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Term 1 Week 2 Wednesday, 5th February

Principal's Message

Thank you again for the support I have received since beginning at Ulmarra School. Barbeques, morning teas, I can see I am going to have to watch my calorie intake over the next few weeks. It was great to see Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Conyard back at the school for the informal get together. Thanks also to the P&C for arranging and putting the Barbeque on. I was also greatly impressed with the wonderful staff at Ulmarra Public for their attendance on a Friday afternoon. Thank you to one and all!

This term, the school will be issuing a newsletter once per week, on the Tuesday of the week. Most notes and any other information that needs to go home will be sent out with the newsletter on that Tuesday. There of course will be occasions when we will need to issue further information throughout the week however we hope to keep this to a minimum. This week the newsletter has been issued on Wednesday due to the swimming carnival being held on the Tuesday.

During the first day of last week the staff completed their compulsory training in a number of areas and are now able to concentrate on their teaching programs.

Next Wednesday the 12th of February is the day when the school has to notify the department of their enrolments. The formula used by the department is rigid and at the moment we are at risk of losing a teacher. If you are aware of any students within the community who may be looking at enrolling, could you ask them to make an appointment to see me at the school.

Regards

Greg Eather

Swimming Carnivals.

Our Ulmarra and friends swimming carnival has just been held and we look forward to the successful students moving through the small schools carnival which will be held next Friday the 14th of February. I am aware there are a number of talented athletes within the school and I look forward to following their progress. After the small schools carnival, the district carnival will be held the following Friday the 21st of February.

Clothing Pool

A clothing pool with second hand uniforms for sale is available at the school at a cost of \$2 per item. Please contact Mrs McSwan in the office if you would like to make a purchase. If there is anyone who has pre loved uniforms in good, clean order that are now not being used, please send them to the office. Many thanks for your generosity in this matter.

Best Start

Best Start initial assessments have been completed and the new kindergarten students have started school with great enthusiasm. What a wonderful group of young girls and boys they are. We have been working hard this week to ensure the school routines become as familiar to them as quickly as possible.

Updated Details

Another reminder to make sure your details are up to date on our school records. This is vital information that the school must have in the very rare cases of emergencies.

Assemblies 2014

Last week the newsletter stated that the first assembly to induct the school leaders would be on Friday the 21st of February. Unfortunately this will clash with the district swimming carnival. As we expect a number of students to move through to this carnival we may have to postpone the first assembly until the following week the 28th of February. We will notify you once we find out about numbers for the district carnival. We would not like to see any elected leader miss out.

Choosing school shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Year 5/6E teacher for Tuesdays

Unfortunately Ms Anderson will be unable to take up the role of relief teacher on a Tuesday for the Year 5/6E class. Mrs Edwards, a talented teacher who I worked with at Palmers Island Public School, has agreed to take up this important role. Students will meet Mrs Edwards next Tuesday for the first time.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
3rd February Kindergarten first full day	4th February Ulmarra and Friends Swimming Carnival Grafton Pool All students to attend	5th February	6th February Canteen Starts	7th February	8th/9th February
10th February	11th February Library Canteen School Banking	12th February	13th February Canteen	14th February Small Schools Swimming Carnival Grafton Pool (Selected students only)	15th/16th February
17th February	18th February Canteen School Banking	19th February	20th February Canteen	21st February District Swimming Carnival	22nd/23rd February



Elora running to class with great enthusiasm.



Presenting the 2014 Kindergarten class
at Ulmarra Public School.



Rhys casually waiting for his
first day of class.

Ulmarra Public School's new shade cover and sandpit cover with thanks to our wonderful P&C.



Kindergarten Best Start; "This is too easy, have you got anything harder?" asks Flynn.

Ulmarra Public School and Friends Swimming Carnival.

Thank you Mr Reardon!

