



ULAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

A member of the Cudgegong Learning Community – promoting public education



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3 Rs STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

This week's Student Choice Award goes to Lily and Nette Nette for being wonderful and caring friends. Great Effort!! Well Done!!

STANDOUT STUDENT AWARD

This week's Standout Student Award goes to Lily Knowles for super improvement in writing.

WELCOME

We are very excited to welcome three new students to Ulan this term. Welcome to Marney Rogan (Kinder), Nette Nette Brennan (Year 3) and Joe Mackenzie (Year 4) and their families. We trust your start at Ulan has been a positive one and look forward to getting to know you all.



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Knowles and Fay families for their help with Chook Duty over the holidays, it seems the girls were very happy as they continue to lay eggs!

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Sporting Schools is a \$160 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities.

We have been successful in gaining funding from the Sporting Schools program this term.

We have decided to use some of the grant for gymnastics. Mrs Sacha Etherington from Mudgee Gymnastics will visit each Monday, for four weeks starting on the 7th August to work with the students. Each session will go for about 45 mins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 6th birthday to Nikola



CLC ARTSHOW

All public schools within the Mudgee area are part of a combined network of local schools known as the Cudgegong Learning Community (CLC). The purpose of the CLC is to provide collaborative opportunities for students and staff. Each year the CLC holds a combined Art Show where schools from across the area are invited to display and show high quality art work that is being done in classrooms. This year the Art Show is being held at Cudgegong Valley Public School from Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th August. The Art Show is a wonderful opportunity for students to show case their work. We will be entering a number of items from individual students as well as the Henry Lawson pieces that we entered in the Unearthed Exhibition.

Individual students who have work displayed will also receive an invitation to the official opening. Those invitations will be sent home next week.

The official opening is always held in the evening, beginning at 6:30pm. While it is a lovely evening, catered for by Mudgee High School Home Economics Classes, I appreciate that being in town so late in the evening may be difficult for some families.

We are organising a time for our students to visit the exhibition during the day, so if you are unable to make the official opening, rest assured you are welcome to join us when we visit.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate NAIDOC Week we will be attending a NAIDOC Celebration at Lue Public School on Friday 4th August. Please see the attached permission note for information and details.

LMBR UPDATE

Training and Development for the LMBR change is well underway. It is without doubt the biggest change to school administration in a very long time. While essentially it impacts mainly on Mrs Lewis and myself at this time, I ask that everyone keep in mind the amount of work that is going on. Mrs Lewis is not only learning the new system but needs to keep up with all of her usual administration duties. This in itself is not an issue but given her role is part time, she is now trying to fit lots into limited days, many of which she is at training.

That said, if you have an administration question or query she will more than happily attend to it so always ask.

Men @ School

For the first time, we will host a Men @ School Day at Ulan. Men @ School will work a little like the Mother's Day morning tea. The children will invite the important men in their lives to visit with them in the classroom. While the day is aimed at the important men in the lives of the children, it is not exclusively a Men Only Day, women are welcome too! We will host a BBQ lunch for the students and their visitors to enjoy. The day will start with classroom visits from 12pm, followed by a BBQ lunch and outdoor activities. I anticipate that our visitors will be finished at school by 2pm. Students will make invitations during the term, but I did want to give everyone as much notice as possible so that

anyone wishing to come to our Men @ School Day can make arrangements with work schedules.

READING LOG AWARDS

Congratulations Bella Knowles, Elsie Milton and Lily Knowles for making the next level in their Home Reading Log.



All students received a Reading Log this Term. The Reading Log, along with the Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to read for leisure. In doing so, they are further developing their reading skills. As students complete the Reading Log, they will be acknowledged with Reading Awards. Should your child have lost their Reading Log, please encourage them to ask for a new one.

ZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to James Lasham who has been selected to compete at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Mudgee on Friday 11th August. He will compete in 100m sprint, 200m, 800m, shot put, long jump, discus and relay.

I imagine he will be training hard, so look out if you are driving by his place!!!

P&C MEETING

Next meeting will be on Thursday 27th July. I would like to hold the meeting during recess time (11:15- 11:50) in the staff room. All welcome.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We have once again registered to participate in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. The promotion runs from July 26th to September 19th. Information about how the promotion works is attached to the newsletter.

PLAYGROUP

Galloping Gumnuts will be at Playgroup on Thursday 3rd August.

Galloping Gumnut is a Mobile Children's Service that provides a quality early childhood program to families living and working in rural and remote communities.

Galloping Gumnut is a Not-For-Profit organization, which receives funding from both federal and state government to provide a community based rural and remote children's service program.

The teachers from Galloping Gumnut will be visiting every fortnight this term, starting Thursday 3rd August- sessions are shown on the Term Planner that went home late last term.

HOMEWORK

Research shows that the most time effective and successful form of homework for primary age students is reading each night. Each student at Ulan PS received a Reading Log earlier this year. The Reading Log is a way of recording the reading activity that students are completing at home.

Additional to that some students have been given sight word revision.

Following feedback from our parent interviews, we will also begin giving students a homework worksheet each week. These worksheets should be revision and students should be able to complete the majority of the work independently.

Homework will be given on a Monday and collected on a Friday. DET policy states that homework is encouraged but not compulsory.

TANK UPGRADE

I am very pleased to report that the tank upgrade at Ulan Public is complete. Thanks to

Deak and the lads from Plumbing Worx it all happened quickly and without incident.

Thanks also to the great thinking of Mrs Ungaro we were able to solve a long running issue of water on the ground near the vegie patch. We were able to use one of the old tanks as a catchment for the water collected in the library gutters. Prior to this change, that water has been simply laying on the ground.

LIBRARY

Library borrowing will commence on Monday. Students who wish to borrow from the Library need to bring a library bag to school.

BELL TIMES

To assist our new families, these are our bell times. Attached to the Newsletter is also a weekly timetable which shows what learning area we are covering in each session.

9:30 - 11:15 Morning session

11:50 - 1:15 Middle session

1:50- 3:15 Afternoon session

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Lunch orders

Library Borrowing

Mrs Lewis in Mudgee at LMBR training

Tuesday: Mrs Endacott in Mudgee at LMBR training

Wednesday: Melties

School Banking

Thursday: Playgroup - 9:30am

Friday: Mrs Lewis in Mudgee at LMBR training

WH&S (Work Health and Safety)

support officer visiting Ulan at 12pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd August - Galloping Gumnuts @ Playgroup

4th August - NAIDOC Celebration at Lue PS

ATTACHMENTS

- Bookclub
- Uniform Order
- Woolworths Earn and Learn
- Class timetable