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Principal's Message

Student principal

Asniya [5/6D] selected to trade in 100 PBL points to be principal for an hour today. I believe these reward opportunities are probably more fun for me than the student, however, I am very pleased that Asniya selected this option. We travelled to Figtree Heights Public School to discuss their Gold Reward display, and possibly 'borrow' an idea or two for our school. Asniya held collegial discussion with the principal, Mrs Redfern, before we returned to Unanderra to pay bills, send emails and do all those 'fun' things principals attend to daily!



Assistant principal news

Yesterday a panel of five interviewed quality candidates for the vacant assistant principal position here at Unanderra. The panel comprehensively decided to appoint Mrs. Katie Edwards [nee.Frew] to the role. As per department policy there is a ten-day appeals period before the appointment is confirmed, however, it is important to share the outcome with community before the holidays commence. Mrs Edwards will be a wonderful substantive addition to the leadership team at Unanderra, my very best wishes to her as she officially commences this next stage of her career.

NAPLAN

Late this afternoon 2019 NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 student arrived at Unanderra. We will distribute to students tomorrow, please ensure you ask your child in Years 3 or 5 for their NAPLAN results tomorrow afternoon. Staff will be analysing the data to inform whole school trends and areas for celebration and improvement.

Childcare visits

Mrs Edwards and I will attend another school-readiness presentation at a local childcare centre this evening. One aspect of our community outreach is for a small team to present at several childcare centres, discussing school-readiness and what to expect in big-school. While not all families we communicate with attend Unanderra, it is important we share our expertise

What's coming up

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

and allay any concerns a family may have moving into a new educational setting. My thanks to Mrs Edwards for her professionalism in this area.

Parent support

A huge shout-out to Mrs Chrissi Williams for what will be a massive task supporting the selection of 2020 Temporary Teachers. Chrissi will attend a whole-day shortlist this Friday followed by 3x 2-hour interviews over three afternoons next week. These actions will ensure every Unanderra classroom continues to have quality teachers. Huge thank Chrissi, very much appreciated.

I also wish to thank Mrs Lisa Matthes for her work on the AP panel that concluded yesterday. Selecting our leaders is a very important role; a massive 'well-done Lisa' for your effort, knowledge and professionalism.

Goodbye, Farewell.....

Having commenced as Principal, Unanderra Public School in January 2014 now is a reasonable time for my next professional chapter. After a recent successful merit selection process I will commence as Director, Educational Leadership [DEL] – Cambridge Park Network from the first day of Term 4. This is a time of mixed emotions for me as I am excited by the new opportunity but saddened to be leaving our wonderful school.

Mr Bill Field, our school's DEL, has called for an Expression of Interest from Unanderra staff to temporarily fill the position of Acting Principal, Unanderra Public School for the entirety of Term 4. During Term 4 Mr Field will advertise the vacant principal's position to ensure a substantive principal is in place to commence 2020. I am certain whoever is appointed in 2020 will continue the positive educational and wellbeing initiatives our families rightly expect from our wonderful school. Thank you, and farewell.....

Craig Redfern
Principal

Regional Athletics Carnival 2019

Last Friday, a group of Unanderra's finest athletes, Alicia C, Tahlia O, Eden G, Sarina B and Decklyn H, along with their families, travelled to Canberra for the South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival. As always, the competition was extremely strong with all of our students giving their best and representing our school and district with pride.

A massive congratulations to Tahlia, who is now off to Homebush for the State Athletics Carnival for the 100m, 200m 800m and high jump events!

Also, **a special thank you to Sarina** who stepped in at the last minute to help out our senior junior girls relay team. Congratulations to all of our competitors for their wonderful efforts and achievements!

Michelle Abel
Sports Organiser

Student Leadership Team Disco

The Student Leadership Team will be hosting their annual disco on **Thursday 26 September 2019** in the school hall.

The K-2 Disco will be held from 4.30pm to 6pm.
The 3-6 Disco will be held from 6.30 to 8pm.

Tickets will be \$5 which will include entry to the disco and a snack pack containing a small bag of chips, a juice popper and an ice block. Students will not be required to bring a plate of food to share, as in previous years.

