



Term 4 Week 1

15th October 2018



WELCOME

Welcome to Term 4. We hope all our students are well rested as we have some very exciting, yet busy weeks ahead. You can find our planned activities outlined in the term calendar included in this newsletter. This term there will be an increased number of permission notes accompanying your child/ren home, please check your child/ren's bag regularly for notes about upcoming events.

DEADLY AUSTRALIANS

Next Tuesday, 23rd October our students will be enjoying a visit from Deadly Australians. This is an educational awareness program where students will learn the secrets of deadly Australians that inhabit our bushland and oceans.

The cost is \$7 per student and is a part of our Safety, Environment and Science components of the curriculum. A note will accompany your child home this week.

SPORT

Next week students will participate in two additional sports (Cricket) sessions to make up for days postponed last term due to wet weather.

Starting week 3 students will participate in swimming for sport each Thursday morning. We ask that students come to school dressed ready for swimming as the bus will depart from the school at 9:10am.

During weeks 7 and 8, all students K-6 will go to the Orara Valley Community Pool daily to participate in the Swimming and Water Safety program.

SURVEY

At Upper Orara Public School we value your feedback. It is very important for us to gain information and suggestions from our school community to assist with future planning. Today we have sent a brief survey home for families to complete.



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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 form is now available for parents to collect from the office.

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 25th October at
9:30am – 11:00am**

**Wednesday 31st October at
12:30pm - 1:50pm**

**Wednesday 7th November at
2pm - 3pm.**

REGULAR ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is vital for children to learn and retain the fundamental skills taught in primary school. It is also very important on a social level and in terms of promoting effective life-long habits. Just one day a fortnight away from school effects a child's learning and adds up to four weeks of missed schooling across the year.

**Keep your child learning – keep
your child at school.**

If your child is away from school due to illness, please send a note explaining their absence to your child's teacher. The note should explain when and why your child was away from school.



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PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

PBL is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. This term we are refocusing on the implementation of this approach at Upper Orara Public School.

This approach:

- addresses the academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful.
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student.
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach that engages students, parents and all school staff
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

At the end of 2017, we began the process by surveying staff and

students to determine the school's three values. After analyzing the responses it was determined that our three values would be:

Caring Safety Learning

Staff were then asked to complete a survey indicating where they believed our school to be currently operating in terms of the criteria outlined for PBL.

Staff then began work identifying and defining the different areas in our school grounds. These were then used to create a matrix with the areas on one side and the values on the other side. Staff have been working on developing the expectations in each area of the school based on the values. This will be finalized and shared in a newsletter later this term.

This week students and staff will complete a survey to determine our PBL mascot.



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Earlier this year we asked for a parent representative to join the PBL team to support us in the PBL implementation process. If you would like to be a part of this process or you would like further information, please contact the office.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS 2020

Selective high schools cater for high achieving, academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14th March 2019.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at:

[https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7).

The application website opens at that link on 9th October 2018 and closes on 12th November 2018. You must apply before the closing date. The nearest selective high school is Toormina.

LAST DAY TERM 3

Our K-6 students joined Mrs L-S for a day filled with fun activities.

Layla became a teacher and lead a step-by-step drawing class





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The colourful movie 'Rio' was an option.



We spent time observing the resident possum.



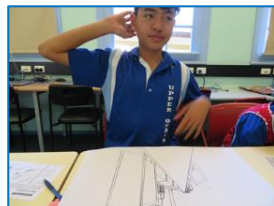
Mrs L-S showed students how to weave a raffia basket.



Movie Making: Students created a movie. This involved script writing, character selection, costumes, script learning, directing, filming and editing.



Toto chose to design and create an intricate 3D drawing of a city street





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Game sets and computer activities were popular with some.



It was a very happy day where students demonstrated ways to help and care for each other.



STUDENTS OF WEEK 1

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

Makenna receives her award for “her big improvements in everything.”

Charli receives her award for “her improvement in Maths.”

Congratulations Makenna and Charli!



STUDENTS OF WEEK 2

Kobe (Yr K-2) and
Poppi-Anna (Yr 3-6)

Kobe receives his award for “developing a ‘can do’ attitude in maths”

Poppi-Anna receives her award for “her cheerful and helpful manner.”

Congratulations Koby and Poppi-Anna!





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Term 4 Calendar of Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 – 19 Oct	Students return				
22 – 26 Oct		Deadly Aust. Visiting Performance 9:15am		Kindergarten Orientation 9:30am - 11:00am	
29 Oct – 2 Nov			Kindergarten Orientation 12:30pm – 2:00pm	Swimming for Sport 9:45am- 10:45am	
5 – 9 Nov			Kindergarten Orientation 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Swimming for Sport 9:45am- 10:45am	
12 – 16 Nov				Swimming for Sport 9:45am- 10:45am	
19 – 23 Nov				Swimming for Sport 9:45am- 10:45am	
26 – 30 Nov	Intensive Swimming 1:20pm – 2:00pm				➔
3 – 7 Dec	Intensive Swimming 9:45am – 10:45am				Year 6 Day Out ➔
10 – 14 Dec		Presentation Evening 5:30pm	Rewards Day		
17 – 21 Dec			Last day for students	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day