



► **CURRICULUM & TRAINING**
Teachers take on a day of Maths as the curriculum component of the Staff Development Days



► **SPORT**
Swimming, swimming, swimming.....



► **INNOVATION**
A day with no electricity? We survived!



► **COMMUNITY**
P&C dinner at the Clarence Café Friday 13th December, 6.30pm. All P&C members welcome.

Ulmarra Public School

Excellence Innovation Opportunity Success

NEWSLETTER 2013

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Term 4 Week 10 Thursday, 12th December

SEASONS GREETINGS

In this final newsletter for 2013, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year. We have a truly wonderful school and staff and students are determined to keep it that way. Ulmarra Public continues to go from strength to strength with new opportunities for students, new families and new programs. Results of our end of year surveys show that families and students are very happy with the school.

This is something we are all responsible for - staff, families, students, community members. We can all share in celebrating our school and its success. As a principal, I can not wish for more than to have a staff who love their job and come to work every day willing and able to provide the best possible educational, cultural, social and sporting opportunities for their students.

So, head into the Festive Season in the knowledge that all is well at UPS and that we will return refreshed and ready to make 2014 an even better year for the school and all those in and around it.

Joyous peace and happiness to you all.

Sincerely,
Sandra Armstrong

Principal,
Ulmarra Public School

PRESENTATION DAY

What a wonderful celebration of Public Education the day was. Congratulations to all who were recognised for their efforts during the year and to the actors in 3/4R and Mrs. Spring. "Calamity Airlines" really took our drama program to new heights with outstanding performances by our young actors. Attention to detail, by Mrs Spring, in all areas of set design was nothing short of brilliant. After clearing security and boarding, passengers were entertained by a less than attentive Captain and his frustrated co pilots. The birth of triplets, severe turbulence and a near crash almost saw Flight 013 and all its passengers, plummet from the sky. Luckily, an unlikely and slightly inebriated Aussie saved the day making a text book perfect crash landing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS CONYARD!

Well done Mrs Conyard on securing the relieving Principal's position at Cowper Public School for term 1 next year. Whilst we will miss you, we know you will do an amazing job at Cowper and look forward to your return to Ulmarra Public in term 2 with a whole host of new skills to add to your already impressive repertoire! During Mrs Conyard's absence, Mrs McMahon will teach 1/2C.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

What a sensational day and night! Movies, lunch out, a very special formal assembly and a disco. Year 6 were definitely farewelled in style this week thanks to the efforts of Mrs McMahon and her creative, industrious, amazing team of parent helpers. Mrs McMahon is to be congratulated on her attention to detail and her exemplary planning. Congratulations year 6. You were a pleasure to teach and great role models for our younger students. We wish you all the very best in high school and beyond.

SCHOOL FETE

Next Monday, from 1.30pm till 3pm under the COLA, students will run the annual Ulmarra P.S. Fete. Students and teachers are busy organising stalls and are seeking your support in some areas. 5/6AM are running a bottle stall and would appreciate donations of plastic jars or other containers filled with items so that the jars can be sold for \$2 each. There will also be a cake stall and students would appreciate donations of home baked goodies being delivered to the school on Monday. Children will have the opportunity to spend their money at the various stalls and it is much appreciated if parents/carers send along change rather than notes for children to spend as providing change can be a problem. If there are any parents/carers who would like to do face painting with proceeds going to the school, please contact the office.

CLASS PARTIES

Notes have gone home regarding our class parties which will be held next Monday from 11.00am under the COLA. On this day children may wear party clothes as long as they are sun safe and shoes are closed in. No thongs or sandals please. Please, no foods with nuts or nut products.

FAREWELL MS CLARE

Sadly we must farewell Ms Clare at the end of this year. She has done a wonderful job on a Wednesday teaching KC. It has been a pleasure to have her at UPS. We hope we will be able to have Ms Clare back at UPS sometime soon.