Tickets will be available to purchase underneath the COLA before school, and at recess and lunch on Monday-Thursday in Week 10.

Glow sticks will also be available on the night for \$1 each.

Bring your dancing shoes! We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Abel, Mr Bennett & Ms Denham
Student Leadership Team Disco Coordinators



Literacy Expert – Jo-Anne Dooner

Staff at Unanderra Public School are on a professional learning journey with literacy expert Jo-Anne Dooner. On Thursday 12 September Jo-Anne worked with our 3-6 teachers to further develop their skills in implementing “Morning Routine”. The morning routine teaches concepts over continuous periods of time. It builds automaticity in children’s learning and skills, which leads to mastery. It’s a great tool to improve students’ vocabulary and schema (background knowledge). Morning routine consists of four elements:

- Time, date, weather
- Talk for learning
- 100 days of learning
- Sentence of the day

Jo-Anne has previously worked with our K-2 teachers to deliver professional development of the teaching of explicit, systematic, synthetic phonics as part of an evidence-based reading program. This involves explicitly and systematically teaching children the 44 phonemes in the English language and their matching graphemes. A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound you can hear in a word. A grapheme is how we write these sounds. All staff have received training in phonics, cognitive load theory and the Rosenshine principles of instruction with Jo-Anne. UPS is very lucky to have access to Jo-Anne as our literacy expert as she is in high demand across the country.

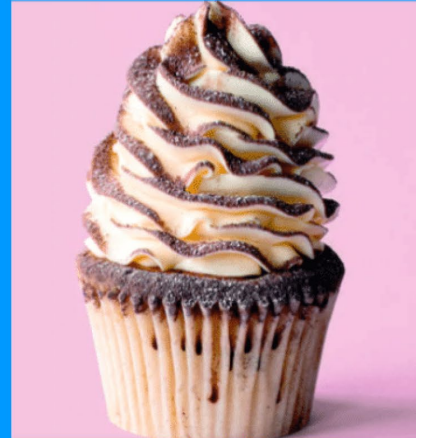




Year 6 Fundraiser
**5/6D's
bake sale**
Prices from 50¢ to \$2
On sale in area A
Wednesday 25th September



NO nut products
Starts at recess
until sold out



Home Reading

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

Well done for achieving 100 nights of reading:
Lachlan C

Well done for achieving 150 nights of reading:
Jeremy A 1A

Well done for achieving 200 nights of reading:
Jacob M 3/4L

Natalee Breenan
Learning & Support Teacher

Unanderra P&C News

Welcome to Weeks 9-10, Term 3

It has been a very busy term for us all. Thank you to all the parents that have helped in one way or another with the P&C fundraising events during the term. We have achieved so much for our students already.



Interrelate Program

The Interrelate education night for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students is supported by the P&C and was well attended with over 26 families. Thank you for attending and contributing on that night- 5 Sept . For follow up information For more information on the Interrelate Program-

Stage 2- <https://www.interrelate.org.au/school-services-programs/students-aged-8-and-over>

Stage 3- <https://www.interrelate.org.au/school-services-programs/students-aged-10-12>

P&C Spell-a-thon

All students participated in the annual UPS P&C S-P-E-L-L-A-T-H-O-N last Friday 13th in their classes! Hope they all did their best and enjoyed it.

All sponsor donations will be going towards the P&C purchasing the valuable Reading Eggs program for every student so we continue eager confident readers. If you need to refer to the sponsor note again it is available under the SkoolBag app- Unanderra Public School> School Notes>Spell-a-thon.



Parents please note for action:

Sponsorship money and the form needs to be returned to the office by Friday 20 September.

School Hats

Spring is in the air and working in conjunction with the school PBL's and support the P&C, the School Uniform Hats are available from our Canteen for \$11.



