

# Newsletter

30 March 2026

Upper Orara Public School

Term 1 Week 10

*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),

It has been a rewarding term with many of our students experiencing great accomplishments in the various sports on offer. Our small school relay team will be representing us at Sydney Olympic Park in the State Swimming Relay event.

Congratulations and good luck to Aaliyah, Isobel, Will and Fred. Congratulations also to Eddi, who represented our school at the North Coast basketball trials last Friday. Additionally, many of our students successfully qualified for the Coffs Harbour District Cross Country—well done and good luck to all!

Special mention for Ashton and Jack who won their age Cross Country. Congratulations to them both.

We wish all our students every success as they progress to the next level of competition.

Last Friday marked the exciting conclusion of our surfing for sport program, where both students and teachers had a fabulous time riding the waves and building new skills together. The event was filled with enthusiasm, creating lasting memories for everyone involved. A big thank you goes to the Sporting Schools grant, which made it possible for us to offer this fantastic activity and provide such a valuable experience to our school community.

Parents are reminded not to forget our end-of-term assembly, Easter Hat Parade, and Hot Cross Bun morning tea this Thursday, commencing at 9am. We hope to see you all there as this will be our final event before the term concludes. The Easter raffle will be drawn following the hat parade, thank you to the families who have contributed to our Easter fundraiser. Please note that Friday is Good Friday, and school will be closed.

Students will return to school on **Wednesday, 22 April**. Staff will attend professional learning at Glenreagh Public School on Monday, 20 April, and will be preparing at school on Tuesday, 21 April.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Have a fantastic fortnight.

*Joanne Goodenough*

*Principal, Upper Orara Public School*

## Visiting Our Site

We kindly remind all members of our school community that anyone coming on site to collect or drop off students is required to report to the office upon arrival. Direct access to classrooms should be avoided, as this can disrupt lessons and impact the learning environment.

For student collection at 3pm, parents and carers are asked to wait in the COLA area at the front of the school. This arrangement supports effective supervision and ensures a safe and orderly dismissal process.

It is also essential that a record is made in the system each time a student arrives or leaves the school. This helps us maintain accurate attendance records and safeguards the wellbeing of all students.

## Labelling Clothing

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that all your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it much easier for us to return any misplaced property and helps keep our lost property manageable. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



## Term 1 Attendance

We are pleased to report that our attendance this term is at 91.9%, with 80% of our students attending school more than 90% of the time. The following students have 100% attendance as at the end of week 9 – Jack W, Eli, Peyton, Delilah, Eddi, Hadleigh, Ashton, Aaliyah and Frankie TZ. Congratulations to these students. This is a great achievement—thank you for your ongoing support.

Regular school attendance is important for your child's learning, wellbeing, and social development. Students who attend school consistently have the best opportunity to gain new skills, build friendships and develop positive routines. Missing school can impact academic progress and make it harder for students to stay connected with their classmates and teachers.

We encourage all families to continue to support regular attendance, helping our students make the most of their education.

## PBL for Week 10

-  I use kind words and encourage others.
-  I come prepared and ready to learn every day.

# Student of the Week

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## K-2 STUDENT OF THE WEEK 9



**ZIGGY**

Lilly receives her award for her effort and enthusiasm when learning.



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## 3-6 STUDENT OF THE WEEK 9



**JACK**

Jack receives his award for his respectful interactions with teachers and peers.



### Ingredients

- Butter, 1/3 cup
- Milk, 1 cup
- Sultanas, 1 cup
- Flour, 3 cups
- Bran Flakes, 1/2 cup
- Brown Sugar, 1/2 cup
- Baking Powder, 1 tablespoon
- Mixed Spice, 2 teaspoons
- Mixed Peel (optional), 1/2 cup
- Baking Soda, 1 teaspoon
- Lightly Beaten Egg, 1



### Method

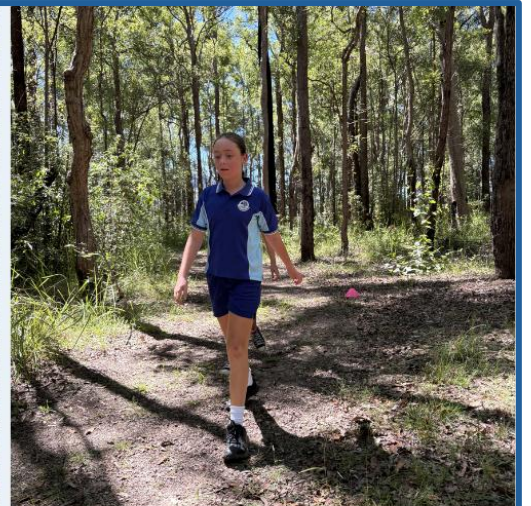
- Preheat oven to 200 °C.
- Grease 12 deep muffin tins.
- In a small pot, heat the butter, milk and sultanas, stirring until the butter is melted. Set aside too cool.
- In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients except baking soda.
- Stir the baking soda into the cooled milk/butter mixture.
- Add the milk mixture and egg to the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.
- Spoon into the muffin tins.
- Bake for about 20 -25 min until golden brown.
- Leave in the tins for 5 min before cooling on a rack.
- When cool, don't be afraid to go overboard with themed icing and decorations. Think - crosses, little lolly eggs, baby bunnies and anything cute-as-pie.

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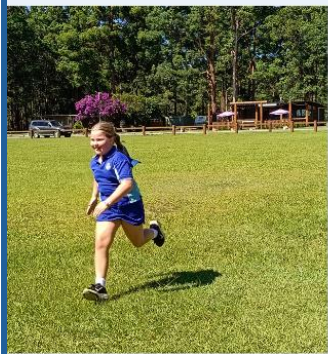
**HAPPY EASTER**







# Small Schools Cross Country



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K-2 have been learning about the weather and how to make a weather recording chart

# Term 1 2026 Calendar

<b>Week 10</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Last Day 3</b> <b>Term One</b> Assembly/ Hot Cross bun Morning Tea	<b>4</b> <b>GOOD</b> <b>FRIDAY/</b> School holidays
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Holidays

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# Term 2 2026 Calendar

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24/25</b> <b>ANZAC</b> March 25th
April	School Staff Development	School Staff Development			
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
April/May	ANZAC Public Holiday	NSWPSSA Swimming Carnival		CHD Cross Country	
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
April/May					
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
May					
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
May					
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
May					