CLASSROOM STUDENT REQUIREMENTS 2013

It is important for all children to have their own belongings. This makes the day run smoothly with children not wandering around disturbing others looking for a pencil, eraser etc. Be aware that desk top space is limited so please avoid large pencil sharpeners, bulky pencil cases etc. All items need to be labelled.

5/6: 4 lead pencils, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils, textas (optional), scissors, pencil sharpener, tissues, glue stick, one A4 Display Folder, two plastic A4 wallets.

3/4: 4 lead pencils, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils, textas (optional), scissors, pencil sharpener, glue stick, one plastic A4 wallet.

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Also, all children require a painting shirt, a library bag (clearly labelled with his/her name) and a box of tissues.

CLASSES 2014

At this stage, we have just enough enrolments to sustain four classes for next year. Should any student leave, we will drop to 3 classes. Please spread the news about what a wonderful school Ulmarra is so that our classes remain firm. Teachers will be K: Mrs Campbell, 1/2: Mrs McMahon (term 1) Mrs Conyard (terms 2-4), 3/4: Mr Reardon, 5/6: Mrs Armstrong

CAROLS UNDER THE COLA—A BRILLIANT SUCCESS!

A great night of family fun was had by all at the 2nd Ulmarra P&C Carols under the COLA. Santa arrived in a police car led by a solitary bag piper, the Rock and Rollers danced up a storm, The Ulmarra Drummers drummed, all children sang carols, Madeline McKeown performed a wonderful Physical Culture dance and 1/2C enacted the Christmas Story. There were sausages sizzling, faces being painted and lolly bags handed out by the Man in Red and White as the Men in Blue watched on. Thank you to Kylie Dick who came up with the original idea last year and brought the dream to reality. Thank you also to her hard working band of helpers, Ken Cowan, Tanya Watts, Jenny Jefferies, Michelle Pigg, Warren Ensbey, Keith Rooke, Norm Causley, Carmel Small, Bev Small, Lorraine Rooke and Catherine Ensbey—apologies if a helper has been missed.



GREETINGS FROM THE GREAT ULMARRA BITE CANTEEN

Hello to all Parents, Nans, Pops and Friends of Ulmarra P.S.

This is a short note to ask you all to think about volunteering to assist in the Great Ulmarra Bite School Canteen.

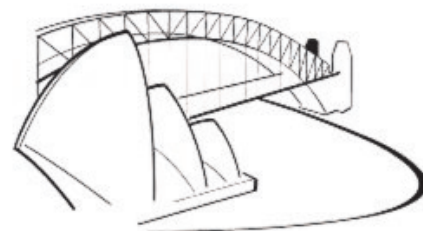
The Canteen will be open in 2014 from 9am till 2pm every Tuesday and Thursday. If you can help out, the choice is yours as to how often you put your name on the roster—weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Without volunteers, we cannot operate the canteen. The Great Ulmarra Bite provides nutritious and delicious food for our children at good prices with all profits going straight back into the school.

Please contact me, Catherine Ensbey, on 66476456 if you are available to assist and I will add your name to the roster.

Many Thanks,

Catherine

Great Ulmarra Bite Canteen Coordinator



LAKE AINSWORTH AND SYDNEY EXCURSION PHOTO CDS

Teachers have created photo CDs for students with hundreds of great shots included. These are available for \$2 each with funds raised going to the year 6 gift to the school. Photos from these excursions would make wonderful Christmas gifts for nans and pops. This offer will end Tuesday next week.

EVER WONDERED WHAT ULMARRA P.S. STAFF DO ON PUPIL FREE DAYS?

