



► CURRICULUM & TRAINING  
Moodle link with Southern Cross University



► SPORT  
Small Schools Swimming Carnival.



► INNOVATION  
UPS joins the CAPCREATEME Video Conference Program.



► COMMUNITY  
Ulmarra P.S. Cook Book on the way.  
Thank you Mrs. Ensbey!!

# Ulmarra Public School

*Excellence Innovation Opportunity Success*

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## NEWSLETTER 2012

Principal ~ Sandra Armstrong

Term 1 Week 4 17th February 2012

### A FORTUNATE SCHOOL

We must never take for granted the wonderful school that we have. We are the envy of many in the Clarence Valley. Students keen to learn, staff providing the highest standard of education currently available, brilliant resources, exceptional learning and playing environments, families interested in and supportive of all that goes on here and an ever giving community proud to be associated with UPS.

No wonder UPS is one of the few small schools in the Coffs/Clarence School Education Group with growing enrolments. We have even taken enrolments for the Transition class of 2013. The community sees the future of UPS as strong, dynamic and prosperous and so do we.

There are many reasons for this success and you would need to look no further than our staff to see the major one. I was asked twice in the same week by different teachers if it was OK for them to provide extra tuition in their own time for students in their care. Great teachers committed to going the extra mile for their students.

Moving from human resources to material resources, the reason we are able to provide such incredible facilities for our students is due largely to Equity Programs funded by both State and Federal Governments. Our school receives Priority Schools Funding and National Partnerships Funding.

Programs run using this funding include:

- QuickSmart Maths
- Transition to School
- Mr. Nethercott's ICT Team teaching program
- K-2 Literacy and Numeracy catch up program
- Individual Student Assessment programs
- Cooking and Gardening programs

Resources purchased include:

- Library books
- Home readers
- Interactive Whiteboards
- Computers
- Maths equipment
- Computer software
- Digital stills cameras
- Digital Video Cameras

- Sports equipment

Staff training includes professional learning in the areas of:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Behaviour management
- Computer Technology
- Communications

Without this funding, we would not be able to provide these programs, resources or staff training.

The funding is allocated to schools based on data gained from families. Every four years, parents/carers are surveyed. PSP Survey Week will be Monday 5th-9th March this year. Every family will be sent home a PSP survey envelope. The survey is anonymous. No one at school will open your envelope and no one will see your information.

If you would like assistance with the completion of the form we have people happy to help out. Please call the office should you have any concerns or queries.

Results of this survey will impact on our school and its students for many years to come. We thank you in advance for your support.

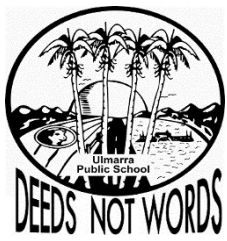
Sincerely,  
*Sandra Armstrong*  
Principal

### FREE ICY POLES!

Every enrolled child in the family will receive a free icy pole at lunch when their PSP Survey Form is returned. Forms must be in by Friday 9th March.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to all those families who have paid their School Contribution and their children's text book fee. Your prompt attention to these commitments is much appreciated. Also, notes updating family information and permission to attend excursions within the community have been sent home. Please complete these and return to school a.s.a.p. so that we may keep our records accurate.



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## SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Mr. Reardon was impressed by the skill, determination and sportsmanship of Ulmarra competitors whose efforts took our school through to third place behind Lawrence and Gillwinga at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Particularly exciting was the Senior Girls Relay won by Amber, Khiarne, Kirstian and Taylor. Champions on the day were Dayna Wood, overall 11yr girl Champion, butterfly and backstroke, the Ulmarra Girls' Relay team, Kyle McIlveen, butterfly, Taylor Gilmore 100m and 50m freestyle, backstroke, Kirstian Riddell, breaststroke, Thomas Gilmore, 50m freestyle and Khiarne Slater, medley, backstroke and butterfly and India Fairweather freestyle..

Yesterday students competed in the District Swimming Carnival and results will be published on receipt.

Many thanks to the team of parents who assisted on both days with time keeping and well done to all competitors.

### THANK YOU P&C & THE MEN'S SHED!

Our fantastic picnic benches have arrived and children are really enjoying eating at them. Thank you P&C and thank you to Warren Moss and all the clever woodworkers at The Men's Shed. They also delivered another item which will be discussed in next newsletter.



## UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier is **Sea Eagle Fashions at Maclean**. Orders may be phoned through and delivery to the school can be organised where necessary. Call Kerry on 66453778 to place your order. Please purchase red tracksuits for this winter and ensure all clothing items are clearly labeled with your child's name. It is our expectation that children arrive at school each day in full school uniform. The wearing of a uniform says

a lot about school pride and school spirit. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed each day. Regarding sport day on Fridays, boys may wear green shorts but this is not compulsory. Girls' uniform remains the same.

### OUR SCHOOL LOOKS GREAT

Wondering why? Lawrie Mearing and John Sullivan have been hard at work in a pitched battle against water, weeds and grass. Well, the battle was worth it and Ulmarra Public School is now a picture of lush gardens, beautiful blossoms, trimmed hedges (have you seen the 5 metre long caterpillar in the car park?) and neatly mown lawn. What a picturesque place to go to school. No wonder we're all so proud of this place. Great job Lawrie and John. Thank you also to Mr. Polsen for the new bag hooks

### MERIT AWARDS

This year we have altered the Merit Award system slightly. To achieve a Merit Award, children present 5 awards of any description to their teacher before Assembly day. Four Merit Awards per class will also be presented at assembly by teachers as per usual. Once children have achieved 5 Merit Awards they may present these to their teacher to receive a Principals Award. This will place them on Silver Level. Once 5 Principal's awards have been presented to the teacher, the child will receive a Special principal's Award and will be on Gold Level. What an achievement!

### PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

Parents who are willing to give up a morning each week to listen to children read are desperately required by Mrs. Kowal, Mrs. Conyard and Mr. Reardon. Please contact the school on 66445266 if you are available to assist.

### TUCABIA NETBALL 2012 SIGN ON

If you wish to play netball this year, please ring netball registrar, Debbie Bailey on 66445655 and leave your name. Especially needed are girls in the 10yr to 13yr age groups. If you know of any girls you think would like to play netball please encourage them to contact Debbie. Fees remain the same as 2011. The first training session for 12yrs and under will be held at 4pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the Tucabia courts. If you haven't already registered you can sign up at training. The first game for the year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> March. Debbie looks forward to seeing you there.

### HOMEWORK

All students are offered a homework program set by the class teacher. Tasks are designed to be completed in under 30 minutes each night and provide essential consolidation of concepts taught during the week. Homework is also designed to develop study habits that will stand students in good stead through the all important high school years. If you prefer your child **not do** homework, please send in a note to that effect to your child's teacher. There is a cost to the school involved in setting homework and we do not want to misuse school resources by allocating work that is not completed. A Homework Contract Sheet for parents/Careers will be sent home shortly to confirm your commitment.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
20th February	21st February Induction Assembly 9.15am Bookmobile Canteen School Banking P&C AGM 7pm	22nd February	23rd February CAPA Groups Canteen Mr. Phillips visits 5/6AM VC	24th February MNC Swimming Carnival QuizWorx	25th/26th February
27th February	28th February Canteen School Banking	29th February	1st March CAPA Groups Canteen	2nd March	3rd/4th March
5th March PSP SURVEY WEEK	6th March Assembly Spotlight on 3/4R Bookmobile Canteen School Banking	7th March	CAPA Groups Canteen 8th March	9th March PSP SURVEYS DUE	10th/11th March





Transition 2012





# Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Groups



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT HOME FORTNIGHTLY ON FRIDAYS BUT WILL BE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE ON THE PRECEDING THURSDAY.

#### MESSAGE FROM ATWAL'S BUS SERVICE

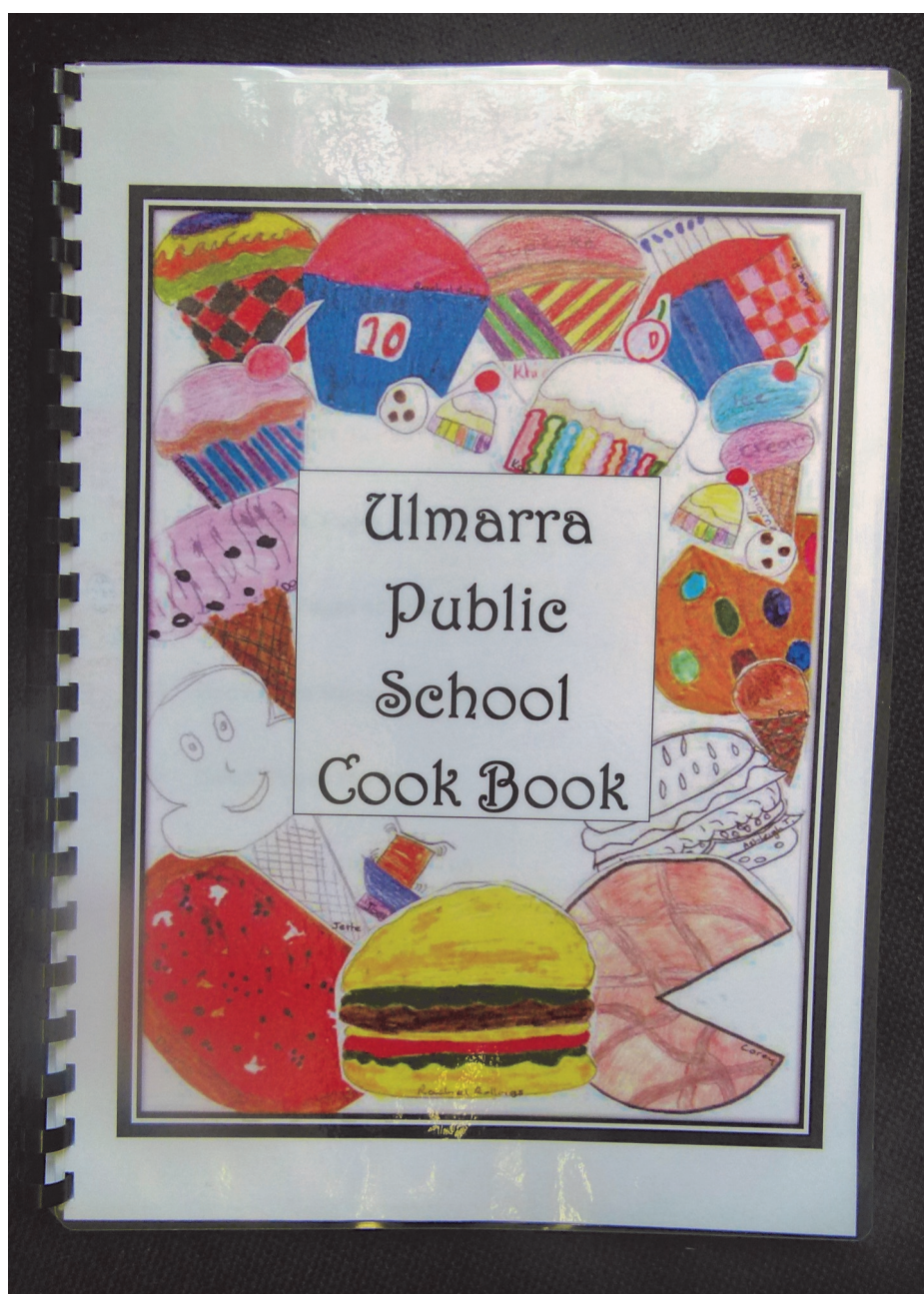
Safety is very important on our school buses. For the driver to be able to attend to his driving duties, he must not be distracted by noise from students or movement about the bus. All children are to remain seated with seat belts on whilst travelling on the bus. Continued poor behaviour may result in travel restrictions. Should you have any concerns regarding student behaviour or safety on the bus, please call Atwal's bus company on 66445482.

#### CLOTHING POOL

We are in need of clean uniforms in good order that your children may have grown out of, for our clothing pool. If you have any items you no longer need please send them along to the office. These items will be placed in the clothing pool for sale at a nominal price.

#### IT'S ARRIVED!

The first draft of the much anticipated "Ulmarra Cook Book" has been delivered to the school by the amazing Mrs Ensbey. Catherine has put together a stunning compilation of the best recipes from our cooking community and the results are impressive. The book is full of enticing recipes, snippets of wisdom and colourful illustrations. Thank you to all those who contributed and a huge one to Mrs Ensbey for completing such an enormous job with a minimum of fuss and a load of style. As soon as the book is ready for sale we will let you know. If you'd like a sneak preview, come along to next week's P&C meeting.



Don't forget to check out the school website on  
[www.ulmarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.ulmarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

# TOP TIPS FROM MR R.

*Be healthy – be active!*

## Rainy day activities

Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:

- ⇒ build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
- ⇒ play hide and seek
- ⇒ play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket - keep increasing the distance to make it more challenging
- ⇒ have a dance competition or disco at home
- ⇒ set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).

## Fundamental movement skills

There is evidence that children with poor fundamental movement skills such as jumping, skipping, leaping, kicking, throwing and catching are less likely to be active. Give your kids a head start and teach them these skills.

# Nude Food Update

Every Wednesday

UPS continues it's great success in the **Crunch and Sip Program** with the majority of students having a piece of fruit or vegetable and a bottle of water daily. Most classes have their Crunch and Sip break at 10am. **Wednesday Nude Food Days** are now in full swing and also have great participation rates.

**Congratulations to K/1C** this week for having the highest percentage of class participants.



**Healthy Henry** was a happy camper as he made his way to the K/1 room.

**P.S. Parent support has been fantastic!**

*Remember -*

***Nude Food = Healthy Body + Healthy Planet***

**WHAT IS NUDE FOOD?**

Nude Food refers to packing **healthy nutritious meals** without the use of any disposable packaging that contributes to landfill.

For some great lunch box ideas and general information visit: <http://www.nudefoodday.com.au/>



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**ULMARRA PUBLIC  
SCHOOL PARLIAMENT  
2012**

**Madam Prime Minister**  
Khiarne Slater

**Mister Prime Minister**  
Corey Ford

**Ministers for Education**  
Dorian Kennedy, Blade Walker

**Ministers for Health & Canteen**  
Aila Radford, Abbey O'Driscoll, Khiarne Slater  
Kirstian Riddell

**Ministers for Sport**  
Sarah Stevens, Amber Barnier, Taylor Gilmore (Terms 1 & 3),  
James Chevalley, Tim Chevalley, Joey Finlay, (Terms 2 & 4)

**Ministers for Information and Communication Technologies  
(ICT)**  
Caleb Ensbey, Jamie Moore-Sciberras

**Ministers for the Arts**  
Rachel Rollings, Simone Thomson

**Ministers for Functions**  
Wenona Gaude, Joel Polsen, Kyle McIlveen

**Ministers for Welfare**  
Corey Ford, Charles Charlton-Walker, Darcy Henderson

**Ministers for Library**  
Stanko Primorac, Dayna Wood, Colby McIlveen, Jette Hollingworth,  
Karrina Bytheway

**Ministers for the Environment, Climate Change & Energy**  
Dorian Kennedy, Abbey O'Driscoll, Stanko Primorac

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# ULMARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL LEADERS 2012

## **Girl School Captain**

Khiarne Slater

## **Boy School Captain**

Corey Ford

## **Girl Vice Captain**

Jette Hollingworth

## **Boy Vice Captain**

Charles Charlton-Walker

## **HOUSE CAPTAINS**

### **HOLLAND**

#### **Captains**

Sarah Stevens, Joel Polsen

#### **Vice Captains**

Wenona Gaude, James Chevalley

### **FIRTH**

#### **Captains**

Corey Ford, Khiarne Slater

#### **Vice Captains**

Darcy Henderson, Jette Hollingworth

### **SMALL**

#### **Captains**

Taylor Gilmore, Kyle McIlveen

#### **Vice Captains**

Amber Barnier, Charles Charlton-Walker

Congratulations to you all. May you fulfill your roles with honesty,  
integrity and good intent.

Stay true, noble and strong of character.

Remember our school motto.

“Deeds Not Words”



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