



# ULAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## **NEWSLETTER MARCH 17th**

### **TERM 1 Week 8**

#### **3 Rs STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS**

This week's Student Choice Award goes to Chloe Loughrey for being a responsible and helpful friend. Great Effort!! Well Done!!

#### **STANDOUT STUDENT AWARD**

This week's Standout Student Award goes to Molly Fay for trying extra hard with her spelling work.

#### **NEWS Schedule**

This coming week for news, students are asked to explain to the class what occupation they would like to have in the future and why.

#### **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)**

All students have begun the Premier's Reading Challenge. With the help of Mrs Talbot, we now have a selection of PRC books in the classroom. Students are able to choose titles from this selection to read during silent reading time. More details can be found, including the list of PRC books at the Premier's Reading Challenge Website.

#### **MORNING TEA FUNDRAISER**

To assist with costs associated with our Canberra Excursion, we will be holding a Fundraiser Morning Tea Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to the families who have already indicated they are able to contribute to the fundraiser by baking cakes or slices. Please send cakes, slices etc to school on Thursday or Friday of this week. If you are able to assist on Friday morning, please be at school by 9am.

#### **CANBERRA EXCURSION**

Mrs Lewis continues to be very busy planning and organising for our Canberra excursion. Costs are yet to be finalised, however, you might like to lock in the dates Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club orders need to be returned by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **EASTER RAFFLE**

The P&C will be once again co-ordinating the Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **POPCORN DAY**

Wednesday is Popcorn Day. Students can order a bag of popcorn for 50c per bag. Orders will be taken on Wednesday morning and ready for recess.

#### **LOCAL EXCURSION**

As a concluding activity for the Science Unit, 'Growing and Changing' we will be visiting SWOOP Petting Farm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The cost of this excursion is \$5 per student. We will also be visiting the Gulgong Pioneer Museum on the same day. Entry to the museum for the students is free. The visit to the museum is linked to the History Unit we will be working on next term. Transport for the excursion will be by car. Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school with the entry cost.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday Ashlee! We all enjoyed Ashlee's fantastic birthday cake at lunchtime on Wednesday.



## **NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE BULLYING NO WAY!**

Today, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is the seventh National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. At Ulan today, Miss Maclean worked with our students to discuss bullying and any concerns the students may have. Bullying is never acceptable and all staff at Ulan are working together with the students to ensure that our school is a safe, happy place to be.

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

If you have any concerns, or your children have any concerns about bullying of any kind, we ask that you contact us and discuss the matter. [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) is an excellent website that you might like to visit with your children. Lots of interactive activities and discussion starters.



## **TELL THEM FROM ME**

This term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be asked to complete the survey. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be completed next week. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. If you would prefer your child not be involved, please contact the school and let us know.

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Monday: Lunch orders

Library Borrowing

Wednesday: Melties

Popcorn Day

School Banking

Helen Gray visiting Ulan

Thursday: Playgroup - 9:30am ( Galloping Gumnuts will be visiting this week)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

24<sup>th</sup> March - P&C Fundraising Morning Tea

Bookclub Orders due to school

28<sup>th</sup> March - SWOOP Petting Zoo and Gulgong

Pioneer Museum excursion

6<sup>th</sup> April - EASTER Hat Parade

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Excursion permission note
- Easter Raffle books
- Tell Them From me information