

# Ulladulla Public School Newsletter

Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity, Success, Strong Values

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*Learn to Live, Live to Learn*

Term 3 Week 3 2017

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Dear Parents and Students,

This week we celebrate Education Week under the theme of "I Learn, We Learn". The idea behind this theme is that we promote our school's commitment to ensuring:

- High expectations for all
- Every student will be known, cared for and respected
- Teaching to the strengths and needs of each individual
- Celebrating student and teacher achievement and ensuring continual growth
- Creating stronger ties with local communities

Our Education Week Open Day on Tuesday was a huge success and demonstrated how the school is achieving and promoting the above ideals. It was great to see hundreds of family members and friends visiting the school. The variety of performances in the hall were a major highlight of the day. Our students and teachers should be very proud of what they produced. A personal favourite of mine was a speech presented by Isabella Y. of Year 6. She spoke with confidence and composure about the importance of being responsible and developing positive student/teacher/parent relationships so we can collectively maximise all learning experiences at school. Only eleven years old but one very switched on student!

As a school, we got the opportunity to say a big thank you to five staff members who have retired from Ulladulla Public, and to celebrate their achievements whilst working at Ulladulla and for the NSW Department of Education. Congratulations go to Mrs. Andriske, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Elwin, Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Stone for their outstanding contributions. In addition, congratulations to Mrs Sunderland who was presented with a 30 year certificate for working with the NSW Department of Education. Well done!

Thank you to parents and family members for taking up the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and to have a look at what is happening in our classrooms. I hope that you had the opportunity to engage with your child's class teacher. If not, you can always request an interview if you have any questions or concerns. A

positive partnership between home and school has major benefits for everyone involved; students, parents and teachers.

Despite the successes of the day, including the wonderful picnic lunch, I always believe there is room for improvement. Ulladulla Public would like to get your feedback about the Open Day. Inside this newsletter is a simple survey to fill out. What worked well, what didn't, and what would you like to see at next year's Open Day? We value our school community and their opinions, so if you get the chance, please print out the survey and return it to the office at your convenience. There will also be hard copies in the office to pick up if you wish.

To further support the "I learn, We learn" Education Week theme, our staff will be running some Synthetic Phonics Workshops at the library today. These workshops are designed to help parents understand what we do as teachers when teaching reading, writing and spelling and how this can assist you at home when helping your child.

**Where:** School Library  
**Date:** Thursday 3rd August  
**Times:** Session 1 3:30 – 4:30  
Session 2 5:30 – 6:30



Finally, Mrs Bradley, our Principal, is taking indefinite sick leave. Whilst she is on leave I will relieve as Principal. Our school focus, strategic directions and well being programs will continue as usual as will the great work in our classrooms.

All the best

*Justin*

Justin Stanton  
Relieving Principal



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## CANTEEN ROSTER Term 3 Week 4

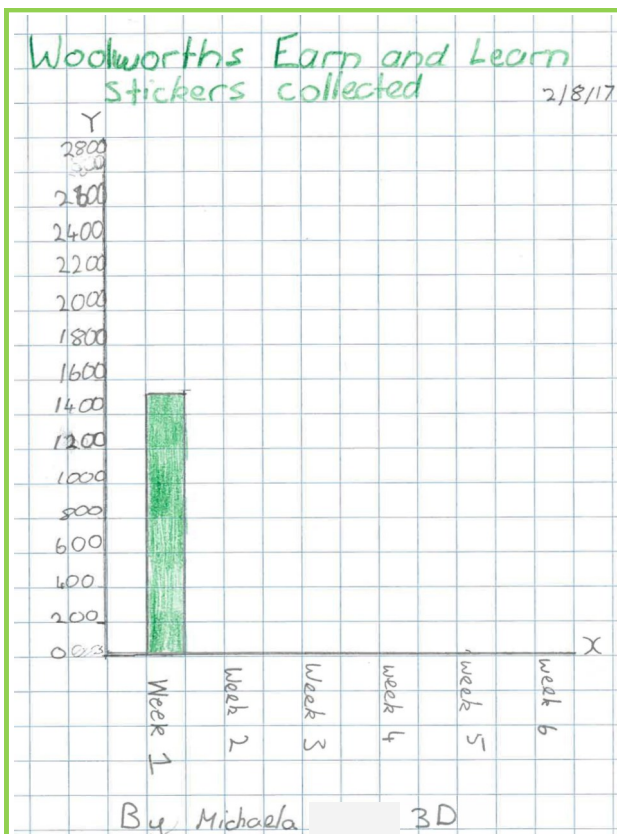
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO CANTEEN, PLEASE CONTACT JENNY OR MEL ON 4455 1649.

THIS WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

Monday 7th August	Tuesday 8th August	Wednesday 9th August	Thursday 10th August	Friday 11th August
Victoria Simpson	Debbie Phillips Megan	Ally Trenear Lauren Neven	Judy Carr Jodie Heness	Carrie Jansma-Smith Cherie Fallshaw

## RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE – WEEK 3

Kindy	Ryan M.—KT—Excellent application in all areas of learning.
Year 1	Beau R.—1U—Excellent attitude and achievement in Mathematics.
Year 2	Max G.—2R—Excellent effort across all subject areas.
Year 3	Angus V.—3T—Excellent effort and achievement in Science.
Year 4	Jordan M.—4M—Excellence in every aspect of school.
Year 5	Thalia H.—5R—Top effort across all KLA's.
Year 6	Freyja F.—6M—Excellent novel study projects and for her effort this term.



UPS is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program again this year. Green boxes are available at the front of the store or in the school office to deposit your stickers. Thank you to the many students and families that have already contributed.

3D students will be tracking our progress every week. This week we managed to collect 1520 stickers.



# Dates to Remember

Thursday 3rd August	UNSW English Assessment
Friday 4th August	District Athletics at Narooma
Tuesday 8th August	Back up date District Athletics at Narooma
Friday 11th August	Group A Assembly—2N
Tuesday 15th August	UNSW Mathematics Assessment
Wednesday 16th August	Final date for payment Yr 1 Entertainment Centre excursion
Friday 18th August	Year 1 Entertainment Centre excursion "Saltbush"
Tuesday 22nd August	Book Week Parade—Escape to Everywhere
Wednesday 23rd August	Touch Football Gala Day
Friday 25th August	Group A Assembly—1D Final date for payment Yr 5 Mogo Gold Rush excursion
Tuesday 29th August	Final date for payment Kinder Shoalhaven Zoo excursion

## Phonics Parent Information Sessions

**When:** Thursday 3rd August 3:30 and 5:30 pm

**Where:** The Library

**What:** Information about the K-2 Synthetic Phonics program.

**Who:** All parents and carers are welcome!



Next Monday 7th August the canteen is having a fundraising day.

The theme is Mexican food. Students and teachers can choose to order Nachos or Mexi wrap with a Popper or Water for \$5.

Please place your order on Monday morning through the canteen.

The next P&C meeting will be Monday 14th August at 1pm. Please go to the office to sign in and the ladies can direct you where to go.

We are still looking for volunteers for the canteen and uniform shop.

### Mexican Day - Monday 7th August



**Nachos or Mexi wrap;  
Chicken or Beef  
with a Popper or Water  
\$5.00**

**To be ordered through the lunch orders in the morning**



### Debating News

On Wednesday, July 26, the UPS debating team travelled to Bateman's Bay Public School to compete in the final two rounds of the Premier's Challenge. The first debate was against BBay 2 team and the topic was "That we should ban all violence in shows and games aimed at children". We were the negative and the team came up with some very interesting ideas. Unfortunately, UPS lost in a very close decision.

The topic for the second debate against Milton Blue, was "That all parents should provide pets for their kids". Once again UPS was the negative. All three speakers excelled with some excellent rebuttals. UPS won this debate convincingly, well done!

A huge thank you to James H. for filling in at the very last minute.



(l-r Lily C., Isabella Y., Grace H., James H.)

### UPS Snowboard Team through to NSW State Championships

Congratulations to the UPS Snowboard Team who competed in the ACT/Southern NSW Regional Interschools Snowsports Championships at Perisher Valley on Wednesday. The division 4 team, which is made up of Summer B., Harmony B. and Matilda B., placed 4th in Snowboard X and 4th in Snowboard GS which will see them progress through to the State Championships in August. Well done to Harmony B. who achieved an individual top 10 result in both events!

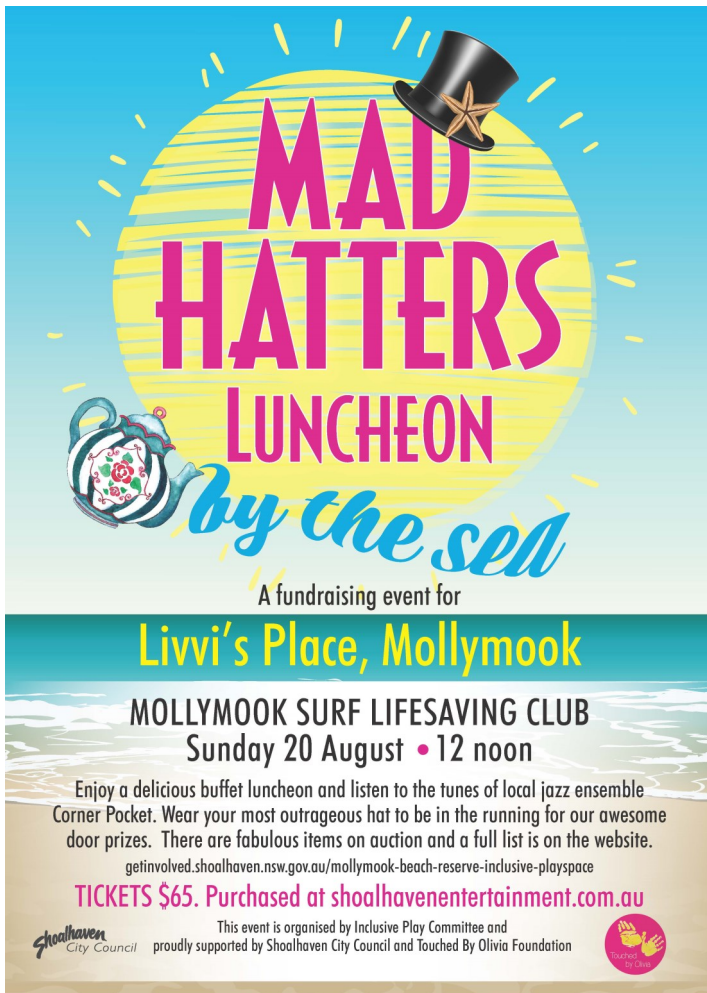


## Parent online payments (POP)

As previously mentioned, the school has transitioned to a new administration system. Parents/carers will now be able to pay Voluntary Contributions, excursion fees etc online, through our Parent Online Payment (POP) system, accessed through the school website.

In order for a smooth transition, we will be sending out student Statement of Accounts by year groups, to assist with processing payments. **Parents/carers will need these statements in order to complete a POP.**

A 'How To' session will be held at the next P & C meeting on Monday 14th August from 1pm.



**MAD HATTERS LUNCHEON**  
*by the sea*

A fundraising event for  
**Livvi's Place, Mollymook**



**MOLLYMOOK SURF LIFESAVING CLUB**  
Sunday 20 August • 12 noon

Enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon and listen to the tunes of local jazz ensemble Corner Pocket. Wear your most outrageous hat to be in the running for our awesome door prizes. There are fabulous items on auction and a full list is on the website.  
[getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/mollymook-beach-reserve-inclusive-playspace](http://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/mollymook-beach-reserve-inclusive-playspace)

**TICKETS \$65. Purchased at [shoalhavenentertainment.com.au](http://shoalhavenentertainment.com.au)**

This event is organised by Inclusive Play Committee and proudly supported by Shoalhaven City Council and Touched By Olivia Foundation

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## JUMP INTO JOEYS

**Who:** Boys & Girls 6 - 8 years

**When:** 5:15pm – 6:15pm Wednesdays

**Where:** Burrill-Ulladulla Sea Scout Hall

**What do we do:** Songs, games, activities, crafts, excursions etc. to earn participation badges. Your first taste of scouting!

