



► **CURRICULUM & TRAINING**  
*Mrs. Conyard continues Leadership training in Focus On Reading. Mrs. Armstrong attends the North Coast Primary principals' Conference*



► **SPORT**  
*Students successful in the District Athletics carnival.*



► **INNOVATION**  
*ICT Room Upgrade continues*



► **COMMUNITY**  
*P&C plan Election markets*

# Ulmarra Public School

*Excellence Innovation Opportunity Success*

## NEWSLETTER 2012

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### GOOD HABITS-WHEN DO THEY START?

We all want to be the best type of person we can be.

We all want our children to be the best young people they can be.

On these points I'm sure there will be no argument. Self improvement is a life long process and involves self awareness, commitment and celebrations of goals achieved. Earlier this year, Ulmarra staff trained in the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Program. Recently, Mrs. Conyard and I travelled to a Coffs Harbour school to see how this program had impacted on staff and students. We were extremely impressed by the social, emotional and academic levels achieved when staff and students truly focused on good and effective behaviours. We believe at U.P.S. that anything another school does, we can do better, so watch this space!

### GRANNY AND THE PIRATES

We know the men in our lives are often misunderstood and may lack purpose and direction at times, so thank goodness they can rely on a good woman to look after them and keep them on the straight and narrow!

Well this week, thanks to 3/4R and Mrs. Spring, everyone had the chance to see a "good woman in action" in the shape of Granny, in the play, "Granny and the Pirates". Yes even the most ruthless of rogues needs looking after and Granny ensured that bellies were full and bandanas were washed and ironed when she high jacked the captain and crew of the "Skull and Crossbones".

Well done to pirates and wenches alike for ensuring both the Skull and Crossbones' and The Petunia's flags made it up the ship's mast with no blood shed! Once again, job well done Mrs. Spring!

### MINI OLYMPICS

On Friday, 24th August, Wooli P.S. students will join Ulmarra in a Mini Olympics. Children have been assigned to a team from countries chosen from all the continents. They will briefly study their country, make a flag to wave on the day and march to their National Anthem. The day will begin with a torch relay and continue with a tabloid of sports. To support the multi cultural theme, the Great Ulmarra Bite canteen will provide food from around the world. Orders have been sent home and are due back by 20th August. We will need helpers on the day for the canteen and also in the field, so if you would like to join this fun event, please call the office.

### BOOK FAIR

The Ashton Scholastic Book fair has been running for a week and will close shortly. There is an impressive array of books and sales have

been high. It is wonderful to see children so keen to purchase books. There is a real reading buzz around the school. Thank you to Mrs. Connor, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Connor and Ms Cowan for organising the fair and running the sales side.

### SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week at UPS saw experiments in the classroom, a Scinema screening in the Library and 5/6AM attend the SGHS Science Fair. Wonderful to see the Science profile alive and well raised. Thank you to Mrs Moran for organising the Scinema Screening.

### CLARENCE SCIENCE INITIATIVE 2013

Application forms for this SGHS class have been sent home to students currently in years 4 and 5 for the 2013 class. Good luck to all applicants.

### CANTEEN COORDINATOR POSITION FILLED

Congratulations to Mrs Ensbey who will officially take over as the Great Ulmarra Bite Canteen Coordinator at the beginning of September. Mrs Ensbey has already begun organising canteen events with the Mini Olympics Day. The canteen is always in need of helpers so please contact the school if you are available to help out even if only one day per month.

### WESTPAC HELICOPTER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser today. Mrs Moran organised a colouring competition with gorgeous prizes donated by a "community minded grandpa" from Grafton Primary School. Lucky Winners!

### FATHERS' DAY

OK Dads, Grandpas, Pops, Uncles and Other Significant Males—your time has almost come! Mrs. Conyard and her band of helpers is organising something special for you, so keep your eyes peeled for more info. The pampering continues with the drawing of the Fathers' Day Raffle at the school assembly on Tuesday, 28th August and the Fathers' Day stall from recess onward the same day. Donated cellophane wrapped gifts for dad, to be sold at the stall, may be left at the office from next Monday. Many thanks in advance for your generosity. Gifts will be on sale from \$1.00—\$5.00.

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LITTLE FISH SCHOOL OF ROCK

Expressions of interest are being sought for students to join an exciting new music program to commence in Term 4, 2012. Lessons will be provided by Jackie Kempnich and may include tuition in guitar, woodwind, keyboards and vocals. More info will be sent home soon.

### ELECTION MARKET DAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Stalls are only \$20 each, so book in early or just come along to grab a delicious bite to eat and a bargain while you vote.

### COLES AND WOOLLIES VOUCHERS

This promotion has stopped but we are still collecting vouchers until next Tuesday, so please bring them in and help us to raise money for school resources. Many thanks to all those who have already brought their vouchers in.

### THEY'RE BACK!

Yes, those annoying little lice have reared their irritating again, heads so please check your child's hair and treat them immediately if they are infected prior to coming back to school.

### 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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
20th August	21st August  Student Banking Transition Canteen	22nd August  GABC \$20 deposit due	23rd August  CAPA Groups Canteen	24th August  Mini Olympics	25th August  P&C BBQ Maclean Hardware Store
27th August	28th August  Student Banking Transition Canteen  Assembly 9.15am Spotlight on 1/2C Fathers' Day raffle drawn  Fathers' Day Stall after recess	29th August  CSI Parent Information Session SGHS 6.30pm	30th August  CAPA Groups Canteen	31st August  Fathers' Day BBQ 7.30am-8.30am	2nd September  Fathers' Day
3rd September	4th September  Student Banking Transition Canteen  P&C Meeting 7pm in the school library	5th September	6th September  CAPA Groups Canteen  GHS Year 7 Taster Lessons for UPS year 6 students	7th September  CSI Applications close  Yamba Touch Footy Gala day	8th September  Election Day Markets  P&C cake stall and BBQ





# Granny and the Pirates!





