▶ **CURRICULUM & TRAINING**
Mrs. Conyard, Mrs Moran and and Mrs Armstrong complete Whole School Evaluation training

▶ **SPORT**
Aussie Bush Campers go canoeing. Footsteps Dance workshops for students K-6.

▶ **INNOVATION**
5/6AM in Production phase of this year's animation, "Doonguun".

▶ **COMMUNITY**
Ulmarra Reunion/Open Day a big hit.

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BACK TO ULMARRA

Last weekend old and not so old Ulmarrians converged on the grounds of Ulmarra Public as the school opened its doors to one and all.
During the day, over 100 ex students, staff members and friends of Ulmarra Public wandered around the school, enjoying the classroom and library exhibitions.

Friendships were reignited and memories were rekindled over a cuppa and home baked goodies. A lot has changed over the school's 121 year history, but it has all been captured by local historian and keeper of the Ulmarra photos, Kevin Watkins. His exhibition, overseen by ex-student and current teacher, Mrs Moran, was very popular with guests who lingered and remembered for many hours.

The day was topped off with a sausage sizzle for lunch thanks to Mr. Cowan and Ms Charlton. Thank you also to all those who baked goodies for the cake stall. The selection was excellent.

Many thanks to ex-students, Carmel Small, and Rae-Ann Finlay, who organised the event. They provided a wonderful opportunity for many people to catch up and see first-hand just what an amazing school we have at Ulmarra.

Regards,

Sandra Armstrong
Principal, Ulmarra Public School

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Our students rolled off the bus, tired and happy with many a story to tell! Luck was with them weather wise and once again, the staff of the Great Aussie Bush Camp delivered an unforgettable experience to our campers. Many thanks to Mr. Reardon and Mrs. McMahon for giving up their time to escort students and look after them over the three day camp. Without them, the camp would not have been possible. Also thank you to Mr. Reardon and Mrs. McSwan for organising the event.

ULMARRA TAKES OUT CLARENCE VALLEY FILM AWARD - AGAIN!

The "UPS Productions…..Never Down", 2011 film "Ned Kelly" took out first prize in the Clarence Valley Film Festival Schools' Section held at The Saraton Theatre last Tuesday evening. Well done to our film makers once again!

UPS Productions.....Never Down was formed in 2003. Since then, the team has produced a film every year with 2012 being our tenth. We have twice been shortlisted in the Australian Teachers of Media Awards (ATOM) where we competed with hundreds of schools from throughout Australasia and have taken out the best Primary School Film in the past two years at the Clarence Valley Regional Film Festival held at the Saraton.

To have four out of ten films recognised and awarded is an extraordinary feat. Students are currently mid production and will screen this year's animation, "DOONGUUN", at the Big River Public Schools Film Festival at 6.30pm, Tuesday 20th November at the South Grafton High School Hall. Please come along and support our young film makers. They have worked very hard, are justly proud of their creation and would love to share it with you.

P&C MEETING

Our P&C will meet next Tuesday, November 6th in the school library at 7pm. Please join us for an evening of healthy discussion and rigorous planning!

DRUMMERS

Our drummers will cruise their way through the main streets of Grafton on the back of a truck kindly donated by Cromack and Tranter this Saturday afternoon! If you are within half a kilometre of the Jacaranda float procession you will hear the rhythms of the djembes and the dun duns. Well done to Ulmarra, Wooli and Tucabia Public School students who, under the brilliant tuition of the very talented Cassie Hollingworth, have formed an interschool drumming troupe. Thank you to Cassie, Mr Pashkevich and Mr Reardon for their efforts in creating the drumming program and Cassie in particular for organising the float.

SCHOOL HATS & CAPS

Due to increasing supplier costs, hats and caps are now available for $9 each at the school office.

SURVEYS

Thank you to those parents/carers who completed the CAPA survey and the online Survey Monkey on School Satisfaction.

Both surveys closed last Wednesday and it would appear that our new CAPA Program has been a resounding success!

Satisfaction with school programs and processes across the board showed a very high level of attainment in the opinion of those who completed the surveys so we will continue to keep on keeping on with current programs and practices.

GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION MEETING

Next Tuesday, 7th November at 6pm, a parent/carer information evening will be held in the Staff Common Room at Grafton High School. There will be a session for Selective Class students and families at 7pm.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we work on; the Yaegl and Gumbaynggirr people.

OUR DRUMMERS ARE ON THE JACARANDA FLOATS!

Cassie, our Drumming teacher has organised an exciting event for the Ulmarra Drummers. They will join drummers from Wooli P.S. and Tucabia P.S. on a float in this year's Jacaranda float procession. There is no cost to students, but they will have to make their own way to Grafton to be on the float. They are to meet Cassie and Mr Reardon at Jacaranda Park between Hoof and Arthur Streets on Saturday 3rd Nov at 3.30pm. Parents/carers who are dropping off before or picking up children after the parade should enter the park via Hoof Street. The parade starts at 5pm. Students are to wear their school uniform. The parade takes approximately 1 - 1.5 hrs. For parent's information, they might like to finish off their afternoon at Market Square where there will be a public 'Picnic in the Park' after the parade with entertainment and food stalls, or they can take their own picnic to enjoy.

