. This team will consist of myself, Mrs Clark, Mrs L-S, Reidena, Mrs Teale and a parent representative. If you are interested in this position or you would like more information about this role, please contact me as soon as possible.

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SCIENCE AND PDHPE

SCIENCE: In Week 6, the K-2 class made 'exploding paint'. They investigated what happened when they mixed flour, bi-carbonate of soda, water and food colouring together to make a paint solution. After painting a picture, the children sprayed their art work with vinegar and watched the paint bubble from the chemical reaction between the bi-carbonate of soda and the vinegar.

PDHPE: The K-2 class has also be learning about respect, caring, sharing and kindness through role play and stories.

Mrs L-S.





Orara Valley Schools' Harmony Day

* Ulong Public School will be hosting this year's Orara Valley Schools' Harmony Day. We would like to invite community members that may wish to showcase any of their skills, run a stall or just to help out, to join us for the day. Any money made goes back to the stall holder or you can donate it to the school if you wish.

The day is for students to experience what Harmony Day means, working as a community, accepting and experiencing different cultures, creating artwork and watching demonstrations. If you have a special talent, e.g. hair braiding, painting, martial arts, cooking, language, clothing, acting, plants, sustainability practices or anything at all relating to Harmony Day, we need you. You can have a demonstration or an interactive activity.

Date: **21st March, 2018** from **10 am to 2 pm**

Venue: **Ulong Oval**

For further information please contact Surinder Kaler, Principal at Ulong Public School on 6654 5242.



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Get involved in the School Banking program.

Upper Orara Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. **School Banking day for 2018 is every THURSDAY.**

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is every **THURSDAY**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking