



► **CURRICULUM & TRAINING**
Staff prepare for Staff Development Day. On the Agenda—Emergency Care training, Sentral student tracking and report writing, Positive Feedback to students, Dyslexia—student support



► **SPORT**
Ulmarra Athletics Carnival held.

Congratulations Small!



► **INNOVATION**
New computers arrive ready for our ICT Room upgrade



► **COMMUNITY**
Parents and staff pitch in to feed a hungry Picton High School Band!

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NEWSLETTER 2012

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Term 2 Week 10 29th June 2012

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS AT UPS

As the term comes to a close, students have continued to enjoy some interesting cultural experiences. On the music front, the Picton High School Band was a highlight. The 37 piece concert band travelled overnight from Picton arriving early the morning of their Ulmarra performance. The bleary eyed teenagers, some still in their pyjamas, carted their instruments off the bus and set up under the COLA. An hour later they had transformed into a sophisticated musical troupe all suited up and ready to entertain.

The repertoire was well suited to our students with everything from Dixieland jazz to movie themes. "Bob The Builder" got everyone singing and I'm sure that, by the end of the performance, many a student had developed the desire to learn to play a musical instrument or become a carpenter.

You will, by now, be well aware that our staff answered calls from the community to raise the profile of the Creative and performing Arts (CAPA) at Ulmarra P.S. At the end of this year, you will have the opportunity to let us know if we hit the mark via our Annual Survey. Our revamp of CAPA this year includes the following activities:

- Music Theory Lessons years 3-6
- CAPA groups which include singing, dancing, drumming and visual arts
- The creation of a Drumming Performance Band
- Three full scale dramatic performances by students in years 1-6
- Travelling performance by The Sousaphonics
- Travelling performance by the Picton H.S. Concert Band
- Art Exhibitions at the Grafton Regional Gallery and Ferry Park Tourist Centre Maclean

Students are certainly enjoying these cultural activities. Many thanks to our volunteer drumming tutor, Cassie Hollingworth who is doing an amazing job with the drummers.

Ulmarra staff wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.
 Sincerely,

Sandra Armstrong
 Principal
 Ulmarra Public School

REPORTS

Reports were sent home today with students. Teachers have devoted much time and thought to the compilation of these reports and we hope that families will be able to share student success and discuss areas requiring attention with their children during the holidays. Parent Teacher interviews for K/1C, 1/2C and 5/6AM have been held.

Interviews for 3/4R will be held in week two of next term. Notes regarding interview times have been sent out. If you would like an interview with Mr. Reardon and have not booked in, please call the office at the beginning of next term to secure an appointment.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Carnival was held under perfect conditions last Friday. Congratulations to Mr. Reardon, Mr. Russell and Mrs. McSwan for their roles in organising the day. Many thanks to all the parent helpers and congratulations to all students who competed on the day.

The winning House was Small who narrowly took the lead from Firth in second place and Holland in third place.

Minor Champions were Grace Crapp and Connor Skinner.

Junior Champions were Sophie and Zoe Wright and Marko Primorac.

11 years Champions were Joey Finlay and Rachel Rollings.

Senior Champions were Kyle McIlveen and Taylor Gilmore.

K/1C NEWS

Mrs. Campbell has extended her leave until the end of Term 3. Mrs. Moran will remain the K/1C teacher till then. Congratulations to Mrs. Moran who is doing an exemplary job teaching in the K/1 room.

FAREWELL

Mr. Reardon will return to Ulmarra and 3/4R at the beginning of next term. As a result, today we bid farewell to Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell has done a wonderful job teaching 3/4R and we look forward to having him back at UPS as the need arises.

UNIFORMS

Much can be noted about a school's spirit by the wearing of school uniform. We have a strong tradition of wearing full school uniform at Ulmarra Public and we enjoy the resultant positive comments made by the general public when we leave school grounds.

Our aim is 100% students in school uniform.

Unfortunately, there has been a slip in standards the past month at school. This is disappointing when uniforms are readily available from our uniform supplier, Sea Eagle Fashions at Maclean. Orders can be called through and paid for over the phone or the money left at the school. Orders can be dropped off at school for collection by parents. Please call Kerri Benson at Sea Eagle Fashions, Shop 3/ 249 River Street Maclean on 66453 778 or 0412886700 or email: seaeaglefashions@mail.com.

The holidays present an ideal time to take stock of uniforms. We seek every family's support in the reaching our goal of 100% of students in school uniform at Ulmarra Public.

Creative Holiday Fun at Grafton Regional Gallery

School holidays are a great time for children and young people to enjoy the Grafton Regional Gallery holiday program. On Friday 13 July the gallery is hosting a creative kid’s workshop titled ***Hidden in the Picture*** with Kerrie Howland for children between 5 -12 years of age. The workshop celebrates the collection exhibition ***I spy with my little eye something beginning with....*** on show in the Loft gallery. Participants will design a drawing with hidden elements creating their own secret artwork. Two options are available; 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm. The cost is \$16.50 per participant which includes all materials and morning or afternoon tea. Bookings and pre-payment are essential due to high demand on 6642 3177.

South Grafton High School Orientation Days

Orientation Days for 2012 will be held on Tuesday, 7th August from 9am—3pm with parents attending a 2 hour information session, guided tour and morning tea fro 9am and students staying the whole day. The second session will be held on Tuesday, 20th November from 9am—3pm for students only. For further information contact Year Advisors Lisa Hill or Lauren Wood at SGHS on 66421466.

Back to Ulmarra Public School Open Day and Reunion

This reunion is a P&C organised event for anyone associated with our school now or in the past —students, staff, families, volunteers etc. It is planned for Saturday 27th October from 10am till 2pm. The school Facebook Page is being used to get the message out to everyone but if you have contact with anyone who would like to attend, please extend an invitation to them on behalf of our P&C.

The reunion promises to be a fantastic day with a display in the library of school memorabilia, a sausage sizzle for lunch and an afternoon tea at The Clarence Café to follow at 2pm. Once again, the success of this event depends on the amount of inspiration and perspiration available, so if you are able to assist in any way, please contact Carmel Small or Rae-Ann Finlay. These ladies are currently on the hunt for old school uniforms. We would also like to have a photographic display. If you have anything suitable, please contact the school , Carmel or Rae-Ann.

P&C Gold Coast Shopping Trip

The P&C has organised a shopping trip for Saturday 18th August to Harbour Town and Robina Town centre. The bus will depart Atwal’s Bus Depot, Ulmarra at 6.30am and return late that night. The cost is \$35 (bus only). Seats are limited and filling up fast. If you would like to join the band of happy shoppers, send your name and money to the school office ASAP. What a wonderful opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping!

After School Care New School of Arts Neighbourhood House Inc.

Families seeking after school care in Grafton now have an excellent facility available to them. The New School Of Arts Neighbourhood House provides a pick up bus from Ulmarra P.S. each afternoon. A qualified Child Care Worker collects students from their classrooms , escorts them to the bus which then travels into The New School of Arts where childcare is provided until parents pick up. For enrolment forms or more information, please contact Mel on 66426843 or 0411634704.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
16th July Staff Development Day for Teachers PUPIL FREE DAY Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	17th July FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS Student Banking Transition Canteen Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	18th July Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	19th July CAPA Groups Canteen Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	20th July Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	21st/22nd July Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery
23rd July Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	24th July Student Banking Transition Canteen Assembly 9.15am Spotlight on K/1C Mr Heath speaks to Yr 6 parents and students 11.45 in the Library Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	25th July Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	26th July <u>Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Junction Hill for all students.</u> <u>No staff and no classes at school this day</u> Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	27th July Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery	28th/29th July Small Schools Art Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery
30th July Education Week Small Schools Art Exhibition relocates to Ferry Park Maclean	31st July Student Banking Transition Canteen Education Week Assembly 9.45 am. Spotlight on 5/6AM Open Classrooms 10.00am Family Picnic Morning Tea 11.00-11.30am Small Schools Art Exhibition at Ferry Park	1st August Small Schools Art Exhibition at Ferry Park Maclean	2nd August CAPA Groups Canteen Small Schools Art Exhibition at Ferry Park Maclean	3rd August Clarence Zone Athletics Carnival Small Schools Art Exhibition at Ferry Park Maclean	4th/5th August Small Schools Art Exhibition at Ferry Park Maclean

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