



Term 1 Weeks 4&5

18 February 2019



**WELCOME:** It is the start of Week 4 and I cannot believe how fast this year is going. Students have settled in to the routines of school very well after their holiday break and are very excited about learning and being at school. In the past two weeks, students and staff have enjoyed a wonderful day at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. All our students had a fun day and demonstrated exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. Seven students were successful making it to the next carnival. Our swimmers who participated in the Orara Valley Swimming Carnival swam very well with 5 of the 7 representatives going on to participate at the District Swimming Carnival on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. This includes our mixed Small School Relay team. Well done Poppi-Anna, Sienna, Jonah, Mitchell and Charli.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** Just a reminder that students are required and expected to wear full school uniform to school each school day. There have been a number of incidents of students wearing navy blue. This IS NOT one of our school colours and bike shorts ARE NOT part of our school uniform. Students can wear our new school uniform; new shirt (long or short sleeved), new dress, royal blue shorts, royal blue skort, white socks, black shoes (jogger or school shoe), hair ties or headbands (white or royal blue). Students can also continue to wear the old school uniform comprising of the following; check dress, check shorts (girls), pale blue polo, old sport shirt and grey shorts (boys). These items are being phased out over the next two years. We are encouraging all girls to wear bike shorts (these can be any colour – preferably royal or black) underneath their school dress. Our students participate in daily fitness activities and they enjoy dancing activities in their play breaks and the bike shorts assist with modesty during these activities.





**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN K-2:** The K-2 class has had a great start to the year. They are all energetic and enthusiastic and ready for learning. Kindergarten has already moved into the phonics programme and have begun making words with the letters they know. The whole class has been reading, viewing and listening to stories including *The Jigaree* which has been used for the study and revision of simple punctuation and concepts about print. Did you know that Sonja planted sunflowers in the garden? The students have been excited to see the sunflowers move during the day and we looked at the story *The Sunflower that went Flop*. In this story there are some unusual ways to keep the sunflowers with their heads up and the children thought that Mr Brown was a bit silly hammering nails into the flowers instead of just watering them. Their artworks, based on Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* look great.



In Maths the students have been counting, learning about various shapes and their attributes and measuring the length of various items in our classroom. The class is learning about what makes them special and later in the term will start a unit of work about families and family histories.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEARS 3-6:** This week a class newsletter will accompany students in Years 3-6 home. This newsletter outlines what your child is learning in class at the moment and when various activities will take place.

**BUCKLING UP ON SCHOOL BUSES:** Some school buses will look different now with the introduction of seat belts into Busways' fleet. By law, passengers in a seat belt-fitted vehicle must wear the seat belt. If your seat has a seat belt, you need to buckle up - the way you do while travelling in a car. Each seat will have three seat belts so you get to share the seat with one or two of your friends! It's important that you clip in your seat belt without having to be asked by the bus driver as they need to focus on driving the vehicle safely. By law, you won't be able to stand on the bus once yours has seat belts – you must sit in a seat and wear your seat belt correctly. Don't forget to 'click clack'.



**LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY:** Congratulations to our 2019 Leadership Team who were inducted into their roles of Captain, Vice Captain and Helper today.



**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY:** On Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> all students K-6 will participate in clean-up activities and lessons. We have a small number of gloves for our students to use however we do not have enough for each student. If you are able to send a set of gardening gloves to school with your child on this day, it would be greatly appreciated.

**PARENT FORUM:** Last year the Upper Orara Public School P&C was disbanded due to difficulty getting a committee and a quorum each month. To give parents and our community members an opportunity to get together and talk about the school with staff we are holding a casual meeting once a term. The meeting for Term 1 will be held at 6pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is welcome.



**SCHOOL BANKING:** Your child has given you a note about School Banking. Please consider giving it a go if you have the time. This service gives the students the opportunity to learn to save and manage money.

## Term One

### Calendar of Events

20 Feb	Orara Valley Swimming Carnival
1 Mar	Clean Up Australia
14 Mar	Responsible Pet Care
Mar 21	Life Education
3 Apr	Great Debate / Parent /Teacher Interviews
4 Apr	Parent/Teacher Interviews
11 Apr	End of Term Assembly

### STUDENTS OF WEEK 4

Ezra (Yr K-2) and Lucy (Yr 3-6)

Ezra receives his award for "a wonderful start to his school life."

Lucy receives her award for "working hard in Writing"

Congratulations Ezra and Lucy!



### STUDENTS OF WEEK 5

Myah (Yr K-2) and Kirk (Yr 3-6)

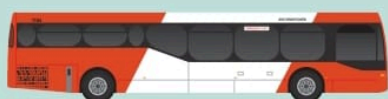
Myah receives her award for "being a helpful and caring class member."

Kirk receives his award for "wonderful answers in History discussion."

Congratulations Myah and Kirk!



# A BUS THAT COMES WHEN YOU CALL IT



## **New On Demand Public Transport starting 16th January 2019**

Our school bus operator, Busways, is launching an on demand bus service in our area on Wednesday 16th January.

Called 'Cooee Busways', the service is one of 7 trials happening in regional NSW under Transport for NSW's Rural & Regional On Demand Public Transport program.

It will be a same-day return service which will run every Wednesday into Coffs Harbour in the morning and back in the afternoon, utilising our school bus between drop-off and pick-up times.

It is the same cost as a normal bus fare, with concessions also available for eligible

customers. Simply pre-book a trip by using the booking form at **[www.busways.com.au/BuswaysCooee](http://www.busways.com.au/BuswaysCooee)** or by calling **(02) 9497 1870**.

Busways' customer service team will call you back to confirm your booking and your pick-up and drop-off locations.

The goal of the program is to identify new solutions to improve regional transport options.

Busways are keen to hear community feedback so visit the website for more info or to leave your input.