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Dear Parents/Grandparents,

The school year is closing out quickly with only three weeks to go—let's make the most of each and every day right through til Friday 16th December.

Earlier this week we welcomed Urana's new policewoman to our school. Senior Constable Jackson was keen to meet the kids and answer all their questions.

A visit from the police

On Tuesday we had a kind visit from our local policewoman, Senior Constable Jackson. She showed us what she wore during an arrest and demonstrated how to hand-cuff someone - the criminal was Joseph. She told us about her taser and how it's the worst thing to be hit by, it stings! She told us that she got sprayed by capsicum in training and when it hits you it's hard to breathe and it makes you produce a lot of mucus. At the end of her visit she hopped into her car and put her siren on, before waving a goodbye. It was a fun and interesting day.

Joseph/Willow

...Snr Const Jackson also talked about the importance of wearing a helmet when riding a bike and taking care on the roads, especially with increased truck traffic during harvest!

Destiny shares her story of the visit from Senior Constable Jackson.

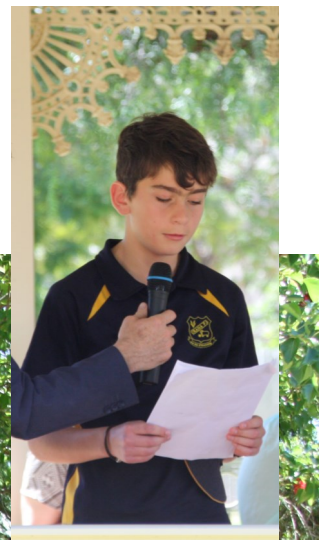


Aspire Me Art Camp

Well I think art camp was great. We got to make polymer clay clocks and decorations for a lamp and make a bird on a wire and finally a few flowers over grass on a canvas. We all had a good sleep and time watching Good Dinosaurs together. Zakk PS. So cool! Zakk

Remembrance Day

The students attended the local Remembrance Day service displaying great respect for the occasion. Thank-you, to Joseph who read my Remembrance Day address, very maturely, in my absence.



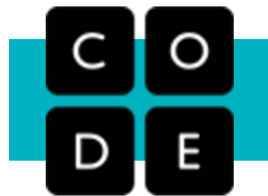
As the year winds down the students are demonstrating their learning by producing some great creative writing pieces and completing assessments in maths and comprehension.

Weekly reading opportunities with Sharni are allowing the students to practice their oral reading and I have been quite impressed with the improved fluency and expression I am hearing.

The younger students have been particularly keen to share their emerging writing expertise and fairy-tale iPad creations.

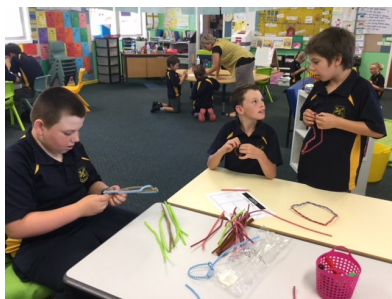
We have embarked on our journey in coding, exploring the app Scratch Jnr, and coding sites -pencilcode.org, code.org and snap.berkeley.edu

Try some of these coding activities at home!



Miss Bacchetto ran a very innovative STEM challenge this week – students had to build a house strong enough so that the big bad wolf couldn't blow it down! Each group built with different materials - straws, pop-sticks, pipe-cleaners or matchsticks and couldn't use any glue or sticky tape.

Alas! Only the matchstick house couldn't withstand the huffing and puffing of the wolf!



The Big Bad Musical

Jerilderie Public School presents The Big Bad Musical next week on Wednesday 30th November and Miss Bacchetto is taking the K-2's over for the performance. They will miss the final tennis lesson. Make sure you get the blue notes back to the front office. They will travel over and have recess prior to the show and be back at Urana PS by lunchtime.

Plans for 2017

The time has come for Miss Bacchetto to fly from the UPS nest, she has been a valuable asset for our school for the past two years and the students under her care have made significant learning gains. Personally, I have enjoyed working alongside Venita and watching her grow as a professional. She will be teaching at Berrigan PS next year and therefore remain part of our BiJOU Learning Community.

Today a classroom teacher position will be advertised in the Department's SchoolBiz. I am hoping to attract a new teacher keen to enrich our learning environment, to inspire our students with fresh ideas, keen to learn and contribute to our school community.

We have been fortunate to have had two young teachers travel out to UPS to begin their teaching careers over the last couple of weeks. Both Miss Veale and Miss Hines have bounced into teaching with youthful enthusiasm. I hope they have enjoyed this experience—they are the future of the teaching profession!

Presentation Evening

We will celebrate student achievement on Tuesday 13th December beginning with an early sausage sizzle at 5.00pm followed by student performances, awards and presentations at 5.30pm.

I encourage everyone - family and friends to share this time with the class of 2016.

This earlier time will allow families who need to attend Oaklands CS later in the evening for their Presentation Evening, to do so.

Kids Day Out

On Thursday 15th December we will travel to Wagga for a Kids Day Out – it's a mystery bus trip for the students but guaranteed to be a great day and reward for their year. The fortnightly lunch days have been a huge success and the funds raised will cover the cost of the day.

Coming up:

The Big Bad Musical Yr1/2— Wednesday 30th November

Christmas at Colombo —Tuesday 13th December

UPS Presentation Evening —Tuesday 13th December
5:00 Sausage Sizzle /5:30 student performances, awards, presentations

UPS Kids Day Out — Thursday 15th December

Final day of school—Friday 16th December



This activity might interest you—a camp for boys during the holidays. Visit the website for more information.