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**UPPER ORARA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Term 1 - Week 7, Thursday 12th March 2015**

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**TOMORROW!!** | Life Education Note + $10
**TOMORROW!!** | OVLC Cross Country Note + $2 (8 yo + only)
**TOMORROW!!** | Harmony Day Ulong Note + $5
Fri 20th March | Yr 7 Expression of Interest Forms for High School
**Debating**

Year 6 participated in a debate against Nana Glen by video conference on Wednesday. They did a very professional and convincing job! Well done Year 6. The topic was ‘That it should be compulsory to wear a school uniform’. Another great experience and opportunity to build leadership, team work and skills for our student’s future. Next Tuesday Year 6 will participate in a debate with Coramba students. The students are only advised of the topic the day before.

**Orara High School - Transition Days**

Year 4 students have the opportunity to attend ‘Taster Lessons’ at Orara High School in Term 1 & Term 2. The first will be on Tuesday 17th March. A note has been distributed to Year 4 students. Please complete the note if you would like your Year 4 child to attend. Lessons include Science, German and Woodwork.

**Head Lice**

Could everyone please check their child/children’s hair regularly as the nits are loving the weather at the moment and we have had several cases reported to the school. Please also check they have their own hat and remind them not to share their hats and to keep their hair tied up if it is long enough. We are so lucky that we are a small school and can get the message to everyone and work to eradicate them. Please talk to each other about what you do to treat them.

**Change in Swimming Routine**

Swimming will not be on next week because of Harmony Day Celebrations at Ulong. We will continue on the 26 March until the end of term. Yes - last day we will swim! The money paid towards the missing lesson will go towards the bus hire.

**Book Covering — THANK YOU!**

I would like to say a BIG thank you to the parents who are continuing to cover books for our Library. There are still many left to do and more arriving each week. If it is easier, you may take some home to cover and return. Even a small amount helps get the books out on the shelves for our children to read.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

This week’s ‘Student of the Week’ is Mitchell. Mitchell receives this award for working well in reading groups (taking turns & sharing equipment) Well done Mitchell!
Cross Country Practice

The wet weather has delayed our Cross Country Practice. Staff would like to run our own Cross Country, so we have decided to combine a few things in one day. On the 1st April at 12:00pm will be our Easter Hat Parade and then lunch with families. We will then finish the day with a Cross Country Run for Kinder to Year 6 if weather permits (not TOO Hot or TOO Wet). We will need volunteers to be spotters on track. You will see your child run and then swap positions so you will see them running to the finish line.

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

We are having the Parade on Wednesday 1st April so the pre-school children can join in! Please note that hats can be started at home and completed at school. The children will need to bring items to finish the hat at school. Please no chocolates for decorations as they melt in the sun. Examples: Ribbon, chickens and a basic frame of a hat to build onto. Examples for hat frame: old sun hat, cap, box and cardboard cylinder. The school will supply basic items and have a few ideas to add to the hats.

Easter Raffle tickets are going out today please help promote our fun Easter Hat Parade. We are raffling a healthy box of vegetables and a few chocolate items!

School and Text Book Fees

Thank you to those parents who have paid their school fees.
We would appreciate payment from the remainder as soon as possible.

Donations Required!

Ms Cotterell requires some empty, clean 1.25lt or 2lt soft drink bottles for a school project for the children. If you have any at home please send them in. We require 23 at least! THANK YOU!

Harmony Day Botanical Gardens

Could you please indicate to the school if your child/children will be available to participate in the Upper Orara Public School choir by returning the permission tear-off slip. This is a great way of promoting our school and joining in the community spirit which is one of School Learning Plan directions.

My child will / will not be attending the Harmony Day Festival in Coffs Harbour on Sunday 22nd March 2015.

Signed

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Please check all dates in the Newsletter for events coming up including P&C information. The more organised we are, the more smoothly our days run and every child gets the opportunity to have a positive experience in the events.

We recently received a lovely email from one of our families and I quote ‘Thanks for all you Do! Best school on the North Coast!!!’

What wonderful feedback for our school :-))

Leonie Smith
Relieving Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

‘ Aqua Splash’ & Aqua Challenge’

Pool Inflatables
$5.00 plus pool entry
Orara Valley Community Pool
Saturday 14/3/15
1pm – 3pm

ORARA VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY

Please join us at the Nana Glen Pool on Saturday 14th of March starting from 10am until 12:30pm for our family FUN DAY which includes:

Free entry, Gold coin donation for a sausage sizzle, Water slides, Music and dancing

And some friendly games of everyone’s favourite sport football!

This will be your last chance to sign up for our 7’s, 9’s and 10’s teams.

We will also have shorts and socks available for purchase

This day is Weather Permitting, please call 0423 490 008 if any questions.

You can also join us out at our home ground after for our senior games starting -1pm women’s and 3pm & 5pm for our senior men’s teams. The canteen will be operating with steak sandwiches, chicken schnitzel burgers and drinks.

There will be a P&C meeting on Friday 20th March at 3pm in the School Library.

Everyone is welcome to attend!
SCHOOL PLAN VISION FOR 2015-2017

Our school is the first and last choice for families looking for the best education option for their children. Our school is a place where everyone regardless of background or ability, is a successful learner and they do the best that they can do as an individual and as a member of our team. Together we strive to meet the student’s learning needs.

Upper Orara Public School is a learning community with high expectations of students that support them in learning to the best of their abilities. We ensure that what students learn and how they learn is relevant to their lives and aspirations.