Principal’s Message

Science Fair
Last Thursday the Science Fair was a terrific hit for students presenting their work, students viewing the work and for community members who came along in support. I spent the best part of an hour discussing with students their efforts and enjoying the varied science experiments on display. My thanks to Miss. Copper for this science initiative and her support of student learning each and every day.

Swim Scheme
120 Unanderra students are currently participating in the Swim Scheme at Western Suburbs Pool. This important learn to swim program is provided for families by the department. It is vitally important, especially living so close to beaches, all children have a basic level of water awareness and can confidently move through water. My hope is that this program successfully provides that very opportunity to Unanderra students. I visited Group 2 today and everyone seemed to be having a terrific, and safe time.

Gold Assembly
Tomorrow we celebrate our last Gold Assembly for the year. We have traditionally held a second assembly in Term 4 so that our Year 6 students have a one further opportunity to achieve that higher level gold award. I listened to the Uke Group practise today, I believe they will be terrific tomorrow!

Off site
The Wollongong Primary Principals Council meets once per term, with this term’s meeting scheduled for Thursday. I will be attending this Thursday’s meeting with 40 of my colleagues providing us an opportunity to discuss contemporary education and the direction our department is taking with the educational reform agenda. I will be in Batemans Bay on Monday with Mrs Lawler in support of students who will receive Aboriginal excellence awards. During my absence Ms. Liles will assume principal responsibilities.
Attendance
Quite often toward the end of year children will ask for that one day off because, “no one else goes on that day”. Please be mindful that every day school is open for students you are legally bound to send them. Unanderra Public is open for students right up to and including Friday 15 December.

Craig Redfern
Principal

Home Reading
It is great to see Home Reading continuing!

Well done to Zoe 1/2J for 100 nights.

Congratulations to Joshua 1/2K, Jackson 1/2K and Mariah 2/3G for reaching 150 nights.

175 nights is an achievement that Indiana 2/3G and Faith 1/2J and Taneeka 1/2J have achieved! Wow!

200 nights Gemma 1/2D what an outstanding effort.

Kathy Dobinson
Learning and Support Teacher

Annual Giving Tree
Our Christmas tree has been decorated and placed in the foyer ready for donations from our school community. All donations of dried and tinned food as well as toys can be made up to 11:00 am Thursday December 14.

All items donated will then be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to Illawarra families in need. Thank you for your support of this extremely worthwhile project.
Sonja Martinoski, Administration Manager
Class Winners

1/2J were class winners again last week. Well done. That’s 11 weeks in a row!

Rewards

It’s not long until the School Banking year ends, and we’re close to taking last orders for this year’s rewards. If your child has earned 10 or more tokens already, now is a good time to place an order so they don’t miss out this year.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, come and see us at 2pm on Tuesdays in the old uniform shop, or drop a note into the banking bin on Tuesday morning and we will address your inquiry.

School Banking Coordinators and Volunteers,

Jenny Evans, Liz Ilievski, Nicole Martin and Jodien Mortlock.

Helpers Required:

If you are free on Saturday 9th December, it would be great if you could lend a hand at our last P&C fundraiser for the year, our Woolworths BBQ. Please send me a message on 0413 917 791 if you able to assist for a few hours. Thank you.

P & C meeting: Unfortunately the date for the next P&C meeting has been double booked with Figtree High’s next Year 7 information evening. Our next meeting will now be held on Monday 11th December at 7pm. This will be a bit of a celebration, with drinks and nibbles, for all our hard work throughout the year. It would be great if all active members who have contributed this year could make it along.

Upcoming Events for Term 4:

- **Woolworths BBQ** – For our last fundraising effort for the year, we will be holding a BBQ at Woolworths Unanderra on Saturday 9th December. Save this date & remember to bring your friends & family along for a delicious sausage sandwich. We will be looking for some helpers for this event. If you can help for a couple of hours, please let me know. Thank you in advance.

- **School Hats**: If your child needs a new hat, these are available in the canteen for $11.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018:

- **School Colour Run** – April 2018
- **Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough** – June/July 2018

Katrina Birch, P & C President
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