

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.

11 June 2025

Upper Orara Public School

Term 2 Week 7

Students of the Week

Term 2 Week 6 & 7



Lilly

For her enthusiastic attitude towards school and learning.



Jack

For his increased engagement in class lessons.



Georgie

For her wonderful thoughtful answers during class discussions.



Peyton

For her enthusiasm during Vocabulary lessons.

From the Principal's desk!

Giinagay nujawiny (Hello everyone),

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 2! As we continue our journey through this busy term, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to Amanda Duggan for her incredible work as relieving principal during my absence. Amanda has successfully navigated the various challenges that have come her way over the past few weeks, and I am truly grateful for her leadership and dedication.

We have some exciting events lined up for our students in the coming weeks! Here's what students can look forward to:

We are thrilled to announce that Eddi and Jindamirra (Stage 2) and Eva and Will (Stage 3) will be representing our school at the Multicultural Public Speaking competition at Nana Glen Public School on 17 June. We wish them the best of luck! Miss Mac will meet students at the school at 9:30AM.

Mark your calendars for the 24 June as our students will be participating in the Orara Valley Athletics Carnival. We are excited to see their athletic talents shine! Miss Deacon and Miss Mac will be attending this event.

On 25 June, we will be capturing wonderful memories with our school photos. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their best school uniform.

We will be holding our end of term assembly on 3 July commencing at 9:10am. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to join us and witness our students perform and receive awards for their hard work. We warmly invite you to come along and celebrate with us!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing these special moments with you and your families!

Joanne Goodenough

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is crucial for students as it significantly enhances their academic success and social development. Consistent attendance allows students to engage fully with the curriculum, participate in classroom discussions, and build strong relationships with teachers and peers. This continuity fosters a deeper understanding of the material and helps students develop essential skills such as collaboration and communication. Furthermore, regular attendance contributes to a sense of belonging and community, which can boost a student's confidence and motivation. Overall, being present at school lays a solid foundation for lifelong learning and personal growth.

Currently we have 85.3% of our students who are attending school greater than or equal to 90% of the time. Overall, we have an attendance rate of 94.2%. This is significantly greater than the state average of 88.6%.

Special mention goes to Eli, Isobel, Eddi, Hadleigh, Lilly and Eva who have 100% attendance for the whole year up to Friday of last week.

Congratulations to our families and students for this fantastic result and for ensuring education is an important focus for the children of Upper Orara Public School

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING

This fortnight for PBL we will be focusing on:

Week 7 – Playing nicely with each other.

Week 8 – Sitting quietly during assemblies.

STUDENT SURVEYS

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available

at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npps>

LET'S LOOK AT LUNCHES


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

Here are some tasty easy lunches to prepare.

Eating food that's **in-season** means it is generally in peak supply, so it's not only fresh and tasty but it's likely to be much cheaper.




What's inside?

 Chicken and lettuce sandwich on wholemeal bread

 Carrot sticks

 Apple

 Yoghurt tub

 Water

WHAT'S IN SEASON IN

WINTER

FRUIT		
APPLES	MANDARIN	PAWPAW
GRAPEFRUIT	ORANGES	QUINCE
KIWIFRUIT	PAPAYA	RHUBARB
LEMONS	PEARS	
LIMES	PINEAPPLE	

VEGETABLES		
ASIAN GREENS	CELERY	POTATO
AVOCADO	FENNEL	PUMPKIN
BETROOT	GARLIC	SILVERBEET
BROCCOLI	GINGER	SPINACH
BRUSSELS SPROUT	KALE	SWEDE
CABBAGE	LEEKS	SWEET POTATO
CARROTS	ONIONS	TURNIP
CAULIFLOWER	PARSNIP	WITLOF
CELERIAC	PEAS	

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What's inside?

   Rice paper rolls

  Potato salad

 Three colour capsicum sticks

 Sliced strawberries

 Plain milk popper

 Water

GATHERED

IN CORAMBA



— POP-UP FOR CURIOUS MINDS —

We're bringing the library to you with fun activities, STEAM, tech and creative chaos for everyone. Scan the QR code to register. It's free.



SUNDAY 15 JUNE
10-12PM
CORAMBA HALL

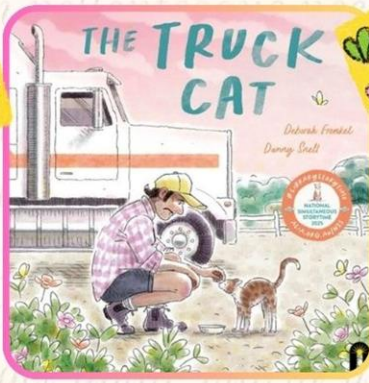
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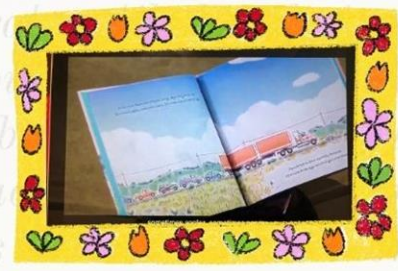
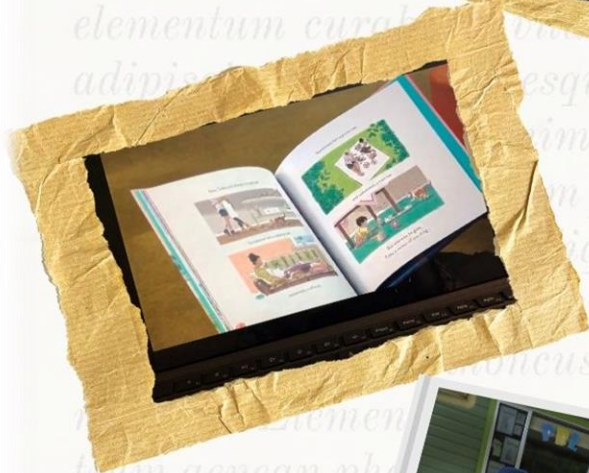
ROBOTICS. STEAM. TECH HELP. PUZZLES. BOOKS. LOADS OF CREATIVE FUN.



SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



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3-6 CLASSROOM *News*

Cedar & Steam

The upcoming Art Competition invites artists to explore the theme of "Communication" through their creative expressions. Participants are encouraged to interpret this theme in innovative ways, showcasing how art can bridge gaps, convey messages, and foster connections.





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, FOR WHICH TICKETS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME. 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 100 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 OCTOBER 22, 2025

OVER \$2500 IN PRIZES

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



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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 Life Education Visit	27	28 OHS Yr 6 Taster Session	29	30
Week 6 June	2	3	4	5	6
Week 7	9 King's Birthday	10	11	12	13
Week 8	16	17 Multicultural Public Speaking	18	19	20
Week 9	23	24 OVPSSA Athletics Carnival	25 School Photos	26	27
Week 10 July	30	1	2	3 End of Term Assembly	4 Last Day Term 2
	Holidays		Holidays		

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