

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 3 WEEK 3: TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018

### WE'RE CELEBRATING EDUCATION WEEK 2018

The theme of Education Week 2018 – *Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world*, highlights how NSW public schools are equipping young people with the skills and capabilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. High levels of literacy will most certainly be an essential part of tomorrow's world, and a love of quality literature adds immeasurable value now and in the future. So our students will be acknowledging Education Week by celebrating books. We'll be bringing the Book Week theme – *Find Your Treasure* - to life with our Book Character Parade. We hope you will join us at 9:00am to enjoy all the creative costumes. This will be followed by shared story time and then families are invited to bring a picnic morning tea to have with the children.

### TOKO-TON TAIKO JAPANESE DRUMMING RAISES THE ROOF

What an exciting way to start Education Week! Yesterday morning, Steve and Chie from Toko-ton Taiko performed with heart-thumping excitement, just about raising the roof of the OEC! We really enjoyed hearing the Japanese drums and flute and marvelled at the skill of the musicians. We also learnt some interesting facts about Japanese culture. It was a thrilling performance, and we say a huge thank you to Toko-ton Taiko for coming to the school, and also to Anita Williams for organising the event.



### THANKS FOR THE WORKING BEE

A small but energetic group of parents, students, staff and friends did an amazing job upgrading our beautiful grounds last weekend. We planted, weeded and cleared many spaces in the school, including the vegie patch. Many thanks go to all who attended and gave their time, energy and expertise.



### SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE IMPORTANT

The Department of Education supports the wearing of uniforms by students for three main reasons:

- Uniforms promote a sense of belonging for students. Research has shown a strong correlation between school pride and sense of belonging, and positive mental health for students at school and beyond.
- Uniforms create a positive identity for the school community.
- Uniforms contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.

Recently, the Department has updated its uniform policy to ensure that girls are able to wear shorts and trousers if they wish to, and that the uniform chosen by the school community through the P&C enables all students to access all aspects of the curriculum. I discussed this with the P&C at last week's meeting, and it was agreed that our uniform already complies with these policy updates. Recently, I have been asking students to wear the correct Uki PS uniform, and shared with them the reasons outlined above. I now ask for assistance and support from parents and carers to ensure that students come to school in the correct uniform. If you wish to ask for an exemption from this policy, please make an appointment to see me. Similarly, if you feel you are not able to afford the correct school uniform, please ask to see me and I will be more than happy to discuss financial assistance.

**Rachel Watkins** - Principal

### BYRON BAY WRITERS' FESTIVAL

On Tuesday Ms Watkins and Mrs Spiller took 30 students from Stage 2 and 3 into Murwillumbah for the Byron Bay Writer's Festival. We were excited because we love reading books and wanted to meet new authors. Their names were Matt Stanton and Lian Tanner.



Lian Tanner taught us how to create stories quickly, making sure you have an interesting character, setting and plot. She also told us about her new book, *'The Rogues'*, which is themed around a castle, with the main characters being Duckling and Lord Rump. It sounds brilliant!

Matt showed us all how to brain storm amazing ideas in just a few minutes which is a technique everyone enjoyed watching and taking part in! And we all loved his very funny sense of humour.

We really enjoyed meeting the authors, listening to them read from their books and everyone wants to borrow their books from the Library. I recommend more students should come next year.

By Hanna, Talia and Gabi

## P&C NEWS

### PSSA DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

#### Thursday 9 August HELP NEEDED

Uki PS P&C will be running the canteen at the District Athletics Carnival this Thursday 9 August at Murwillumbah High School. **Volunteers are urgently needed to help on the BBQ and/or serve between 8:30am and 2:30pm on the day.** If you are able to help out, please indicate the times you are available on the below roster or contact Selina on 0423313370. This is a great fundraising opportunity for our school. **If you are unable to help out on the day perhaps consider donating some muffins/cakes/slices etc. that could be sold.** These can be brought into our school canteen on Wednesday or directly to the event on Thursday. Any support you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Good luck to all of our participating students at the Athletics Carnival. I'm sure you will do yourselves and our school proud!

#### CAR WASH

Our fundraising car wash will be held on **Saturday 25 August 2018** at BP service station, Murwillumbah. Volunteers are needed to fill 2hr shifts between 8:30am and 2:30pm. A roster has been provided in this newsletter and is to be returned by Monday 20 August 2018 if you are able to help out. Thank you to all those who are able to support this event.

#### JOLLY SOLES SOCK DRIVE

Our socks fundraising boxes have arrived and are available at the school office for anyone wishing to assist with selling them. Similar to the traditional chocolate drive, volunteers receive a box of 14 socks (varying sizes and designs) that they then sell. \$20 profit is returned to the school from each box sold. People who have picked up a box already have sold them in 24hrs, they are very popular. There is also a box in the office if people wish to purchase any individually. Thank you to all those who have supported this fundraiser thus far. The SRC are currently planning a Crazy Sock Day so keep a look out for more details in the coming weeks.

