



Lowanna Public School

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Week 9 Term 1 – Monday 20/3/2017

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 15th March: Debating at Ulong

Tuesday 21st March: Book Club orders due

Wednesday 22nd: Carriage Café plus
Ulong Debates here at Lowanna PS

Wednesday 29th: Great Debate at LPS

Monday 3rd April: Cross Country

Wednesday 5th: Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 6th: NSW PSSA Swimming Titles

Friday 7th April: Last day of Term 1

8th- 25th April: School Holidays for students
(24th Staff Development Day)

Carriage Cafe

It is exciting that we will be embarking on our first 'café' experience this Wednesday. Thank you to those families who have returned their expression to attend. I'm sure the children will make us all proud.



The menu sounds really exciting, with a little bit of mystery surrounding the dessert. 'Can't wait!

Year 5 and 6 Orara Valley excursion

A stage 3 camp has been booked for Term 4 to Sydney. The approximate cost is \$480, but this will be confirmed once final numbers are confirmed. An expression of interest will go home next week for interested Stage 3 students and a \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due by the end of term.

Once final numbers have been confirmed across the Orara Valley, a payment schedule will be implemented. The camp will run from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th October. Accommodation will be at Sydney Olympic Park. This is a very exciting opportunity for our Orara Valley students and I hope as many of them can attend as possible.

Debating

Last Wednesday we travelled to Ulong for our first practice debate for the 'Great Debate'. Our topic of 'Computer games encourage violence' proved an interesting one to debate. This Wednesday a team of four debaters from Ulong will travel to us for the second debate. This will begin at 2pm. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to stay after our lunch in the 'Carriage Café' to watch the debate.

Class News

Mrs Quirk's News

Library on Tuesdays

Don't forget your Library books tomorrow, as every Tuesday is Library Day!

Book Club orders are also due tomorrow.

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Mrs Cassidy's News

Boys Literacy Group

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Mrs Hawken & Ms Corfe's News

Last week our focus was still with working on persuasive writing techniques in preparation for our debate against Ulong.

Also, thanks you to those families who have sent in their baby and toddler photos for our collage work. They all look very cute. We will be completing our artwork this week.



Miss Corfe has been focusing on sustainability lessons, and how we should be aware of our environmental footprint. The children have been studying the book by

Jeannie Baker *"Where the Forest meets the Sea"* to complete a Visual Literacy unit of work. The students used oil pastels, coloured wash, paint, wool, paper bark and streamers to create a mixed media artwork inspired by the rainforest scenes in the book.

A timely reminder... kindness.

As we read 'Wonder' as a shared reading in the Mrs Hawken's class, we are learning that nearly everything we achieve in life is with and through people, side by side and face to face.

Being able to build rich and caring relationships with other people is essential to students' wellbeing as

social-connectedness is the single greatest factor in people being happy.

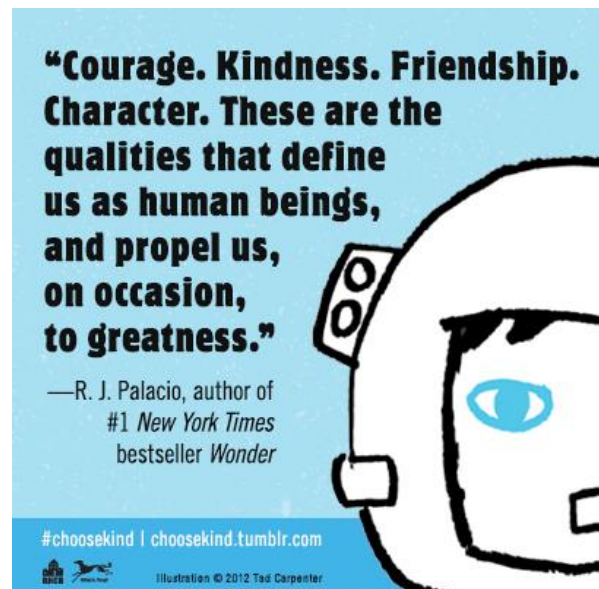
Friends are like oxygen for all of us especially as students approach adolescence. It is also important for them to have a number of friendship groups; should one have conflict they have others to turn to.

There are many components to building friendships. They include living and learning collaboratively, cooperatively and respectfully with other people and living by giving to make a positive difference to others' lives.

It is important to focus on mutual respect; everyone is special; expect it and respect it. Appreciating others and their strengths to learn from them by asking *"tell me more"* and then mindfully listening with their eyes, their ears and their heart; being fully present. Building empathy for others' feelings, needs and views.

Close knit friendship groups provide students with opportunities to enjoy leisure activities, learn and study together.

And share good and not so good times together. Combine their strengths to achieve what they set out to do.



Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken