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Principal's Message

Education Week

Yesterday I was very fortunate to be invited to the Education Week Launch at St Mary's North Public School. Key messages delivered by the Premier – Gladys Berejiklian and Minister of Education – Sarah Mitchell resonated with this year's theme; Every Student, Every Voice. Please join us this Thursday for a brief assembly from 10am followed by open classrooms and an opportunity to have recess on the playground with your children. I encourage as many parents and carers as possible to visit us this Thursday morning.

Good360

You may be aware of a wonderful charity – **Good360**. This charity is a purposeful link between corporations who supply goods and services and community groups who utilise those goods and services. Our school has benefited from our association with Good360 with a generous supply of Lego that is sparking imagination, creativity and FUN for scores of students. Mrs. Breasley is the driving force behind Lego Club and our association with Good360. My sincere thanks to Mrs. Breasley and Good360 for providing a fabulous forum for our students.

Staff movement

A great big welcome to Mrs McCabe who spent her first day as a permanent teacher at Unanderra with us yesterday. I have every confidence that Mrs McCabe will be a quality addition to our team, I look forward to the positives stemming from her work within 5/6B. My thanks to Mr Hawkins for relieving in the role over the past two weeks.

Mrs Breasley will lead the school for three weeks as relieving principal from next Monday. I have been invited to relieve for the director in Broken Hill during Weeks 4 – 6 this term. Mrs Blanch will come off class Monday – Wednesday to relieve in Mrs Breasley's usual role. Miss. Scruby will relieve for Mrs. Blanch teaching 5/6N Monday – Wednesday during this period.

What's coming up

Thursday August 8

- District Athletics
- Education Week Events

Friday August 9

- District Athletics

Saturday August 10

- Bunnings BBQ

Monday August 12

- Book Week
- Southern Stars Week

Saturday November 9

- Village Fair

AP process

HR has provided advice that we can commence a merit selection process to fill the assistant principal vacancy created by Ms. Liles appointment as Principal, Yarrawarrah Public. My thanks to the P&C, AECG and school staff for quickly selecting representatives for this very important role. I envisage being able to share the name of the successful applicant late this term.

On the buses

Premier Bus Company have advised that the **S122** service that travels from **Shellharbour** via **Albion Park** to **Unanderra** will now be leaving 15 minutes earlier each morning as of **Monday 12 August 2019**. This bus currently arrives at Unanderra Public School at 8:45am, but will change to 8:30am after 12 August. Full details can be accessed on the transport.nsw website under School Travel. Or click [here](#)

Native Gardens

Copious native plants have been provided by Wollongong Botanic Gardens to supplement the work commenced last year around the admin building. New plants were installed by classes of students during Week 1 behind the hall and near Terry's Turf. This is a terrific initiative led by Mrs Simpson with the back-breaking support of Mr Thomas who dug hundreds of holes for the students. Photos of students planting native bushes and trees are included within this newsletter. Please remember that planting day was also Kindergarten's 100 days at school initiative, hence the '100year old' clothes worn by some!

School access

Please remember the staff car park remains **out of bounds for all vehicles and pedestrians at all times** unless you are a staff member. The driveway is not a shared space so please refrain from walking through it. I do not wish to go down the pathway of locking our school gates, however, should the dangerous act of walking children through the staff carpark and driveway continue it will be considered.

Canberra excursion

Understandably there is great excitement about next weeks' Stage 3 overnight excursion to Canberra. For the vast majority of students who have indicated they are attending, I am certain you will have a wonderful experience with many critical learning points regarding our nation's history and politics. Thank you to Stage 3 staff for ensuring this opportunity continues to exist for our Stage 3 students. I understand and appreciate the extra effort you are providing to make this activity a success. Best wishes everyone!

