



# Upper Coopers Creek Public School

Respect, Understanding and Responsibility

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**Term 1 Week 1**

*"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,

Welcome to the 2020 school year. We are all very excited to be back at school and to welcome our six new students. We have four children starting Kinder this year, Dash, Jaya, Lily and Felix, as well as Ruby in Year 2 and her brother Finn in Year 5. We are very happy to welcome the children and their families to Upper Coopers Creek.

We are also excited to welcome our new teacher, Nicky Hughes, to Upper Coopers Creek. This year Nicky will be working mostly with the younger students as well as taking all the students for bush school classes. Unfortunately, our lovely Sue will still be away from school for another term, but we are looking forward to her visiting us all soon.



**Bush School:** Every Thursday this year, all students will have the opportunity to participate in Bush School. At Bush School, children are given the space, time and encouragement to observe and explore their natural environment through their senses and creative play. Among other things, Bush School involves building, collecting and fossicking as well as investigating strategies used to connect with and care for the land. Please ensure your children wear shoes and clothing suitable for bush walking



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**Term 1:** This term in Science the younger children will learning about changes that occur in the sky and on the land while the older students will investigate how natural processes and human actions change the Earth's surface over time. In History, the Years 3-6 will learn about why and how Australia became a nation while the younger students will explore their personal histories. In CAPA we are going to start the year with researching, cooking and creating art for Chinese New Year. In PDHPE, thanks once again to the incredible Sporting Schools grant, we will have a coach coming from Brisbane Roar Football team to teach soccer skills every Monday afternoon, beginning February 17.

**Swimming Carnival:** Next Tuesday February 4, all students from Years 3-6 will be attending the First North Swimming Carnival at the Alstonville Swimming Pool. Jen will be supervising and can transport all students there. Please fill in the attached permission note asap.

**Authority to Publish Form:** If you have not filled in an authority to publish form this year, please sign and return.



Some fresh produce from the garden!



Jen, Nicky, Jasmine and Shane

## Dates To Remember

Tues	Feb 4th	Swimming Carnival
Fri	Feb 7th	Chinese New Year Celebrations
Mon	Feb 17th	Soccer skills work-shops begin
Fri	March 20th	National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Thurs	April 9th	Last Day of Term 1

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