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Principal's Message

Kindergarten enrolments

Thank you to all the families who have provided information regarding students enrolling for 2020 kindergarten. While 2020 seems a long way off, it is vitally important for planning that we know how many students are being considered for next year's kindergarten. We currently have 48 students enrolled, a little short of our target of 60. Please ensure you have provided information to the office if you have a child attending kindergarten with us next year.

Sporting success

Janaya from 5/6B recently represented NSW and our school at the recent School Sport Australia Football Championships in Canberra. Janaya played in the NSW Sky Blue team that were placed second behind a very strong Queensland team. In the match against South Australia, Janaya scored a hat-trick in her team's 4-0 win. Congratulations Janaya, what a terrific experience!



What's coming up

Thursday September 5

- Interrelate

Friday September 6

- Literature Day
- Book Week Parade

Tuesday September 10

- Gold Assembly

Friday September 13

- Spell athon

Thursday September 19

- Excursion Killalea

Friday September 20

- Gala Day

Thursday September 26

- SRC Disco

Monday November 4

- P&C Meeting 7pm

Saturday November 9

- Village Fair

Tuesday November 26

- MacDonald Figtree Night

SASS Recognition

The great work of our SASS [School Administrative and Support Staff] ensures our school runs smoothly and teachers are actively supported in the teaching and learning process. Last week was SASS Recognition Week. A celebratory lunch with a Mexican theme provided a great opportunity for teaching staff to acknowledge the great work of our terrific office and learning support teams. Many thanks to all our SASS for your daily contribution, you are highly valued by all. Photos of the celebrations below.



P&C

Last night's P&C meeting was a little under-represented by community. The four P&C members in attendance were almost equalled by the three staff members in attendance. It is vitally important that our P&C has broad representation, so please consider your availability for the next meeting on Monday 4 November. This year's P&C fundraising efforts have been spectacular, with generous contributions to ongoing programs and to the purchase of laptops that are used by every student.

Outback adventure

I am very pleased to be back at Unanderra after my recent opportunity supporting outback schools. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs Breasley for relieving in the principal role with professionalism and expertise. While there are many similarities between coastal and outback schools there are also huge differences. In addition to observing quality teaching and learning I unsurprisingly found the drought is very noticeable throughout the outback. Many schools are without grass and a few who have been required to truck-in water for students and staff to drink. As an example, the playground from the public schools of Tibooburra and White Cliffs appear below.



Craig Redfern
Principal



**It is fantastic to see more students reaching 100 & 200 nights of Home Reading.
Well for achieving 100 nights of reading:
Angus J 2B**

**Well for achieving 200 nights of reading:
Charlotte A
Caleb P 3/4L
Oscar R 2B
Ruby H 2B**

**Natalee Breenan
Learning & Support Teacher**

E-X-C-E-L-L-E-N-C-E

The Premier's Spelling Bee 2019

Would you be brave enough to tackle spelling words like bocconcini, Einstein and ambiguous with only a microphone and your memory? Well that's exactly the challenge that faced Charlotte, Caleb and Max yesterday as they represented UPS at the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. The finals were hosted by Hayes Park Public School and brought together stage 2 and 3 students from across the Lake Illawarra North network to battle to become the spelling bee champion. The students faced multiple rounds of words with the difficulty increasing as the competition progressed. Our congratulations to all of the UPS representatives who battled hard and showed determination and courage when presented with some rather unusual vocabulary.



Southern Stars 'Come Alive'

Last week, a group of 24 UPS students performed in this year's Southern Stars arena spectacular 'Come Alive'. After countless rehearsals the students performed in two matinee and two evening performances on Friday 23 August and Saturday 24 August.

Every student put in an amazing level of commitment and effort and represented our school with pride. Well done to everyone involved!



April Duncan and Rebecca Cooper
Southern Stars Organisers

PBL LEADERSHIP
GROUP

Introducing the PBL Leadership Team



I would like to introduce you to the Stage 3 students who have nominated to be a part of the PBL team; Shaylee, Clara, Eden, Maddison M, Isabella I, Amelia K, Crystal, Kristian, Ella S and Rawaan .

Their role will entail; deciding on our fortnightly PBL focuses - based on our school's needs, introducing the focuses to the school community in a fun and engaging way, running our reward days and trade-in days, updating posters, promoting Positive Behaviour across the school through videos and being a great role model each and every day!

Well done!

Natalie Blanch – PBL Coordinator

Premier's Sporting Challenge

Only 3 more weeks left of our Premier's Sporting 10 Week Challenge!!!

Stage Two and Three, please remember to record your physical activity in your log books and return them to school on Fridays.

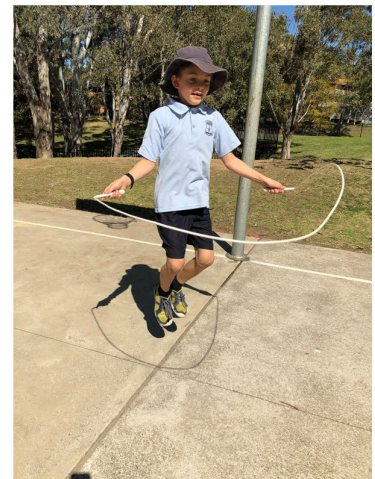
The purpose of the challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport and physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you to all those who have been participating in the challenge each week.

Let's get active together!!

April Duncan and Rebecca Cooper

PSC Organisers



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

Class Winners

The class winners for Weeks 6 and 7 were 5/6B. The leaderboard is now as follows: 5/6B: 21, 3/4W: 9 and K1/E: 2.

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 7-8, Term 3

Fathers-Day Stall

What a **HUGE** success! Thank you to all our volunteers that took time to help and sell all the wonderful gifts this year.

I hope all the fathers, grandfathers, father figures and special people in the lives of our students have had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed their presents.

★ This year we raised a massive \$1460.52 ★

Entertainment Book

Thank you for all the orders of this years Entertainment book. This fundraiser has now come to an end. The P&C appreciate all the book purchases and hope you are enjoying using your vouchers

★ This year we raised \$615 ★

School Banking – Money for nothing

Did you know for every 10 deposits your child makes the Commonwealth bank gives the P&C \$5



This is one of the easiest ways to provide your school P&C with funds and there is **NO COST TO YOU**.

Your child only needs to make 10 deposits of 5 cents or more into their own account. Not only does it benefit the P&C but the child earns interest on all deposits, develops positive saving habits and receives special incentives for reaching their 10th deposit.

To get started simply open a Junior account through the Commonwealth bank online or in your local branch.

Further information can be found in the school office or through one of our friendly P&C executive members

Thurs 5th
Sept

- **Interrelate**

- Year 3&4 - Where did I come from
- Year 5&6 - Preparing for Puberty
- Cost \$32 for one session and \$37 for both
- Payments and permission note to be returned to the office
- Further information available on skoolbag

Fri 13th
Sept

- **Spell-a-thon**

- Keep an eye out for notes coming home this week

Sat 9th
Nov

- **UPS Village Fair**

- The annual fair is just around the corner

Tues 26th
Nov

- **MacDonalds**

- Take the night off cooking and come to MacDonalds Figtree between 7pm and 9pm.
- Drive thru not included

Join us at the next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be

Monday 4th of October – 7:00pm – 8:30pm held in the Staff Room

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

Thank you,
Chrissi Williams – P&C Vice President