



Lowanna Public School

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Week 10 Term 1 – Monday 27/3/2017

Dates to remember

Wednesday 29th: Great Debate at LPS

Monday 3rd April: Cross Country at LPS

Wednesday 5th April: Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 6th April: NSW PSSA Swimming Titles

Friday 7th April: Last day of term 1

8th -25th April: School holidays

(24th April Staff Development Day)



Carriage Cafe



There was nothing but praise and thanks for our first 'Carriage Café' held last Wednesday. The weather held off, so that we could all enjoy both a great meal and great company.

Thank you to Sandy and Linda Phillips for their planning and cooking and as well as having fun, the children learnt valuable lessons around the areas of cooking, hospitality and sustainability. The way all learning should be: engaging and enjoyable.



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 this week for interested Stage 3 students and a \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due in the first week of Term 2.

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 children as possible can attend.

Great Debate

The Great Debate will be held at our school on Wednesday of this week. All schools from across the Orara Valley will be sending teams to compete.

Cross Country

Next Monday the Cross Country between Lowanna, Ulong and Upper Orara will be held at Lowanna. We will begin at 10.00. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend. A lunch order is attached with this Newsletter. Please complete and return by Thursday 30th March if you would like your child/children to order their lunch.

Any help from parents to assist us with the preparation of the lunches would be much appreciated. Please let us know this week if you can help out.

Easter Hat Parade

Yes, it's that time again for silly hats, Easter bunnies, dancing around and chocolate eggs. Our Easter hat parade will be held on Wednesday 5th April during the morning session, however we will confirm the time of the Parade next week.

Seesaw and Facebook

It's great to see so many parents and carers are connected to Facebook and Seesaw. We use Facebook to share our good news stories, and reminders of upcoming events. All teachers and students have been

uploading work and photos to Seesaw, which is building into what will end up being a great digital portfolio of your child's work at the end of the year. If you don't have Internet access to check, you are more than welcome to use our computers at any time to 'check in' on the highlights of your child's learning.

Last week of term

The last week of this term is busy with both the Cross Country and the Easter Hat Parade. As well, Mrs Cassidy will be starting holidays early to travel to Uluru with her family. Speaking personally, I know she will have an amazing time, also Mrs Benfield will be beginning her training as an L3 trainer on Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week as well. Mrs Benfield will teach all K-3 children on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Corfe will teach all K-3 children on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Class News

Mrs Hawken

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 Rainforest 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.



Mrs Cassidy – Boys Literacy Group

The boys have continued to work towards achieving their individual learning goals and have been doing amazingly. Our Kinders have been learning their sounds while the older boys have been focusing on reading fluency and their writing and spelling skills. Great work boys!

Mrs Benfield

With the Easter Hat Parade only a week away K-3 will be making their Easter hats on Friday. Mrs Benfield will be providing hats and some items to stick on them, however if you can bring in some items by Friday that would be great!

Well done to everyone who is returning their home reader.

K-3 children have been working on bird artworks to be displayed in LOLA.

The children are very excited about these. The artworks will be unveiled next term.

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.

LOLA

Last week the Environment Committee harvested their "babies" and weighed them with the help of Hilly. Our heaviest pumpkin was 20kg! We will see if they will keep long enough for the Coffs show – if not, pumpkin soup anyone?!! Our final plans have been drawn up for our LOLA space and construction is already under way.



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

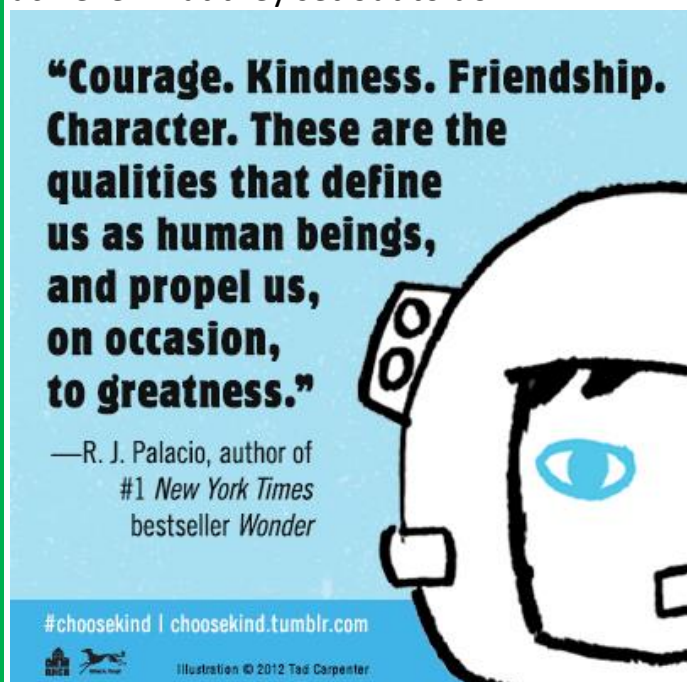
especially as students approach adolescence. It is also important for them to have a number of friendship groups; should one have conflict they have others to turn to.

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