



► **CURRICULUM & TRAINING**
Staff has trained in Asthma Awareness, Child Protection, the New National Curriculum and Anaphylaxis. The Leader in Me self paced training undertaken by staff over the holidays.



► **SPORT**
Ulmarra Small Schools Swimming Carnival at The Grafton Pool.



► **INNOVATION**
7 Habits of Highly Effective People leads prepares our children for success in the 21Century—the



► **COMMUNITY**
We set a date for our first visit to Rathgar for the year.

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NEWSLETTER 2013

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Term 1 Week 3 Friday, 15th February 2013

STUDENTS ARE SETTLED AND LEARNING IS HAPPENING!

Thanks to the magic combination of the Transition to School Program, supportive families and great teachers, we are off to a fantastic start to 2013 at Ulmarra Public! Students, old and new, from Kindergarten to year 6 have taken on new routines and the responsibility for their learning very quickly.

In the first week back at school we held a family sausage sizzle to welcome everyone to the new school year and to say thank you to volunteers who assisted during the flood. Many thanks to Mr Chevalley and Holiday Coast Meats for supplying the meat at such a great price.

Swimming carnivals have been held, the Ulmarra School Parliament has been elected and ministerial portfolios assigned. We have held elections for School Captains and Vice Captains and the successful nominees will officially take on their responsibilities after being inducted at this Friday's Assembly. House Meetings will be held to elect House Captains and Vice Captains next week and they will also be inducted at Friday's assembly.

A friendly reminder that Assemblies are now held on Fridays from 11.30 in the library. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,

Sandra Armstrong
Principal

THANK YOU P&C

The stunning scenes from last year's animation, "Doonguun" have been beautifully framed and are ready to be hung in the office for all to admire. Many thanks to our P&C for covering the cost of framing the five large artworks.

THANK YOU KHIARNE

Great to hear from an ex student and even greater to see him or her thinking of others in the community. A letter arrived in the first week of school from Khiarne Slater, now in year 7, with a donation of \$50 to go toward helping the school's flood recovery program. We lost Transition resources when the room was inundated so we will put Khiarne's donation toward new books. Thank you Khiarne!

FAREWELL MR P

Sadly, we bid farewell to Mr Pashkevich this week. Mr P has been volunteering and working at Ulmarra Public for 5 years, most recently as a Quicksmart tutor. Mr P has also assisted many children with

literacy tasks and with social skills and behaviour modification programs. He is also a talented drummer and worked with Mr Reardon and Mrs Hollingworth tutoring the drumming group last year. Mr P has been a very valued member of Team Ulmarra and he will be missed by staff and students. We wish him well in all future ventures.

PAYMENT - STUDENT RESOURCES

Invoices have been sent home for student text books and resources. We appreciate accounts being settled quickly as the school is currently carrying the cost. We distribute text books to all children, prior to parents paying for them so that all children may begin working in their text books at the beginning of the school term. Requests have also been sent home for the annual School Contribution. We have the lowest rate in the Clarence Valley - only \$40 per family. This money is used to purchase paper, paints, pencils, rulers, glue sticks etc. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

The school office does not carry petty cash and therefore cannot provide change, so we rely on families sending in the correct amount of money when paying accounts etc. Once again, our thanks in helping out in this respect.

CLOTHING POOL

We have a clothing pool at school with second hand uniforms for sale at a cost of \$2 per item. Please contact Mrs McSwan in the office if you would like to make a purchase. We are low on small grey shorts for the boys. If you have pre-loved uniforms in good, clean order that your children have grown out of, please send them into school. Many thanks for your generosity.

THANK YOU CIDNEY

Thank you Sidney McCullough for donating a pop corn maker to the canteen. It will certainly be put to good use. What a generous young lady you are.

TEACHERS MUTUAL BANK DONATION

Wendy Welch from the Teachers Mutual Bank presented a cheque for \$100 to the school at our Fete last year. We are most grateful for this donation and will use the funds to purchase resources for the Transition Program.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all competitors who swam at the Ulmarra and Friends Swimming carnival. Champions will be recognised at this Friday's assembly. Many thanks to Mr Reardon and Mrs McSwan for all their skill and effort in organising this event. Best of luck to all students who are continuing on to compete in District and Zone Carnivals.

HELPING KINDY KIDS SUCCEED AT SCHOOL

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

SPEECH PROBLEMS

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

FRIENDSHIPS TO BOOST YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

USE OF ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTORS (EPI PENS)

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis.

Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

THE LEADER IN ME ~ THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Treat a person as they have the potential to become and you make them better than they are.”

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
18th February	19th February Library NO TRANSITION Canteen District Swimming Carnival	20th February	21st February Canteen CAPA Groups Final day for Mr Pashkevich	22nd February Assembly 11.30am Captains' Inductions & Swimming Awards	23rd/24th February
25th February MNC Swimming Carnival	26th February Library NO TRANSITION Canteen P&C AGM 7pm	27th February	28th February Canteen CAPA Groups	1st March	2nd/3rd March
4th March	5th March Library NO TRANSITION Canteen School Nurse visit	6th March NC Swimming Carnival	7th March Canteen CAPA Groups	8th March Assembly 11.30am School Parliament Induction	9th/10th March

There is a leader in us all.

The 7 Habits Tree

AND REMEMBER
TO TAKE CARE
OF YOURSELF

HABIT 7

Sharpen the Saw • *Balance Feels Best*

THEN PLAY WELL
WITH OTHERS

HABIT 6

Synergize • *Together Is Better*

HABIT 5

Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
• *Listen Before You Talk*

HABIT 4

Think Win-Win • *Everyone Can Win*

START WITH YOU

HABIT 3

Put First Things First • *Work First, Then Play*

HABIT 2

Begin with the End in Mind • *Have a Plan*

HABIT 1

Be Proactive • *You're in Charge*

Swimming Carnivals



Ulmarra Sausage Sizzle





The Fete ~ well done Ulmarra entrepreneurs!