



## Term 3 Week 5



### WELCOME

Here we are again at the half way point of another term. Our students are busy practising for our musical performance and are enjoying the 'hands on' games and activities in Maths groups. 3-6 students have been learning about and enthusiastically creating different forms of poetry which are currently being displayed in the office foyer. As part of this term's Science and Geography unit 3-6 students are learning all about Earth's surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity with Mrs L-S. K-2 students have been working hard on their writing and several students shared their work with me last week and were very proud when we looked at past work and compared it to their current writing sample. Fabulous effort, keep it up!

This term our new permanent part time (one day / week) General Assistant commenced at our school. I would like to welcome Mr David

Storer to our team and look forward to working with him to further beautify our school. Already Mr Storer has been very busy in our gardens.

### P & C MEETING

Our next P & C Meeting is being held today, **Monday 20 August at 3:15pm.** All welcome. Children accompanying parents to the meeting have access to the school's computers and a range of toys.

### 2019 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child at home or know of a child who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2019? Please drop into the office or call us on 6653 8255 so we can add their name to our 2019 kindergarten enrolment list. An orientation flyer and enrolment forms are now available for parents to collect from the office.

## 2019 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

This year Upper Orara Public School will be hosting 3 transition days for our new 2019 Kindergarten students. These will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30-11am  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 12:30-1:50  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2-3pm.

Parents of new students are encouraged and welcome to attend our Parent Information Session being held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** commencing at **3:15pm**.

## VOLUNTEERING AT UOPS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who have assisted us at the school over the course of this year.

There are many ways parents and community members can assist at the school. If you would like to assist us whether it is a regular time each week helping with reading, group work or art/craft activities or you have a skill and/or an idea you would like to share with our students, we encourage you to call the office, your support is encouraged and welcomed.

## THANK YOU FROM UOPS

I would like to thank Sonya and her family for donating the plants and making the garden near the 3-6 classroom and the office look amazing.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The school is currently looking for people who can come into the school each day to help us take care of our vegie garden. If you are interested in helping in our vegie patch, please contact the office.

## VISITORS

It is a requirement that all visitors to Upper Orara Public School present to the office to sign in and out. Visitors will be given a visitors pass to wear for the duration of their time in the school and instructions for what to do in the event of an emergency and other safety information. The only exception to this is parents dropping off or picking up students from the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) at the front of the school.

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## EARLY/LATE ARRIVALS

Students arriving late or being collected early are required to be signed in or out of school at the office. Students need to be accompanied by an adult and notification of the reason for the late arrival or early departure given. A copy of the sign in/out slip will be given to you to give to the class teacher. Students can be dropped at school late unaccompanied, however they are required to go to the office and present a note explaining the reason for their late arrival. They will be given a slip to give to their teacher. Please note that late is any time after 9:00am and early is any time prior to 3:00pm. If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## ATTENDANCE

The school recognises that from time to time students are absent from school for various reasons. If your child has time away from school, it is a requirement that parents notify the school, highlighting the reason for any absence/s. This can be done by phoning the school or sending a note prior to the absence if the absence is planned or within 7 days of an unplanned absence. Family holidays should be taken during school holiday time so students do not miss learning valuable concepts and skills. Please see the attached parent information sheet which

clearly outlines expectations for parents and carers in regards to attendance.

## REBEL MONEY

At Rebel (formally Amart Sports) local schools have the opportunity to receive a Community Kickback rebate when shoppers purchase goods and nominate Upper Orara Public School. As a result of this initiative we had a little over \$1000.00 to spend on sporting equipment. On the weekend I had the very important task of shopping for new equipment for our students to use at school. I was able to purchase a wide range of equipment including a variety of balls and swimming goggles to assist the younger students during the Swimming and Water Safety program. I would like to thank the helpful staff at Rebel Coffs Harbour who were very helpful and everyone who nominated our school.

## TERM 3 SPORT

For the rest of term 3 Upper Orara Public School students will be participating in coach delivered Cricket sessions for sport. This term the school received an \$1800.00 Sporting School's grant enabling us to secure a coach for seven sessions. The grant will also enable the school to purchase some additional sporting equipment for the students. Each Wednesday a Cricket Australia coach will come to

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the school to deliver quality instruction to our students. Our daily PE program will change to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please ensure students are dressed in appropriate school uniform to participate in these activities, including school hat and suitable shoes that can be tightened with shoe laces or Velcro and do not come off when running.

