



► **CURRICULUM & TRAINING**  
Teachers research resources for *The Leader in Me* and the *7 Habits of Highly Effective Kids*



► **SPORT**  
MNC Swimming Carnival postponed due to floods. Ulmarra children undertake Water safety and rescue training.



► **INNOVATION**  
Stage 3 students delve into the fascinating world of Excel Spreadsheets, Charts and graphs.



► **COMMUNITY**  
Local Ulmarra lads fill sand bags for their community. Ulmarra children living *The 7 Habits!*

# Ulmarra Public School

***Excellence Innovation Opportunity Success***

## NEWSLETTER 2013

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Term 1 Week 5 Friday, 1st March 2013

### A CLOSE SHAVE....

Hopefully we have escaped another inundation. It is a treat to see the odd patch of blue sky of late!

We realise that there are families undergoing significant flood related stress at the moment and we would like to assist if at all possible.

If you are suffering and there is something you feel the school may be able to do to help, please ask.

All calls will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Our school has often been the recipient of the generosity and kindness of its community and we would love to give a little back.

Kind Regards,

*Sandra Armstrong*  
Principal

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW P&C EXECUTIVE

The P&C AGM was well attended this week as we elected our new executive. Congratulations to President, Mr Ken Cowan, Vice President, Mrs Catherine Ensbey, Secretary, Mrs. Tracey Wood, Treasurer, Mrs Michelle Pigg, Canteen Coordinator, Mrs Catherine Ensbey and Fundraising Coordinator, Mrs Susan Polsen. What a sterling team!! We are extremely fortunate to have such wisdom, enthusiasm and talent on our executive. Also thank you and congratulations to outgoing President, Mrs Carmel Small and Secretary, Mrs Susan Polsen. Both ladies have excelled in their roles and the school is a better place for their leadership and initiative.

### 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 them at the beginning of the school term. 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. Many thanks.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Each year all public schools ask families for a voluntary contribution

to help cover costs of student resources. This money goes toward the purchasing of pencils, computer and printer consumables, workbooks, paints, paper, rulers, pens etc—items that all students use. The contribution we request of \$40 per family, is amongst the lowest across all schools in NSW. This equates to less than a dollar per week if you have only one child and as little as 25cents per week per child for larger families. Mrs McSwan can work out a payment plan for families to make payment less burdensome. Thank you for your support in paying this contribution. We do really need it.

### STAGE 3 SYDNEY EXCURSION

Green Level Students in years 5 & 6 will experience an amazing trip to Sydney this year from the 11th to the 15th November. Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Armstrong are very excited about heading south. It will be the 5th Ulmarra—Sydney excursion for Mrs Armstrong and the novelty never wears off! We are currently finalising the itinerary and cost. Notes will go home shortly with all final details

### LYSSAVIRUS

Anyone who comes into contact with an injured bat should contact the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 1300 130 372, or the RSPCA on 1300-ANIMAL.

- For further information, please phone the 13 HEALTH information line (13 43 25 84).
- ENDS

### EASTER RAFFLES

The P&C is looking for donations of chocolate Easter Eggs for this year's raffles to be drawn on Monday 25th March at the school at 2.50pm. Please send along your donations to the school office. Many thanks.

### CLASSES

From Monday, Kindergarten students will move back into the Kinder room with Mrs Kowal. What a lovely group of only 12 students! Excellent learning conditions. Thanks to Mrs Conyard and Mrs Kowal, our Kinders are already thriving and there has been much learning going on.

Mrs Conyard and her students will now have more room to spread their wings in her 1/2 class. I know Mrs Conyard will miss her Kinders but I'm sure they will visit down the corridor from time to time.

## INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

### SCHOOL KIDS BONUS

The first instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus has recently been paid to approximately 1.2 million families to help lighten the load of back-to-school costs.

### HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies, text books and school voluntary contributions. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school voluntary contributions or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting [australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

### MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLES

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>

Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

### ALL ABOUT APOSTROPHES

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership)

## THE LEADER IN ME ~ THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

***Remember, the difference between a boss and a leader... a boss say "Go". A leaders say "Let's go".***

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
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
11th March	12th March Library NO TRANSITION Canteen	13th March Maclean High School Transition Day	14th March Canteen CAPA Groups	15th March	16th/17th
18th March	19th March Library NO TRANSITION Canteen P&C Meeting 7pm	20th March	21st March Canteen CAPA Groups	22nd March Assembly 11.30am Spotlight on 3/4R	23rd/24th March

*There is a leader in us all.*

# ULMARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## PARLIAMENT

2013

### MADAM PRIME MINISTER

Aila Radford

### MISTER PRIME MINISTER

Caleb Ensbey

### MINISTERS FOR EDUCATION

Rachel Rollings, Sophie Wright, Thomas Gilmore

### MINISTERS FOR HEALTH & CANTEEN

Aila Radford, Sophie Wright, Maddison Rake

### MINISTERS FOR SPORT

Jake Mickleson, John White, Marko Primorac -Terms 1 & 3

Caleb Ensbey, Lachlan Ferry, Stanko Primorac -Terms 2 & 4

### MINISTERS FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Brayden Croft, Blade Walker

### MINISTERS FOR THE ARTS

Cidney McCullough, Dayna Wood

### MINISTERS FOR FUNCTIONS

Noah Smith, James Chevalley, Thomas Gilmore

Cidney McCullough, Maddison Rake, Zoe Wright

### MINISTERS FOR WELFARE

Stanko Primorac, Joey Finlay, Jamie More-Sciberras, Tim Chevalley

### MINISTERS FOR LIBRARY

Kirstian Riddell, Dayna Wood, Nick Worley, Caleb Ensbey

### MINISTERS FOR RECYCLING

Colby McIlveen, Domonic Kennedy

### MINISTERS FOR SCIENCE

Lachlan Ferry, Domonic Kennedy, William Paul

May you generate positive change in our school through inspiration, innovation and negotiation.

Congratulations to all Ulmarra Public School Leaders.

School Captains

Aila Radford & Caleb Ensbey

School Vice Captains

Kirstian Riddell & Stanko Primorac

Firth House

Rachel Rollings & Caleb Ensbey -Captains

Dayna Wood & Jamie Moore-Sciberras-Vice Captains

Holland House

Kirstian Riddell & Tim Chevalley-Captains

Cidney Mccullough & James Chevalley-Vice Captains

Small House

Noah Smith & Aila Radford-Captains

Maddison Rake & Stanko Primorac-Vice Captains

May you fulfil your roles with honesty, integrity and good intent.

Stay true, noble and strong of character.

Remember our school motto,

“Deeds, Not Words”

&

follow the habits

1. Be proactive-you're in charge
2. Begin with the end in mind-have a plan
3. Put first things first-work first, then play
4. Think win-win-find a solution where everyone can win
5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood-listen before you talk
6. Synergize-together is better
7. Sharpen the saw-balance feels best



For the fridge door...

