



Term 1 Week 10

18 March 2019



WELCOME TO WEEK 10.

The next two weeks are very busy on the school calendar. Mrs Clark and I will be attending training tomorrow.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Parent teacher interviews for K-2 are this Wednesday morning and 3-6 interviews are on Thursday. If you have not booked your appointment, please contact the school and we will allocate a time for you to meet with your child's teacher.

ORARA VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY: The Orara Valley Cross Country is this Friday. ALL 3-6 students are to attend this event. Private transport is required for this event. If you are unable to transport your child/ren to this event, please contact the school as soon as possible and we can arrange alternate transport.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY: During the last week of term, we have the End of Term Assembly commencing at 9:15am, followed by the Easter Hat Parade and a Hot Cross Bun morning tea. Remember we are having a parent and teacher section as well as the student sections this year, so start making Easter hats now!

EASTER RAFFLE: Thank you to everyone who has generously donated Easter chocolates for our Easter raffle. Tickets have accompanied you child/ren home. Should you require more tickets, please return your tickets and we will provide more.

EIO YR 7: On Monday 11 March, Year 6 students took home an Expression of Interest form about the High School they will be attending. The form **MUST** be returned to Upper Orara Public School by no later than **Wednesday 10 April 2019** as we are required take these forms to the respective high schools by the end of this term. We request that forms are completed and return to the school as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the expression of interest, please contact the school.



ANZAC DAY:

Once again, ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays. I will be attending the Coffs Harbour service at 8:30am. Children who would like to march can meet me outside the Genesis Gym in Park Avenue at 8:15am in full school uniform. To give me an indication of who will be attending this event I encourage families to return the yellow note that accompanied students home last week.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break. Please note that Monday 28 April is a staff development day and students first day for term 2 is Tuesday 30 May.

POSTIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING [PBL]: Upper Orara Public School is a PBL school. PBL is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. We commenced our PBL journey late in 2017 and we will continue its implementation this year.

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 moment, staff are revisiting our three values Learning, Caring and Safety with our students. We are using our Behaviour Consistency Guide (attached to this newsletter) to guide expectations and apply consistent consequences.

Future focus will be on developing a scope and sequence based on our PBL Behaviour matrix (attached to this newsletter) and creating lessons to teach expectations.

Staff will also be creating and placing temporary signage around the school to support our values and expectations. These signs will be replaced when we are convinced they are exactly what we want and are purposeful.

If you would like to know more about PBL, please contact the school to make an appointment.

ORARA VALLEY FAIR : I would like to thank the people who expressed their willingness to support Upper Orara Public School's canteen at the Orara Valley Fair. It is, however, with much regret that I inform our school community that we will not be participating in this year's Orara Valley Fair. Unfortunately, we did not have a strong response for parent helpers to assist with the planning and organisation of this event.



STUDENTS OF WEEK 10

Toby (Yr K-2) and Kobe (Yr 3-6)

Toby receives his award for
“an improvement in everything”

Kobe receives his award for “being an
excellent buddy during reading”

Congratulations Toby and Kobe!



PBL BAMAY AWARDS



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN K-2: This term has gone so quickly and in a few weeks Kindergarten will have completed their first term at school. This week in the K-2 News the children are sharing their ideas about some of the exciting things that have taken place in the school over the last few weeks. Soon it will be time for the end of term Assembly, Hot Cross Bun morning tea and Easter Hat Parade. These are all on the last Thursday of school. I hope that you are having fun creating Easter hats for the parade but please don't put chocolate on the hats as it melts in the sun and makes a mess. Last week we had the first visitor to our class to talk to us about what it was like for them when they were at school in the country they grew up in. Makennas's Poppy told us about what school was like when he lived in the UK. The class loved the idea that school lunch was provided for the students at the school. Next Tuesday we will have another visitor. The class has also completed their entries for the Cedar and Steam Competition that was held in Glenreagh last weekend. Students drew and painted lighthouses and bridges. Their artworks are really colourful and detailed. Congratulations to Charley-Ann who was judged 1st in Year One and Luca who was 2nd in Kindergarten.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey.



We learnt about our bodies with Lee in the Life Education Van Alita

The Kindergarten met Harold the Giraffe. Myah

We had cupcakes with Mason because he was leaving. Makenna

We got to pet Healthy Happy Harold at the Life Education Van at the end. John

On Harmony Day we wear orange. I wore orange pants. Cooper

We went to the Life Education Van. I liked it when I got to see a giraffe. Mason

We drew on a material square. I drew my family under a rainbow. I used the words love happiness and peace. Mackenzie

We packed Harold's lunch box with healthy things to eat and water so he was hydrated. Simon

We watched Harold run in a race on the TV. His team came third and he was proud. Jesse

Our class made Carpet Man. I got to put the lungs on around the heart and I got to read the clue. Toby

I drew on the material which had to be on a board so it didn't go on the table. I drew sparkles and a rainbow and flowers. Luca

I wore an orange t-shirt to school today on Harmony Day. We took a photograph of all the kids in orange. Eva

We went to Healthy Harold today. We played a game where we had to do the action and the other team had to guess what we were doing. We weren't allowed to talk. Eloise

In the van we played a game. We did magic to turn off the lights. Charley-Anne

I went to Harold's Van today. I have never been there before. I liked it. Seb



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3-6: Learning continues to centre on grammar, spelling rules, punctuation, comprehension and developing student's vocabulary. 3-6 have read the first three chapters of the novel titled *Journey to the River Sea* and have been researching about Brazil (the setting of the novel). Students have also been learning how to identify key words in a question to help them locate information in a text using skimming and scanning. The class has also been learning how to write a response to a question in a complete sentence using both the words in the question and the information in the text.

This week, the school purchased Mathletics subscriptions for all our students. We purchased Mathletics to enable students to monitor their progress and to support teachers in Mathematics lessons. Students can access this resource by searching Mathletics and signing in using their school login. Students have a copy of their logins for home. Congratulations to the following students for their success at the Cedar and Steam Exhibition at Glenreagh on the weekend. Kobe 3rd, Lexus 2nd and Poppi-Anna 1st in their Class Sections.

THE GREAT DEBATE:



On Wednesday 27 March, Ashlee, Poppi, Nicki and I went to the Great Debate. We were the four luckiest people that got to visit Ulong for this event. My mum and step dad took me and my sister, Poppi to Ulong. When we got there I was very nervous. We were 15 minutes early and while we waited we did gymnastics on the grass. Soon after the Principal of Ulong Public School told all of the teams to go to the COLA. She told us the first topic but today I will be talking about the third debate. The topic was *Should teachers be replaced by computers?* Our team was the negative team and our motto was *Don't stick your head in a screen all day, be social with a teacher.* We won this debate. Overall our team came third. It was a super fun day. I hope I get to go again next year. Lexus.



On Wednesday 27 March, Poppi, Lexus, Nicki and I went to Ulong for the Great Debate. Throughout the day we participated in four debates. The topics were; *Should all kids do every day chores? Should kids be allowed to drink soda? Should teachers be replaced by computers? Should kids under 14 years old be allowed to use Facebook?* For the second debate, I was the team advisor. The adjudicator said we had excellent arguments and notes. Lexus was the first speaker. Poppi was the second speaker and Nicki was the third speaker. At the end we got an average of 67 points and we got a participation award. Ashlee.



On Wednesday, our debating team went to Ulong for the Great Debate. For our fourth debate *Kids under fourteen shouldn't have Facebook* we were the negative team. Poppi was our first speaker, Lexus was second speaker, I was third speaker and Ashlee was the team advisor. Nicki.

At the Great Debate at Ulong on Wednesday Lexus, Nicki, Ashlee and I participated in four debates.

Our first debate was about whether children should do daily chores. First, we went into a room to plan our debate. We finished planning and the debate started. I rebutted and my first argument was that chores were like training children for the real world. My next argument was that if children have a pet they need to take care of it. Poppi-Anna.



HARMONY DAY: The students from both K-2 and 3-6 have worked on a cut out cardboard person as part of a competition the council is having at their Harmony Day Festival. It will be on display at the Botanic Gardens in Coffs Harbour this weekend.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RFF WITH

Mrs L-S (Llewelyn-Smith).

Science Kinder - Year 2 : Material World.

K-2 have been identifying that objects are made of materials that have observable properties. They are learning how familiar products, places and spaces are made to suit their purpose. Students identify ways that everyday materials can be physically changed and combined for a particular purpose. They can discuss how the properties of common materials are chosen for their purposes.

Activities: The children studied their backpacks to identify the materials used and features of their design. They mixed paints to create new colours, and mixed ingredients to make a lava lamp.

We studied baskets and tools from New Guinea, Buka Island, Bougainville, Fiji, San Blas Island in Panama and identified the purpose of each item.



Year 3 – 6.

Science - Material World.

The students have been learning about the insulation properties of materials and uses for those materials in everyday life.

Students have been running experiment to test the thermal properties of materials.

History: We have been learning about the life of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people prior to the arrival of the Europeans.



Maths: Our unit of work on AREA has almost been completed, and assessment tasks are underway.



Calendar of Events

Term One

- 3 Apr K-2 Parent /Teacher Interviews
- 4 Apr Yrs 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 11 Apr End of Term Assembly/ Easter Hat Parade/Hot Cross Bun morning tea.
- 12 Apr Last day Term One

Term Two

- 29 Apr Staff Development Day
- 30 Apr Students return



*Join us for End of Term Assembly, Easter Hat Parade and Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea .
Thursday April 11th commencing at 9.15am.
Don't forget to return your raffle tickets.
There's lots of prizes to be won.*