Craig Redfern
Principal





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

Well done to:

Gabi G 3/4W

Ela S 3/4W

100 nights of reading

Natalee Breenan
Learning & Support Teacher

UPS BOOK PARADE

When: Friday September 6, Week 7

Time: 2pm

Where: In the Hall

Start planning your costumes

My favourite term is here. We will be celebrating Australian children's literature in the iLibrary all term.

Students will also have an opportunity to enter the Book Week Poster competition with entries due Wednesday Week 7.

From Ms Prior



BANKING UPDATE

Class Winners

The class winners for Week 2 were 3/4W and the winners this week were 5/6B. The leaderboard is now as follows: 5/6B: 17, 3/4W: 8 and K1/E: 2.



Bank Branch Services

We continue to receive requests to provide personal account details. School Banking Coordinators do not have access to account details. Such information must be sourced from a Commonwealth Bank branch.

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.

COME ALIVE FOR SOUTHERN STARS 2019

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2019 **COME ALIVE** are in full swing, with public school students taking part in a wide range of dance, music, drama and vocal rehearsals around the Illawarra - and the state.

COME ALIVE, featuring 3000 public school students, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 23 (10am and 7:30pm) and Saturday August 24 (2pm and 7:30pm).

This year **COME ALIVE** features circus, the NSW Millennial Marching Band, 2000 dancers, a 600 strong choir, a full orchestra, our hugely popular boys vocal ensemble, the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble Yanggaa Garaba, and the amazing talents of the best featured student vocalists and performers in Southern NSW, and much, much more!

You don't have to know someone in the show to buy a ticket. Southern Stars is a world-class arena spectacular show which is suitable for all ages, and most of all is entertainment at its finest. Buy your tickets now before they sell out!

Remember to purchase your tickets **ONLY** through the registered ticket seller - Ticketmaster at:

www.ticketmaster.com.au

You can keep up to date with the show's progress with pictures and video from rehearsals uploaded daily to our Facebook page **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular** and our Instagram page at **southernstarsarenaspectacular**.

Unanderra P&C News

Welcome to Weeks 3 - 4, Term 3

Hello all,

What a busy start we have to Term 3! Thank you to all of our amazing Pie Drive fundraisers. You all did an amazing job and have surpassed all of my expectations. Well done. Thank you for returning your order forms promptly and the order is now at Queen Street Bakery. We ordered a total of 949 pies and treats as a school, and this is fantastic. Now we cannot wait to sort and distribute these yummy items to you all on Tuesday 13th August for collection after 2:30pm from the School C.O.L.A.

I am still accepting volunteers to help with sorting these treats.

Many hands make light work, so if you can spare some time then come to the hall from 1pm on the day.

Congratulations to the Pie Drive Winners...

1st Prize= \$35 Queen Street Bakery Birthday Cake voucher plus a bonus plain pie **Winner- Cooper E (1/2D) & Aidan East (5/6L)**

2nd Prize= \$35 Queen Street Bakery Birthday Cake voucher

Winner- Amelia H (3/4L)

3rd Prize = Bonus Plain Pie

Winner- Mariah W (3/4A) & Zane H (2M)

Random Draw of fundraiser with \$100 or more of sales =

Bonus Plain Pie **Winner- Bridie H (5/6L)**

15x HP Laptops on the portable stand as a classroom bookable resource for the whole school



Thank you for supporting the P&C Pie Drive. We raised a total of **\$3,176.50** which will be allocated to our goal of the HP Laptops for the students!!!

Join us at the next P&C Meeting

We understand it is difficult to get out of the home at witching hour, but we make it worth while and a bit of fun. Plan ahead and mark it in your diary to come join us in person or via the video link.

