Upper Orara NAIDOC Celebrations

This Thursday, 13th August all students will catch the bus at 9:15am to go to Upper Orara to celebrate NAIDOC Day with Lowanna & Upper Orara. Students will be involved in making talking sticks, cooking damper and doing aboriginal art. Students will return to school by 2:45pm. All students need to bring a $1.00 coin donation with their permission note to cover the cost of all art material and ingredients for damper.

Yahoo!!!!

We are very proud to announce that Aurora -Jayne was awarded 1st place in the under 7’s Physical Culture Competition. She is a very well behaved, talented girl. Well done Aurora-Jayne!! Congratulations to all the other valley students who did very well in their age group. Go Valley!!

Surveys

Thank you to all parents who returned their surveys. Surveys are a very important tool to assess various issues around the school:

• Perceptions of safety – from students, parents and school staff.
• Make informed planning decisions about programs to help prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive schools.
• Determine the effectiveness of their programs on an ongoing basis.
• Build and sustain a positive school climate.

I ask that all parents please fill in and return their surveys. The more surveys returned means more informed decisions can be made on improving our school culture.

Lunchtime Clubs

The year 3-6 girls are enjoying the lunch clubs. The lunch club is aimed at developing team work & communication skills. The girls understand that communication is critical and is driven by the team leader who will work with the team to establish ground rules and bring the team together so that it can accomplish its goals. They are also starting to realize that effective teams need to work well together and that team cohesiveness depends on building strong relationships among team members.

P & C Meeting is on this Wednesday, 12th August, 2015 at 1:30pm. I encourage all parents to please come along to share your ideas with us.
Assembly - Friday 2.15pm

An invite to all parents, to come and celebrate their child’s success, as children always love to see their parents when they receive an award at assembly. This Friday the K – 2 students will be performing so please come along and enjoy their performance. Assembly commences at 2.15pm.

Class Awards

K-2

Leah  Working well together in maths
Riley
Gracie  Fantastic tennis skills
Will  Being a great class helper

Yrs 3-6

Andrew  Lovely Manners
Lukas  Peer Support Leadership
Gabby
Layla  Being a conscientious student
Jada  Great maths skills

Beach and Surf Safety Awareness

Yesterday, our school had a visit from Sonny, the lifeguard from Coffs Harbour City Council to teach our students about beach safety and how they can keep themselves safe while swimming rivers, creeks, dams and at the beach. Next Term, we will be organising an excursion to Park Beach to learn more about Ocean Safety.
Friday Clubs continue to be very popular with the students. Thank you to the parents who come into the school each fortnight to help.
## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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### Crunch & Sip Snippet

Involve your children in choosing the fruit and veg that you buy at the supermarket. Remind them that they need to choose fruit and veg that can be eaten easily and raw. Use it as an opportunity to discuss different types of fruit and vegetables and encourage them to try unfamiliar ones.

### Whatever We Do, We Do Well