## 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

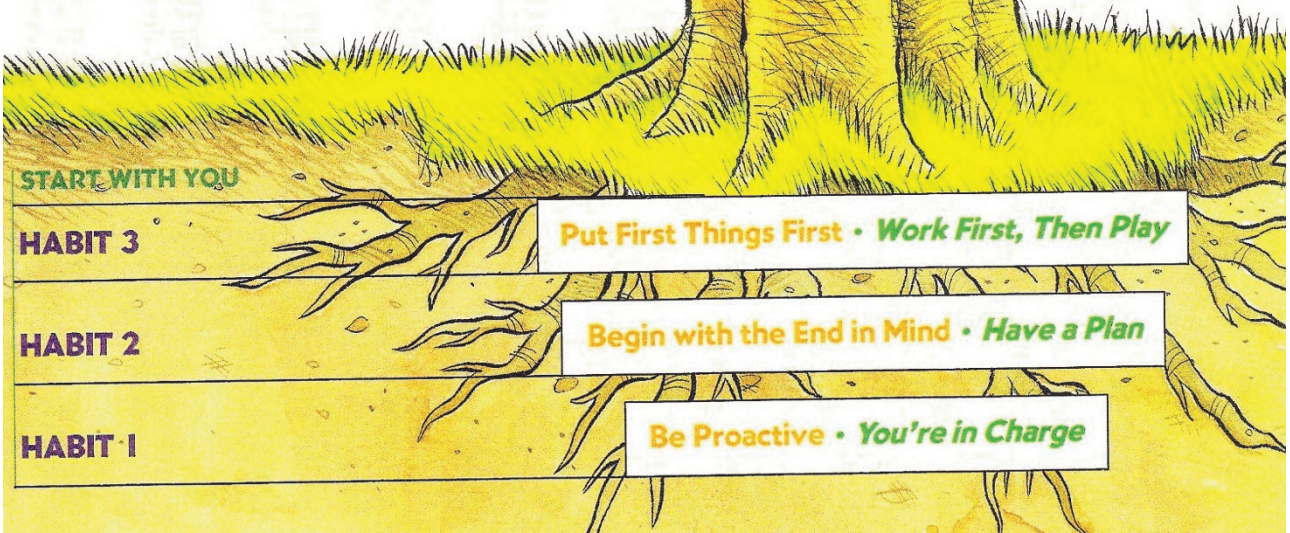
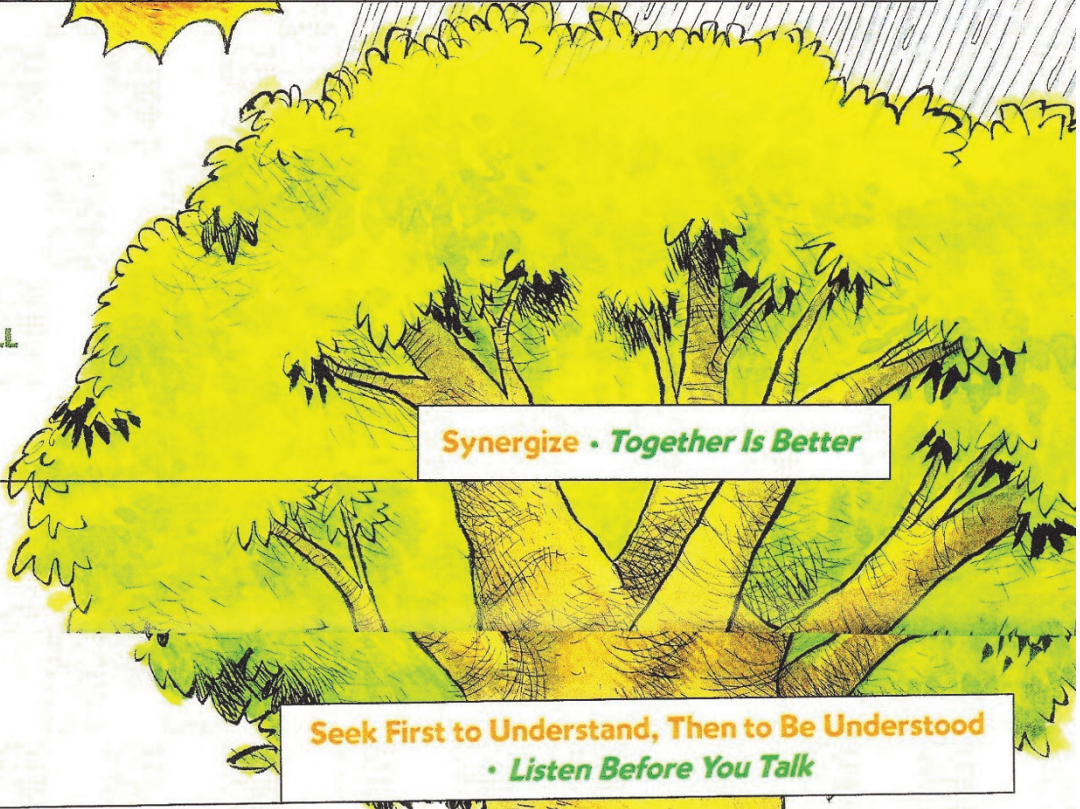
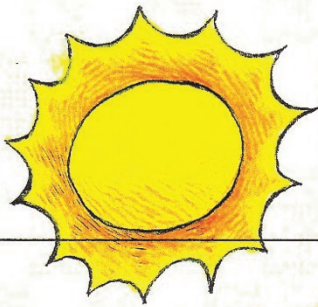
Put First Things First • Work First, Then Play

HABIT 2

Begin with the End in Mind • Have a Plan

HABIT 1

Be Proactive • You're in Charge







Water Safety & Rescue