

# Newsletter

4 August 2025

Upper Orara Public School

Term 3 Week 3

*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.*

*From the Principal's desk!*

**Ginnagay ngujawiny (Hello everyone),**

Happy Education Week!

This week, we warmly invite families to join us in celebrating Education Week at our school. Tomorrow, we will kick off the day with a barbecue breakfast starting at 8:30am, followed by an exciting Book Character parade. After this exciting event, parents and grandparents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and participate in a variety of engaging activities with their special loved ones. We are excited and look forward to a wonderful morning filled with joy and connection!

This is a friendly reminder that raffle tickets are still available for sale to help support our 3-6 students' camp fees. The mega raffle draw will be held on Thursday, September 25, during our end-of-term assembly. Thank you for your continued support!

This Friday, all K-6 students will begin their weekly tennis lessons. Thanks to a Sporting Schools grant, we have enlisted the expertise of Mr Allan Pade, an experienced tennis coach, who will be coming to our school every Friday for the next six weeks to teach tennis skills to our students. We're excited for this opportunity!

Looking ahead, students will engage in the Waterwise program. Year 1 students will undergo the Phonics Assessment during week 4, while our Year 6 students will visit Orara High School on August 8th.

Additionally, staff and students from Orara High School will visit us on August 14th.

In the second half of the term, we have a variety of events planned. These include a visit from the Dental Van, our annual drama performance, an incursion on snake awareness from Reptile World, Kindergarten orientation, and our end-of-term assembly where we will also hold the raffle draw.

Have a fantastic fortnight!

*Joanne Goodenough*

*(Principal)*

## **KINDERGARTEN 2026**

We are excited to invite parents to enrol their child for kindergarten in 2026! Kindergarten orientation days will begin on Thursday 11 September, providing an excellent opportunity for children to familiarise themselves with the school environment. Additionally, we will hold a parent information session for new enrolments on Tuesday, August 12, at 4pm. This session will offer valuable insights into our school and kindergarten program and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school community!

## ***SCHOOL UNIFORM***

We are proud of our school's uniform, which fosters a sense of belonging and community among our students. Our official uniform colours are royal blue, sky blue, and white. We have a variety of options available to ensure that every student is comfortable and stylish while representing our school.

### *Uniform Options Include:*

- Shirts: Available in both short and long sleeve styles
- Bottoms: Shorts, skorts, and two styles of track pants
- Dresses: A lovely option for students who prefer
- Outerwear: Jumpers and jackets for cooler days

Many of these items can be purchased at the school. Please see Sue or Dot in the office for assistance.

### *Footwear Guidelines:*

Students are required to wear shoes that are primarily black and suitable for physical activities, as they participate in PE and/or Sport every day. Please ensure that shoes are accompanied by white socks.

### *Important Notes:*

Please note that other colours including navy blue and black do not form part of our school uniform colours.

For safety and practicality, jewellery should be limited to studs or sleepers.

Royal blue headbands are permitted, while metal headbands and those with large decorations should not be worn.

Thank you for your support in helping our students adhere to the uniform policy. This contributes to a positive school environment and enhances pride in our school community. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to reach out.

## ***LABELLING CLOTHING***

As we start a new term, we want to ensure that all students have their belongings returned to them promptly. One effective way to help us achieve this is by labelling your child's clothing and personal items.

Labelling clothing is essential for several reasons. First, it facilitates easier identification, especially in a school environment where many students may wear similar items; labelled clothing allows staff to quickly and accurately return lost items to their rightful owners. Additionally, it encourages responsibility among students, teaching them the importance of taking care of their belongings and fostering a sense of ownership. Finally, clearly labelled clothing can significantly reduce the number of unclaimed items left at school, helping to maintain an organised and clutter-free environment for everyone.

We appreciate your support in this matter and look forward to a fantastic second semester with your help in keeping our school community organised. Together, we can ensure that all items find their way back to their rightful owners!

## ***LOAN JUMPERS***

We kindly request that all families take a moment to ensure they have their own child's uniform. We currently have several students without their jumpers and hats. If you find another student's name in a school uniform piece, can you please return it to school.

Additionally, if your child has borrowed any jumpers or jackets, please return them at your earliest convenience so we can support other students in need. Thank you for your cooperation!

## ***SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE***

We would like to remind all families of our school's drop-off and pick-up times.

Drop-off Time: from 8:30am

Pick-up Time: as close to the 3:00pm bell as practicable

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a timely and safe arrival and departure for all students. Thank you for your support!

## ***ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL***

At our school, the health and safety of our students is our top priority. If your child requires medication during school hours, there are important procedures we need to follow to ensure their wellbeing.

### ***Documentation Required:***

Before any medication can be administered by our staff, parents are required to complete specific documentation. This paperwork is essential for us to understand your child's medical needs and to ensure that medications are given safely and correctly.

### ***Long and Short Term Medications:***

Whether your child needs medication for a short period (like antibiotics) or for a longer term (like asthma inhalers), it's important that we have a discussion with you. Please contact the school office as soon as possible to discuss your child's medication needs.

