



# Lowanna Public School

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*Week 4 Term 1 – Monday 13/2/2017*

## Dates to remember

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** OVLC Debating at NGPS for Ally, Natalia, Deacan and Kiara via parental private transport

## Orara Valley Swimming Carnival



*1<sup>st</sup> Place - Lowanna Relay Team*

Last Friday Mrs Corfe was extremely proud of the wonderful sportsmanship, caring behaviour and respect displayed by all of our Lowanna student representatives at the Orara Valley combined schools' Swimming Carnival. Well done, Lowanna!



## In our Pumpkin Patch



## Mrs Cassidy's News Sustainability Project

Plans are well underway to have our new tank installed. Once this is installed our new garden beds can be set up ready for lots of yummy vegetables.





Our tomatoes continue to fruit prolifically so feel free to take a wander and sample some. Delicious! The K-3 class have been enjoying them as part of our morning *Crunch 'n' Sip* under the Story Tree.



Last Friday was a busy day in the garden. Our scarecrow, nicknamed *Aussie*, received a long overdue make-over complete with face lift and new clothes.

A big thank you to Mrs Hawken who managed to find Aussie a real chef's outfit complete with hat.

Mrs Phillips kindly brought along a range of plants and cuttings from her garden, which the children planted near Mrs Benfield's room.

Our pumpkins continue to amaze us with how big they are becoming.



*Christmas* and *Shadow* have recovered from the sad loss of *Fredrina* and while *Shadow* has become broody, *Christmas* continues to supply us with an egg a day.



### Class News

The Boys' Literacy Group are powering along with their learning.

The Kinders are already reading independently and have a great time constructing anything with wheels during social play time.

The older boys are responding well to the challenges and frustrations of Lego Technics

and will soon be able to show off their powered vehicles. They are learning perseverance and how to interpret diagrams and instructions.

A reminder that Home Reading was sent home last Monday, please return readers to school.



### Mrs Benfield's Class News

What an exciting few weeks K-3 have had. We have all settled into our school routine nicely.

We've started to use the Seesaw App during maths, which the children really enjoyed. The app is free and can be downloaded via the app store. I will be holding an information session on Thursday about Seesaw and how to access it, so please come along. It's a great way to see how and what your child is doing in class all via an app. 'Pretty cool really.



On Friday Mrs Phillips donated some plants that have been planted outside our room in the very bare garden, hopefully the heat over the weekend was kind to them.

Home readers have gone home, please ensure that these come back to school every day.

Homework will go home today, which consists of our weekly spelling. Spelling is to be returned by Friday. If you have concerns please pop in to see me, and have a great week.

### New School Cleaner

Tracy Schipp has informed Cleaning Services that she will be leaving shortly, so as a result, David Purchase, our cleaning Supervisor, has asked if anyone in the community is interested in the position to send him an Expression of Interest, so that he can begin the process of filling the position at our school.

Contact details via

Email: [david.purchase@issworld.com.au](mailto:david.purchase@issworld.com.au)

### P&C AGM & General Meeting

Our first P&C meeting will be held from 9-10am on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.

Your school and all our kids need your help, so come along and help to plan what's going to happen this year.

Agenda items so far include

1. Canteen - which days can we run it?
2. Canteen Volunteers needed to open
3. Healthy canteen menu items
4. Planning our Raffles and fundraising
5. Friday Raffles at Ulong Club – volunteers and organising prizes
6. Uniform shop needs or changes

Support your kids by supporting our P&C.





## Week 3 Assembly Awards

### Daily Crunch and \*Sip

Remember to bring your **water bottle** every single school day. Water bottles are an essential daily requirement at our school. Sport sipper style water bottles are the best as they can sit on each child's desk and sipped whenever needed, without fear of spilling. For cool water all day, try freezing a small amount of water each night and just top the bottle up with water in the morning to bring along to school!

### Private Vehicle Conveyance

If you think you may be eligible to claim a school student travel rebate from the Department of Transport, please apply online: **[transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc)**  
PVC's toll free number is 1800 010 123, or alternatively call 02 9891 8900.

### 2017 Workbook fees are \$30

Many schools provide a long list of books for you to purchase for your child. Our parents prefer that our school buys them all at bulk cost price, as a service to the school community, and only passes on a minimal \$30 per student annual fee. To help financially and equitably support all our families our school heavily subsidises these student workbook costs. Your \$30 per student annual payment means that our school can recover part of these usually family-paid costs. Thanks for your support!