Compulsory School Attendance

We are very fortunate that most of our students are having excellent attendance, however, there are a couple of students who need to improve their attendance. As teachers & parents, we all want our students to get a great education, however, the building blocks for a great education begins with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later school years of school. There is no safe numbers of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievements in numeracy and literacy.

5/6 Excursion Deposit

Please pay $50.00 as your child’s excursion deposit ASAP to secure their seat. If you are having any financial problems please come and see me.

Orara Valley Debating

Lowanna/Ulong. The topic was: School Uniform must be Compulsory. Ulong School did quite well and I was very impressed by their overall effort. Next week on Monday, 16th I will be taking my 4 debaters to Lowanna for their second round of practice.

CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

GOOD ATTENDANCE
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.
Harmony Day

Ulong P.S will be celebrating its harmony day on Thursday, 19th March. We have invited 3 students from Southern Cross University of different cultural backgrounds to do some activities. These students come from Japan, Taiwan & Vietnam. Mrs. Booth will be sharing some of her experiences and I will share some of my cultural knowledge and apply Henna on the students hands. It will be a mufti day, so students can come dressed in an outfit that represents another country. We will be running food stalls to raise some money for the SRC. Parents and community members are invited to come along and to take an active part in it. I am open for suggestions, so please suggest some ideas of how we can make it an enjoyable and fun day for all. Looking forward to your ideas and suggestions. If you are able to help the school by running a food stall or some activities, please let us know as we would love to have your input & participation.

Lowanna, Coramba & Upper Orara schools will be present at celebrate Harmony day with us.

This Friday is fresh fruit smoothies and activity day.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April at 1:30pm in the Library.

Preschool provides a foundation for learning both socially and academically that will help your child succeed in their later schooling years. Preschool prepares children for kindergarten, promotes emotional & social development in children and prepares them to interact with their peers.

Unfortunately, The Mountain Preschool is going through a crisis. This crisis is due to lack of enrolments and in this case it won’t be long before it is closed down. If it closes down it will take years to get this facility running back again on the mountain.

Please, all the Ulong community get behind this initiative and try to keep our little preschool running.
Assembly Photos
## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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When a child gives you a gift, 
Even if it is a rock they just picked up, 
Exude gratitude. 
It might be the only thing they have to give, and they have chosen to give it to you.

Whatever We Do
We Do Well