

# Newsletter

1 September 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),**

As we approach the final weeks of this term, there are several exciting opportunities for our students. Tomorrow, Year 6 students will be attending a Taster Day at Orara High School, providing them with a valuable experience of secondary school life.

During Week 8, all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will take part in the Waterwise program as well as the Reptile World snake awareness program. Following this, the Dental Van will visit our school during Weeks 9 and 10 to support students' dental health.

Everyone is eagerly anticipating the annual whole school performance scheduled for 23 September. There will be two performances, at 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbours, and extended family to come along and enjoy the event. Our end-of-term assembly will be held on Thursday, 25 September at 9:10am, and will feature the draw for our Mega Raffle.

Additionally, our Kindergarten transition program will begin on Thursday, 11 September, with the next visit scheduled for 18 September this term. These will be followed by three more visits in Term 4. If you know any families with school-aged children considering enrolment, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Have a fantastic fortnight!

## **ATTENDANCE**

Over the past few weeks, I have noticed a drop in student attendance due to illness. I want to thank all the families who have been using School Bytes to let us know the reason for their child's absences. Providing a reason ensures that your child's absence is recorded appropriately and helps us maintain accurate attendance records as required by policy. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping us informed.

By the end of week 6, our overall attendance rate for the term is 89.9%. Our goal for the end of this year is for our overall attendance rate to be greater than 92%.

Our school is focussed on promoting regular attendance as it is vital for your child's academic success and overall development. When students attend school consistently, they benefit from continuous learning, build strong relationships with their teachers and peers, and develop important social and emotional skills. Frequent absences can disrupt learning, making it harder for students to keep up with lessons and achieve their full potential. By ensuring your child attends school every day, you are supporting their growth, confidence, and future opportunities. We appreciate your partnership in making regular attendance a priority for your child's education. We encourage you to reach out should you require support with your child's attendance.

A big congratulations to Peyton, Lilly, Jett, and Eva for having perfect attendance so far this term! Keep up the great work!

## LABELLING UNIFORMS

To help us keep track of students' belongings and reduce the number of lost items, we kindly ask that you label all items of your child's uniform with their full name. Clearly marked uniforms make it easier for staff to return lost clothing to the rightful owner.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

*Joanne Goodenough*

*Principal*

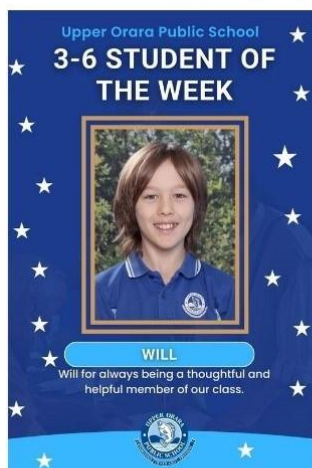
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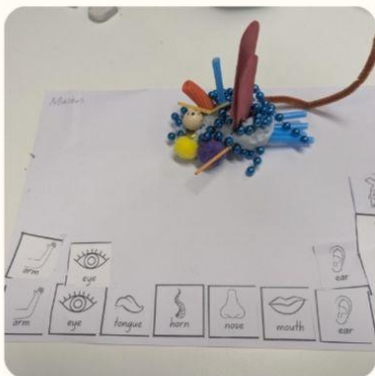
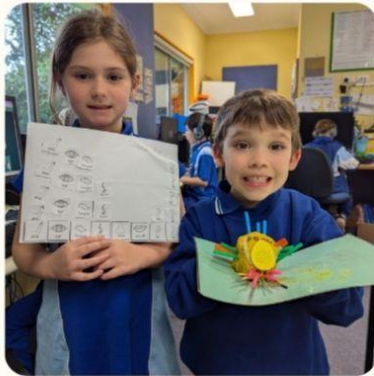
Week 7 Use equipment for the purpose it is intended.

Week 8 Return equipment when you've finished with it.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 3

### ◆ WEEKS 5 AND 6 ◆





# K-2 Classroom News

Today is officially the first day of Spring and that means soon there will be lots of beautiful flowers in the school garden. The azaleas are already in bloom. This week we will be busily creating gifts and cards for Father's Day. Next week is our first Kindergarten Orientation session for this year. They seem to have come around very quickly.

While I was on leave Mrs Byrne continued our math unit, and K-2 created amazing monsters and arrays that are on display in the classroom.

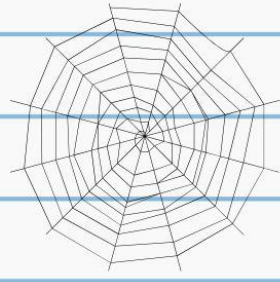
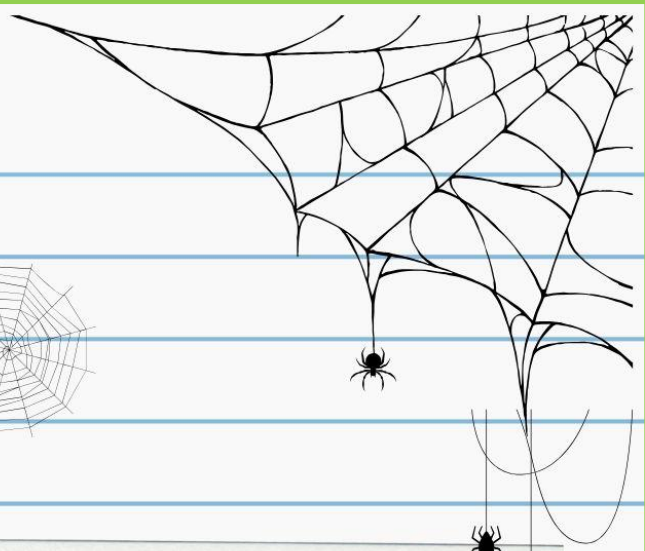
We are ending our unit on persuasive text and this week the students will be writing their own texts to convince their parents that they can have a particular pet. Some of the ideas for a new pet include a Komodo dragon, a tiger and snakes.