Jump into Joeys, learn to help other people and share with friends. Come along and give Joey Scouts a try.  
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## MAKE YOUR NEXT PARTY AMAZING

- \*Costumed Characters
- \*Games & Activities
- \*Face Painting
- \*Balloon Sculpting
- \*Jumping Castles, Amusements & Animals
- \*Invitations
- \*Lolly Bags & Prizes
- \*Cakes & Catering
- \*Pinatas & Decorations
- \*Music, Art & Drama Parties
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COMPLETELY HASSLE-FREE THEMED STUDIO  
PARTIES IN ULLADULLA  
OR  
WE CAN BRING THE ENTERTAINMENT TO YOU!

As you know we are all different.

Some of us are good at maths and some of us are good at science but me, I am good at public speaking.

So how do we reach and exceed our potential at school? Or, in other words, how do we become better than yesterday?

If teachers truly know us they know our strengths and can encourage us to do better and also know what we need to improve on. We can excel in the areas that we are confident in and by doing this we are meeting our strengths and needs of each individual.

Laura Lenz once said:

"When you point out kids strengths they grow in confidence they know you see them; you see them as a whole individual".

At Ulladulla Public School our teachers know we are all unique. They know that we all strive to do the best we can to achieve the best outcomes in our learning.

Take a moment to think about one thing you are good at and one thing you need to improve on.

For me, I am good at public speaking and not so good at spelling.

Whilst you are thinking I am going to leave you with this thought.

If teachers really know us they can teach us, if teachers really know us they can lead us, but most importantly, if teachers really know us then we can be ourselves and focus on the areas that make us exceed our potential.

Always remember have a growth mindset. Never say I can't always say I can and you will get better every day.

Isabella Y.— 6M

# Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

## What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

### Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

### Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.

- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.

- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.

- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.

- Students find online assessment is more engaging\*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

\* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

## NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

### NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

## For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>

## Frequently asked questions

### Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

### How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

### How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment\* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

\* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment

### When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

### How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

### Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.





## Education Week Review 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_(optional)

*Please add any comments following the Education Week Open Day and return to the office when completed*

- 1) Would you prefer to have a set menu provided by the canteen/P&C like our previous 'Chicken & Lemonade Lunch' or a variety of options from the canteen/bring your own lunch?  
*Set Menu/Chicken & Lemonade Lunch*                      or                      *variety canteen menu/bring your own*

*(comment if you wish)*-----  
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- 2) In terms of parents, carers and friends visiting, do you think we had a successful turnout?  
*Yes*                      *No*

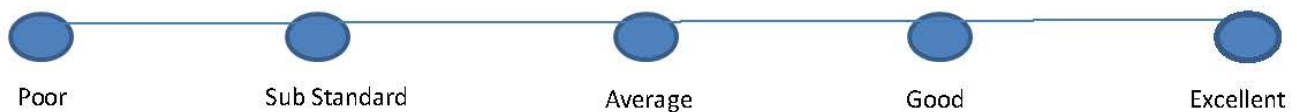
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- 3) Would you like to see more of a balance in academic, sporting and creative endeavours for the presentations?

*Yes*                      *No*

*(comment if you wish)*-----  
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- 4) Please rate how you feel the day engaged the school community and 'showed off' Ulladulla Public School;



- 5) Would you like to see anything change for 2018 (eg. how the day is structured, what we do for classroom visits etc)?

*(comment if you wish)*-----  
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