



# Lowanna Public School

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**Week 2 Term 3 – Monday 25/7/2016**

## Dates to remember :

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July:** District Athletics Carnival

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August:** Combined Orara Valley Choir Performance at Coffs Central for Education Week.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August:** Open Day at school for Education Week. All welcome.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August:** Coffs Cup Half day Holiday.

## Welcome back to Term 3!

Welcome back to Term 3 It is great to see all the enthusiastic, smiling faces of our students. I hope all our families were able to enjoy the break.

Term 3 is shaping up to be another very busy term! We have a lot happening, so please ensure that you are checking newsletters and Facebook for what's on so you can be prepared as much as possible for the Term ahead. Some of our big events are Education Week, Orara Valley Softball carnival and K-2 Enrichment Day at Lowanna.

## Welcome to Lowanna

This term we welcome two new staff members to our school. Mrs Sharlee Cassidy is teaching K-2, and has very quickly settled in to deliver quality teaching to these children. Please take the time to catch up with her, and welcome her to our school.

Mrs Fiona McDonald is teaching all classes in her role as RFF teacher. She will be teaching Personal Development Health Physical

Education (PDHPE) and Drama to all classes each Wednesday and Thursday.

We also warmly welcome Curtis and Delilah, our two lovely new Kindergarten students, to Lowanna!

## NAIDOC Celebrations



03-10  
JULY  
2016



**Songlines:**  
The living narrative  
of our nation

At the end of last term we celebrated NAIDOC at Lowanna with Ulong and Upper Orara Schools.

We had an amazing day of activities which everyone enjoyed.



Again, a big thank you to Tracey Dodds for organising one of the Art and Craft activities, as well as organising and cooking the BBQ for our lunch.





## Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

Our combined small schools' Carnival at Ulong Sportsground last term was also a great celebration in the sporting arena. Everyone participated and had a great time.



Chloe, Patrick, Natalia and Josh were proudly awarded Age Champions. We also once again retained the historic Eastern Dorrigo Athletics Trophy for the most successful school participation on the day.





Please check out our school Facebook page for more photos.

## Orara Valley Athletics Carnival

Lowanna! What a great day, with lots of outstanding achievements and good sport stories.

Congratulations to all competitors who participated in the Orara Valley Athletics Carnival last Friday. You all did yourselves proud.

Some notable results:

**Junior Relay Team** – First

**Senior Relay Team** – First

**Joshua Agius**- 1<sup>st</sup> in the 800, 200, 100, Relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the High Jump

**Chloe Beel** –1<sup>st</sup> High Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100, 200 and 1<sup>st</sup> Relay

**Shai Williams** – 1<sup>st</sup> Shot Put, 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> High Jump

**Ebony Penhall** –2<sup>nd</sup> 100m

**Carmelle Redshaw** –1<sup>st</sup> Relay

**Shayna Stewart** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 800, 1<sup>st</sup> Relay

**Dallas Chapman** -1<sup>st</sup> Relay

**Oak Greenaway** –1<sup>st</sup> High Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> Relay

**Natalia Gray-Ellis** -1<sup>st</sup> 800, 200, Long Jump, Relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> High Jump

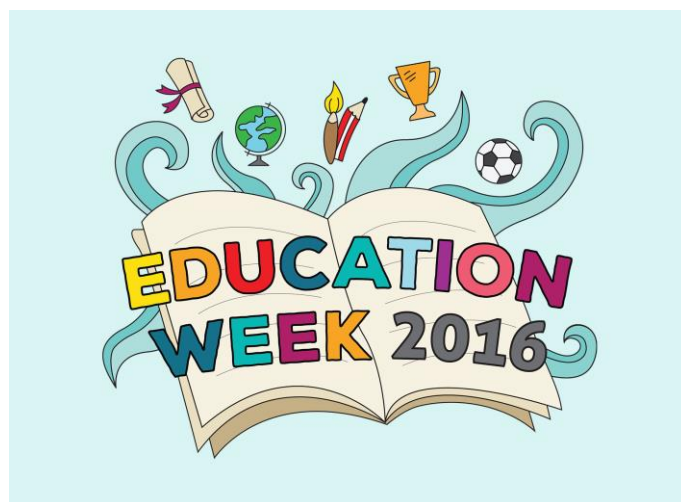
, A huge thank you to all parents who provided, or coordinated transport for the children to attend the carnival. Without your support, our kids' great achievements would not be possible. Also thank you to Crystal Quick for washing all the sports shirts. All your support is much appreciated.

## Education Week

Week 3, from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of August is Education Week.

On *Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August* we will be travelling to Coffs Central to participate in the combined Orara Valley Choir, which will be performing outside Big W.

A separate permission note with more details for our excursion is enclosed with this newsletter. Please return the note as soon as possible, and by Friday morning at the very latest!



On *Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August*, we will be hosting our **Education Week Open Day**.

Plans for our **Open Day** are:

**8.45: Breakfast at school.**

Pancakes, egg and bacon roll, juice, tea, coffe and hot Milo will all be available free of charge.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**9.45: Class performances**

**10.15-11.00: Open classrooms** for parents to visit. **Book Fair in the library.** Parents and children are welcome to purchase books. Funds raised go towards purchase of new books for the library.

**11.00-11.30:** Parents are welcome to share a **recess/picnic** with their children.

**11.30: Book Week Parade.** Start thinking creatively for some book character costumes for your children to parade in.

**12.00:** Classes resume as normal.

## Coffs Cup half day Holiday

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August there is a half day holiday for schools in the Coffs District. School on this day will close at midday. Please make arrangements to be able to collect your children from school at this time. If you have any concerns, please contact us at school.

Kind regards,  
Alison Hawken.

## More NAIDOC photos



## Lowanna P&C News

### P&C Meeting

There will be a general meeting from 9am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of August. Everyone is welcome to come along to find out more and have your say about what is planned for this year at our school.

### Canteen News

Today we welcomed Tracy Dodd as a new Lowanna P&C Canteen Volunteer. Thank you Tracey for your help with our recess and lunch orders today.

Thanks to Tamara Agius for showing Tracey 'the ropes' and routines, as well as being a wonderful regular/rostered Canteen worker here, along with Canteen Tamara Knopp and Sarah Strydom.

If anyone else is able to volunteer, you will be warmly welcomed. Maybe you have some time available from 10.30-11.30am for recess and also 12.30-1.30pm for lunch, on Mondays or Fridays? We would love to see you here!

All children get excited whenever you are at school, and love having their parents or relatives working in their school canteen!