



# Lowanna Public School

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**Week 1 Term 4 – Monday 10/10/2016**

## Dates to remember, so far...

### Week 1

**Wednesday 12 October** NSW Terrorism and Homicide Victims Remembrance Day. School flags will be at half mast.

### Week 2

#### **Thursday 2 November**

Lowanna's Relay Team competes in Sydney at the NSW Athletics Carnival

### Week 3

#### **Wednesday 26 November**

Orara Valley Maths Enrichment Day  
Jetty High School Transition Visit

### Week 5

**Tuesday 8 November** Mrs Hawken returns,  
Kindergarten Orientation half day  
Responsible Pet Education Day K-4

### Week 6

#### **Tuesday 15 November**

Kindergarten Orientation half day

#### **Wednesday 16 November:**

Lowanna Bike Day  
STEPS visit for preschool vision screening

### Week 7

Intensive School Swimming Scheme all week

### Week 8

**Tuesday 29 November:** Kindergarten Orientation full day

**Wednesday 30 November:** Presentation Day

**Thursday 1 December:** Ocean Awareness at Coffs Harbour

### Week 9

**Friday 9 December** Yr 6 Big Day Out

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy Term 4. Mrs Hawken is on leave until Tuesday of Week 5. During this time the 5/6 class will be in the very capable hands of Ms Fiona McDonald, Miss Holly Corfe and Mr Marc James. Mrs Cassidy will be relieving principal during this time so please feel free to drop in and chat with her should you have any concerns or queries.

## School Garden

What a difference warm sunshine makes! Be sure to take a wander through our gardens next time you are at school.

Our sensory garden (near our soon to be inhabited chook yard) is in full bloom while our vegetable garden has a beautiful crop of lettuce. Salad tasting soon! Tomatoes will be going in this week and we eagerly anticipate the arrival of giant pumpkin seeds – a great idea for next year's Coffs Show, Hilly!

A big thank you to Hilly for watering our vegetable gardens over the holiday break.



## Assembly

Our next school assembly will be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October from 2:30pm. Awards are handed out at each assembly and a class item presented. Next week the K-2 class will be presenting an item. We would love to see you there. Our school band will be performing some items this term so stay tuned!

## Kindergarten Orientation

It's that time of year again when we welcome next year's kinders for a taste of big school. This year we will have 2 half days on November 8 and November 15 with a full day at school on November 29. If you know of any children ready for kinder next year please let us know so that we can send them a brochure and information package.

## Relay Team

Not long to go now! Our fabulous relay team head off to Sydney to compete in the P5 Relay on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. We wish them the very best of luck, and we are very proud of you all!

Kind Regards,

Sharlee Cassidy

## Around the Classrooms

**K-2** Last term the children worked really hard on improving their reading skills. What an amazing job they did! A highlight for me was one excited student racing out of the classroom to Mrs Hawken shouting "I can read!" A big thank you to Sarah for all the hard work she puts into our class.

It would be great if parents could remind their children of our *Early Bird Reading Program* when they do the morning drop off. Children read to a buddy before school and can earn some great prizes from our

prize box. This term we will be focusing on further developing our writing, Maths and Technology skills.

*Sharlee Cassidy*

**3/4** Welcome back to another fun and exciting term. During the last week of term 3 children in years 3-6 participated as leaders for the K-2 Enrichment Day. Years 3-4 are to be congratulated on their fine leadership skills during the day. Well done.

This term I will be on leave in week 3 and 4. Miss McDonald will continue with my teaching and learning program. The children are familiar with Miss McDonald as they have Miss McDonald each Wednesday. I will be back in week 5. Please continue to return home readers and spelling homework each Friday or Monday morning.

*Alana Benfield*

**5/6** Term 4 will be very busy for students in 5/6. Literacy and visual arts will be based around "The Red Tree", "Paper Caper" and "Into the Forest" texts.

During geography, students will investigate and research the country of Brazil. Maths lessons will consist of whole number, data, time, volume, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.

*Holly Corfe*

## Lowanna P&C News

A reminder that our next P&C meeting is to be held here at school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 9am.

All parents are invited to come along.