Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment

19th February 2016

From the Principal’s Desk

The year has started well as students all seem to be happy and have settled well in their new classes and ability groups. We would like to welcome Cherie, who will be working with us in an administrative and SAO’s role. We also welcome a new family with Amity joining the Kindergarten class. We would also like to thank the community for their support in promoting our school to the Ulong community. This means we are able to provide more individualised learning to our students and our staff use their expertise in providing quality teaching to our students.

Information Updates: It is very important for the school to have up to date details in case of an emergency with your child and you need to be contacted.

If your details have changed please fill in the form sent home previously and return it to the office.

Also if at times you change your details please give the school relevant updated phone numbers and information. These details are kept confidential.

Small school swimming carnival: Thank you to all parents and grandparents who made an effort to take their children to the carnival in spite of bad weather. The feedback I received was that it was a wonderful day. All students participated well and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Mrs Williams has provided the newsletter with a more detailed report of the day.

OV Swimming carnival: We had a few students who participated in this event. Though not successful in going on to the next carnival I’m proud to say they displayed great sportsmanship when competing in their races.

Chinese New Year: Students had the privilege to learn about Chinese New Year and the culture that surrounds it, we also did some cooking of fried rice and the students enjoyed it with a glass of fruit cordial and a fortune cookie.
**From the Principal’s Desk cont.**

**Pet Day:** Dogs are known to be “Man’s Best Friend” and are very loyal. However, at times they can be quite dangerous as just a few weeks ago a little 5 year old was attacked by a friend’s dog that was visiting their place. Therefore, it is a timely reminder to our dog lovers to be aware of dog safety. We had the privilege to welcome Gina & her trained dog Gypsy to visit us and to engage our student’s in dog safety information. The students are now more aware of how to keep themselves safe in the presence of dogs.

**Assembly:** We will be having our first assembly next Thursday on the 25th February at 2:20pm. Assemblies from now on will be every three weeks on Thursday instead of Friday. This is due to the many events held on Fridays for both students and staff.

The students who will be getting awards next Thursday are:

- K- Eli Caulton for excellent Library borrowing.
- Year 1 – Joey Walsh- Stewart for a positive start to the school year.
- Year 3 – Gracie Walsh Stewart for her excellent engagement in all learning activities.
- Year 4 – Rylie Campbell for being a conscientious student.
- Year 5 – Lilly for completing Maths Online Diagnostic Test in the time frame provided.
- Year 6 – Karlos for his effort in completing all set work to the best of his ability.

**OV Principals Meeting:** I’m away today, the 19th to attend the OV Principals Meeting. Small school principals get together decide on joint carnivals, teacher professional learning and any upcoming events for the OVLC. Then we will be able to send home up to date OVLC information in the Term 1 calendar on the back of the newsletter.

**Fire Drill:** Next week we will be having a Fire Drill practice and soon we will have a practice Lockdown Drill to ensure all students and staff know what to do in case of these emergencies. If your child comes home and tells you we had a fire or there was someone at school and we had to go into lockdown it was because we have been practicing for student’s safety.
Small Schools Swimming Carnival

From Mrs Williams:

Ulong pride: Our Ulong kids did a great job on Friday and Miss Van Gastel, Mr Sydenham and myself were all very proud to be there with them and delight in their achievements and their never give up attitude. Once the older children got over their nerves there was no stopping them and we brought home ribbons galore.

Safety first: All the parents and carers (myself included) who feel nervous around water will be happy to know that the pool had two dedicated life guards and several teachers in attendance. Also this year, all children had a blue or yellow wrist band to signal to life guards that they may need a little extra attention.

Fun for all ages: As it was a mini carnival there were also activities for the younger children including a blow up ‘slip and slide’ and novelty events in the pool such as noodle races and ‘walk the rubber plank’. We even had time for a teachers race. Go Mr Sydenham!

Greater participation: It was a great day and very well organised by Upper Orara. Next year the mini swimming carnival will join our mini athletics carnival and our mini cross country. I would love to see more kids and more parents attending. (Just don’t let all your car batteries run flat at the same time!)
## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**What ever we do, We do well.**