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Principal's Message

Air quality considerations

The ongoing bushfire situation is presenting frequent air quality considerations for staff and students. At all times, the safety of our school community is paramount and the school executive consider all elements of risk management when assessing the appropriateness of outdoor activities. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to provide air conditioned classrooms and learning spaces for students and are adequately equipped to make appropriate adjustments to address any interruption to regular routine. Our end of year mufti day will be an excellent opportunity for our school community to support the NSW Rural Fire Service and communities affected by the recent fires.

Congratulations

It was wonderful to attend the South Coast PSSA Sport Awards last week to see year 6 student Janaya.B receive a prestigious South Coast Sporting Blue Award. Janaya's success in Football this year has been well documented and the acknowledgement of her talent in the sport was further recognised through her nomination and subsequent success in achieving the Sporting Blue honour. This honour is only awarded to a select few students each year and I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Batley and Janaya's family for attending the awards ceremony and supporting her continued success. Well done!

What's coming up

Thursday December 12

- Presentation Day
K-2 9:30am-11:00am
3-6 11:30am-1pm

Tuesday December 17

- Year 6 Graduation/Farewell

Wednesday December 18

- End of Year Show 9:10
•Last day of school 2019

Tuesday January 28

- Staff Development Day

Wednesday December 29

- Years 1-6 Return to School



Staff Movement

At the end of term 3, a comprehensive process was run to fill temporary teaching positions for 2020. The level of candidates presented was of a high quality and resulted in the appointment of Miss Evelyn Bell, Miss Renae Scruby, Mrs Natalie Blanch, Mrs Erin Alewood and Mrs Natalie Prior to classroom and RFF positions. I would also like to introduce Miss Amy Layton, Miss Paige Barclay and Mrs Jenna Smith who will join the team in various classroom and learning support roles.

UPS has always supported strong leadership pathways and I am delighted to congratulate Mrs Laauw on her successful appointment to the position of Relieving Assistant Principal at Waniora PS in 2020. Mrs Laauw has worked capably to support her career development and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for this exciting opportunity.

Exciting opportunities are also ahead for Mrs Kyriazis, Miss Cooper and Miss Duncan who will continue their development as they take on opportunities with a variety of Illawarra and Western Sydney schools. A different level of excitement and challenge is in store for Mrs Abel and Mrs Elston as they look forward to commencing their maternity leave. We wish them every happiness and will be excited to pass on a baby update in 2020. Mrs Matthews will be enjoying a different pace, as she commences leave for the 2020 school year. We are fortunate that Mrs Matthews will be joining us for the first 2 weeks of next year to support the transition of our new kindergarten students before taking time away from the classroom.

I would like to sincerely express my thanks to all of these teachers for their professionalism and dedication to UPS and wish them every success in their new roles. Whilst it is always difficult to farewell people, I am confident in the team we have built for 2020 and am positive that UPS will continue to further build on the quality educational environment we provide.

End of year celebrations

This Thursday 12 December we would like to invite all families to join us for our Presentation Assemblies. These events are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge student achievement and reflect on an outstanding year of learning. The K-2 assembly will commence at 9:30am and the 3-6 will begin at 11:30am. Students will also be looking forward to our PBL reward activities to utilise their unspent Busy Bee tokens and Year 6 are making final preparations for their graduation and farewell events.

The Masked Singer

This year, the end of year show has been transformed and we are delighted to present The Masked Singer. Mrs Abel has been working under top secret conditions to put together performances which will leave us all scratching our heads and wondering, who is behind the mask? The show will commence at 9:10 in the hall and parents are welcome to attend and be entertained.

Thank you

As this is the final newsletter for 2019 it would be remiss of me to not take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful students, staff and families of UPS. It has been a wonderful year and I would encourage you all to take a little moment to reflect on the growth, big or small, that you have seen in your children and celebrate the success that each of them has had. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and Summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back in 2020.

Have a great day.

Cody Breasley

Acting Principal

Kindergarten 2020

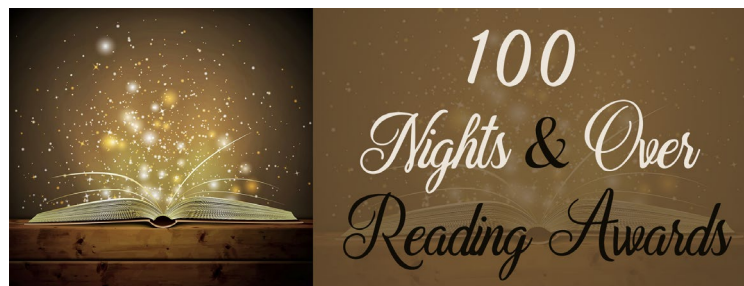
Last week was the final day of our 2020 Kindergarten Orientation program. The children had the opportunity to experience a Kindergarten classroom, learn about our school, meet some Year 5 buddies and play in Terry's Turf. Everyone had a lot of fun, including the teacher's, and we can't wait for them to start school next year! Thank you to all of the parents for your attendance in our information sessions. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Mrs Edwards

AG Class

Since the beginning of Term 2, four students in year 5 [Will N, Elizabeth S, Scarlet N and Phoenix H] were selected to participate in an Academically Gifted class and went Coniston Public with a range of other like-minded kids from across Wollongong. Mrs Hanes [our AG teacher] was such a great teacher who was creative and funny. Throughout the past 2 terms we have been up to a murder mystery, who killed my father?, Hamlet, future cities, big history and much more. It taught us to take risks and have fun whilst learning. At the end of the year we had a big expo were the parents and Mrs Brennan came in and watched us perform Hamlet and then they could wander through and look at our work. In the end it was an incredible experience and would recommend it and I wish I could do it again. Thank You Mrs Hanes!!

