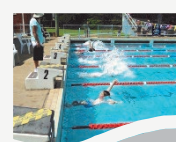




► **CURRICULUM & TRAINING**
Two Staff Development Days at the beginning of Term 2 focus on the new English Syllabus.



► **SPORT**
Small Schools Cross Country on the way.



► **INNOVATION**
Farewell Mr. N and welcome to our new ICT recruits, Mr Reardon and Mrs Conyard.



► **COMMUNITY**
Students will march at the Ulmarra ANZAC Service. Mr McFarlane joins Ulmarra P.S. for our school Anzac Service.

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Term 1 Week 11 Friday, 12th April 2013

FAREWELL MR. N.

This week we farewelled Mr. Don Nethercott, known to our children as Mr N. Don retired from his position as head teacher of ICT in the ACT 12 years ago and headed for the peace, quiet and fishing of the NSW North Coast. A mind like Don's did not take well to idleness though, and he quickly began teaching at Clarence Valley schools.

Don is not only highly intelligent and creative, he is also very fussy about where he works. Only two schools were up to scratch—Harwood Island and Ulmarra, so 12 years ago, Mr. N. joined the HIPS & UPS teams. In that time, Mr. N. has taken the school from chalkboard to interactive whiteboard during a period in education which has seen a massive change in the use of ICT in the classroom.

Mr. N.'s vision for our school was quickly realised and UPS now has one of the best ICT infrastructures in the public school system. You only have to listen to comments from visiting teachers to understand how good our kids have it and how skilled they are in 21st century learning. The high school teachers certainly notice the difference.

Last week, the School Photographers were given keys to set up for the day in our ICT lab. The first door they opened was Mrs Conyard's room and, seeing "all the computers" they decided that that was the ICT Lab. They got a shock when they looked next door!

Thanks to Mr. N. we have a system fully functional on average 98% of the year which is astounding. Mr. N. has regularly given up his time, unpaid, on weekends and school holidays to ensure our system is at optimal performance. In fact, he will be at school next Monday, first day of the school holidays, to oversee cabling work being done at the school.

Mr. N. has had a brilliant career and we thank him for all he's done for UPS and wish him a very happy retirement.

Regards,
Sandra Armstrong
Principal

TRANSITION UP AND READY TO GO!

Thanks to the generous donation from the St George Bank and the hard work of builder Mr. David Bale and his team, our revamped Transition room will be ready for small feet and big smiles on Tuesday, 7th May. We now have new carpet, lino, cupboards and storage space and the room will be able to better accommodate the children and the resources used by Ms. Cowan and Mrs. Armstrong. Lawrie has moved the blackboard outside under the awning so that children have a dedicated drawing and painting space and Mr. Cowan has kindly offered to repaint inside the room during the holidays.

A note has gone home today to Transition parents with more detail about the program.

ANZAC DAY ULMARRA SERVICE

Each year on ANZAC Day, our students dress in full school uniform including hat and assemble in front of the Ulmarra Newsagency at

10.30am to march behind our school banner as part of the ANZAC parade. This year students are asked to meet Ms. Cowan at the Newsagency where she will be assisted by Mrs. Moran in organising students to march. School Captain Aila and School Vice Captain, Stanko will carry the banner and Marko will read the Prayer of Thanksgiving. Ms Cowan will choose students to lay wreaths on the morning. Many thanks to parents who are able to accompany their children to this important occasion. Unfortunately, Ulmarra staff are all out of town on ANZAC Day and unable to attend.

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

The survey has been completed and the results compiled.

The Survey asked the following two 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?

Responses were:-

	CANTEEN	P&C
MONDAY	3	5
TUESDAY	24	9
WEDNESDAY	3	8
THURSDAY	21	3
FRIDAY	9	2
ANY	39	10
CAN'T/DON'T ATTEND	0	7
NOT EVENINGS	0	5

Many thanks for your support in this survey.

FAREWELL & THANK YOU MR WOOLRIDGE & WELCOME BACK MRS CONNOR

Our Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Connor, returns from leave next term and Library will be held on Mondays for Terms 2 and 3. Many thanks to Mr. Woolridge for the wonderful job he did as Ulmarra TL during first term and all his work creating and maintain the UPS Moodle. He will be missed.

THANK YOU FROM MRS CAMPBELL

Mrs Campbell would like to thank the Ulmarra school community for its kind thoughts and support in her time of grieving. She was so grateful and appreciative of parents and carers who collected their children early the day of Steve's funeral allowing all Ulmarra staff to attend. What a

PARENTING TIPS FROM MICHAEL GROSE

Visual Communication

A True Story

“A mum told me recently how her husband handled a sticky sibling situation with special aplomb!

It seems Miss 6 was arguing with, and generally being unpleasant to, Master 4 year old. Rather than issuing a stern warning, or talk to his daughter about ‘being nice to your brother’ this smart dad sat his daughter down in front of their Wall Decal (*special words and messages stuck on a wall*) that he’d just put on the living room (check out the accompanying picture). He pointed to the words **“GIGGLE and be silly”** and asked Miss 6 to read them out, which she did. Dad reminded her that she hadn’t been acting like this with her brother. Miss 6 went back to her brother and began playing properly (i.e nicely). It was a remarkable change.

