



# Lowanna Public School

Be safe, be respectful, be a learner

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Week 6 Term 1 – Monday 29/2/2016

## Dates to remember

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Easter Hat Parade

**Tues/Wed 29<sup>-30th</sup> March:** Overnight excursion to Cascade EEC for Kinder to Yr 6 - return notes and \$20 payment asap

## Swimming Relay Team



So exciting! For two years in a row our swimming relay team has made it to Regional level - an outstanding result!

Congratulations to Shai, Tyson, Josh and Oak for their amazing teamwork. Well done!

## Buddy Bench



Tahini and Dave, two Bunnings representatives, presented our Buddy Bench to us last Tuesday.

We will be having a competition amongst the students for a design for the bench.

## Retirement Farewell for Judy



Last Friday former colleagues of Judy's as well as parents, staff, children and community members wished Judy a happy and healthy retirement. We will all miss her dedication and easy-going nature, and we all wish her well for the future.





Tracey Schipp is now working as our permanent school Cleaner. She has been working here in a casual capacity, while Judy was on sick leave. Tracey is a positive asset to our school, keeping it clean and organised.

Welcome to Lowanna, Tracey, on a permanent basis!

## Week 5 Assembly Awards







## Week 3 Assembly - catch up



## He there, hey there hoopla

### The circus is in town....

The Moscow Circus will be visiting Coffs Harbour next month. Last week their promotion team visited Lowanna and left some vouchers for us to give to the students.

There are 6 student achiever awards, which give free entry to the circus for primary aged children. Also, there is a double pass, which gives entry to the circus for 2 adults, or 1 adult and 1 child. Finally, there is a family pass, which gives entry to the circus for 2 adults and 2 children.

These free passes will be handed out at the end of this week: 2 student achiever passes per class, and a double pass and a family pass to children in a family who have been following our rules of *Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner*.

## Visiting Principals

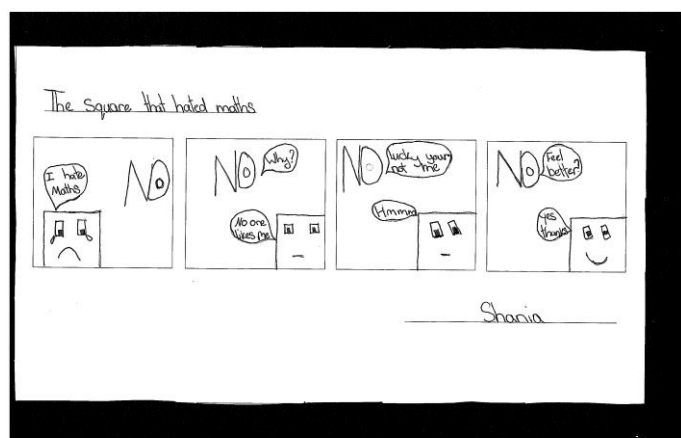
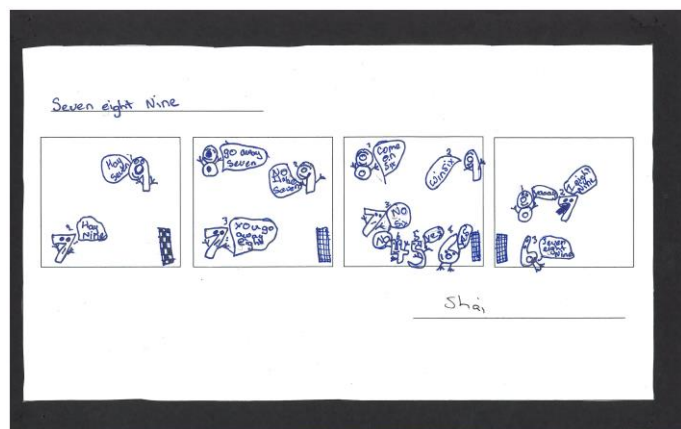
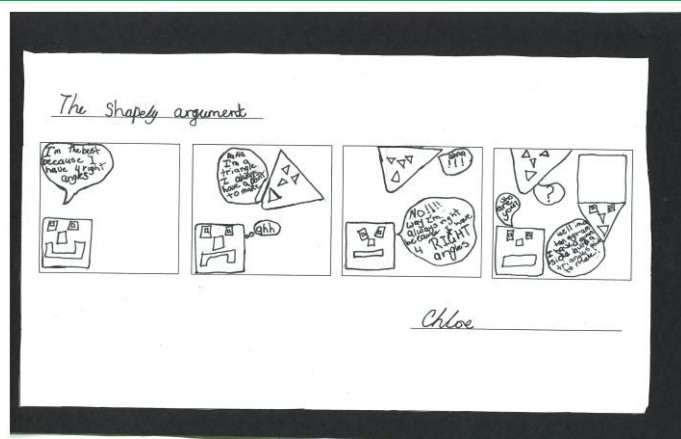
Last week two Principals from small schools in the Northern Tablelands district visited our school for a collegial sharing of programs, processes and classroom initiatives. They visited each class at our school, and took lots of photos for ideas to implement at their schools.

It was a pleasure to have them visit, as everyone can benefit from the sharing of ideas-especially the children.

## Class News

### Mrs Hawken

Below are some of our published cartoons. The content of these are based on a mathematical theme.



### Mrs Quirk

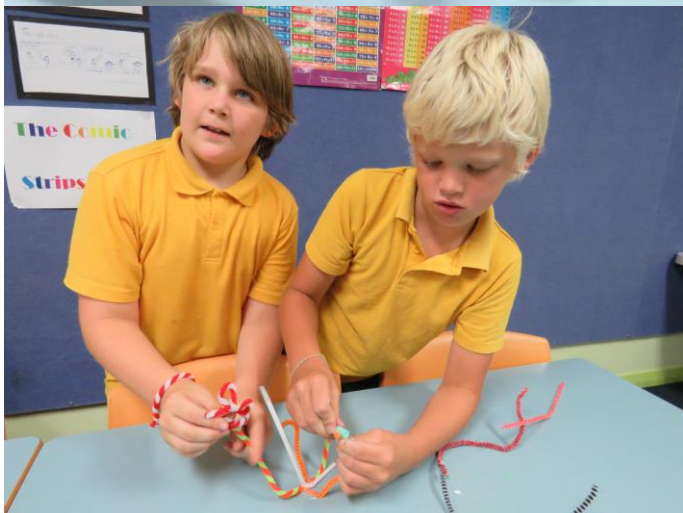
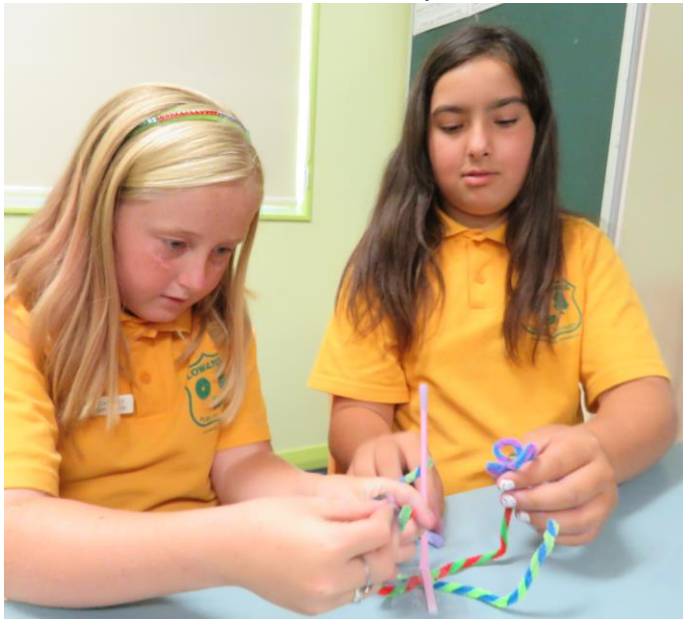


Koi for the fish pond we made





In Science we made flower parts, and bees...



