

Newsletter

March 2026

Upper Orara Public School

Term 1 Week 8

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.



Students aged 8 years and older are invited to participate in the Orara Valley Small Schools cross country carnival. Those who choose not to participate will be supervised at school during this time.

Miss Deacon, Mrs Clark, and Mrs Goodenough will be holding parent-teacher interviews in Week 9. Parents can book a time with their child's teacher through the School Bytes platform. Should you require assistance with booking, please do not hesitate to contact Sue in the office. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher but cannot find a suitable time, please contact the office to arrange a meeting.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to our Easter raffle – your support is greatly appreciated!

Finally, we warmly invite parents and extended family to join us for our end of term assembly, Easter Hat Parade, and Hot Cross Bun morning tea on Thursday 2 April. Students should be busily making their Easter hat at home and don't forget to bring your parent Easter Hat for our special parent parade – it promises to be a fun and festive celebration!

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Joanne Goodenough

Principal, Upper Orara Public School

From the Principal's desk!

Ginnagay ngujawiny (Hello everyone),

Congratulations to our Small School's Relay team who have earned themselves a spot in the State PSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush on Tuesday April 28. We are very proud of you and wish you all the best.

We have some exciting events coming up at our school. Over the next two Fridays, 20 and 27 March, our students will be enjoying surfing sessions, so please ensure they come prepared for some fun time in the water.

For our Year 6 families, there will be a transition meeting at Nana Glen Public School on Wednesday 25 March. This is a great opportunity for them to learn more about the next steps in their educational journey. Students will get information from their 2027 Year Advisors and will be able to ask some high school students some questions.

PBL for Weeks 4 and 5

- ✚ Week 8: Move safely around the school.
- ✚ Week 9: Do your personal best.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 1, WEEKS 6 AND 7

<p>Upper Orara Public School</p> <p>K-2 STUDENT OF THE WEEK</p>  <p>Delilah</p> <p>Delilah received her award for settling well into Kindergarten</p>	<p>Upper Orara Public School</p> <p>3-6 STUDENT OF THE WEEK</p>  <p>GRACE</p> <p>Grace receives this award for her resilience and optimistic approach to school life.</p>	<p>Upper Orara Public School</p> <p>K-2 STUDENT OF THE WEEK</p>  <p>BANJO</p> <p>Banjo receives this award for being a good friend.</p>	<p>Upper Orara Public School</p> <p>3-6 STUDENT OF THE WEEK</p>  <p>HADLEIGH</p> <p>Hadleigh receives this award for her positive attitude towards her teachers and peers.</p>
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HARMONY DAY

Wednesday 18 March



Everybody Belongs

3-6 CLASSROOM

News

Geography

This week in Geography, students have been learning about places and their unique features.

They explored two different global locations and discovered what makes each one special. To help compare and contrast these places, the students then created a digital page, identifying similarities and differences such as climate, culture, landmarks, and daily life.

This activity helped students think critically about how people live in different parts of the world and how geography influences lifestyles.

It also encouraged them to observe patterns and make connections between places near and far.

Dubai

Population- 4million

Food- Shawarma, Manakish, Hummus and Luqaimat

Area- 4114km²

Famous Building- Burj Khalifa

Green Land- 15.3 million square feet with green land

Tokyo

Population- 37.5million

Food- Sushi, Ramen, Wagyu Beef and Yakitori

Area- 13500km²




Famous Building- Tokyo Tower

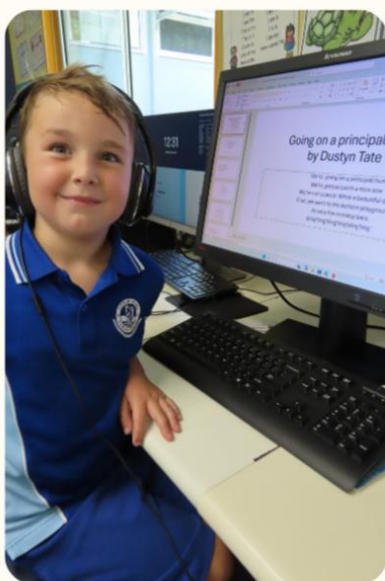
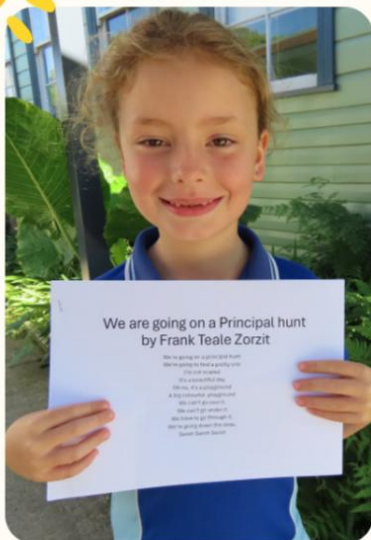
Green Land- 380km²

Follow up:

Parents can join in at home by choosing two countries or cities with their child. Together, create a Venn diagram comparing the two locations. You can discuss things like weather, foods, languages, or famous landmarks. Encourage your child to share interesting facts they discover and even draw pictures of the places to make the activity fun and interactive!