### ***Please Do Not Send Medication with Your Child:***

For the safety of all students, medications should not be sent to school with your child. All medications must be handed directly to school staff, along with the completed documentation in the original packaging, with the directions for use clearly visible.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our students safe and healthy. If you have any questions or need assistance with the documentation process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office.

**POSITIVE  
BEHAVIOUR  
LEARNING**

This fortnight for PBL we will be focusing on:

Week 3 – Do your personal best.

Week 4- Make positive choices.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## TERM 3,

### WEEKS 2 AND 3

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### K-2 STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**SAPPHIRE**

Sapphire for her enthusiasm during writing tasks and her use of Tier 2 words.



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### 3-6 STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**LUNA**

Luna for always completing tasks to the best of her ability.



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### K-2 STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**JAXEN**

Jaxen for being a diligent and hardworking student.



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### 3-6 STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**FRED**

Fred for his increased confidence and trying his hardest to complete his work.

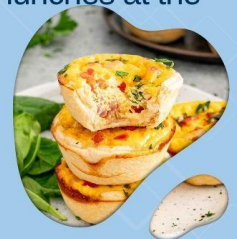


## Ideal Leftovers for Lunchbox Ideas



### Ideal leftovers for the lunchbox include:

- Leftover roast meat either on a sandwich, tossed through a salad or as part of a 'grazing selection'. Slow-cooking a roast is an easy way to make multiple dinners and lunches at the same time!
- Pasta
- Fried rice
- Meatloaf
- Meatballs
- Leftover Fritters
- Tuna patties
- Leftover cooked vegetables (can be tossed with pasta, 'dressed' as a salad or used as dippers). Don't forget mashed potato or sweet potato; these can be eaten as cold mash or turned into fritters or bubble and squeak.
- salad (green, potato, pasta or coleslaw salad, for example)
- quiche or frittata
- Pancakes (we always have a little leftover batter from Sunday morning pancakes to make mini-pancakes for morning tea during the week)
- Leftover oatmeal (cold porridge – renamed Bircher muesli). Dress it up with plenty of fresh fruit and seeds or nuts if allowed)
- Leftover soup or stew. Keep warm in a thermos. This is a great option for older kids.





# K-2 Classroom News



It is Education Week this week and K-2 are looking forward to their parents and carers coming to school tomorrow to spend time with them. They are so excited to get to dress up as a favourite character!

Kindergarten has now learnt all of the single alphabet sounds and they will be revising those over the next few weeks before we move on.

Last week K-2 started a math unit on measurement with a focus on mass. The children used shopping bags and made themselves into equal arm balances aiming to make both sides equal. They worked cooperatively with a partner and had fun finding items to go in the bags.

Our mentor text for the next few weeks is I Wanna Iguana and the students will be learning all about persuasive texts. Thank you for your time and commitment to your child's learning journey.

Mrs Clark





## 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.



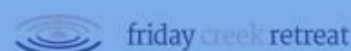
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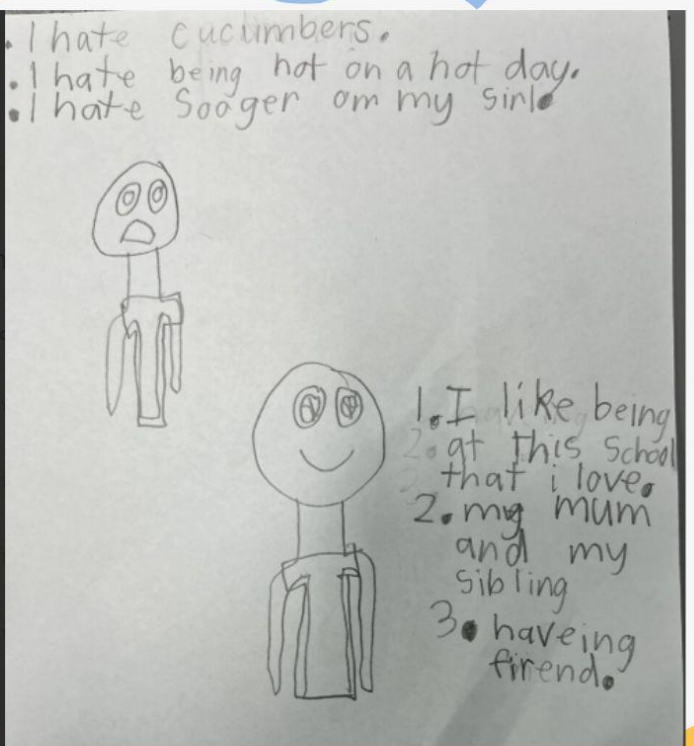
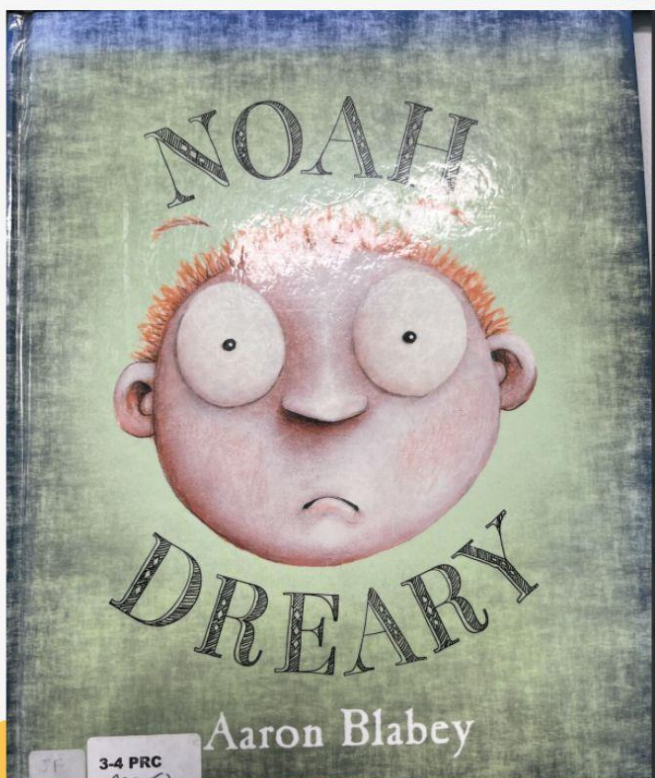