**ON SALE – Please note that at the moment the office has a limited selection of old sport shirts on sale for \$15.00 each.**

### COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Last Friday, Haylee competed at the PSSA Mid North Coast Athletics carnival at the Coffs Harbour Stadium. Haylee competed in the 100m and 200m running events and will be going to the North Coast PSSA Athletics Carnival for the 200m event in Lismore on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations Haylee! We are all very proud of your efforts and achievements.



### CRUNCH AND SIP

Upper Orara Public School is a Crunch and Sip school. Each morning at around 10am students have the opportunity to have a drink of water and some fruit. This is a short in class break and students are encouraged to eat one piece of fresh fruit. Ideally the piece of fruit is in a separate container from their lunch box and is suitably prepare for students to consume with little effort and mess, especially younger students. Please be aware that poppers and other sugary drinks are not encouraged at school and cannot be consumed at this break. Dried fruit is an alternative to fresh fruit however as a result of the drying process it is higher in sugar content. Processed fruit items and fruit in jelly are not permitted to be eaten during this short break. Items like yogurt, fruit and nut mixes can be eaten during lunch and recess breaks. At Upper Orara Public School we encourage healthy eating.



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## WRITING ENRICHMENT DAY

Last Wednesday, Haylee and Nia attended a Writing Enrichment Day at Nana Glen Public School. This was a wonderful opportunity for these students to deepen their knowledge and understanding in this area. Haylee and Nia received a day of intensive instruction from Orara High School English teachers. This is one of the many opportunities our Year 6 students have to meet and interact with other students they will be attending high school with and to establish friendships early to minimise any concerns students may have moving from primary to high school. Following are Haylee and Nia's comments about the day.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> August Nia and I went to the Orara valley Writing Day at Nana Glen P.S. We learnt about protagonists and antagonists. Throughout the day we completed many activities and by the end of the day we had a full story written. Also there was an activity where we had to get into groups of four. I was in a group with Nia and my two friends Telisha and Esha. All the groups got a poster with a picture on it then we had to go outside and write describing words for our picture. We got trees. Over all it was a great, fun, amazing day!

By Haylee (yr6)

On the 14<sup>th</sup> August Haylee and I went to Nana Glen P.S and met three amazing teachers from Orara High School Mrs Green, Mrs Laing and Ms Kemp. We learnt about protagonists (the main character) and antagonists (the villain or a mean person). We did a couple of fast fives which is where you get five minutes to do a short story about a chosen topic, in our case it was a blind ninja on a rickety bridge fighting giant spiders. We hope that from our learning we can help improve other peoples writing. We had a lot of fun and thanked the teachers that came from Orara High and Telisha and Esha from Nana Glen.

By Nia (yr6)



Coffs Harbour High School

## YEAR 7 2019

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

<b>Principal</b> <b>Ms Patti Kearns</b>	<b>Year 7 Deputy Principal</b> <b>Ms Kathryn Steward</b>	<b>Head Teacher Welfare</b> <b>Mr Ryan Hardie-Porter</b>
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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Parent Information night – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 5.00pm – 6.30pm**

- This is your chance to learn more about the school, our programs, structure and activities, as well as a chance to meet key staff. Afternoon tea provided.
- Tours of the school commence at 5.00pm with the Information Session from 5.30pm in the school hall.
- If parents would like to purchase uniforms or book packs the canteen will be open from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.
- Parents will be handed an Orientation Information Pack.
- 2019 Year 7 students are welcome to attend.

#### **Orientation day for ALL students - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

- Please ensure students come dressed in their Primary School uniform.
- Please ensure students bring morning tea, a drink, (lunch is provided) and covered shoes.
- Students will engage in activities with their peer support teams and have sample lessons.
- Parents are welcome to join children from 9.00am – 9.30am in the hall.
- Students may be collected from 3.00pm or go home on the bus from 3.20pm.

**1<sup>st</sup> day of attendance for Year 7 students – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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DATE	EVENT	COST/TIME
31/8	3-6 Softball/Cricket Gala Day Glenreagh Recreation Ground	
20/9	Musical followed by Lunch	Commencing 10:00am
26/9	School Information Session	Commencing 3:15pm

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Makenna (Yr K-2) and Arabella (Yr 3-6)

Makenna receives her award for “her enthusiasm and positive attitude during maths groups.”

Arabella receives her award for “helping out with character readings when practising for the musical.”

Congratulations Makenna and Arabella!