K-2 are also learning the dances for the end of term whole school presentation of 'Dolly the Polka Dotted Llama and the Mackindoo Zoo.' Miss Mac will be sending home a note about costumes later this week so please check your child's bag.

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

Mrs Clark





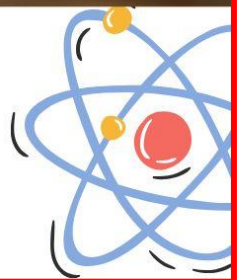
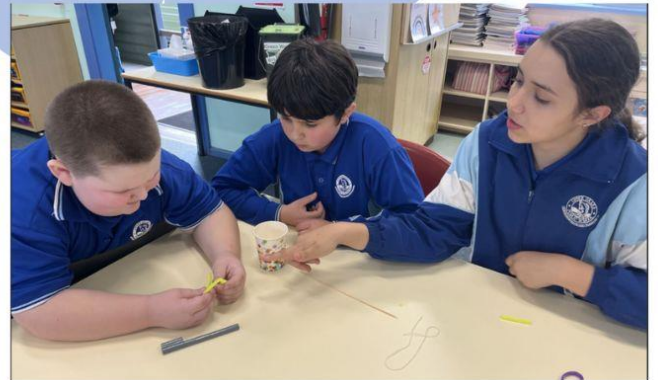


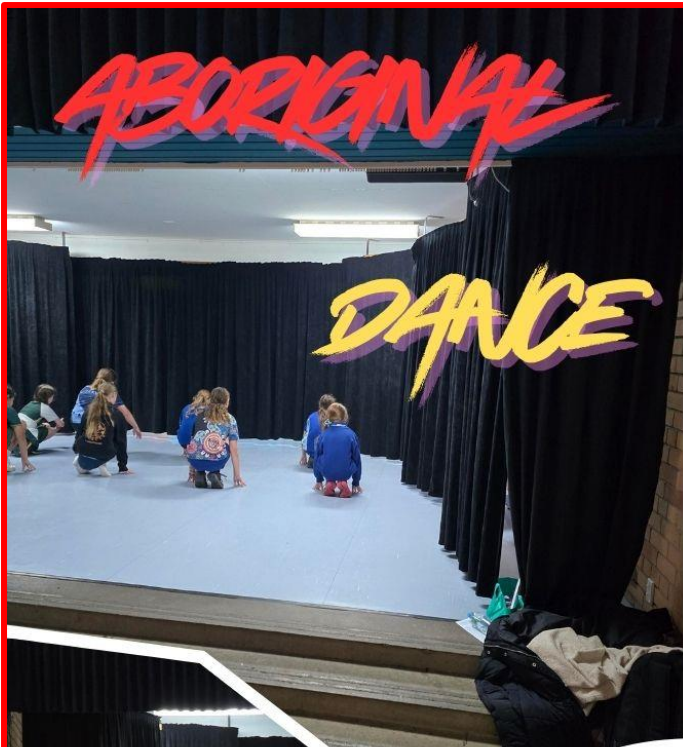
# 3-6 News

## Science

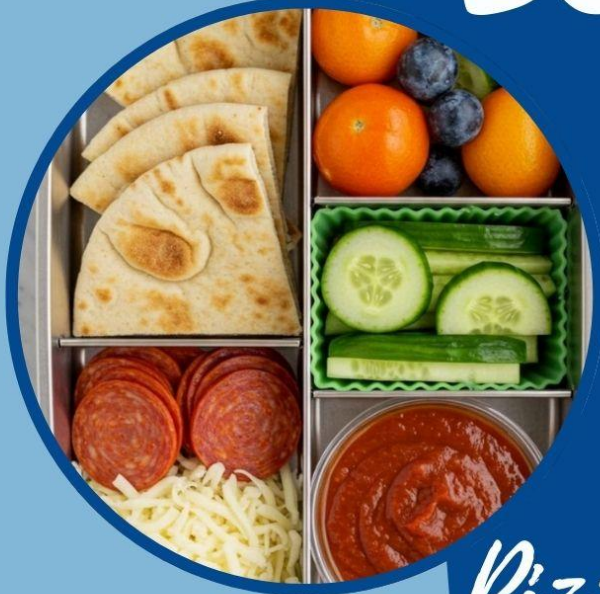
Our 3–6 students have been busy exploring rocks, soils and minerals in Science. As part of our learning, we created crystals using water and sugar and observed how they formed over time. This hands-on project has helped us understand how crystals grow and has sparked lots of curiosity about the natural world around us!

# Photos





# LUNCHBOX IDEAS



## *Pizza Dipper Lunch*

Packing a lunch every day doesn't have to feel like a chore. Whether you're feeding picky toddlers or just spicing up your own midday meals, these lunchbox ideas are sure to make every bite more exciting. From bento-style themes to bite-sized surprises, we're serving up 100 fresh ideas to keep lunchboxes as creative as they are nutritious.

Pack mini naan or pita wedges, shredded mozzarella, pepperoni slices, and a small cup of marinara sauce for dipping. Add cucumber coins and a fruit cup.



# Tennis



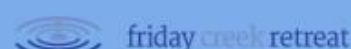
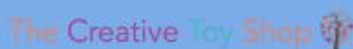


## FUNDRAISING FOR 3-6 LAKE AINSWORTH CAMP

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.



### Raffle Sponsors



# Term 3 2025 Calendar

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

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