Seeking Volunteers for Kindergarten Grandparents Day

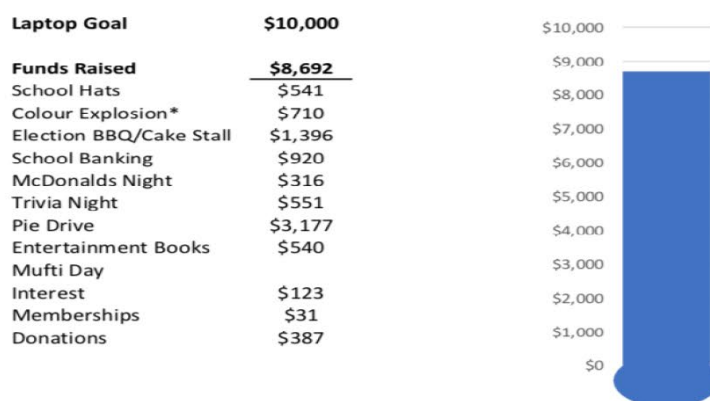
Kindergarten Grandparents Day at UPS is going to be held on Friday 1 November. The P&C host this special morning tea with good china and are seeking volunteers that are able to assist with the hall set up and/or washing up. If you are available on this Friday for a few hours please let Jodien know via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

How is your P&C fundraising money helping our school?

Unanderra Public School Parents and Citizens Association Fundraising 2019

2019 Special Goal: \$10,000

We are trying to raise \$10,000, in addition to our usual contributions to school resources, for the purchase of a class set of laptops for student use. This is our progress so far:



* denotes funds raised in excess of the amount required to meet the budgeted cost for the matched general support item below.

General Support

Budgeted costs have been matched to fundraising activities. Where the profit from an activity exceeds the matched cost any additional profit may be allocated to the laptop goal.

Donation/Cost	Budget	Fundraiser	Profit
Reading Eggs	\$4,500	Spell-a-thon	
Sports Carnival	\$1,500	Bunnings BBQ	\$1,327
Document Readers	\$1,500	Village Fair	
Student Rewards	\$1,350	Easter Raffle	\$1,745
Year 6 Farewell	\$1,000	Father's Day	
P&C Costs	\$1,160	Mother's Day	\$1,694
Other/Contingencies	\$3,000	Colour Explosion	\$3,000 +



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

Join us at the next P&C Meeting

There is no October meeting due to the school holidays. Our next meeting is held on **Monday 4 November – 7:00pm – 8:30pm held in the Staff Room**. All parents and community members are welcome.

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

P&C Upcoming Events

Fri 20 Sept	• Return Spell-a-thon sponsorship money to the office
Mon 4 Nov	• P&C Meeting 7- 8:30pm
Sat 9 Nov	• UPS Village Fair 11am-3pm
Tue 26 Nov	• McDonalds UPS Fundraising Night between 5-7pm

With only a few fundraising events left for the year, let's stay on track to achieve our extra \$10k fundraising goal as the students are loving these laptops as a bookable class resource. Wishing all our school families a lovely school holiday together.

See you back

for Term 4!





Ride the Gong!

Saturday 21 September, 9am - 1pm
Lang Park, Wollongong

FREE activities for riders of all ages and abilities

Getting back on your bike or building your riding skills? Don't miss our **FREE WORKSHOPS** thanks to **Sydney Bike Skills**.

Register online at www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/safety/roadsafety or 4227 7111.
BYO bike and helmet.

Junior Riders: 2 x 1 hour workshops commencing at 9am and 10am.

Teenage/Adult Riders: 1 x 2 hour workshop commencing at 11am.

Free bike safety checks Check your bike and pump your tyres thanks to **GIANT Wollongong**.

Check out our coastal shared paths Bike rentals available from **South Coast Bike Hire** for riders of all abilities.

Free helmet exchange Swap your old helmet for a new one with **Transport for NSW** (while stocks last).

Children's entertainment Circus and magic on the move with **Tom Foolery**.

Information and advice, free giveaways and prizes to be won!

Contact Wollongong City Council (Road Safety Officer) on 4227 7111 or rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au for more information.

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Smith's Hill High School
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500

EXPO
Monday 21 October 2019
3:30pm – 5:30pm



Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for high potential and gifted students.

Applications for Year 7 2021 close on November 11 2019

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2021. Year 6 students who have sat the entrance test for 2020 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and curriculum. Direct all enquiries to the school by phoning 4229 4266 during school hours (8:25am to 3:30pm).