Written by Phoenix Hiscocks



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

**Annie 1/2D & Jake F 1/2D for achieving 100 nights reading.
Congratulations to Jasmine R for completing 175 nights of reading.**

**Natalee Brennan
Learning Support Teacher**

Unanderra P&C News

Welcome to Weeks 9 - 10, Term 4

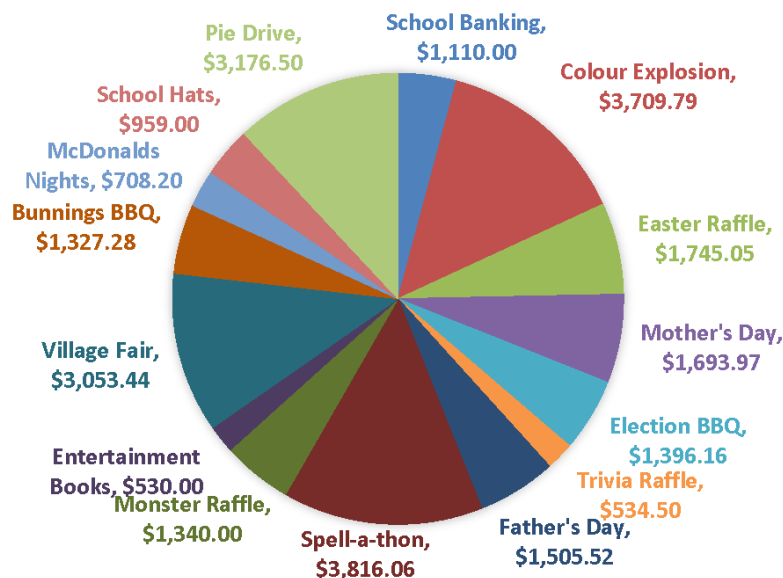
Yeah we made it to the end of the year!!! The kids are shattered and the holidays are in sight. But this last newsletter for the year can't wrap up without some very special thanks. What a year it has been. First we would like to thank our fantastic executive team. Together we have collaborated with our different strengths and personalities and grown to where we are today. Our executive team have not been the only ones running the fundraising events for our school, many of our P&C members have stepped up to the mark, many in their first year and have achieved amazing results.

Thank you to all the P&C Executive team and members, we have created a wonderful community of parents that support each other and our school.

The UPS P&C are proud to announce that we have raised a total of \$26,605 this includes smashing our additional \$10,000 goal for the HP Laptops!

Every dollar has contributed and we thank all families and extended family and friends for making this happen for our kids. It has been a wonderful achievement.

2019 UPS P&C FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



The \$26,605 raised has been used to support our school students in;

- ❖ 15 x HP Laptops as a bookable class resource (this was our additional \$10k goal)
- ❖ Reading Eggs
- ❖ Athletics Carnival
- ❖ Document Readers
- ❖ PSSA Sport Awards
- ❖ Swimming Caps
- ❖ Year 6 Farewell
- ❖ And so much more!

We hope everyone had fun at the various events hosted by your P&C throughout the year.

Our recent fundraising from the McDonalds Figtree Night raised an amazing \$391.

Congratulations to our Monster Raffle Prize Pack Winners who were;

- 1st - Mrs White
- 2nd - Lily 2B
- 3rd - Cooper B 5/6N
- 4th - Kristian 5/6D
- 5th - Mrs Rodden
- 6th - Asher K/1E
- 7th - Harper 1A
- 8th - Cameron 1A, Bradley 3/4W, Mitchell 5/6B
- 9th - Romeo 5/6B
- 10th - Zander 3/4L
- 11th - Rawaan 5/6B won a \$100 Beaton Park voucher plus 5 x tennis lessons with Titan Tennis Academy.

Congratulations to all winners!!! Thank you to everyone that purchased a ticket.

The Fathering Project which the P&C supported was a brilliant day and a huge success for all involved.

Remember if you missed any of the photos or videos from these events, please follow the [Unanderra PS Facebook Page](#) for all the action.

School Banking Pizza Party winner for the class with the most consistent deposits to their CBA bank account went to - 5/6B!!! Thanks to the P&C and Dominos Unanderra for the 10 pizzas, the class loved this lunch treat. Keep up the great work with banking each work kids.



UPS P&C are a team effort, every person who has given as little as 1min of their time has been instrumental in bringing this community together.

We hope to see you in person at the Presentation Day this Thursday.

Have a Merry Christmas and safe summer holidays together.

We look forward to a successful 2020 with many more great memories.

Signing off for 2019-
Melanie, Jodien, Chrissi, Joanne and Lisa.