



# Lowanna Public School

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**Week 4 Term 4 – Monday 31/10/2016**

## Dates to remember, so far...

### Week 4

**Friday 4 November** Kids in the Kitchen-Salad Day

### Week 5

**Tuesday 8 November** Mrs Hawken returns  
Kindergarten Orientation half day

Responsible Pet Education K-4

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

**Friday 11 November** Kids in the Kitchen Salad Sandwiches

### 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 Coff 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

## Week 4 already!

We have lots happening at school over the coming weeks so be sure to make a note of all our upcoming events.

## Morning playground supervision

A reminder that **students should not arrive at school before 8.30am**. Over the past two weeks we have had children arriving as early as 8am and staff have also noticed children playing around the train station as early as 45 minutes before school starts. We want all our wonderful Lowanna children to stay safe, so all children have been reminded **not to come to school early**. We understand that sometimes circumstances could make this difficult for parents but we ask that you discuss this with staff first so that we can ensure the safety of all our children.



Any visitors to our school today were in for a scary surprise!



## Transition to Coffs Harbour High School

Last Wednesday staff from CHHS visited Lowanna to speak to our Year 6 students. They were very impressed with both our students and what a beautiful spot Lowanna is. A reminder that the transition dates have changed for CHHS. Please refer to the note sent home last week for further details.

## School Assembly

The 3/4 class showed off their fabulous poetry writing at today's assembly. Well done! What a talented bunch of writers you are!

Our next assembly will be in Week 6 when the 5/6 class will present 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 at 2:30pm?



## K-2 News

We have been completing a unit of work on Lego and what fun we are all having! The children have researched the history of Lego, written about Lego, completed Maths activities based around Lego and of course completed lots of designing and building using Lego. Our task this week is to make Lego movies on the ipads using our own Lego creations. Stay tuned for movie session times once we have these completed as we would love to share them with you.

*Mrs Sharlee Cassidy*



## 3/4 News

We have been busy, whilst Mrs Benfield is away on leave, exploring and making connections with Aboriginal dreamtime stories. Students have studied through their reading of dreamtime stories and recognised the significance of totems and symbols within Indigenous heritage within their writing and how they show loyalty to the past. This week, students will be continuing to refine their totem writing short stories and their related artworks. Students have been working hard and putting in an amazing effort, keep your eyes and ears peeled for their finished masterpieces.

*Ms Fiona McDonald*



## 5/6 News

There are another few busy weeks ahead for 5/6. We will be starting our new visual literacy book "The Great Paper Caper" and complete artworks around this theme. Maths will concentrate on additions,



subtraction and time. During Geography we will continue to compare Brazil to Australia, completing small research tasks.

*Miss Holly Corfe*

## STePs

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of November** the STePS vision screening team will be visiting our school to assess the vision of identified students. The main focus is on students starting school next year and this year's Kindergarten students.

Teachers have also identified students in their class who they think may benefit from the screening (e.g. students who have mentioned problems seeing the board, etc.). These students will have brought a note home today.

This program is not intended for students already wearing glasses. We have been advised that if parents have any concerns regarding these students they should make an appointment with their optometrist. If your child didn't bring a note home today (and they do not already wear glasses) but you would like to discuss the possibility of having their vision screened please contact the class teacher.



## Salad Tasting Day

Our Friday gardeners have asked if we can have a salad tasting day where we can make use of the abundance of lettuce in our garden.



This Friday we will be putting together some salad tasting samples for the children to try including tomatoes, cucumbers, etc.

Our gardeners have also been telling us about some of their fabulous home vegie gardens so if you have something you think would be great to add to our tastings please send them in. We would love to include them!





## Ideas for morning Crunch n Sip



Don't forget that every morning we have our **Crunch and Sip** vegetable and fruit break in class. Bring some cut up hard vegetables or non-messy fruit daily. Re-fuelling with

a small snack of fruit or vegetables can improve concentration in the classroom and have a positive impact on behaviour. Children rarely drink enough during break times at school and often forget to drink. Our students are all encouraged to bring their sipper water bottle into the classroom each day, are less likely to become dehydrated, and more likely to drink when they start to feel thirsty.

## Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation is coming up, so 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.

## Intensive Swimming

Our week of fun in the pool has been greatly assisted by a generous offer from the Crowe family to meet the cost of our bus. This wonderful offer has been gratefully accepted by the school and we appreciate their generosity in ensuring that the swim safe program is made accessible to all children. Water safety and swimming are essential survival skills we all need to learn.

Don't forget to check your swimwear and rash vest now! We will need to come to school dressed ready for the pool, wearing your school sun hat, with our school backpacks each day, packed with a big healthy recess, a big packed lunch, school water bottle, sunscreen, beach towel and a dry change of clothing. Please make sure that everything you bring has your name clearly marked on each item.

A reminder for pool visitors that the *Orara Valley Community Pool* is open Monday to Friday from 7am-6pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 10am-6pm during daylight saving time (closing times at 5pm during non-daylight saving times).