# 3-6 CLASSROOM News

## In the Library

Noah Dreary by Aaron Blabey is a darkly funny picture book about a boy who complains so much that his head falls off. This bizarre event teaches Noah a lesson about gratitude and positivity. Despite losing his head, he learns to enjoy life and speak more kindly, showing young readers the value of changing your attitude.

As a class, we decided to draw a picture of ourselves with 3 things we often complain about, and 3 things we are often grateful for.



Grace Great

1.8.25 Not Great

Eva ✖

Eating

Love

Sleep

Rain

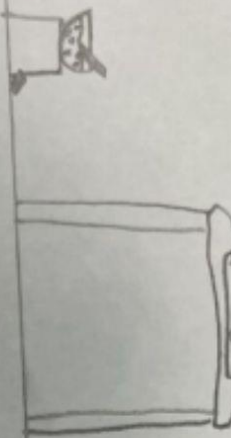
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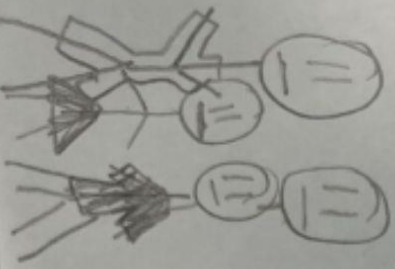
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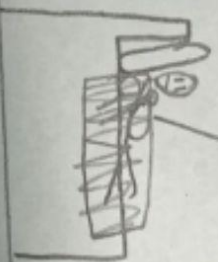
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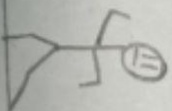
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in bed



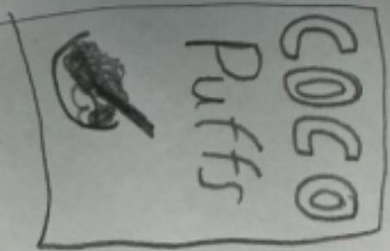
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at the Oval



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# Term 3 2025 Calendar

|                                   |                                     |  |    |  |                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Week 1</b><br>July             | 21                                  | 22   | 23 | 24   | 25                        |
| <b>Week 2</b><br>July /<br>August | 28                                  | 29   | 30 | 31   | 1                         |
| <b>Week 3</b>                     | 4<br><b>BOOK<br/>WEEK</b>           | 5<br>Breakfast<br>Book Parade<br>Open<br>Classrooms  | 6  | 7  | 8<br>Tennis               |
| <b>Week 4</b>                     | 11                                  | 12   | 13 | 14   | 15<br>Tennis              |
| <b>Week 5</b>                     | 18<br>Cascade<br>Waterwise<br>visit | 19<br>Yr 6 Taster<br>day<br>OHS  | 20 | 21   | 22<br>Tennis              |
| <b>Week 6</b>                     | 25                                  | 26   | 27 | 28   | 29<br>Tennis              |
| <b>Week 7</b><br>September        | 1                                   | 2<br>Yr 6<br>Taster<br>Lesson OHS  | 3  | 4  | 5<br>Tennis               |
| <b>Week 8</b>                     | 8                                   | 9  | 10 | 11<br>Reptile<br>World Snake<br>Awareness      | 12<br>Tennis              |
| <b>Week 9</b>                     | 15<br>Dental Van                    | 16   | 17 | 18<br>Kinder<br>Orientation<br>12pm-<br>1.30pm | 19                        |
| <b>Week 10</b>                    | 22<br>Dental Van                    | 23<br>School<br>Musical<br> | 24 | 25<br>End of Term<br>Assembly<br>Raffle drawn  | 26<br>Last Da<br>y Term 2 |

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