

Newsletter

18 August 2025

Upper Orara Public School

Term 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),

Welcome to Week 5, it is hard to believe we are already halfway through the term! It's great to see our students engaged and thriving during this busy time.

Currently our students are excitedly preparing for the annual performance titled Dolly the Polka Dotted Llama and the Mackindoo Zoo. On 11 September, all students will participate in a Reptile World Snake Awareness Incursion, and the dental van will visit in Weeks 9 and 10 for oral health checks.

Some Stage 2 students will attend an Aboriginal Dance Workshop on Wednesday 20 August to deepen their cultural understanding. Tennis has been fantastic this term with great student enthusiasm.

Year 6 students are gearing up for a Taster Day at Orara High School on 2 September. Please note that the Year 6 HPGE day scheduled for this Friday has been postponed due to wet weather; a new date will be advised.

Last week, our Year 6 students had the opportunity to meet teachers from Orara High School. I was delighted to receive an email sharing how impressed they were with both our beautiful school and the wonderful students they met.

Thank you to all families who attended the New and Prospective Student Information Session last week. It was a pleasure to meet new families and inspiring to see our current families supporting our school community so warmly.

School Bytes is now live for attendance and finance. Payments and absence notes can be submitted through the platform. Please contact Sue in the office for help if required.

Please note Mrs Clark will be on long service leave from Wednesday to Friday this week, with Mrs Byrne covering K-2 in her absence.

A reminder: our End of Term Assembly and Mega Raffle Draw will be held on 25 September, starting at 9:10am.

Finally, thank you to all families who joined our Education Week celebrations. The students love having your involvement, it made for a wonderful and joyful morning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a fantastic fortnight!

Joanne Goodenough

(Principal)

PBL

Week 5 Encourage positive behaviour in others.

Week 6 Own your own behaviour.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for your child's learning and overall success. Every day your child is at school, they have the opportunity to engage with teachers, participate in classroom activities, and build important social skills.

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or other important reasons. However, frequent absences can impact your child's progress and make it harder for them to keep up with their peers.

To support your child's learning, we encourage you to:

- Ensure your child attends school every day, arriving on time.
- Inform the school promptly if your child is absent through School Bytes.
- Work with us if your child is experiencing any challenges that affect their attendance.

Together, we can help your child achieve their best by making attendance a priority.

3-6 EXCURSION (LAKE AINSWORTH)

This is a friendly reminder regarding the payment for the upcoming excursion to Lake Ainsworth. Thank you to the families who have been making regular payments and for your support in selling many tickets in our Monster Raffle.

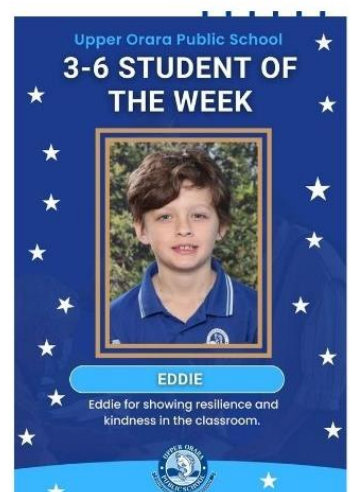
The school has set the payment schedule as follows:

- \$225.00 to be paid by Week 10 of this term
- The remaining balance to be paid by Week 1 of Term 4

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 3, WEEKS 3 AND 4



BULLYING... NO WAY!

Bullying awareness

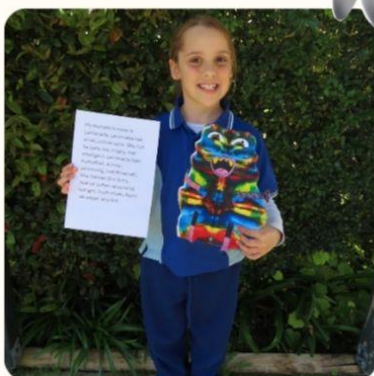
During Anti-Bullying Week, students engaged in a series of online webinars designed to deepen their understanding of bullying and explore strategies for prevention within our school community. These sessions included:

- **Be an eSafe Kid: Your Choices in Chats**
- **Kids Helpline's Largest Anti-Bullying Lesson**
- **Be an eSafe Kid: Online Friendships and Cyberbullying**





K-2 Classroom News



I hope you all got time in the sun on the weekend. At Woolgoolga the shipwreck Buster is out of the sand. It is an interesting part of the local coastal history and well worth the beach walk if you want to have a look.

Kindergarten is continuing to learn digraphs. Last week it was qu and sh and this week they will learn th and ch. Our art program this term is about colour. K-2 are discovering how different colours mix, learning about primary and secondary colours, and exploring how colours make them feel. Over the last few weeks, they made Primary colour blot monsters that the parents helped to finish during open classroom and learnt about mixing primary colours to make secondary colours.

Our mentor text for the next few weeks is Click Clack Moo Cows that Type and the students are finding the text very amusing. The cows are trying to persuade the very annoyed farmer to give them electric blankets for the cold winter night in the barn and soon the other animals begin to want the same thing.

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

Mrs Clark





Education Week
Book Parade





Education Week Breakfast



LUNCHBOX IDEAS



Sushi Rice Balls

Ingredients

Makes 4 250g

- 1 cup sushi rice, rinsed and drained.
- half cup frozen peas, corn and capsicum.
- 60g sliced ham finely chopped.
- 2 green onions thinly sliced.
- 1/4 cup of sushi seasoning.
- Sauce of choice to serve.

Directions

1. Cook rice following packet directions. Transfer to a large bowl.
2. Place frozen vegetables in a heatproof bowl. Cover with boiling water. Stand for two minutes. Drain. Refresh under cold water.
3. Add veges, ham, onion and seasoning. Stir till well combined. Spread over a large tray. Cool.
4. Using damp hands roll tablespoons of rice mixture into balls. Place on a lined tray. Serve with sauce of choice.

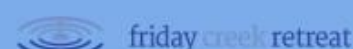
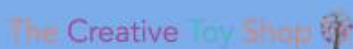


FUNDRAISING FOR 3-6 LAKE AINSWORTH CAMP

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 IOC 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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Term 3 2025 Calendar

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

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