



Lowanna Public School

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Week 3 Term 4 – Monday 24/10/2016

Dates to remember, so far...

Week 3

Wednesday 26 November

Orara Valley Maths Enrichment Day for selected students in Years 3/4 and 5/6

Coffs High School Year 6/7 Transition Visit here at Lowanna PS

Book Club orders are due back to school

Week 5

Tuesday 8 November Mrs Hawken returns Kindergarten Orientation half day

Responsible Pet Education Day K-4

Thursday 10th November Lowanna Rural Fire Service visits our school for fire education

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 via bus, no cost to students

Week 8

Monday 28 November 11am-1pm End of year Presentation Day

Tuesday 29 November Kindergarten Orientation full day

Wednesday 30 November: Yr 6/7 Transition to Coffs Harbour HS Orara Valley students

Thursday 1 December: Ocean Awareness Education at Coffs Harbour via bus, no cost to students

Week 9

Tuesday 6 December Trans Yr6/7 to CHHS

Friday 9 December Yr 6 Big Day Out

Lowanna Relay Team News



Congratulations to Josh, Chloe, Natalia and Dallas for performing so well in Sydney at the NSW Track and Field Championships. You have all done Lowanna proud! What better way to celebrate than with cake?



Coffs Harbour High School

This Wednesday at 12pm staff from CHHS will be visiting Lowanna to speak to our transitioning Year 6 students. Please make a note of changes to CHHS orientation days in the updated CHHS note sent home today.

Assembly Awards



Our next school Assembly will be held on Monday 31 October at 2:30pm. The 3/4 Class will be presenting an item. Parents are always welcome, so why not come a little earlier than the usual pickup time and join us in the 5/6 room? It was wonderful to have one of our dads join us last week.

3/4 News

A reminder that Mrs Benfield is on leave for the next two weeks and Miss McDonald will be teaching 3/4 during this time.

Years 3 and 4 have been busy writing poetry and at next week's Assembly will show off what fabulous poets they are! Take a sneak peek at this wonderful poem by Kiara.

Spring

*Baby foals dancing in the distance
Bees harvesting pollen for honey
Flowers waking up to dance for water
The joy of Spring*

Halloween



Due to popular demand next Monday 31 October will be **Halloween Mufti Day**. Children (and staff!) can dress up in a Halloween costume/character or come to school in casual clothes if they prefer.

Gardening Update

We have had a lot of visitors to the school this past week and they have all commented on our beautiful gardens.

Last week our Friday gardeners spent the afternoon weeding, planting tomatoes, lettuce and the salvias we grew from seed while pondering the best spot for our giant show pumpkins to grow. Mrs Cassidy may have gotten a little carried away with her seed selection – the packets says the record for pumpkins grown from this seed is over 900kg!



Our peas are coming along nicely and the children have been sampling the lettuce – some more impressed than others with the taste!



Our garden has been helped along by donations of seedlings, cuttings, seeds and soil from many including Chrissy, Amali, Mrs Wood and Hilly. If you have any plants or cuttings needing a new home please let Mrs Cassidy know.

Three Feathered Enrolments

At long last our chooks have arrived – well, almost! They arrived in Coffs on Thursday and are now holidaying with Mrs Cassidy's chooks while our school chook yard is being made fox proof. The children can't wait until they make the trip up the mountain – each class will get to name one chook!





Kindergarten Orientation

A reminder that Kindergarten Orientation is coming up. If you know of any children ready for Kindergarten next year, please let us know so that we can send them a brochure and information package.



Important P&C News

Thank you to all who came to the meeting last Friday.

As discussed at the meeting our P&C needs a minimum of three parents to form a P&C committee. We currently have two parents willing to form a committee but we need one more. Please speak to Sarah if you are able to volunteer one hour per month and would like our P&C remain an important part of our school.

If we do not get one more parent our school will lose the P&C run Canteen, our P&C Committee and also our fund raising abilities.

Thank you, Sarah.

