

# Newsletter

15 September 2025

Upper Orara Public School

Term 3

*Upper Orara Public School community acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Gumbayngirr 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 this fortnight's edition of our school newsletter. As we continue through the term, I am proud to see the dedication and enthusiasm displayed by our students and staff alike. It's been a busy and exciting time with many learning opportunities, events, and achievements to celebrate.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in creating a positive and engaging learning environment. Together, we can continue to inspire and empower every student to reach their full potential.

I hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful activities happening across our school community.

Have a fantastic fortnight!

*Joanne Goodenough*

*Principal*

## **PBL**

Week 9      Use a quiet voice.

Week 10     Be a team player

## WATERWISE VISIT


Students recently took part in a Waterwise Program, learning where our water comes from and why it's so important to protect our environment and waterways. Our school leaders conducted a water audit and were pleased to find we have no leaks. Students also explored simple ways to save water and care for nature.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 3

### WEEKS 8 AND 9

Upper Orara Public School

**K-2 STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



**FRANKIE**

Frankie receives her award for developing a more focused and independent attitude to learning.



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**3-6 STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



**EVA**

Eva for demonstrating maturity and empathy towards others..



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**K-2 STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



**FRANKIE**

Frankie receives this award for being an awesome buddy during Kindergarten Orientation.



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**3-6 STUDENT OF THE WEEK**



**LEILA**

Leila receives this award for showing enthusiasm in all aspects of school life



## Free Basketball Clinic

**I AM A GIRL**  
*Come 'N' Try*



**GAME-BASED  
LEARNING**

**I AM A GIRL - COME 'N' TRY!**

**COST:** FREE  
**AGES:** ALL GIRLS AGED 5-10 YRS  
**DATE:** WED 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025  
**TIME:** 4.30PM - 5.30PM  
**WHERE:** SPORTZ CENTRAL  
74A Bray St, Coffs Harbour

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# K-2 Classroom News



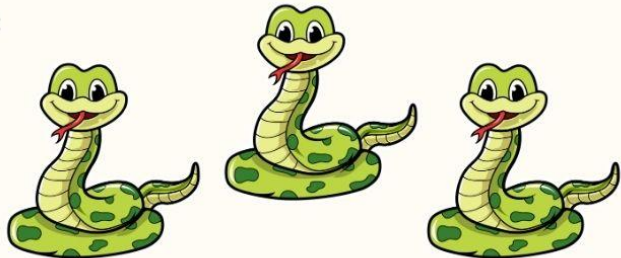
Our first Kindergarten Orientation session for this year went very smoothly and it is lovely to welcome some new families to join our Upper Orara Public School community for next year. Year 2 went to the 3-6 room for their transition time as well and really enjoyed interacting with the students in the class and trying to convince someone to buy blue pizza.

The Reptile Man was really entertaining and educational, and we learnt to say good day and back away. Chase was very brave and pretended he was bitten by a red bellied black snake while we learnt about the first aid that needs to be given. Sapphire held a bearded lizard and Frankie H held the blue tongue so that all students could pat them.

Next week we will be part of the play Dolly the Polka Dotted Llama and the Mackindoo Zoo. There will also be our end of term assembly and the very exciting draw for all those wonderful raffle prizes. We hope you can join us for those events.

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

Mrs Clark



# 3-6

# NEWS

## SPELLING FOCUS

This term, our 3-6 students have explored vowel sounds through Judith Barker's engaging books: 'The EE in The Deep Blue Sea', 'The A in Rainforest', 'The AU in Dinosaur', and 'The OO in Uluru'. These texts help build spelling skills while also connecting to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, particularly through The OO in Uluru, which highlights the cultural significance of place. A fun and meaningful way to learn about language and Country!

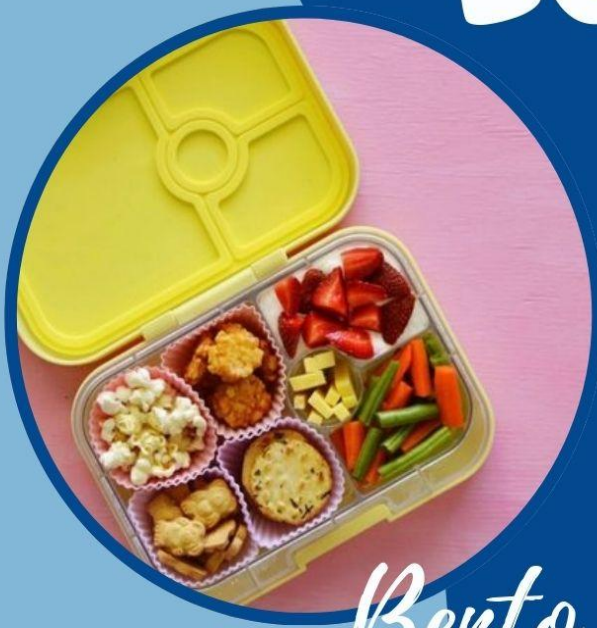
As the sun set behind Uluru, we stood in the cool evening air and watched the moon rise slowly over the smooth red dunes

I flew to Peru to take a view of the new kangaroos wearing blue shoes and chewing glue.

a peculiar child went to the zoo while he was chewing gum he dropped it on a sand dune then the blue cow said MOO so did the kangaroo.

When I went to Uluru in June we slid down the sand dunes with rotten shoes that I got from the zoo's loo that were being chewed by a kangaroo.

# LUNCHBOX IDEAS



## *Bento Box for Snackers*

If your child is a known grazer why not give them plenty of smaller options when it comes to lunch so they have some variety.

### **Ingredients**

#### **Grains**

- rice crackers
- popcorn
- biscuits

#### **Fruit and Veg**

- strawberries
- raw vegetables

#### **Protein**

- natural unsweetened protein yoghurt
- cheese



# Waterwise Program





# Reptile Awareness





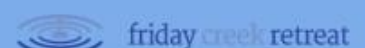
**Please return all raffle tickets by Wednesday morning 24 Sept.**  
**Raffle drawn Thursday 25 September at the End of Term Assembly. Thank You**

UPPER ORARA PUBLIC SCHOOL IS PLEASED TO ASSIST  
 STUDENTS ON AN ANNUAL EXCURSION TO LAKE  
 AINSWORTH. TO ASSIST WITH THE MONSTER RAFFLE, FOR WHICH  
 TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20. PRIZES AMOUNT TO OVER \$2500. THE  
 SCHOOL HAS APPROVED SEVERAL BUSINESSES BELOW, FOR THEIR  
 GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS FUNDRAISER. WE ARE ALSO  
 COLLECTING PLASTIC AND METAL CONTAINERS FOR THE RETURN AND EARN  
 PROGRAM, PLEASE BRING THESE IN TO THE SCHOOL ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE  
 DIVIDED AMONGST THE STUDENTS ATTENDING THE EXCURSION.

UPPER ORARA PUBLIC SCHOOL   
**MONSTER RAFFLE**  
 Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20  
 DRAWN OCTOBER 22, 2025  
 ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE YEAR 3-6 EXCURSION  
 OVER \$2500 IN PRIZES



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# 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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