What happened?

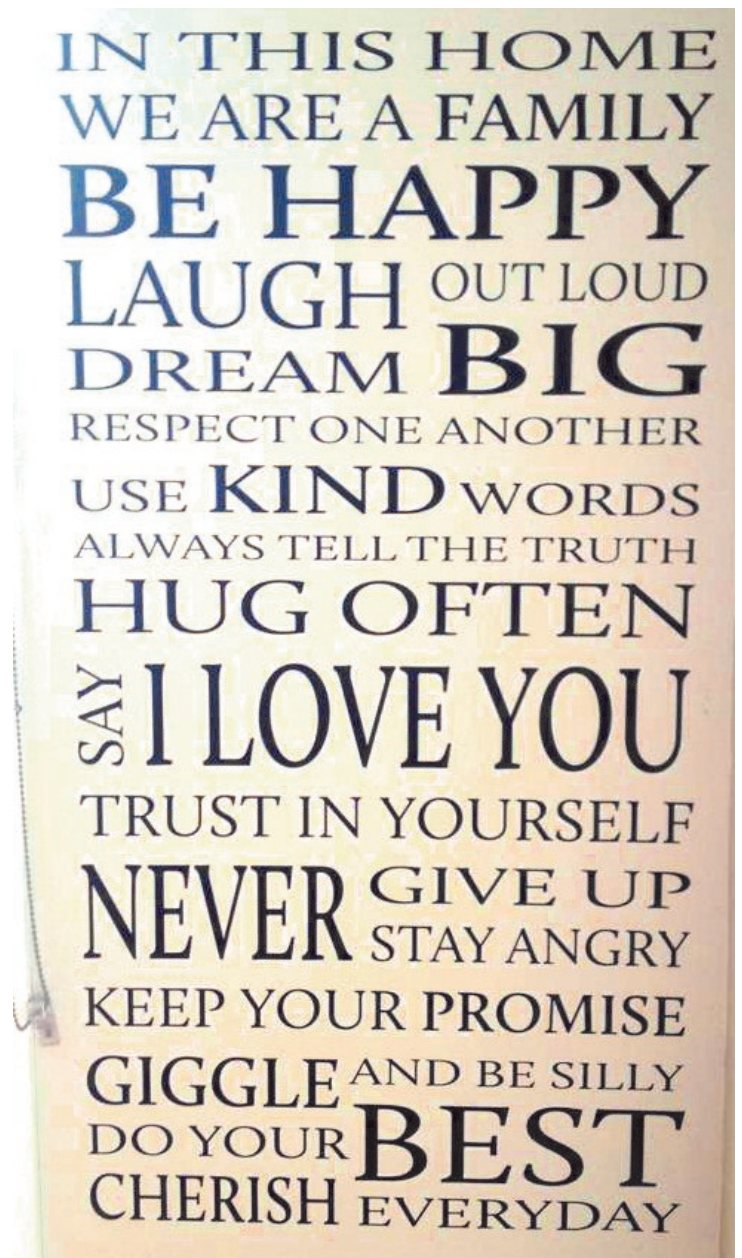
Most homes are highly verbal places. We tend to do most of our managing and motivating of kids verbally. But there are times that we need to go visual to communicate to kids. This smart dad used visual prop to communicate with his daughter.

Here are some other examples of visual communication:

- **Help Rosters:** It’s the roster rather than you that does the reminding.
- **To do lists:** Puts things in order for kids.
- **Morning routine in pictures or photographs** (Maximum of 5 activities): Helps kids to sequence activities.
- **Jobs list:** Want kids to help in a busy patch? Then write all the jobs that need doing on a board and ask kids to do them if they can, and tick them off when they are done.
- **A wink is as good as a nod:** Teachers intuitively know how to praise kids with a smile or tick them off with a look. You can save your voice yet manage and motivate your kids in the same way.

There are lots of ways of communicating visually with your kids. You just need to develop the visual communication mindset and be open to opportunities to communicate in this way.

Start looking for ways to communicate with pictures, lists, your face, your hands.....anything that’s respectful to kids and saves your voice.”



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
29th April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Pupil Free Day	30th April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Pupil Free 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
6th May Library Mothers' Day Stall and Raffle Draw	7th May First day for Transition 2013 Banking Canteen	8th May \$50 Sydney excursion payment due	9th May Canteen CAPA Groups Covey 7 Habits Course at UPS	10th May Covey 7 Habits Course at UPS District Cross Country	11th/12th May Mothers' Day Covey 7 Habits Course at UPS
13th May Library	14th May NAPLAN Language & Writing Yrs 3 & 5 Transition Banking Canteen Book Mobile	15th May NAPLAN Reading Yrs 3 & 5	16th May NAPLAN Maths Yrs 3 & 5 Canteen CAPA Groups	17th May Chicken Soup Day Yr 6 fundraiser	18th/19th May

Storms make oak trees grow strong roots.



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