



Lowanna Public School

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Week 5 Term 2 – Monday 22/5/2017

Dates to remember

Tuesday 23rd May:

Sparky and Shady Program

Science Enrichment Day: Years 3 and 4 @ Glenreagh; Years 5 and 6 @ Ulong

Thursday 25th May:

Big Vegie Crunch

Wednesday 31st May:

Louise Park Author visit

Project Based Learning

Last Monday Wolf Drews visited the 4/5/6 classroom to share his knowledge on beekeeping. This is part of our Project based Learning on 'Honey, where are the bees?', which all the children are actively participating in. Wolf told of his experiences with beekeeping and answered the

children's pre-prepared questions. He also brought in some honey straight from the hive to share.



Start Smart

We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our students. The program was delivered in class to students by our facilitator, Raquel. Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money. In Years 4, 5 and 6 the children learnt 'See it, Earn it, Do it' as a plan for saving money and working towards a goal. So, if the kids came home with a plan to earn and save money, it came from this program.



Our school has proudly joined the Commonwealth Bank's Start Smart Program in its mission to improve the financial literacy of Australia's young people. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Athletics carnival

Last Thursday we had a great day at Ulong for the Athletics Carnival with Ulong and Upper Orara. All children participated in the competitive good sporting manner of the day. Congratulations to Natalia and Chanelle who were age champions.



LOLA

After the initial planning of our Outdoor Learning Area, we have begun to build our garden beds. Many thanks go to Hilly for organising the timber and building the garden bed with the assistance of my husband, Glen. It was a win all round, with the garden bed completed, and a chat along the way. If there are any other people who would like to come and build and chat, we'll



let you know when the next garden bed is to be built, along with the musical fence which is being designed by Mrs Cassidy's children.



Louise Park Author visit

As part of our Early Action for Success program, Mrs Robinson has coordinated a visit to all participating schools: Ulong, Lowanna, Coramba and Glenreagh to have author Louise Park to provide professional learning on writing to all teachers after school on Monday 29th May, provide a

workshop for selected students at Coramba School on Monday morning, and then work with all our students on Wednesday, 31st May. What a great opportunity for all of us to work with a published author!

Check out her books on her website www.louisepark.com.au

Big Veggie Crunch

This week is Vegetable Week which is a health promotion event that aims to increase students' knowledge, exposure and positive attitudes towards vegetables. Thursday will be our Big Veggie Crunch where students will have the chance to sample a range of vegetables donated by Woolworths and participate in a range of vegetable themed activities. This week we will also cook up pumpkin soup using our own home grown pumpkins!

Coffs Harbour Show

For those of you who missed out on seeing our exhibit at the Coffs Harbour Show, here is a picture of the final piece.



All children worked really hard on the display items, and we are really happy with the outcome.

We received many positive comments from teachers from other schools regarding our wonderful display.

Thank you everyone for your wonderful comments, and well done to all our children.

Active Listening and Learning

When students are able to adapt how they learn and think for differing situations they mindfully connect with themselves and the moment. Doing so also enables them to meet the challenge of actively listening to others. Classes can then be places of adventure, experimentation and exploration that arouse our students' curiosity.

The secret is to teach students to actively listen. This enables students to absorb and question the main messages and how they connect with what they already know and ask "How does this connect with what I already know?", "How can I use this knowledge?" "How can I apply it to new situations?" "How can I make predictions based on this knowledge?" It is also important for students to learn to read body language, listen for verbal cues and changes in voice tones to emphasise certain points.

Expecting students to sit in class passively and quietly and hoping that their brains will somehow absorb knowledge is non-productive and disengaging for them. The key to quality learning is for them to actively and enthusiastically engage in exploring with us.

K123 News

K123 completing their "Gruffalo artwork with Miss Corfe last week.

Magical mushrooms making an appearance in Lowannas School playground.



Sparky and Shady

When the children experience a problem at school we are encouraging them to use the strategies they are learning as part of our *Sparky and Shady* program. You might like to try these at home too. Children are reminded to ask themselves

1. Is that Sparky or Shady?
2. Is that helping?
3. What now Sparky?

Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken