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER

Session 1

- ◆ Introduction to the Numeracy Continuum
- ◆ Examining Aspect 2; Counting as a Problem Solving Process
- ◆ Examining Aspect 4; Place Value

Session 2

- ◆ A guided tour of the new NSW Mathematics K-10 Syllabus

Session 3

- ◆ Reflecting on John Hattie's Visible Learning
- ◆ The Balanced Numeracy Session

FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER

Session 1

- ◆ General Planning 2014

Session 2

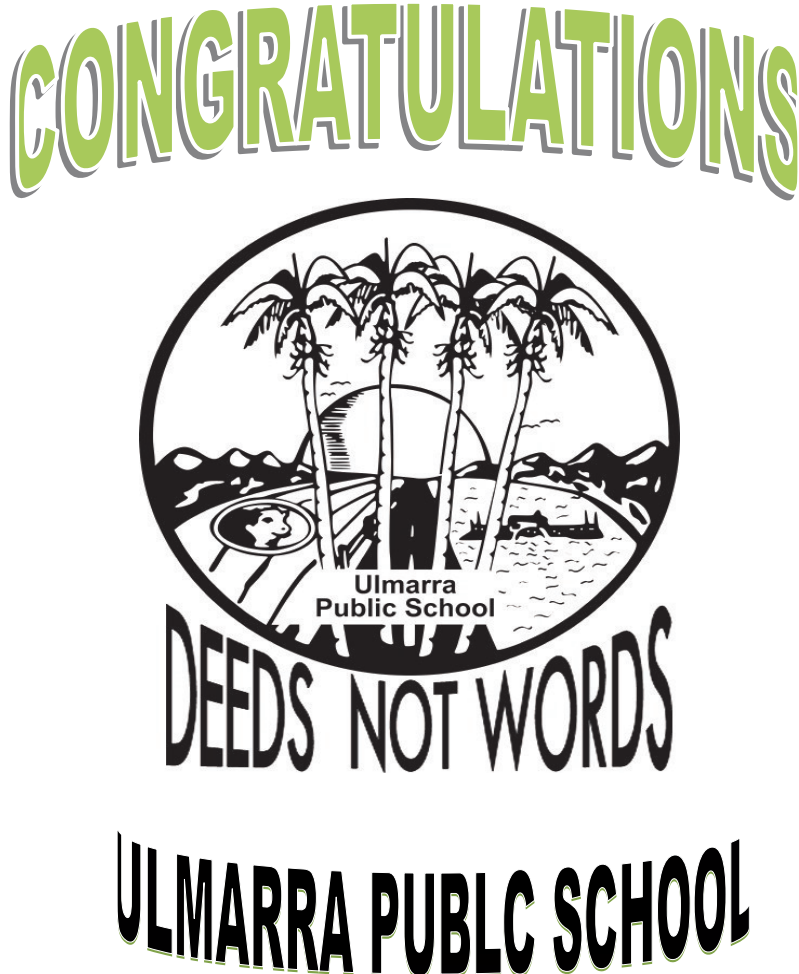
- ◆ Curriculum Planning 2014

Session 3

- ◆ CPR training update

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
December 16th Class Parties 11.00am-12 midday FETE & Raffle Draw 1.30-2.45pm Reports go home	December 17th School Banking NO CANTEEN	December 18th LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	December 19th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	December 20th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	December 21st/22nd
January 27th Australia Day Holiday	January 28th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	January 29th FIRST DAY BACK STUDENTS YEARS 1-6	January 30th NO CANTEEN PLAN Testing Kindergarten—by appointment only	January 31st PLAN Testing Kindergarten—by appointment only	February 1st/2nd
February 3rd FIRST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN Welcome Morning new parents	February 4th NO CANTEEN School Banking ULMARRA & Friends Swimming Carnival Years 1-6 Kinder remain at school	February 5th	February 6th FIRST DAY FOR CANTEEN	February 7th	February 8th/9th

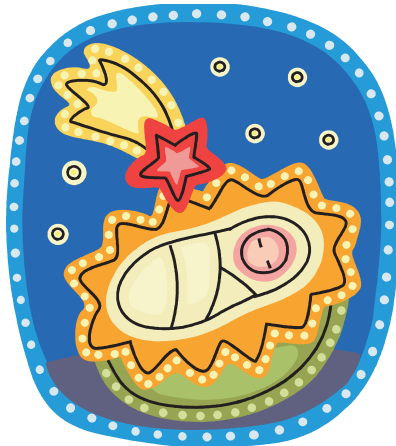
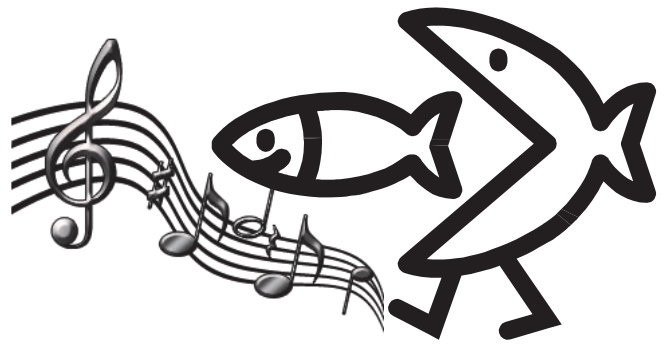
ULMARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS 2013

Grade	Academic Medal	Citizenship Medal	Certificate Academic	Certificate Encouragement
Kinder	Chloe Jefferies Tayla Denem	Amelia Flatley	Sophie Watts	Riley Beattie
Year 1	Jack Leeson	Josslyn Brown	Jack Pigg	Ryan Jefferies
Year 2	Grace Crapp	Lochlan McMullen	Ella Connor	Mitchell Dick
Year 3	Madeline McKeown	Kisha Primorac	Zoe Crapp	Zhanae Whalley
Year 4	Chloe Hallam	Morgan Ensbey	Shaun Marsh	Zachary Polsen
Year 5	Domonic Kennedy	Nick Worley	Marko Primorac	Brayden Croft
Year 6	Rachel Rollings	Timothy Chevalley	Josiah Finlay	Jamie Moore-Sciberras
Nancy Carlton Dux Shield & Trophy donated by Hession Family	Caleb Ensbey			
Citizenship Shield & Medal	Lachlan Ferry			
Resilience Medal	Dayna Wood			
Chris Crawford Shield Donated by Crawford Family	Allan O'Sullivan (Maths)			
Sportsperson Medal	Lauren Ferry			
Fair Play Award	Ryan Dick			
John Sullivan Writers Award Donated by Sullivan Family	Emily Watts			
Perfect Attendance 2013 Donated by Short Family	Morgan Ensbey Caleb Ensbey Domonic Kennedy			



LITTLE FISH SCHOOL OF ROCK 2014

Little Fish School of Rock have had a great year at Ulmarra Public School and are pleased to announce they will be returning in 2014. Lessons are available in Vocals, Guitar and Keyboard and are student centred, offering each child an understanding in music theory and practice with a contemporary approach. Places are available with expressions of interest from new and returning students welcome. Please contact the office or email brettles54@hotmail.com. See you all again in the New Year.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

The P&C is running its annual Christmas Hamper Raffle. Thank you to those generous souls who have donated non perishable items to the cause. The hamper is looking very inviting! Please send in your raffle tickets and money by Monday morning as the raffle will be drawn at the Fete.

A BEGINNERS' COMPUTER COURSE AT MACLEAN TAFE

Learn basic computer skills in word processing, email, using the internet for yourself and keeping up-to-date with new technology. This could be beneficial to you for work, personal use or to help with your child's homework. Courses run for 3 hours on Monday mornings from February 2014. There is a \$25 course related charge and you will receive a USB. Call the campus on 6603 5000 for details and an application form.



READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

KIK MESSENGER

Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week.

Find out what it is: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7woF/5353/Kik+messenger

Why cyber safety experts are concerned: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

TEACH YOUR KIDS TO BE WATERPROOF

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>



Calamity Airlines



Lake Ainsworth







Year 6 Graduation

