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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to the year for staff and students. We have settled into our class routines and established our school life. Routines are important as it sets the students up to be successful with their learning. The students have had some exciting and engaging curriculum opportunities with many more planned!

The students and staff have had a virtual excursion to the Townsville Aquarium. This excursion was instigated as part of our unit on Oceans and Beaches. We were able to explore the predators of the ocean and interact with the scientist (whilst he was underwater) at the Aquarium to extend our knowledge of coral and the animals in The Great Barrier Reef.

Mrs Ramos' expertise of music and dance have been integrated into the children's learning on a Wednesday afternoon. The pleasure and enjoyment this brings is evident on their faces!

Mrs Ter Haar has been focusing on getting to know the students with all wanting to spend time with her individually and also in the art room at lunch time on Wednesdays. She has continued the tradition of taking the Stage 3 students to Colombo Lodge to visit the residents.

Let's keep up the great learning!

Zillah Gleeson

Urana Public School Beach is a hive of activity.

The beach is open every lunch time for the students' to enjoy.



Yr5/6 Bulletin

Grace and Ashleigh interviewed the student's at Urana Public School and asked them what they like about the school.

- ⇒ Braxton: likes the new beach because he can have fun and build sand castles.
- ⇒ Lacie: likes it when we play on the beach with our friends.
- ⇒ Tayan: like to play in the sand with my friends and likes the new fish.
- ⇒ Zara: likes maths and spelling because it is fun because we get to have a awesome time, and I also get to play on the beach with my friends.
- ⇒ Destiny: thinks school is a good learning environment and particularly enjoys maths and our breaks.
- ⇒ Nandana: enjoys spending time with friends and enjoys spelling. She also likes it when she can sit down and learn to read and write.
- ⇒ Hunter: Thinks the learning at Urana Public is fun because it is interactive and he particularly likes spelling.
- ⇒ Ashleigh: I find school a great learning environment and I love maths.
- ⇒ Grace: likes maths and having fun on the beach with her friends.



Congratulations to Ashleigh Ferguson for swimming personal best times in the 11 year old 50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke at the recent Finley District PSSA Swimming Carnival. Ashleigh represented UPS and the Small schools team proudly!

K-6 have four new students in their classroom.

Their names are Crazy, Hammer, Jeffery and Fred. They are fitting in really well and really add to the current learning focus in the classroom.



Alert!

Head lice are back!..

Head lice are not nice

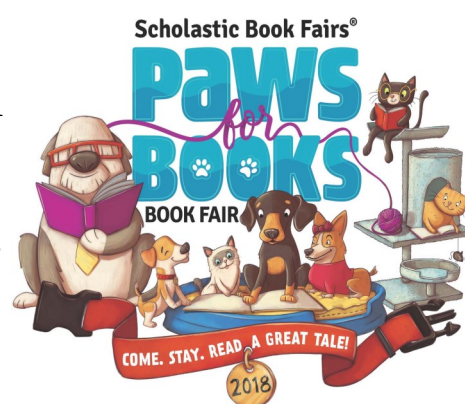
They're back and we're under attack!

Please check your child's/children's head to-night for head lice and treat if necessary.

If we all work together, we can eliminate the problem quickly. We have a product available from the front office free of charge, please see Mrs Cottrell.

**Coming up:**

Next Week/all week—we have a book fair on display in the library. Feel free to come and have a look and see if anything catches your eye. We are keen to promote the value of reading to everyone so we also encourage you to lose yourself in a good book as well as read to and with your children.



Tuesday 13th March: Quizworks—an interactive puppet show bought to the school by Mrs Mitchell

Thursday 15th March—Noel Stallard, Bush Poet—the students from Yr2-6 will walk down to St Francis Xavier for a poetry performance

Wednesday 21st March—Harmony Day, Intereach Corowa are bringing a Nepalese visitor to our school. We will share our culture, music, stories and food through this visit which promotes inclusivity. **ORANGE** is the colour for harmony, everyone is encouraged to wear something orange on the day.



Wednesday 28th March—Easter activities day, sausage sizzle, hat parade, egg hunt and an assembly. More details to follow



It was with great excitement that I can finally announce that Urana Public School in partnership with Berrigan PS and Jerilderie PS as the BiJOU Learning Community have been awarded one of 50 Australian Government Digital Literacy grants selected from 1750 applicants. This grant of \$20000, recognises the value of our Robotics and Coding program and will enable us to deliver even more learning opportunities for our students. We are at the forefront of innovation offering our students access to cutting edge emerging technologies and learning putting them ahead of the pack



Over the course of the year the staff of the three schools will participate in professional learning, developing their skills in the areas of robotics and coding and learning from Ms Vicki Kempton and Ms Michelle Meracis who we have worked with over the past few years. Together we will design rich learning experiences for all students K-6 throughout the second half of the year culminating in a gala/showcase event at the end of the year.

This year Bee Bots, Sphero and drones are on the menu together with Lego WeDo and EV3 Mindstorms.

We are excited, hope you are too!

First Up: Year 4 STEAM Camp—Week 11



Dorothy Dore/Zillah Gleeson, Principal, UPS