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Principal's Message

Grandparents Day

This Friday, kindergarten students will host a celebration as part of 'Grandparents Day'. It is a wonderful time for our school community to recognise and celebrate the amazing grandparents, grand friends and kin carers for the work they do and the support they give to our students and families. Recently, there has been a lot of research into the value of intergenerational learning and our celebration on Friday will provide a great opportunity to spend time with an older loved one and connect across the generations.

Village Fair

My thanks to the P&C committee and their dedicated group of helpers for their organisation of our upcoming Village Fair on Saturday 9 November. You may remember that this event was postponed and then cancelled last year as a result of extreme weather and I'm sure you will join me in wishing the P&C every success for the upcoming date. I urge you to get behind the P&C and our school by taking a ride on the giant slide or grabbing a bite to eat.

Drop off and pick-up arrangements

It has come to our attention that a number of students are getting to school before 8am. Students are supervised in the morning from 8:30am and we ask that they come to school as close to or after that time as possible for safety reasons. In addition, the afternoon bell rings at 3pm, the drop zone is allotted for safe collection of students, please do not park in this area. We appreciate your cooperation.

Before and After School Care

If before or after school care is required, please contact the school office for information. The NSW government is seeking feedback from parents and carers regarding access to before and after school care services. Feedback can be provided at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc> up to December.

What's coming up

Monday October 21-1 November

- Swim Scheme

Friday November 1

- Book Fair
- Kindergarten Grandparents Day

Monday November 4

- P&C Meeting 7pm

Wednesday November 6

- Gold Assembly

Saturday November 9

- Village Fair

Tuesday November 12

- Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday November 14

- Wetlands Excursion

Tuesday November 19

- Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday November 26

- MacDonald Figtree Night

Selective High School 2021 Applications

Applications are open for year 5 students who are interested in applying for year 7 selective high school positions in 2021. Please be aware that parents and carers must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schooland-opportunity-classes/year-7> by **11 November**.

Have a great day.

Cody Breasley

Acting Principal

Choir Report – Monika and Tayla

On Tuesday, our choir went to the University of Wollongong hall and performed with five other school choirs at the Southern Illawarra Music Festival. We arrived at 7:30am and took a bus to the UoW. When we arrived we went up on stage to practise our individual songs, Rainbow Connection and Here with Me. After the other schools did their songs, we practised our mass choir songs. Then we were ready for the big show!



Singing on the bus.

The entire way back to school we sang our songs and were complimented by the bus driver. At 6:30pm we went back to the UoW and performed with the other 5 choirs. The house was packed with supporters. We all loved performing up on stage and were showered in compliments afterwards. We are looking forward to joining the choir again in 2020!



Individual item.

Choir Report – Mrs White

Last Tuesday, our choir performed at the Southern Illawarra Music Festival (SIMF) and what a day it was! We arrived at the University hall for a day of rehearsals after an early start, with everyone on time and ready to sing, sing, sing.

A full rehearsal day left us tired but totally ready for the evening performance. Our students represented Unanderra PS beautifully – not only with their singing but also their impeccable manners and behaviour.

We arrived back at school in the afternoon after serenading the bus driver with our songs all the way back!

The night time performance was in front of a huge audience and whilst we had the smallest choir, they sang beautifully and did us proud!



Our percussionists – Keira and Ebony

Thank you to all our choir members for their ongoing commitment to being part of the Unanderra school choir, including practising the songs at home and willingly attending ongoing lunchtime practises in order to learn the many words and songs ready for the performance – not only their individual songs but also as part of a massed choir of over 300 students!



We would also like to express our gratitude to the 'choir parents' who got their children to school and the performance punctually on Tuesday, and looking very smart in our Unanderra school uniform.

For our Year 6 students, this was their last performance at SIMF and we hope it created some fun memories for them. For our other choir members, we look forward to next year's songs. Hope to see you all at choir in 2020!

Mrs Edwards and Mrs White

Choir leaders



iLibrary News

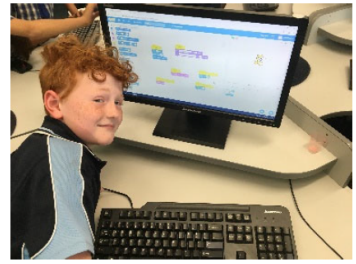
Wow, we have made it to Term 4 and there has already been so much going on in the iLibrary but a quick catch up on the events and happenings in the iLibrary in Term 3...

- Kindergarten, Stages 1 and 2 attended a Book Week Show put on by Dapto District Library to celebrate the 2019 Book Week Books.
- We had a K-6 Literature Day with every class in the school rotating through various book activities organised by our wonderful teachers.
- We had the annual K-6 Book Week Parade with students and teachers dressing up in amazing costumes and celebrating the theme of 'Reading is my Super Power!'.
- The UPS Library Monitors and Tech Crew created and presented a Book Week Movie that was shown at the Book Week Parade.



In Term 4 the iLibrary has already

- joined Stage 2 in running a Book Tasting event during our weekly reading club time on a Friday morning
- Been learning about Power Point in Stage 1
- Building our computational thinking skills working on coding games in Stages 2 and 3.



And next week we have the Book Fair!! So start collecting your pocket money and come and visit us in the iLibrary half an hour before school, at lunch time and after school!

Ms Rachel Prior
Teacher Librarian



Home Reading

It is fantastic to see more students reaching 100/200 nights of Home Reading.

Well done to:

Jaxon 1/2D

Lindsay 1/2D

Charles H 1/2D

Lucas 1/2D

200 nights of reading

Serena 1/2D

Natalee Breenan

Learning & Support Teacher

BANKING UPDATE

Class Winners

Last week, joint School Banking class winners were 3/4W and 5/6B. This week we had a three-way tie: the winning classes were 1A, 3/4W and 5/6B.

Weekly class winners are now a moot point because the overall winning class for the year has been called: 5/6B have top honours and will enjoy the class party sponsored by the Unanderra Public School P&C as a thank you for having the most consistent bankers throughout the year and contributing to P&C fundraising. Well done and thank you to 5/6B!



Delayed Rewards

Sometimes reward items that have been ordered are delayed in being delivered to students. The bank may be experiencing a high volume of orders to fulfil or there could be a delay in the postal system. Rest assured that your rewards will be delivered and we ask for your patience as we await their arrival.

Any enquiries or offers to volunteer to help with school banking can be directed to our School Banking Coordinators via the school office or come and see us from 9:00am on Tuesdays in the resources room (old uniform shop) on the Northern wall of the hall.

School Banking Coordinators and volunteers,

Jodien Mortlock, Jenny Evans, Joanne Egan, Nicole Martin and Jenna Young.

Unanderra P&C News

Welcome to Weeks 3 - 4, Term 4

Term 4 is certainly not slowing down for us parents and the family calendar is filling up quickly with so much happening for our kids across the school towards the last few months of the year.

Great news is that your P&C committee are filling the term with wonderful activities that you can still be involved in the school community with your children.

We are excited for our upcoming Village Fair on Saturday 9 November. Please join us for some community family fun. Bring your family and friends as our school opens its doors to our local community.

Plan ahead with the discounted ride bands and pre-order the sausage sizzle. All the money and order forms are due back to the office.

Thanks to our local businesses that have supported our school and who will be attending. We look forward to seeing new, current and past families at the Village Fair! Please refer to the flyer below or online for more details.

Share and Invite your family and friends to attend the UPS P&C Village Fair via the schools Facebook Event-

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2495901030731138/>



A HUGE shout out to all the amazing volunteers led by Jodien that have organised our Village Fair and all the preparation that happens behind the scenes. Thank you to the local business support too for supporting our school.

The P&C is hosting the Sausage Sizzle BBQ stand and we are requiring a few more volunteers to keep the smooth running for the roster between 12-1 and 2-3. If you are available please email Jodienpnc@gmail.com
Fingers crossed for the weather to be on our side!

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME
OUR 2019 P&C COMMITTEE



Lisa Mathes
Secretary

Chrissi Williams
Vice President

Melanie Hart
President

Jodien Mostlock
Vice President

Joanne Egan
Treasurer

P&C Term 4 Events

Fri 1
Nov

- Grandparents Day- host volunteers needed for setup and clean up. See below for details.

Mon 4
Nov

- P&C Meeting 7- 8:30pm
- P&C Village Fair Sausage Sizzle Pre-order form and cash due back to the office

Thu 7
Nov

- P&C Village Fair Discount Carnival Ride Bands order forms and cash due back to the office

Sat 9
Nov

- UPS P&C Village Fair 11am-3pm. See flyer below for more details.
- Volunteers are hosting the Sausage Sizzle stand. If you are interested, it's not too late.

Tue 26
Nov

- McDonalds UPS Fundraising Night between 5-7pm

Seeking Volunteers for Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day at UPS is going to be held on **Friday 1 November**. The P&C host this special morning tea with good china and are seeking volunteers that are able to assist with the hall set up and/or washing up. If you are available on this Friday for a few hours please let Jodien know via email jodienpnc@gmail.com



Join us at the next P&C Meeting

For our second last meeting of the year we invite all P&C members and non members to attend to see first hand what is happening at the school and in planning for next year.

We are quite social with nibbles and drinks and we make a fun night of it.

Save the date as the meeting is held on **Monday 4 Novemeber – 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Staff Room**. All welcome. **Zoom Meeting Link-** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/811227116>



UPS McDonald's 2nd Fundraising Night! Tuesday 26 November at Figtree McDonalds between 5:00-7:00pm

Come along and join families and teachers for a fun night and help raise money for Unanderra Public School! Spread the word, the school will receive a percentage of all in store sales on the night (drive through not included). Please let the staff at the registers know you are there for Unanderra Public School. From the fundraising night held back in Term 2 we raised an amazing \$316.

So let's try and raise more as it is such a fun night!

UNANDERRA PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

VILLAGE FAIR

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
OPENS ITS DOORS TO YOU

FREE ENTRY

- > CARNIVAL RIDES
- > FARM ANIMALS
- > FOOD STALLS
- > RAFFLE
- > FACE PAINTING

**SATURDAY
9 NOV
@11AM - 3PM**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING THE UPS P&C FUNDRAISING

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THE LORD MAYOR'S *Picnic* in the *park*

**FOR 2020 SCHOOL
STARTERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES!**

FREE entertainment and giveaways
for all 2020 school starters.
Join in the fun while finding out
more about starting school!

**Sunday 3 November, 10am-12pm
@ MacCabe Park (southern end)
Cnr Church & Ellen Sts, Wollongong**

www.transitiontoschool.com.au

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