

Newsletter

Upper Orara Public School community acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Gumbaynggirr land on which we stand and pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging.

12 May 2025

Upper Orara Public School

Term 2 Week 3

Students of the Week

Term 2 Week 2 & Week 3



Colt

For trying hard to be a focused learner.



Jett

For always trying his best.



Eli

For his wonderful efforts to learn his sounds and letters.



Luca

For using feedback to improve her writing.

From the Principal's desk!

Giinagay nujawiny (Hello everyone),

We are thrilled to congratulate our 11 students who represented our school at the District Cross Country event last Thursday! This marks the largest number of participants from our school at this level since I commenced in 2017. The determination and spirit displayed by our students in taking on such a challenging event is truly commendable. Well done to everyone involved!

I would like to take the opportunity to inform you that I will be on long service leave commencing this Thursday. I look forward to returning to school on Tuesday after the long weekend in June. During my absence, Mrs. Amanda Duggan will step in as relieving principal.

We are excited to announce the start of our School Mega Raffle, aimed at raising funds for our Year 3-6 students' upcoming overnight excursion to Lake Ainsworth. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage in a memorable learning experience outside the classroom, and we need your support to make it happen.

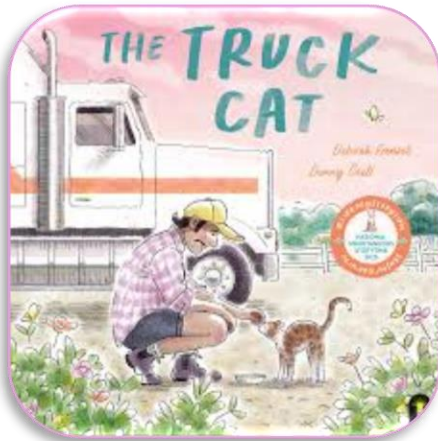
A heartfelt thank you to all the families who have already returned their raffle tickets and have taken on more to sell. Your enthusiasm and commitment are greatly appreciated. This raffle will continue throughout Terms 2 and 3, culminating in the exciting draw at the end of Term 3 assembly on Thursday, 25 September.

The funds raised from this raffle will significantly contribute to the overall cost of the excursion, ensuring that all our Year 3-6 students can experience the value of this adventure. It is an opportunity for them to build friendships, learn new skills, and create lasting memories.

We encourage all families to participate and help us achieve our fundraising goal. Together, we can make a positive impact on our students' educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish everyone a wonderful couple of weeks ahead.

SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



We are thrilled to let you know that our school will be participating in Simultaneous Storytime on 21 May. This special event is all about celebrating the joy of reading and bringing our students together in a fun way.

This year, we will read "The Truck Cat" by Deborah Frenkel.

It's a charming story that we think our students will really enjoy. To add to the excitement, we invite all students to dress up as either a truck or a cat!

We can't wait to see all the creative costumes as we come together to enjoy this fantastic book.

Make sure to mark your calendars for this fun day of reading and creativity.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DANCE WORKSHOP

We are happy to share that three of our students will be attending a special dance workshop on 21 May. This workshop will focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island dance styles, providing a unique opportunity for our students to connect with and learn about Indigenous culture.

Participating in this workshop will allow our students to engage with traditional dance forms, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We look forward to hearing about their experiences and insights from this enriching event!

YEAR SIX TRANSITION VISIT

On 28 May, our Year 6 students have a special visit to Orara High School. This visit is part of their transition program to help them prepare for high school.

During the visit, the focus will be on High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) and Wellbeing, giving students valuable insights into these areas.

Mrs. Amanda Duggan will be responsible for transporting the students to and from Orara High School, ensuring they have a safe trip. A note will accompany students home shortly.

This visit is a great opportunity for our Year 6 students to learn what to expect in high school and to discover the programs and support that will be available to them. We look forward to an informative and enjoyable day!

POSTITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING

This fortnight for PBL we will be focusing on:

Week 3 – Play cooperatively with others.

Week 4 – Come to school prepared to learn.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we enter the colder months, we recognise the importance of keeping our students warm while also being mindful of the rising costs associated with school uniforms. To support our families during this time, we are excited to announce the introduction of new, affordable uniform options.

Starting immediately, we are offering plain blue jumpers and tracksuit pants made from a comfortable knitted fleece fabric. These new items are designed to ensure warmth and comfort for our students while maintaining school uniform standards.

- **Cost of the Jumper:** \$14.00
- **Cost of the Tracksuit Pants:** \$16.00
- **Available Sizes:** 4 to 16

Both items are available for purchase at the school office.

We hope these new options will make it easier for all students to stay warm and focused on their learning. Thank you for your continued support.



Mini Bread Quiches

LET'S LOOK
AT LUNCHES

A well packed lunchbox helps children, learn, play and stay focussed, at school.