Monday 2 September – 7:00pm – 8:30pm held in the Staff Room

Zoom Meeting Link- <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/811227116>

Upcoming P&C Fundraising Events

Fri 20th July

- Entertainment Books
- Could all families with outstanding books please return them to the office ASAP

Sat 10 Aug

- Bunnings Warrawong BBQ fundraiser
- BBQ open from 8am to 4pm. Come and support this fundraiser at Bunnings Warrawong and purchase a sausage sizzle and drink. Volunteer Roster below

Tues 13 Aug

- Pie Drive from Queen Street Bakery
- Delivery of pies will be on 13 August ready for winter dinners. Collect from the COLA after 2.30pm on the day

Thur 29 Aug

- Father's Day Stall
- All gifts \$5 for all students to purchase that special gift.

Community Bunnings Warrawong BBQ – Sat 10th August

8-9am	Nicole M	Warwick P	Jodien M	Jen L	
9-10am	Nicole M	Stuart G	Denika T	Alycia P	
10-11am	Lauren B	Joel B	Denika T	Kirste L	Michelle J
11-12pm	Lauren B	Joel B	Fleur W	Kirste L	Michelle J
12-1pm	Tanya C	Effie A	Fleur W	Shannon Q	Derek Q
1-2pm	Tanya C	Effie A	Ting X	Joanne C	Frank M
2-3pm	Jo T	Frank M	Ting X	Peter S	
3-4pm	Jo T	Kelly C	Joanne E	Peter S	

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for donating their time

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers have been collated, counted and approved. Thank you to everyone for returning these. Some exciting items have been purchased for the school, so watch this space for delivery in Term 4.

Thank you
Jodien Mortlock – P&C Vice President

Changes to school buses

Monday 12 August

There will be adjustments to some school bus service times for Illawarra Christian School.

Route	Where to catch your bus
S122	Shellharbour Depot to Illawarra Christian School via Albion Park now departs at 7.30am

This service will now depart 15 minutes earlier.

For more details, visit transportsw.info and search for 'School travel'.



Visit transportsw.info

Learning Labs
OCTOBER 2019

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG AUSTRALIA

AN ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS FROM YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

More information about the workshops on offer and the application process can be found online at uow.info/learninglabs

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2019

LITTLE LEARNING LABS (FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2019)	
WHEN:	30 September and 1 October, 2019
WHERE:	University of Wollongong
TIME:	9:00am - 2:00pm
FEE:	\$160
LITTLE MINI-LABS (FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2019)	
WHEN:	2 October, 2019
TIME:	9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE:	\$85
Location and times are the same as above	
EARLY LEARNING LABS (FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2019)	
WHEN:	3 and 4 October, 2019
WHERE:	University of Wollongong
TIME:	9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE:	\$170
EARLY MINI-LABS (FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2019)	
WHEN:	2 October, 2019
FEE:	\$90
Location and times are the same as above	



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Little and Early Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants - please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

WORKSHOPS ON OFFER- FULL LIST & WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS ONLINE

Learning Labs workshops cover a range of diverse and innovative disciplines that are designed to challenge and stimulate the interest of self-motivated and curious learners. Here are some examples of what's coming up in October:



What Happens When
In this workshop we'll do the science experiments you wouldn't get to do in the classroom. Things will fizz, pop, smoke and explode in our quest to find what happens when...



Clay Cafe
Come join us at Clay Cafe where you get to develop your clay sculpting skills whilst creating any food (made completely out of air-dried clay) of your taste buds desire. Warning! You may leave this workshop with an increased appetite!



The Droid Building School
This is your opportunity to learn to communicate with robots and teach them to develop tasks, learn to assemble, program and use sensors. Nobody knows that maybe you are the next Tony Stark or a droid building builder.



EVS Robotics
Bring the fascinating world of robotics alive with Lego Mindstorms EV3. We'll go through the process of assembling sturdy robots that you can modify or customise and then work with your partner to problem solve your way through a number of challenges before we prepare our robots for the grand finale - a Samsa battle!

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in July 2019 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

APPLICATION & CONTACT DETAILS

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQs, and the online application form, please go to: uow.info/learninglabs

For all other enquiries, please contact the Learning Labs team via:
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