



Upper Coopers Creek Public School

Respect, Understanding and Responsibility

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Term 1 Week 9

"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,

There is no doubt that we are living through an unusual time and I want to thank our families and community for being so supportive of the decisions made at school due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These unprecedented times are challenging for our whole community and our first priority is our students' health and wellbeing. We need to work together as a community to slow the spread of the virus and protect those who are likely to experience more severe cases. Our actions will continue to be guided by the Department of Education, working closely with the Department of Health.

Thank you for your support, your patience and your understanding as we all look after one another through this health situation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Working from home: Yesterday Nicky and I sent home a small amount of work for the students. While Nicky and I have looked at options for online learning, such as google classroom, there is no escaping the fact that the internet at the school and in the valley in general, is just not reliable. In addition, a number of students have little or no access to the internet. For this reason, online learning platforms will not provide an equitable solution to our current 'learning from home' situation. With this in mind, Nicky and I will continue to provide learning that requires little or no internet access.



Happy Birthday: Happy Birthday to Jayah and Felix who both turned five last Thursday 19th March.



Soccer Training

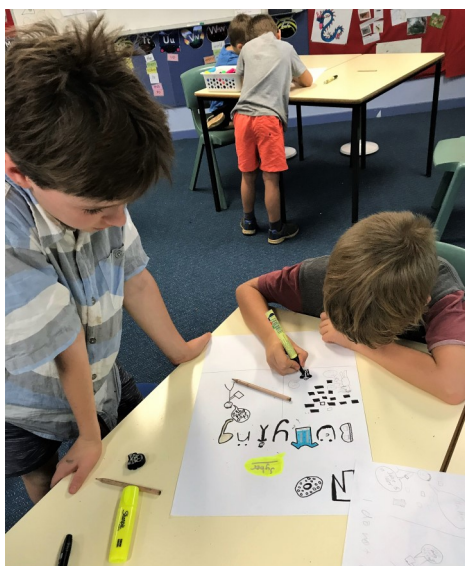


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Bush Tucker Garden: The children have been so happy to be finally able to snack from our bush tucker garden. The midgen berries are abundant and the whole garden looks amazing.



National Day of Action Against Bullying: For Ant-bullying Day the children came together to define bullying and design strategies to overcome bullying behaviour. They also made informative anti-bullying posters.



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Practice simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

1 Wet hands	2 Apply soap	3 Lather & scrub
4 Rinse hands	5 Turn off tap	6 Dry hands

Spend 20 seconds washing your hands.

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Cancelled events: Unfortunately, due to the current health crisis, a number of school events have been cancelled. The P&C silent disco fundraiser has been postponed, as has our Harmony Day celebration. These events will happen, but they will now happen later in the year. Our Life Education visit to Rosebank has also been cancelled.

Dates To Remember

Weds	March 25th	Harmony Day POSTPONED
Tues	March 31st	Life Ed at Rosebank Public School CANCELLED
Thurs	April 9th	Last Day of Term 1

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