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# Ulmarra Public School

***Excellence Innovation Opportunity Success***

## NEWSLETTER 2013

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Term 1 Week 9 Thursday, 28th March 2013

### SAD NEWS

On Wednesday of next week, Mrs Julie Campbell, her family and friends, will farewell Julie's husband, Steve who sadly passed away after a long illness yesterday.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Julie and her family at this very sad time.

As Ulmarra School staff members wish to attend the funeral to be held in Yamba, we are asking that children be picked up from school by 2.30pm, if at all possible next Wednesday. We realise that this may be difficult and understand if it is not possible.

Please call the school if you are unable to assist and we will ensure your child is cared for.

Our thoughts and prayers also go to the Jefferies, Denem and Dick families for their recent bereavements.

Sincerely,

*Sandra Armstrong*

Principal

### NOT END OF TERM JUST YET!

Easter has come early this year and although the two events usually coincide, the end of school term is not for another two weeks. I have had a few "happy holiday" wishes from students believing that today is the end of term. I like their optimism!

### CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUNDRAISER

Well done to Stanko, Tim and Joey our Ministers for Welfare, who organized a Crazy Hair Day to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis today. Children enjoyed the opportunity to create some amazing styles and donate to a worthy cause at the same time.

Our trip to Rathgar was so very enjoyable. The children paraded some truly incredible hats

### HEADPHONES

We have excellent headphones for sale at the school for use by students when using the computer. Many educational sites that students access at Ulmarra (Reading Eggs and Mathletics for example) require a sound output. As you would imagine, 25 children using computers at the same time with the volume on makes for a very noisy and hard to concentrate in learning space. All children should have their own set of headphones that they keep at school in a plastic zip lock bag. Children must have their own set due to health and safety regulations.

Please ensure your child has a headphone set labelled with his or her name they can keep in a plastic lunch style bag at school. School sets are available from the office for \$7. Mrs McSwan labels these on purchase with your child's name and places them in a zip lock bag.

### WHAT DAYS WOULD YOU LIKE OUR CANTEEN TO OPEN & WHEN IS THE BEST NIGHT TO HOLD A P&C MEETING?

Canteen Coordinator, Mrs Ensbey, is keen to open the canteen on the days that best suit our families. To gather an accurate indication of family needs, the school will be conducting a telephone survey over the coming weeks. You will also be asked about the preferred night of the week for P&C meetings.

You will be contacted by an Ulmarra P.S. staff member who will ask you a few simple questions:

1. What are your preferred two days for the canteen to open?
2. What is your preferred night to attend a P&C meeting?

Please give these questions some thought so that when the call comes you have well considered responses.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation in this matter.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 9th April. All students are to be in full school uniform. Photo envelopes were sent home last week with each student. If your child did not get their photo envelope please contact the school office on 66445266. Envelopes are also available from the office for family photos and group photos eg Captains and Sports Captains. All envelopes must be returned to school by Friday 5/4/13.

### HEAD LICE

There has been an outbreak of head lice in our school. As head lice can be extremely contagious we are asking all parents to inspect their child's hair and treat if necessary.

The following signs could indicate the presence of head lice:

- The child scratching his/her head excessively
- Fine black powder or pale coloured material on pillows
- Signs of nits (eggs) close to the hair roots
- Lice: small white or greyish parasites the approximately size of a pin head

Head lice are a common problem in all schools and with vigilance from all families it can be kept under control.

### ANZAC SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our ANZAC school assembly will be held at school on the last day of term, Friday 12th April at 11.30am. All welcome.

## INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

### UPDATE YOUR DETAILS PLEASE

Please ensure you update the office immediately if you have a change to your contact details. If we need to get in touch with a family in an emergency, it is essential that our records are correct.

### SKORT SALE \$5 EACH

The following skorts are available from the school at below cost price:

**Size 8** -10 available,

**Size 10** -19available,

**Size 12** -11available,

**Size 14** -12available.

There are also 5 **Size 10** track pants that match the Ulmarra Jackets

### CANTEEN NEWS

**Survey** Suggestions have been made to open the Canteen on a Friday. So that we can meet the majority of needs. As mentioned, a telephone survey will be conducted by a staff member. A choice will be offered of which two days would suit your family for the canteen to open. (It maybe, that the Days will stay as they are.)

**Menu.** There will be meat pies and sausage rolls, homemade soup with dinner roll and nachos on the menu for terms 2 & 3. A price list will be sent out at the end of term 1. Any suggestions for menu items are welcome.

**Thank you** to all who support the Great Ulmarra Bite. Our canteen functions well with Mothers and Nana's volunteering their time to work their rostered days. Thank you everyone for your help. Anyone interested in being placed on the roster please contact Catherine on 6647 6456. New people are always welcome and you choose how often you work, weekly, fortnightly, every three weeks or monthly.

Autumn 2013

# kids'

## holiday workshops

at grafton regional gallery

**10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm Thursday 18 April**

### **Bird Origami**

with Hiroko Carlsson

Learn how to make the classic crane right up to some advanced bird patterns with Japanese artist Hiroko Carlsson

**\$16.50 per participant Includes all materials for kids 7-12 years**

**Pre-paid bookings essential 6642 3177**

### **Origami Activity Station**

If you can't make it to Hiroko's workshop visit the Origami Station anytime you visit. Easy to advanced challenges.

**Free after gallery entry by donation**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
1st April EASTER MONDAY	2nd April Library NO TRANSITION Canteen	3rd April Rural Fire Service Talk	4th April Canteen CAPA Groups Soccer Gala day	5th April Cross Country 9am Assembly Midday Spotlight on 1/2C	6th/7th April
8th April	9th April School Photos 9am. Library Canteen	10th April  LAST DAY FOR MR. NETHERCOTT Lake Ainsworth \$50 deposit due.	11th April Canteen CAPA Groups	12th April ANZAC Assembly 11.30am  LAST DAY OF TERM 1	13th/14th April
29th April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	30th April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	1st May  FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS	2nd May  Canteen CAPA Groups	3rd May  Small Schools Cross Country at netball courts Grafton	4th/5th May

Don't count the days. Make the days count



# Hat Parade

