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Term 2 Week 1 Wednesday 30th May 2014

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2. As usual, we are off to a busy start and the pace looks like being maintained for the coming weeks. Please mark all new dates on your calendar and keep an eye out for notes sent home.

It was with great pride that new staff members Mr Anderson and Ms Munns, Mrs Kowal, Ms Cowan and I attended the Ulmarra ANZAC service and marched with 32 of our students. Thank you to all those children and their families who attended what was a very moving service.

Numbers of attendees at ANZAC Day Services around Australia are on the increase and it is heartening to see this trend also in our local community.

Students also collected nearly \$400 dollars for our friends at Rathgar Village on ANZAC Day. Great work Ulmarra.

Jye Reardon

New Mathematics Syllabus

This year, schools and their teachers are familiarising themselves with the New English Syllabus as part of the Australian Curriculum 2015 implementation. As stage one of the process, teachers from Ulmarra, Cowper, Lawrence, Wooli and Tucabia met at Cowper last Monday for a day of professional learning.

On Tuesday, Ulmarra teachers planned for audits of the Ulmarra Mathematics Scope & Sequences, classroom programming and Mathematics resources. Once this process is complete, an Action Plan for the 2015 implementation will be developed. Ulmarra staff are right on track with the Australian Curriculum and we look forward to the extra benefits it will provide our teachers and students.

Cross Country

The District Cross Country will be held this Friday at Westward Park Netball courts in Grafton. All students who were to attend the Small School Cross Country are eligible to attend. Be aware that parking will be limited and this is a

much more formal event than our Small Schools Cross Country. In the event of rain, please listen to 2GF from 7am on for notification of postponement.

Be on time and make the most of classroom opportunities

All student attendance is now electronically recorded on the Department of Education and Communities database. Students who arrive late for school are recorded as partial absences even if they are only 10 minutes. Please ensure that your children arrive on time (by 9.15am) every day. The morning session is the most important one in the school's academic day and teaching and learning begins as soon as children enter the room. Regular attendance is very important. Frequent lateness and absences have a negative effect on student learning. Your child will benefit from your commitment.

Reward Day

On the last day of Term One we had our reward day for all students who held Green Level or higher of the behavior code for the whole term. Students thoroughly enjoyed the YouTube clips which staff and students had selected. We are aiming for 100 percent attendance for this term's reward.

Assembly

Next Friday, 9th May will be our Mother's Day Assembly. Spotlight will be on Kindergarten. Parents/Carers are invited to arrive early to have recess with the children at 11am.

Mother's Day Stall

Donations for the Mother's Day stall would be gratefully appreciated. Students really enjoy the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mums. The stall will be run Friday 9th May. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your support.

Covey Thought of the Week

“Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships.”

— [Stephen R. Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change*](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
28th April Staff Professional Development Day	29th April Students Return Canteen School Banking	30th April Nude Food	1st May Canteen MNC Rugby Trials	2nd May Clarence District Cross Country	3/4th May
5th May	6th May Canteen School Banking	7th May Nude Food	8th May Canteen	9th May Assembly Spotlight KC Mother's Day stall	10/11th May
12th May	13th May Canteen NAPLAN– Language conventions and writing School Banking	14th May Nude Food NAPLAN– Reading	15th May Canteen NAPLAN– Numeracy	16th May	17/18th May

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

ANZAC DAY



Easter Hat Parade at Rathgar Village

