**Upper Orara NAIDOC Celebrations**

The students had a fabulous day and I was very proud of how well they represented our school.

**P&C Meeting**

P & C Meeting was postponed again, it has been rescheduled for the Wednesday, 19th August, 2015 at 1:30pm. I encourage all parents to please come along to share your ideas with us. I have a few very important items that I need to discuss before it is put forward to the community.

**Surveys**

Thank you to all parents who have returned their surveys. It is very much appreciated. However, I still have some families who have not returned their surveys, so please do take some time out of your busy schedule to feel in the survey and return it ASAP.

**TYKO Drumming**

Students will be enjoying a Tyko Drumming performance on Friday, 21st August.

**Fruit and Vege month - Lets go green!!**

Our school is participating in the fun of Fruit & Veg Month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term - Monday 24th August to Friday 18th September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.
Lesson Observation

As part of the Department of Education’s new initiative, the Professional Development Plan (PDP), Mrs. Hawkens, Principal of Lowanna PS came to watch me teach a lesson and later in the afternoon I went to watch her lesson. It is the new way of improving and learning from each other by giving constructive feedback and sharing ways of improving. Mrs. Hawken was very impressed by the way the students asked and answered questions.

So well done years 3-6 students Keep up the good work!

Next week, Mrs. William and Miss Palegranoe will be observing each other teach.

Stranger Danger

A few of my students have brought to my attention that an elderly looking man with long hair in a ponytail wearing big round glasses and driving a white ute approached the children on Sunday. Please make sure your children are not alone on the streets and talk to them about stranger danger. We had a talk on stranger danger at school, however, reinforcement from mum and dad is always good.

Book Week

Next Wednesday we are celebrating Book Week with a parade. Students come dressed as a character out of their favourite book. So kids put your thinking caps on and come up with some extraordinary costumes for us to guess which book character you are.

K-2 had some friendly feathered visitors on Tuesday

Kinder Orientation

Do you know anyone in the community who has a child ready to begin school in 2016? Please ask them to visit the school so we can organise our Kinder Orientation class. We have enrolment packs and bags ready to give out to our new little students. Once we know how many students are attending we can also organise free eye and dental check-ups. It’s always good for the new Kindies to get to know the school and the staff before they start the school year.
Assembly / Calendar Changes

The next school assembly has been changed to Thursday 3rd September. Next week we have the OVPSSA Softball Carnival and the following Fridays Mrs Kaler has Principal commitments. It will commence at the same time of 2.15pm and will be held in the 3-6 classroom. Make sure you check out the calendar on the back page there have been some additions made to it.
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