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Term 3 Week 9 Thursday 11th September,
2014.

DEEDS NOT WORDS.

Principal's Message

At the beginning of the term I looked at the calendar and thought what a great term to start at Ulmarra PS with only a small amount on. How wrong I was! Transition started every Tuesday and what a welcome their happy faces are each week. We were involved in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival, Clarence District Athletics Carnival, Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival and North Coast Athletics Carnival with students representing at every level. Special mention must go to the Junior Girls Relay Team who made it to North Coast. We were involved in a Travelling Science Show, SGHS Science Fair, Responsible Pets Show, Teddy Bear's Picnic at Rathgar Lodge and Healthy Harold visited the school. We had a great Open Day with a shared morning tea with the community and hosted a fantastic Commonwealth Games Day with students from Wooli, Cowper and Tucabia PS. The Book Fair raised valuable funds for the school and the Book Character Parade was supported by nearly every child and teacher in the school. By the end of the term we will also be involved in a Touch Footy Day, T20 Cricket Day, Tournament of the Times and the Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off. What a great term! Thank you everyone!

Ness Cavanagh

Principal

Teddy Bear's Picnic Rathgar Lodge Visit

The children had a great visit to Rathgar Lodge last Tuesday for the Teddy Bear's Picnic. The children showed their Teddy friends to the residents of the lodge and had a chance to mingle and chat together. What a great morning!

North Coast Athletics

Congratulations to Lauren, Madeline, Zhanae and Grace for making it to the North Coast Athletics Championship last week in Lismore for Junior Girls Relay. You should be very proud of your efforts to get that far.

Touch Footy Gala Day

What a fantastic day everyone had at Yamba last Friday! I have heard wonderful things from other schools about the behaviour and sportsmanship of our students during the day. Well done everyone! Congratulations to our canteen especially Catherine Ensbey on a very successful canteen. Catherine and her helpers and those who donated goodies, catered for over 900 students. What an awesome effort everyone! This is definitely what Ulmarra PS is about—supporting one another and helping when it's needed.

Jacaranda Thursday

Due to changes in the way in which local holidays and events are gazetted by the state government and after public consultation conducted through Clarence Valley Council it has been decided that "Jacaranda Thursday" will be a half-day public holiday day this year. This means that Ulmarra school will be open until 1:00 pm on the Thursday of the Jacaranda week (Thursday 30th October). However, we have been informed that all organised activities on the day occur in the first half of the day and so acknowledge that many students and their families will still want to participate in those events. As such, whilst the school will be open for the morning, it is unlikely that normal lessons and routine will operate. Further information will be given closer to the date.

Happy Father's Day for last week!

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

Thought for the Week:

Have an extraordinary life! You may as well! *Blinky Bill*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
8th September	9th September TOTT—Computer Lab Student Banking Transition	10 September	11th September Canteen	12th September Lamington Drive Pick Up 1pm Milo T20 Blast JJ Lawrence	13th/14th September
15th September	16th September Canteen Student Banking Transition	17th September	18th September Canteen	19th September Assembly 3/4 Jump Rope Jump Off Disco Last Day Term 3	20th/21st September
22nd September School Holidays	23rd September School Holidays	24th September School Holidays	25th September School Holidays	26th September School Holidays	27th/28th September School Holidays

ULMARRA P&C and Canteen NEWS

Eat Fresh and Win Campaign

Each time a student makes a fresh fruit or vegetable purchase from the canteen or bring them from home they receive a 'Eat Fresh & Win' sticker card.

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.

Lamington order

Pick up—Friday 12th September 1pm.

Happy SASS week!

Thank you to our wonderful SASS staff who work tirelessly everyday to ensure our school runs smoothly and our students receive the best education they can, as they work with our teaching staff.

Thankyou Karen McSwan, Emma Cowan, Belinda Connor,
John Sullivan & Lawrie Mearing

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A huge thank you must go out to Tania Watts for her help with serving at the book fair during Book Week and for covering heaps of new home readers, ready for Kindergarten and 1/2. We appreciate the help you continuously give to the school. Thank you!

River to Sea - Transition to School

This week in Transition we enjoyed a “Teddy Bear’s Picnic” and all the children brought their Teddies in. We learnt the Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear song. In craft the children made their own Teddy Bear and we also sorted some Gummi Bears into colours. We are learning to use the computer and interactive whiteboard in the Library.