	Coffs Harbour	Beijing
Population	82'859 thousand	22.98 Millon
Size	1200 km	16 410 km
Populer food	BBQ	Soup
Buildings	34'696	Over 5.6 Million



K-2 Classroom News

In our K-2 classroom, it's been a busy few weeks. Kindergarten students have been exploring the "satpin" sounds as part of their phonics program, building strong foundations for reading and writing. Last week was revision and we will be moving on with more new sounds this week. Stage One have completed activities including maps from the mentor text and are concentrating on punctuation in their writing. This week is Harmony Week, and the students will be taking time to learn about different cultures, share stories, and promote inclusion and friendship within our community. Wednesday we will have Harmony Day celebrations in our school, and your child can come to school wearing orange or school uniform on the day depending on their choice. If your child chooses to wear orange clothing on the day please ensure that the shirt covers their shoulders and that they wear filled in shoes.

K-2 really enjoyed the recent surfing session and had lots of fun catching waves. It's wonderful to see our youngest learners so engaged and enthusiastic! This week they will also be attending surfing lessons on Friday.

Homework for kindergarten will be commencing this week, and this will include reading and a game to play with the family. I am looking forward to seeing K-2 parents in Week 9 for teacher parent interviews.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning.

Mrs Clark





Ingredients

- 250 gram small pasta
- 2/3 cup (200g) mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoon wholegrain mustard
- 300 gram can butter beans, rinsed, drained
- 100 gram roasted capsicum, drained, chopped
- 250 gram cherry tomatoes, halved
- 100 gram leg ham, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup (55g) chopped baby green beans
- 1/3 cup (25g) parmesan cheese flakes
- salt and freshly ground pepper.

Method

Lunchbox pasta salad

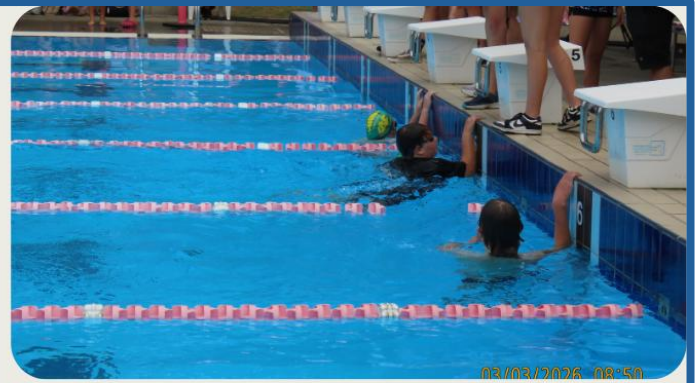
1. Cook pasta in a large pan of boiling salted water until just tender; drain. Rinse pasta under cold water, then drain well. Transfer pasta to a large bowl and cool.

2. Add combined mayonnaise and mustard to pasta in bowl.

3. Stir in butter beans, capsicum, tomato, ham, beans and parmesan. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

4. Serve in a lunch box with a fork.

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MID NORTH COAST SWIMMING RELAY TEAM





SURFING



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**LIMITED VACANCIES
AVAILABLE**

Term 1 2026 Calendar

Week 1	26		28	29	30
January	Public Holiday		SDD	SDD	SDD
Week 2	2		4	5	6
February	First Day back for students			OVSS Swimming Carnival	
Week 3	9		11	12	13
			Leadership Induction 9.00am		
Week 4	16		18	19	20
				Meet and Greet. Resilience Program Launch	
Week 5	23		25	26	27
			CHD Swimming		
Week 6	2	3	4	5	6
March		Mid North Coast Swimming		Mid North Coast Basketball	Surf School
Week 7	9		11	12	13
			NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN
Week 8	16		18	19	20
	NAPLAN		NAPLAN	NAPLAN	Surf School
Week 9	23		25	26	27
				OVSS Cross Country	Surf School
Week 10	30		2	3	4
March/ April				Last Day Term One Assembly/ Hot Cross bun Morning Tea	GOOD FRIDAY/ School holidays