



# Ulmarra Public School

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## NEWSLETTER 2014

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Term 4 Week 4 Thursday 30th October,  
2014.

DEEDS NOT WORDS.

### Principal's Message

Last week I attended the Australian Primary Principals Association Conference in Sydney along with 1000 other principals from around Australia. It was very enlightening with many ideas for future planning and classroom ideas. Inspirational speakers highlighted the conference but none more than John Maclean. John's life story as a paraplegic after being hit by a truck 25 years ago and 'You can do it' attitude, is purely inspirational and I recommend looking at his web site and Youtube clips to see just how inspiring he is.

The senior students were in awe as we watched a short rendition of his life and could not stop talking about him and what he has achieved. Be inspired!

*Ness Cavanagh*

Principal

### Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken for 2015. Please contact the school for more information.

### Big Banana Excursion

Transition, K, 1 and 2 visited Coffs Harbour's Big Banana last Tuesday. The children toured the banana plantation and learnt about the banana industry. They then had a great time in the water park.



### Footsteps

The children had dance lessons from Footsteps Dance Company last week. It was wonderful to see so many children having a fun time dancing and joining together.

### Grandparents Day

What a wonderful turn out of families for our picnic morning tea and Kinder Assembly. It's always nice to see the different generations of families joining together to celebrate in our children's learning and activities.



### NRL Football Clinics

Wazza, an NRL Football development officer has been giving football lessons to yrs 3-6 this week. At the end of his program all the children will be given a football each. Thank you NRL.

### Kinder 2015

Mrs Campbell is taking leave during first term 2015. Ms Munns has accepted the position of Kindergarten teacher during this time.

### Long Service Leave

I will be on Leave from the 31st October to the 14th November. Mr Jye Reardon will be Relieving Principal in my absence and Mrs Kate Edwards will be taking the 5/6 class.

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we work on; the Yaegl and Gumbaynggirr people.*

## Thought for the Week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
<b>3rd November</b> 3-6 Camp Adventure Land Foster	<b>4th November</b> 3-6 Camp Adventure Land Foster	<b>5th November</b> 3-6 Camp Adventure Land Foster	<b>6th November</b>	<b>7th November</b>  1/2 Assembly 11:30 Library	<b>8th/9th Nov</b>
<b>10th November</b>	<b>11th November</b>  Remembrance Day Ceremony	<b>12th November</b>	<b>13th November</b>	<b>14th November</b>	<b>15th/16th Nov</b>
<b>17th Nov</b>	<b>18th November</b> Kinder Orientation 9:15-11	<b>19th November</b>	<b>20th November</b>	<b>21st November</b>	<b>22nd/23rd Nov</b>

### ULMARRA P&C

#### Mega Meat Raffle

The Mega Meat Madness Raffle will be drawn in November this year. If you would like more tickets please see Mrs McSwan in the office.

#### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school library on Tuesday 2nd December at 5:30. Please join us!

#### Carols by Candlelight Christmas Concert

Preparation for the Carols by Candlelight Christmas Concert is now underway with students practicing for different items. The event will be held on Friday 5th December from 5pm in the school grounds.

### Canteen NEWS

Please contact Catherine Ensbey if you are thinking about taking on the canteen managers role in 2015.

### Leaders Speeches

Year 5 will be presenting speeches to their peers on Thursday 27th November if they wish to be a school leader in 2015. Children in Years K-5 will then vote for who they believe will be the best leaders. Four leaders will be given positions which will be announced at Presentation Day. The roles of Captains and Vice Captains from those leaders will be announced in 2015 at a special induction ceremony. The four leaders may not necessarily be 2 girls and 2 boys.

### Music Lessons 2015

Next year we will be offering individual and group music lessons through the Clarence Valley Conservatorium of Music. Tutors will come to school and students will access lessons during class time. A flyer will go out to all students soon.

## River to Sea - Transition to School

During week 3 we had Mrs Hamilton with us and Miss Cowan completed self-portraits with the students. We used water-colours and crayons to make the portraits. We also completed yellow activities and banana activities. Our vegetable and flower garden is going really well.

This week we had our excursion to The Big Banana with Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2. The children had a great time and Miss Cowan enjoyed the slides also. The banana talk was very informative and we all enjoyed the banana hat!!!



*The Big Banana and Waterslide Park*

*28th October 2014*



### **Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016**

If your child is thinking of attending a selective high school in 2016 applications are open between 14 October 2014 and 17 November 2014. Parents must apply online at **[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)**

### **Ulmarra Public School Website and Blog Site**

Don't forget to look at our school website. Photos and stories are changing regularly.

<http://www.ulmarra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

We have started a school blog which will showcase class and student activities. It is under ICT /School Blog on our website. We've already had visitors from across the world. If you visit our site please make a comment. To access the blog with out going through the website go to the following address.

<http://ulmarrapublicschool.edublogs.org/>

### **Newsletter Going Green**

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email instead of a paper copy (to help save the trees) please let Mrs McSwan know in the office and she will put you on our mailing list.

Did you know: 1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, 3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water





## Kindergarten News



Kindergarten prepare for their assembly item.



Brydie shows us Mopsy and Bridgette shows us Flopsy.

## Gillwinga Travelling School Band 17th October 2014







# *Grandparents Morning Tea*

24th October  
2014