Education &
Communities

aspirations
Longitudinal Study

Important Notice - Research in the School

The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Students in Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from the school office.

For more information or to download a withdrawal form, please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations.

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. This week 5/6 uploaded an Antarctica story based on their HSIE/Science Minecraft Project. 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 CO₂ in the atmosphere, 3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water





RATHGAR LODGE
Teddy Bear's Picnic
2/9/14



Hello to all the families that supported Ulmarra School for the recent
Touch Footy Gala day.

I would like to extend a huge thank you, to those generous people who baked for the day. We were well catered for and the children, teachers and parents gave great feedback and we had no trouble selling your delicious goodies.

-The chocolate truffles for the volunteers were very yummy-

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Thankyou to Mrs Kowal who came to help for the day- wow your commitment and help was very much appreciated.

Special mention must be made to some dear relatives of one of our mum's. As this mum was unable to help out on the day this lady organised her parents to help and her Aunt and Uncle. Sue and Norm, Keith and Lorraine -what a mighty team you are. Sandwich making, 'BBQing' serving- you name it, you were there pitching in.

Thank you- the day ran smoother for having you there.

Now to our ever helpful Ken Cowan- You certainly lighten the load in so many ways.

Thank you for transporting stock down to Yamba and back to the school and the management of the BBQ. Ulmarra is fortunate to have your commitment and so often I wonder where or how things would be without your help

The ladies working in the canteen did a fantastic job of keeping the ever queuing children fed and watered. You did a mighty job serving pies, sausage rolls, drinks and icy poles- hoping the cut finger is healing well.

Thank you all for your tremendous help in making the day a success.

Kahlua, the school thanks you for organising this very successful fundraiser.

There are some boxes of chips over for sale at cost price if any families are interested.

Chips selling for \$16 a carton

Twisties for \$23 a carton

Ice many of various flavours 36 in a bag selling for \$16. These can be frozen as needed



Yamba Nippers Sign on Days

Nipper information and sign on sessions:

Sunday 14th September 11am-1pm at Yamba Surf Club

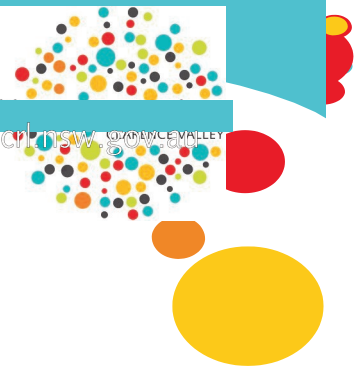
Wednesday 17th September 3-4pm in the Yamba Public School Hall

Sunday 21st September 10am-12pm at Yamba Surf Club

We will need to sight a birth certificate for all new nipper registrations.

Nippers is a fun, family activity that teaches children about beach and surf safety. Children can join Nippers once they have turned 5.

Please contact Kerry Lee with any nipper enquiries on 0413536944 or email yambanippers@gmail.com



Tue 23rd Sept **Games Morning** (all ages) 10am-11:30
Wed 24th Sept 10:30am - 12pm

Loopy Loom Bands (Ages 6+)

Thu 25th Sept 10:30am - 11:30am

Special Storytime - Teddy Bears Picnic

Fri 26th Sept 10:30am - 12pm

Kamishibai Storytelling Theatre

Sat 27th Sept 1pm - 6pm

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12+)

Tue 30th Sept 10am - 11:30 am

Games Morning (all ages)

Wed 1st Oct 10:30am - 12pm

Zen Doodle: draw, doodle, create (age 7+)

@ Mobile Library

Thu 25th Sept 10:45am - 12pm
Glenreagh - School Kamishibai Storytelling Theatre

@ Iluka Library

Storytime – weekly on Wednesdays at 10.30am Monday 29th Sept Kamishiba Theatre
Storytelling (8+) 2:30pm-3:30pm

@ Maclean Library

Storytime – weekly on Thursdays at 10.30am Friday 26th Sept Kamishiba Theatre
Storytelling (8+) 2:30pm-3:30pm

@ Yamba Library

Storytime – weekly on Tuesdays at 10.30am Monday 29th Sept Kamishiba Theatre
Storytelling (8+) 10am-11am