Pollen (chalk) was spread by our bees



In the end we had **lots** of different coloured pollen on our stamens!

### Miss Pellegrino

This week in K12 we have been very busy.



We have been reading Green Eggs and Ham written by Dr Seuss. To finish our book study we made some very delicious scrambled eggs with ham and dyed them green. The kids loved it, and they went back for second and third helpings!





On Thursday we had our own Safari at school, to see what animals we could find ...



We found a wide range of animals from ants to horses!

Please remember to read with your children and return your child's daily home reader every day. Thank you.

### Mrs Benfield

We have had a busy few weeks.

We are currently completing artwork to enter into the *Glenreagh Cedar and Steam Festival*. These will be on display at the Glenreagh Hall on the opening night of the exhibition on 18th March.

In Science with Mrs Quirk we have been looking at a unit of work called Friends and Foes. On Friday we looked at the parts of a flower. We even had to cut up a flower and label what the parts were. It was a lot of fun, but Jalara was very sad that we had to cut the beautiful flower.

Thanks to all the children who have been returning their home readers and homework. Please ensure readers are returned each day and homework returned on Friday. Have a great week.



In Science K12 have been looking at the unit *Schoolyard Safari* and talking about the different types of animals we would find around our school.



## **“yet”/adverb**

### **up until the present or a specified or implied time; by now or then**

Abraham Lincoln, who was the 16th President of the United States, serving from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865 is one of the biggest examples of “yet”. These are some of his challenges:

1816: His family was forced out of their home. He had to work to support them.

1831: Failed in business.

1832: Ran for state legislature - lost.

1832: Also lost his job - wanted to go to law school but couldn't get in.

1833: Borrowed some money from a friend to begin a business and by the end of the year he was bankrupt. He spent the next 17 years of his life paying off this debt.

1835: Was engaged to be married, but his sweetheart died and his heart was broken.

1838: Sought to become speaker of the state legislature - defeated.

1840: Sought to become elector - defeated.

1843: Ran for Congress - lost.

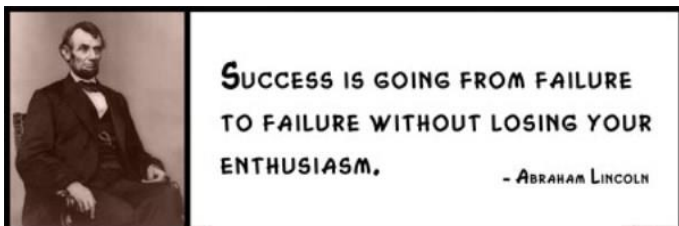
1848: Ran for re-election to Congress - lost.

1849 Sought the job of land officer in his home state - rejected.

1854: Ran for Senate of the United States - lost.

1856: Sought the Vice-Presidential nomination at his party's national convention - got less than 100 votes.

1858: Ran for U.S. Senate again - again he lost.



Kind Regards,  
Alison Hawken

## **Online School Payments**

It is now possible for our parents to make online payments to Lowanna PS for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or a debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of our school's website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)

Items that can be paid include the 2016 workbook costs, excursions and our in-school performances and events.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they can be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact Karin Wood in our School Administration Office.

## Reminder - Workbooks 2016

Thanks to all the families who have paid their \$30 workbook costs for this year.

For your convenience, if you have not yet paid a school payment envelope is attached to this newsletter.

Workbook costs for 2016 remain at just \$30 per student. This is for all the books that your child writes or draws in during the school year. This initiative saves parents buying a long list of all the books needed by their child throughout the year.

## Lowanna P&C News

Our AGM, followed by the first P&C general meeting for 2016, will be held on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March from 9am.

All welcome. Please come along to our meeting to find out what is planned for the year ahead.



## Lowanna Canteen News

If you find yourselves short of fresh, non-messy pieces of vegetables or fruit for the daily morning **Crunch and Sip** break, our P&C Canteen has a big bowlful available each morning in the school foyer for 50c!

