



Lowanna Public School

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Week 9 Term 3 – Monday 12/9/2016

Dates to remember :

5th to 16th September: Food 4U fortnight.

Wednesday 14th September: Footy Colours Day organised by the Social Justice Portfolio. A separate note is with this Newsletter.

Thursday 15th September: Years 5 and 6 to travel to Coramba Hall for High School transition taster concert.

Friday 23rd September: Please note change of date: Ice Cream Day. This date was originally 16th September. However, we have changed it so that for Food 4U Fruit Fortnight will end with a healthy focus, rather than ice cream.

Food 4U Fruit Fortnight

This will be the last week of our fortnight for focusing on healthy eating as part of Fruit and Vege Month. We will again be giving Nude Food lunch boxes to those children who can pack their lunch with no wrappings. Winners of Nude Food lunch boxes from last week are:

Monday: Carmelle

Tuesday: Shania

Wednesday: Oak

Thursday: Ebony

Friday: Olivia

Fruit and Vege Mufti Colours Day

Last Wednesday we had a Mufti Day where children dressed in the colour of their favourite fruit or vegetable. Also on this day,

a vegetable sample plate for tasting was provided, and then children built a vegetable man from the vegetable selections. The children voted for the best vegetable man and the people's choice award went to Tyson, Congratulations!

We all had great fun, with many different creations being designed, and then eaten.



Softball Carnival

We had a great day last Friday at the Softball Carnival at Coramba. Sadly, it came to an early end at lunchtime, with a huge downpour of rain. However, we managed to get all rounds of Softball and T-Ball in before the rain ended play.



Thank you to our Orara High School volunteer umpires. They did an amazing job.



Also, a huge thank you to our amazing parents, who did a great job planning for, and then working in the canteen last Friday.



Gotta love men and their barbecues! Also it was great to see Hilly wearing our school 'parent helper' shirt. If you would be interested in purchasing a shirt, please see either Mrs Wood in our office or Margo Hammond. We all work together as a team.

Enrolments

As many of you may be aware, we have 8 lovely Year 6 children who will be leaving Lowanna at the end of the year to move on to High School. At this point in time, we have only one confirmed Kindergarten enrolment for next year. So, if you know of any Kinders, or any other age group children that you believe could be enrolling at our school in 2017, could you ask them to call the school to let us know.



Also, to be able to make contact with any prospective enrolments for 2017, we are planning a **Letter Box Drop** of a flyer for our school. We are currently designing this, with an expectation to be finished by the end of the week.



Take a Seat

At our last staff meeting we discussed ways in which we could make the pick up of your children after school a safer procedure than that which currently operates.

We are planning to design a garden inside our front fence with seating for parents to be able to wait for their kids and have a chat while doing so. This way, parents would be able to chat, as well as having a safe (and comfortable) collection place to meet their children.



If there are any parents who have ideas for the design of our seating, or could help in any way with construction, please come and have a chat with us. We are open to any suggestions.

Reading to Learn: Years 3-6.

The main goal in grades 3 to 6 is for children to become enthusiastic, independent readers who can use their skills to learn new material in all subjects — from History to Mathematics. Put simply, children focus on learning to read through to Year 2. After that, they "read to learn," as well as read for pleasure.

The National Research Council, the National Reading Panel, and the National Institute for Literacy identified these skills as key for kids to become strong, independent readers who enjoy reading:

1. Fluency: Fluent readers recognise words automatically so they can focus their attention on making connections among the ideas and their background knowledge.

Reading milestones:

- Instant recognition of words
- Reading out loud with expression
- Reading quickly and accurately

2. Comprehension: To get the most out of reading, your child needs to read with a purpose — whether they're reading directions to a game, a textbook to learn about the Antarctica, or a mystery for fun.

Reading milestones:

- Putting events in sequence
- Articulating the main idea
- Summarising a story orally or in writing

3. Spelling and writing: The focus in the upper grades is learning to spell correctly and write more sophisticated compositions with organised paragraphs and correct punctuation.

Reading Milestones:

- Using a dictionary to look up words they don't know
- Researching and composing a simple report using a variety of sources
- Revising compositions with help from their teacher to make them more clear and understandable.

4. Vocabulary: Your child still needs to be aware of subtle differences in speech sounds that distinguish words from one another, such as "goal" and "gold," "fresh" and "flesh." They also need to learn prefixes and suffixes to master new words.

Reading milestones:

- Figuring out word meanings from clues in the text
- Using synonyms and antonyms
- Using different parts of speech correctly, including nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have been read 1825 books by their 5th birthday.

Every Book Counts

Kind Regards,

Alison Hawken.

Lowanna P&C News

A huge THANK YOU to all the helpers for the softball carnival, the day was a success for our P and C.

Thank you to Margo Hammond and Joanne Penhall for running the Election BBQ on Saturday.

We will be having canteen next Monday as well as canteen on Tuesday for the K12 Enrichment Day.

Next meeting is 21st October, All welcome.