



# Upper Coopers Creek Public School

Respect, Understanding and Responsibility

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2018**

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**Term 4 Week 2**

*"We wish to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands."*



Dear Families and Friends,

**Parliament mention:** This week we were very proud to learn that the Member for Ballina, Tamara Smith, officially recognised the achievements of Upper Coopers Creek Public School in the NSW Parliament Legislative Assembly. We were excited to receive the transcript of this speech, which we have included in this week's newsletter.

**In the classroom:** In science students have continued working on their Wollumbin documentary. Yesterday the children investigated

erosion by making a model of the Tweed caldera and today they created the narrative for their film. In English the students have been working hard on their speeches and in CAPA they have been very focused on the upcoming play.

**School Camp:** We were all disappointed to have to postpone school camp (especially as the promised storms didn't materialise on Wednesday). Hopefully we will be able to reschedule for week 9.

**Public Speaking:** Our school Public Speaking Day will be held next Friday, 2 November at 2pm. Rose and Ewan will be our judges and we would love for families to come up to be part of our audience. Please encourage your children to practise their speech at home.

**Maths Competition:** Earlier in the year Tom, Aisha and Bodi took part in the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition. Congratulations to Bodi for receiving a Distinction and Tom and Aisha for receiving Merit awards.

Jen, Rochelle, Sue, Shane and Jacqui



## Dates To Remember

Fri	Nov 2	UCC Public Speaking Day
Tues	Nov 6	First North Public Speaking at Clunes

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## Repentance Creek Hall Wood Fired Pizza Night



**Join us for a Pizza at  
Repentance Creek!**

**Pizza, dessert, licenced or BYO  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October from  
4pm  
Repentance Creek Hall**



**Federal Kids Film Club**  
presents

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**MARY  
AND THE  
WITCH'S  
FLOWER**

**Sat 10th  
Nov  
4.00pm  
Federal Hall**

**Dinner served  
after the  
film.  
Bring a  
cushion.**



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## Community Recognition Statement


Parliament of NSW  
Legislative Assembly

### BALLINA ELECTORATE SCHOOLS

"Ms TAMARA SMITH (Ballina) (20:19): Without taking anything away from the comments made by the member for Newcastle about the gutting of TAFE, I speak today in praise of small public schools in my electorate. Small schools in regional areas are truly unique. Students and teachers are often part of a close-knit village community and schools in small towns are the heart of connectivity for surrounding villages. Every school, student and teacher in my electorate deserves my recognition, support and praise as their local member. However, today I will give a snapshot of incredible work that is going on in some of our small public schools.

Upper Coopers Creek School is a small one-teacher school with a wonderful advantage—learning is completely individualised and every student is truly supported through an individual learning program. Another advantage of a one-teacher school is that children of all ages can enjoy the same cross-curriculum learning at the same time.

At Upper Coopers Creek School all students—from kindergarten to year 6—have weekly lessons together in Indonesian, guitar and robotics. Older students naturally mentor younger students; the social and emotional learning outcomes are too numerous to mention adequately in this Chamber. Upper Coopers Creek School is also big on sport. In the past 12 months all students worked with specialist coaches in surfing, gymnastics, swimming, athletics and Australian Football League as well as taking first aid lessons, thanks to the Sporting Schools grants. To give members an idea of the talent at the school, four swimmers—one-third of the school population—competed in the State Swimming Championships in Sydney last month."

  
Tamara Smith  
Member for Ballina



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