Ingredients (7)

- 12 slices High Fibre Low GI White Sandwich Bread*, crusts removed
- 100g [zucchini](#), coarsely grated
- 1/4 cup (30g) coarsely grated tasty cheddar
- 2 rashers rindless bacon, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp chopped chives
- 3 Eggs, lightly whisked
- 1 tbsp milk



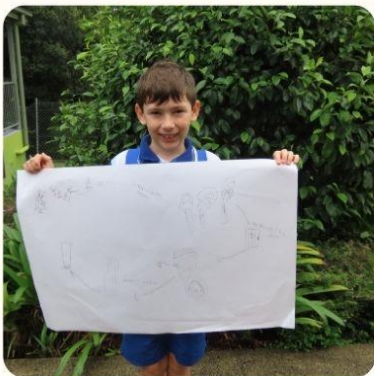
Method

Step 1

Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease 6 holes of a 1/3-cup (80ml) muffin pan. Place 1 slice of 12 slices High Fibre Low GI White Sandwich Bread*, crusts removed on a clean work surface. Arrange another slice of bread on top at a 45-degree angle. Use a rolling pin to roll out bread slices until 5mm thick. Repeat with remaining bread slices. Line the prepared holes with bread, pressing down firmly. Spray with olive oil spray. Bake for 15 mins or until just golden.

Step 2

Combine 100g zucchini, coarsely grated, 1/4 cup (30g) coarsely grated tasty cheddar, 2 rashers rindless bacon, finely chopped and 1 tbsp chopped chives in a bowl. Divide evenly among the bread cases. Whisk the 3 Eggs, lightly whisked and 1 tbsp milk in a jug and pour evenly over the zucchini mixture. Season. Bake for 20-25 mins or until the egg mixture is light golden and just set. Cool slightly. Serve warm or at room temperature.



K-2 Classroom News



I hope all our mothers and grandmothers had a lovely Mother's Day and were treated to breakfast in bed and lovely handmade cards and chocolates.

Kindergarten has been revising the sounds and letters they studied last term and are beginning to learn the next group. They are so enthusiastic about their learning and like to practice their writing daily.

Year 1 and 2 are revising nouns ,verbs and adjectives and the whole class spent some time learning about prepositions.

The weather is certainly beginning to change, and it is important that your child has a jumper or jacket in their bag. Can you please make sure that your child's name is on those pieces of clothing as it makes it much easier to hand back when they are left in the playground or classroom.

Thank you for your time and commitment to your child's learning journey.

Mrs Clark



3-6 CLASSROOM *News*

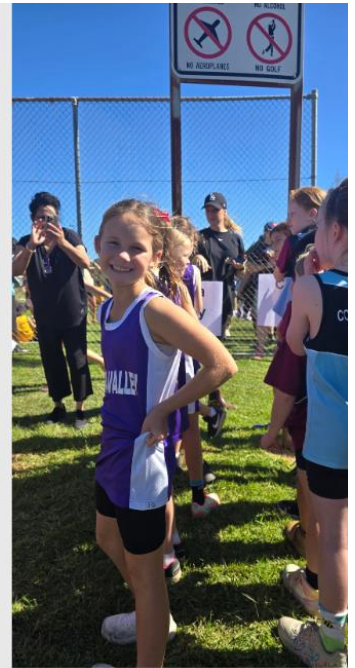
Library

On Friday 9th May, our class collaborated with the K-2 students in the library. We partnered with them to select a book and read together. We thoroughly enjoyed this chance to participate in buddy reading and would love to make this a more regular activity.



Why are we learning this?

We are excited to highlight the benefits of peer reading! This practice enhances literacy skills, builds confidence, and fosters collaboration among students. As they share stories and engage in discussions, they develop critical thinking and a love for reading. We encourage you to support this initiative at home by facilitating reading sessions with friends or family members!



Cross Country





FUNDRAISING FOR 3-6 LAKE AINSWORTH CAMP

UPPER ORARA SCHOOL IS ORGANISING A FUNDRAISING EFFORT TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN YEARS 3 TO 6 WITH THE COSTS OF THEIR EXCURSION TO LAKE AINSWORTH IN TERM 4. THEY HAVE INITIATED A MONSTER RAFFLE, WITH TICKETS SENT HOME LAST WEEK, AND THE TOTAL PRIZES AMOUNT TO OVER \$2500. THE SCHOOL EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO LOCAL BUSINESSES BELOW, FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER.. WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING 10C RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS FOR THE RETURN AND EARN PROGRAM, PLEASE SEND THESE IN TO THE SCHOOL ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG THE STUDENTS ATTENDING THE EXCURSION.



UPPER ORARA PUBLIC SCHOOL

MONSTER RAFFLE

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

DRAWN SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE YEAR 3-6 EXCURSION

OVER \$2500 IN PRIZES



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Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

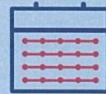
When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
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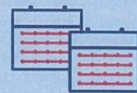
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
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= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



Term 2 2025 Calendar

Week 1 April/May	28	29	30	1	2
Week 2	5	6	7	8 CHD Cross Country	9
Week 3	12	13	14	15	16
Week 4	19	20	21 Simultaneous story time	22	23
Week 5	26	27	28 OHS Yr 6 Transition Day	29	30
Week 6 June	2	3	4	5	6
Week 7	9 King's Birthday	10	11	12	13
Week 8	16	17	18	19	20
Week 9	23	24 OVPSSA Athletics Carnival	25 School Photos	26 Life Education Visit	27
Week 10 July	30	1	2	3 End of Term Assembly	4 Last Day Term 2
	Holidays		Holidays		

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