



# Lowanna Public School

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**Week 9 Term 4 – Monday 5/12/2016**

## Dates to remember

### Week 9

**Tuesday 6 December** Transition Yr6/7 to both Coffs Harbour HS and Orara HS  
Kevin Hogan visit 2.20pm Assembly

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

### Week 10

**Wednesday 14 December** End of Year Movie Day in Coffs via bus travel

## Student Leaders 2017



It was great to see so many family members come to share in the celebration of the childrens' learning last Monday. We also announced the Year 6 leaders for 2017. They are School Captains: Patrick

Williams-Hardy and Natalia Gray-Ellis. Cabinet Ministers: Ella Grimmond and Bethany Penhall. I know they will all take on their leadership roles with dedication.



## 2017 Enrolments

As I mentioned at Presentation Day last week, we are taking enrolments for 2017. Please let me know if you know of any community members who would be interested in enrolling new children to our school next year. Losing eight Year 6 students makes our student numbers drop dramatically.

## Kevin Hogan visit

Kevin Hogan, the Federal Member for Cowper will visit our school tomorrow. We will have an assembly at 2.20pm, as Mr Hogan will be making a special book presentation to Patrick. He will also hand out the Premiers Sporting awards, which arrived a day late for our Presentation Day. Everyone is welcome to attend this special assembly.

## Year 6 Big Day Out

This Friday Year 6 will be participating in their Big Day Out activities at the Big Banana and Hall's Beach Park.

This excursion is free, but we will require parent transport to take the children to Coffs. We will also need two parents to assist with transport between the Big Banana and Hall's Beach Park. Please let me know if you are able to help out with this.

## Kids in the Kitchen + eggs = frittata!



## Ocean Awareness

We were all looking forward to a great day at the beach last Thursday, but unfortunately the weather and the water conditions weren't kind to us, and we had to return to school early as the conditions weren't safe for swimming. Sadly, we can't control the weather.



**I know that we are all looking forward to a holiday, so here are...**

**Some interesting facts about Christmas:**

- **Christmas is an annual Christian holiday held on December 25th celebrating the birth of Jesus.**
- **Christmas trees are also known as the Yule-tree.**
- **Christmas trees are evergreen trees, usually either a fir tree, pine tree or spruce tree.**
- **It is believed that decorating Christmas trees originated in 16th century Germany when Christians would bring decorated trees into their homes.**
- **Did you ever wonder where Xmas came from? X means Christ in Greek so to shorten the word Christmas we sometimes use Xmas.**





- Christmas trees were first decorated with foods such as apples, nuts and dates.
- In the 18th century Christmas trees began being decorated with candles.
- Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in 1895.
- Did you know that giving presents were once banned by the Catholic Church. It was believed that gift giving was connected to Paganism.
- If you received all the gifts from the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" you would have 364 presents.
- Do you know why we say the Twelve Days of Christmas? It is believed that it took the 3 kings 12 days to find baby Jesus.
- The song Jingle Bells was written by James Pierpont in 1857. It was originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh" and was made for Thanksgiving.
- Many years ago in England a traditional Christmas dinner included a pig head served with mustard.
- The tradition of naughty children getting a lump of coal in their stocking comes from Italy.
- Did you know that tinsel was once made of real silver! It was invented in Germany in 1610.
- There are two islands named Christmas. Christmas Island (formerly Kiritimati) in the Pacific Ocean and Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean.
- The tallest Christmas tree ever displayed was in Seattle Washington in 1950. The Christmas tree was 221 feet tall!
- It is said that candy canes were invented by a candy maker in Indiana. He wanted to use them to spread the name Jesus around the world.
- Santa Claus is also known as St. Nicholas, Father Christmas, Grandfather Frost and Kris Kringle.
- Santa is believed to bring gifts to good girls and boys on the night before Christmas (December 24th).
- Santa Claus' 8 reindeer are named: Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner Blitzen.

Kind Regards,

Alison Hawken.

### Carols in the Clouds

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Ulong hosted their annual Carols in the Clouds.

Lowanna children K-6 learned and performed all the songs that both Ulong and Lowanna children sang on stage.

Thank you to Mrs Moore who kindly offered to escort the children on and off the stage and conduct for their performance, and we hope everyone had a great time!.





Presentation Day

















## Assembly Award Winners



## Names for our school's chickens

Finally, very important naming decisions have been made!

**Shadow** (black Australorp) was named by our K-2 Class, **Christmas** (white Leghorn) was named by Years 3/4 and 5/6 decided on **Fredrina** (Isa Brown).