Many thanks to Cassie Hollingworth, Mr Reardon and Mr Pashkevich for the work they have done with the Drumming Group. Cassie has given up her time each Thursday all year to work with our drummers and her excellent skills have turned a group of enthusiastic but largely uncoordinated drummers into a troupe with rhythms and focus to impress. Thanks Cassie!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
5th November Waterwise Team School Visit	6th November Assembly 9.15am Spotlight on 1/2C Transition Student Banking Canteen	7th November GHS Parent Information Meeting 6pm-9pm at GHS	8th November Canteen CAPA Groups	9th November Library	10th/11th November
12th November	13th November Transition Student Banking Canteen Kindergarten Orientation 9.15—11.00am	14th November	15th November Canteen CAPA Groups 5/6AM run Cuddie-Cuddie VC	16th November Library	17th/18th November
19th November	20th November Pet Porpoise Pool excursion T-2 Student Banking Canteen SGHS Orientation 9am-3pm Big River Public Schools Film Festival SGHS 6.30pm	21st November	22nd November Canteen CAPA Groups	23rd November Library	24th/25th November

TOP TIPS FROM MR R.

Be healthy – be active!

HELP! MY CHILD WON'T EAT FRUIT OR VEG!

Children can often be fussy about eating fruit and vegetables. Did you know that children have to be offered a food up to 10 times before they will accept and eat it? Perseverance is the key!
Why not try sneaking fruit into a favourite dessert (for example canned peaches in jelly), or grate some vegetables into a meal (such as grated carrot and zucchini into Bolognese sauce)?
Or take your child to the supermarket to pick their own sweet, crisp and delicious fruit or vegetables. They are more likely to eat them if they are involved in selecting them.
Crunch & Sip can help encourage children to eat fruit and vegetables. When children see their peers enjoying fruit and vegetables in class, they are more likely to eat them too.
Crunch & Sip happens in our school at each day. Make sure you send fruit or salad vegetables and water to school with your child for Crunch & Sip.

IDEAS TO GET YOUR FAMILY MOVING:

- ⇒ Go outside and play chasing, ride bikes or throw a ball or a Frisbee.
- ⇒ Encourage children to make their own obstacle course at home. You could use garden hoses as tight-ropes, chairs to crawl under, and the clothes line to run around. Include a skipping rope and some jumping. For variety ask them to walk backwards, hop or skip through the obstacle course. Time them to see how they are improving.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to play outside whenever possible. Play along whenever you can.
- ⇒ Be a good role model – be active when you're with children. What gets children moving is what parents do, not what they say. Children learn by example!
- ⇒ Include games and walks in family outings.
- ⇒ Negotiate a time limit on sedentary activities such as watching TV and playing computer games.
- ⇒ Walking together is a good time to talk to children about their lives and yours.
- ⇒ Be prepared, think about activities your family can do in and around your home. Have some plans for wet days.

GREAT ULMARRA BITE CANTEEN NEEDS HELPERS

Mrs Ensbey is in the process of working out the 2013 canteen roster. It is expected that the canteen will be down 4 volunteers next year. This is indeed a dilemma, making it difficult to maintain the current two day per week schedule. Mrs Ensbey does not want to place pressure on those currently volunteering to do more days. In a nutshell, the canteen is desperate for volunteers. The day is fun and passes quickly. Your recess and lunch are provided free of charge and you get a great opportunity to get to know students, teachers and parents. You will not have to work alone. The routine is clearly written up as is the procedure for food preparation. Mrs Ensbey or delegate will provide an orientation and support. Whilst you might feel a little daunted even thinking about working in the canteen, Mrs Ensbey welcomes anyone interested to come along just for a day and try it out. You can volunteer weekly, fortnightly, every 3 or 4 weeks or any time frame that's suits. Please contact Catherine on 66476456. She looks forward to hearing from you.

BIG RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

film festival

You are invited to attend an evening of spectacular films produced by primary school children from

Public Schools in the Clarence Valley

Tuesday, 20th November 2012

6.30 pm

South Grafton High School Hall

$2 entry payable at the door

The evening will feature short films including the genres of

comedy, drama, satire, adventure and animation

Come along and see for yourself how public schools in the Clarence Valley are using innovative media studies as an integral part of the curriculum.

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ULMARRA REUNION OPEN DAY

Cuddie Cuddie

Sharing Traditional Culture Around the World

project~ Aboriginal story telling with Elders presenting workshops in writing, painting, music and dance in video conferences

what~ Students create original comtemporary digital pieces incorporating art, voice, music, and dance. Our stories are shared on wikispace.

how~ Using cuddie-cuddie wikispace , free online programs *(Audacity, VoiceThread, SlideShare, Photo Story, Animoto)* and other traditional forms.

when~Terms 3 and 4. See calendar on wikispace

outcomes~ To strengthen engagement in digital learning with collaboration, interactivity and knowledge creation. To enhance relationships within local communities and provide a deeper understanding of Aboriginal tradition and culture.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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This project uses innovative collaborative technologies to share and promote traditional and ancient cultures around the world. Through story telling by Aboriginal Elders students are enabled to interpret and express their understanding in a way that conveys meaning in their own lives. Students get to tell their own story and share them with students around the world.