



# Lowanna Public School

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**Week 5 Term 4 – Monday 7/11/2016**

## Dates to remember, so far...

### 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

### 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, thanks to the Crowe family \$1000 donation (we share our swim bus with Ulong students as in the past)

### 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 both Coffs Harbour HS and Orara HS**

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

## Week 5

Today we welcome back Mrs Benfield from leave and tomorrow Mrs Hawken returns from her travel adventure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lowanna school community for all of your help and support during my time as relieving principal.

A big thank you to Mrs Benfield for her help and to Miss McDonald, Miss Corfe and Mr James who did an amazing job on the 3/4 and 5/6 classes. A special thank you to Mrs Wood who has been a wonderful help with administration and has patiently answered endless questions from me! Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Hawken for guidance from afar and who I think has learnt that principals are never really on leave!

## Friday was Salad Day







Salad Day. Wow! What a sight our lunch table was, laden with fabulous fresh produce topped off by the crisp lettuce grown by our own talented gardeners! The purple carrots may have raised a few eyebrows but many students rose to the challenge and gave them a try.



We will use Friday's success to plan what vegetables to grow in our garden for our next salad day.

A huge thank you to Sarah who donated her time and expertise to help our Environment Committee prepare our salads (not to mention her yummy food to sample!).

## Welcome Kinders!

Tomorrow we will welcome new Kindergarten students to our school. We have a fun day planned and can't wait to have them join us at "big school".





## Assembly Awards



Our next school Assembly will be Monday of Week 6. The 5/6 class will be presenting an item.

It was wonderful to have one of our lovely mums join us last week.

Check out some of the fabulous poems shared by the 3/4 class at last week's assembly.

## Spring

Sun shouting for Spring  
Bees sipping nectars  
Flowers sleeping  
Spring has sprung  
*By Seth*



## Summer

Shells relaxing on the beach  
Umbrellas stretching up to the sky  
Whales singing in a choir  
Summer fun  
*By Deacon*



## Spring

Foals leaping around in the paddock  
Sun rising from its bed  
Bees harvesting for winter  
Spring has sprung.  
*By Oak*



## Responsible Pet Education Visit

Tomorrow the *Responsible Pet Education* team will be visiting our school and rumour has it a four legged friend will be joining them! This program aims to teach children how to be safe around pets.

## STePs

A reminder that the STePS vision team will be visiting the school on 16 November and permission notes need to be returned before this day. If your child didn't bring a note home (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.

## Lowanna Rural Fire Service Visit

On Thursday the RFS will be visiting and the Mountain Preschool children will also be joining us. The children will have the chance to have a closer look at the fire trucks and even try on some special kid-sized uniforms. The team will be here at 11:30am and parents are most welcome to come along.

## Technology Day

The Technology Committee sent home a note last week about their planned Technology Day on Wednesday. Three different technology based activities will run through the middle session of our day. Children can bring in their own technology device but *they* must be responsible for it. Please refer to the note for further details.

## Intensive Swimming

Water safety and swimming are essential survival skills we all need to learn, and our annual learn to swim week is coming up fast. Don't forget to check your swimwear and rash vest now!

We will need to come to school dressed ready for the pool, wearing a 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.