Dates to remember

**Wednesday 29th July**
**School Open Day** 11.45am-1.45pm
Book character parade, Open classrooms, Book Fair, lunch provided by Lowanna staff.

**Thursday 30th July**
K-2 walking to Fire Shed with Preschool

**Friday 31st July**
Mrs Hawken at OV Principals Meeting

**Tuesday 4th August**
AFL starts – every Tuesday ‘til end of term

**Thursday 6th August**
Coffs Cup ½ day Public Holiday

**Thursday/Friday 6th and 7th August**
Principal’s Conference in Coffs Harbour

**Monday 10th August**
Surf Education here at school

**Thursday 13th August**
NAIDOC at Upper Orara PS

**Friday 14th August**
P&C meeting from 9am

**Wednesday 19th August**
Orara Valley Gifted & Talented Creative and Practical Arts Day

**Friday 21st August**
Japanese Drumming here at school

**Friday 28th August**
Orara Valley Softball Carnival at Glenreagh

**Tuesday 8th September**
Orara Valley K/1/2 Enrichment Day at Ulong

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**Here be Dragons!**

We had a great day yesterday, both at Tabatinga and performing at the Plaza. All children should be proud of themselves, as all our performances were amazing!

Many thanks to our parent helpers with transport and support, as we couldn't have done this without you!
We ‘signed’ the last part of our song

AFL each Tuesday
We have received funding through Sporting Schools Australia to promote a healthy lifestyle and sporting skills at school.

As a result, we will begin AFL sporting clinics at Lowanna every Tuesday until the end of term. These clinics will be on after recess for an hour.

There is no cost to students for AFL as it is fully funded through our Sporting Grant.

This says it all really....

Thanks to our School Captain, Charlotte Penhall, for suggesting we have skipping and chalkboard activities before school begins each day.

This has proven successful, as you can tell by this chalkboard message written by the kids!
Are you helping your child develop ‘word power’?

Unlock a child's imagination through the power of words.

_Kai Strand_

Knowing just the right word to use can give a child real power. The number of words a child knows is actually related to their ability to think. Helping children learn new words will help them succeed in school.

Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are giving your child “word power”:

- Do you talk about words? When reading books, try to discuss the meaning of unfamiliar words.

- Do you use new words for familiar ideas? “Let’s clean your room by categorising your toys.”

- Do you play word games such as Scrabble together as a family?

- Do you have a “Word of the Day” when everyone tries to use that word at least three times during that day?

- Does your child have a personal dictionary where they write new words and their meanings?

How well did you do?

Each yes means you are giving your child word power. For no answers, try some of those ideas from the quiz.
Musica Viva
Our trip to Coramba last Monday to see the Musica Viva performance was well worth the trip.

We were entertained by South American music as well as learning about the culture behind the magnificent rhythms and instruments.

Year 5 and 6 Excursion payments
Organisation is in full swing for our annual Year 5 and Year 6 major excursion. A fabulous few days of fun and learning are planned!

Don’t forget that we do need your payments towards the cost of this excursion and that you can bring either cash (no matter how small) or cheque on any Monday, Thursday or Friday morning to our school office.

If you would prefer to direct deposit to our school account please see our School Administrative Manager, Karin Wood, for details.

2015 School Photos
Wow, what photogenic students we have here at Lowanna PS! This year’s photo orders have been sent home to families. We hope you enjoy them as much as we have.

Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken

Lowanna P&C News
P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be from 9am on Friday 14th August. All welcome.

Lowanna P&C is where parents and carers can learn more about what’s happening at our school and how we as a P&C can best support our children’s teaching and learning.

At the moment we have parent helpers at school for things like reading with children, cooking and our canteen. Mrs Hawken would like to invite more of our parents and carers here to volunteer for an even wider range of activities at our school.

If you have an interest or a talent you’d like to share with our school community please join us at the next meeting to find out more.

Our P&C meetings are always very informal and welcoming, so come along for a cuppa and a chat!

P&C Raffle Roster at Ulong Club
On Friday 28th of August it will be our rostered turn for selling raffle tickets at Ulong Ex Services Club.

This is our second last for 2015. If you are able to sell tickets for our fundraising please see either Belynda or Joanne, or leave a message at school.

P&C Fete in November
We would love to hear any of your suggestions for our proposed Lowanna P&C Fete, possibly to be held in November this year. We are looking for great ideas, and also helpers.

Come along to our next P&C meeting on Friday the 14th Of August to help us brainstorm!