#### FINAL BALL

The final ball for the Tweed Ball Series will be held this Saturday night, 11 August at the Catholic Church Hall in Murwillumbah. Congratulations to all of our students, parents and grandparents who have won sashes/medals throughout the series and will compete for their various titles on Saturday night. Best of luck to you all and I hope you have a great night.

#### 125 Year Celebration

Thank you to all those who attended last night's planning meeting for the school's 125 year celebration to be held in 2020. Our formal sub-committee was formed last night which will be chaired by Diane Wilder. Coordinator positions for various roles were also nominated. There are still a number of vacancies available for anyone keen to be involved or feel free to come along to our next meeting at 6pm on 3 September to put forward any ideas you may have.

Selina Stillman

P & C President

### Public Speaking Reminder

During the next two weeks our students at Uki PS will be participating in class public speaking activities. All students will need to prepare a speech on a topic of their choice. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will speak for 1 to 1 ½ minutes, students in Year 3 and Year 4 will speak for 2 minutes and students in Year 5 and Year 6 will speak for 3 minutes. Some work will be completed in class to support students with the writing of their speech although many students will write and practise their speech with support from parents and carers at home.

Each class will select class finalists by August 17. Class finalists will then compete in the Uki PS, Public Speaking Final the following week.

School Finalists will have the opportunity to compete in the Far North Coast Public Speaking final to be held on Thursday 13 September at Tweed Heads South Public School.

Sue O'Regan -Public Speaking Coordinator

### Car Wash Roster Saturday 25 August Return this slip to school by Monday 20 August

8:30am – 10:30am	
Name	
Phone No.	
10:30am – 12:30pm	
Name	
Phone No.	
12:30pm-2:30pm	
Name	
Phone No.	

## CANTEEN NEWS

Online ordering starts tomorrow. Sign up for free!

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Danni Woods - Canteen Coordinator

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 3	
Wed 8 Aug	Danni & Hayley
Fri 10 Aug	Kuana & Catherine
Wed 15 Aug	Candice & HELPER NEEDED
Fri 17 Aug	Danni & Ness
Wed 22 Aug	Edwina & HELPER NEEDED
Fri 24 Aug	Alonna & Candice

### Premier's Sporting Challenge Reminder

Don't forget to continue to fill out your fitness log books! They are due back Monday Week 5.

Renee Mills—PSC Coordinator

### Book Fair

Join us in the school library this Wednesday after the Book Character Parade for the Book Fair or pop in to purchase books before school any day this week.



## SRC CRAZY SOCK DAY

The SRC would like to support our Australian farmers with a crazy sock day.

It will be held on Tuesday 14 August. Wear mufti and your craziest socks.

Crazy socks are available from the office for \$4.00 a pair if you don't have any at home!

Bring a Gold Coin donation for our farmers.



Paddy and Tommy model some crazy socks.

Available from the office for \$4.00 a pair.

This week's VALUE FOCUS -

**COOPERATION: WILLINGLY WORK WITH OTHERS TOWARD A COMMON GOAL**

### Uki Touch Football

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at Vic Bianchetti

Sportsground @ 6pm

ALL WELCOME

### UKI PUBLIC SCHOOL

#### 125 YEARS CELEBRATIONS

In 2020 it will be 125 years since Uki School began educating the children of the Uki District. To begin the planning to celebrate and mark this significant occasion in the history of Uki Public School, a meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Monday 3 September at 6.00pm. Please come along if you are interested and would like to be involved in the planning for this occasion. It is anticipated that a formal committee will be established at this meeting to fully plan and coordinate the celebrations.

### COMING UP... Calendar

	Week 3	
6-10 Aug	Mon-Fri	Education Week
6-10 Aug	Mon-Fri	Book Fair
6 Aug	Mon	Toko-ton Taiko Drumming
6 Aug	Mon	125 Yrs Planning Meeting
7 Aug	Tues	Dolphin Dreaming K&Yr1
7 Aug	Tues	Madam Butterfly
8 Aug	Wed	Book Parade & Picnic
9 Aug	Thurs	District Athletics
	Week 4	
13-17 Aug	Mon-Fri	Creative Arts Camp
	Week 6	
28 Aug	Tues	Garden Competition
	Week 7	
6 Sept	Thurs	School Musical
	W 9&10	
10-21 Sept	Mon-Fri	Intensive Swimming

### DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN ROSTER THURSDAY 9 AUGUST 2018

	8.30-10.30am	10.30-12.30pm	12.30-2.30pm
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