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Principal's Message

P & C- Monday 3rd February 2019

It has been a wonderful start to 2020 with all of our excited students returning to school eager to learn and play with their school friends each day.

I feel incredibly privileged to be appointed as the Principal of Unanderra Public School and wish to acknowledge and thank Mrs Breasley for her fabulous work in the role as Acting Principal towards the end of 2019. The staff, students and parent community have really made me feel very welcome and I am most appreciative of this kindness and support. I look forward to getting to know everyone as the year continues.

What's coming up

Tuesday February 11

•Swimming Carnival

Wednesday February 12

•Meet the Teacher

Thursday February 20

•District Swimming Carnival

Staff Professional Learning

On Tuesday the staff spent the day participating in professional development that focused on developing a vision for 2020 in their new stage teams, getting to know one another and connecting with the land during a Yarning Circle session. We concluded the day with a two hour session on 'Smiling Minds' which was also attended by five local schools. Unanderra PS was a proud host for this event.

Classes 2020 and Staffing

As you will be aware classes were formed on Wednesday and I am sure all of the children are looking forward to making new friends and getting to know their teacher for 2020. During my visits into each classroom I have been impressed by the way all of the children have settled so well into their new classrooms.

Although we are only into our second week the children are already well into learning new concepts with a particular focus on getting to know their new peers and the learning expectations for the grade they are in. This is such an exciting time of the year and I wish all of the children at UPS a most successful year ahead. I cannot wait to share in the celebrations of your children when they achieve their personal learning goals and I welcome conversations with them about how these goals were achieved. Details of classes and staff will be attached to this document. We have a number of new staff who have joined UPS for 2020 and I welcome them alongside the current staff who have definitely already hit the ground running! -

Carolina Wilkinson remains supporting other schools until at least term 2 2020.

Rita Lambert and Caryn Jewell remain as relieving SAO and Sonja Martinoski as relieving SAM.

We have once again created a sixteenth class to ensure greater consistency across the school.

Novel Coronavirus Update

As you will be well aware the Department of Education continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international Novel Coronavirus situation.

- Any student and staff arriving in Australia *from 1 February 2020* who has been in mainland China or transited through mainland China (not just Hubei province) is excluded from school and child care services for a period of 14 days from the date they left mainland China as the Novel Coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.
- Any confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return
- Close contact of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Any student and staff arriving *before 1 February* our previous advice remains that students and staff who were in Hubei province are excluded from school or child care services for 14 days, and those who were in the rest of China are requested not to attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China.
- More information can be found at [NSW Health](#).

Students who returned to Australia from mainland China more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.

As per previous advice students and staff who returned to Australia more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.

Updated information continues to be sent as soon as the school is informed. Parents are encourage to seek further clarification if they need to.

Road Safety

At Unanderra P.S we are committed to the wellbeing and safety of all children. Please assist us by ensuring that your child/ren is dropped off and picked up on the school side of the road and please never call out to your child from across the road. It is safest for your child/ren to get in and out of the car away from passing traffic (rear footpath side door of the car)

We have had phone calls from neighbours complaining that parents are parking across or in their driveways. Please ensure that you park legally each drop off and pick up which may at times mean waiting a short time or parking a little further away and walking to the school gates to collect your child/ren. The safety of our staff and whole school community is paramount and I thank everyone for following this request.

Year 6-7 Enrolment Process

Information is already being delivered and parents will be asked to complete the necessary paperwork for their child. Please ensure that if necessary you seek clarification on any of the information sent home.

School Expo Night

Monday 6th April has been designated as the Unanderra School Expo evening. We anticipate commencing at 6.30 and concluding by 7,30pm.

Bushfires Relief – School back pack Support.

With 2020 beginning in such devastating circumstances as the bushfires it was particularly reassuring to meet and see so many of our students and their families and teachers join together to make a positive difference. Filling so many school backpacks for so those children and young adults along with their families impacted directly by the fires certainly was a productive opportunity to support local communities affected. This was an incredible effort made by so many people and I was proud to be a part of this.

Anissa Rajendra

Principal

2020 Staff

School Administration and Support Staff

Mrs.	Martinoski	-	Relieving School Admin Manager
Mrs.	Rutherford	-	School Admin Officer/SLSO
Mrs.	Jewell	-	Relieving School Admin Officer
Mrs.	Lambert	-	Relieving School Admin Officer
Mrs.	Jordan	-	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs.	Stroemer	-	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs.	Gale	-	School Learning Support Officer
Mr.	Walsh	-	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs.	Talbott	-	School Learning Support Officer

Classroom Teachers

Mrs.	Edwards	-	Early Stage 1	[KE]
Miss.	Layton	-	Early Stage 1	[KL]
Mr.	Synnott	-	Early Stage 1	[KS]
Mrs.	Newman / Ms Goddard		Stage 1	[1N]
Miss.	Bell	-	Stage 1	[1B]
Mrs.	Matts	-	Stage 1	[1/2M]
Mr.	Bennett/Mr Thornton-		Stage 1	[2B]
Mrs.	Lawler /Mr Thornton		Stage 1	[2L]
Miss.	Barklay	-	Stage 2	[3/4B]
Mrs.	Prior/ Mrs Hamilton		Stage 2	[3/4P]
Mrs.	Simpson	-	Stage 2	[3/4S]
Mrs.	White	-	Stage 2	[3/4W]
Mrs.	McCabe	-	Stage 3	[5/6M]
Ms.	Denham	-	Stage 3	[5/6D]
Mrs.	Alewood	-	Stage 3	[5/6A]
Mrs.	Blanch	-	Stage 3	[5/6B]

Additional Teachers

Mrs.	Brennan	-	WellBeing Teacher
Miss.	Prior	-	Teacher Librarian
Miss.	Scrubby	-	RFF Teacher
Mrs.	McLeod	-	EALD Teacher Term 1
Mrs.	Rodden/Mrs Smith	-	LaST Teachers

Executive Team

Mrs.	Rajendra	-	Principal
Mrs.	Breasley	-	Admin Assistant Principal [Mon – Wed]
Mrs.	Brennan	-	Admin Assistant Principal [Thurs – Fri]
Mrs.	White	-	Stage 2 Assistant Principal
Mrs.	Edwards	-	Early Stage 1 /Stage 1
Mrs.	Blanch	-	Stage 3 Co-Ordinator

Additional Staff

Mr.	Rosser	-	Counsellor Tues/Wed
Mr.	Thomas	-	General Assistant
Mr.	Jacobs	-	Relieving General Assistant
Mr.	Hall	-	Technology Mondays

2020 Reading Club

Reading Club starts again this Friday in the iLibrary
between 8.30am and 8.55am!

- ❖ There will be great books to read!
- ❖ There will be teachers to read with you and to you!
- ❖ There will be pREADling!
- ❖ There will be free toast!

As always, parents and Caregivers are very welcome!



THANKS

The staff of UPS would like to sincerely thank all students, families and community members who contributed to our South Coast Bushfire Backpack Drive. We were inundated with support from all over the Illawarra and were able to put together a staggering donation of **300 primary school backpacks, 50 high school backpacks, a box of pre-school equipment and 3 teacher resource packs!**

The NSW Department of Education was able to connect us with GLVIT, an organisation which connects donors with not-for-profit organisation across the state and last week we coordinated the donation of all items to 3 different charities in Nowra and the Illawarra.



5/6B were wonderful school citizens when helping to load up Mrs Lawler's car ready for drop off to Waminda in Nowra. Here we chatted with Nina who is supporting communities affected by fires from Nowra down to the Victorian border. Waminda are running weekly drops of supplies to remote communities and our backpacks will be included in the next run.

This donation wouldn't have been possible without the inspiration and dedication from Bridget and Jenny Denham who reached out to the school with a wonderful project and the energy and enthusiasm of Mrs Anna Lawler who rallied the school community. This team gave up countless hours of their holidays to make and answer phone calls and emails, collect and coordinate donations and organise deliveries. Thank you!



Unanderra P&C News

Welcome to Weeks 1-2, Term 1

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME OUR 2019 P&C COMMITTEE



Lisa Matthes
Secretary

Chrissi Williams
Vice President

Melanie Hart
President

Jodien Mortlock
Vice President

Joanne Egan
Treasurer

Welcome to the UPS P & C News for 2020!

We would love to be able to continue our current level of fundraising and keep providing the school with valuable resources and services that benefit the education of our children, to do this we need **your** support, come along to a meeting and have your say, everyone is welcome.

Our first meeting for 2020 had an excellent turn-out. We welcomed in our new principal and discussed our year ahead. Our meetings also provide an opportunity for our community to raise concerns and opportunities. If you would like to know more, then become a member of our P&C and we can email you a copy of the minutes.

We have the following executive positions for this year's P&C;

President | Vice President x 2 | Treasurer | Secretary

All positions will become vacant at next Month's AGM on Monday 2nd March 2020, so if you are interested in an executive role then please contact Jodien at jodienpnc@gmail.com

We have a full calendar of proposed events and to help gain your support we are sending home a survey for you to indicate your possible availability. We appreciate you returning this survey asap and we thank you in advance.

Upcoming P&C Fundraising Events

Tues 3 Mar

- **McDonalds Figtree Family Fun Night**
- Join your fellow UPS families and enjoy a night out with the kids between 5pm & 7pm in the restaurant (Drive thru not included). A percentage of all sales will go towards your P&C fundraising goals

Sat 7 Mar

- **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. We are seeking volunteers to help make this a success, so please return those surveys

Fri 20 Mar

- **Colour Explosion Fun Run**
- Save the date for this fun event. Source a white T-shirt now ready to get decorated in colour. We are seeking volunteers to help make this event a success once again

Thurs 26
March

- **Easter Egg Mufti Day**
- Come dressed in Mufti and donate an Easter Egg/Gift towards our fantastic raffle. We would love volunteers to help collect the Eggs & Gifts from school classrooms and wrap our fabulous prizes.

Join us at the next P&C Meeting

We understand it is difficult to get out of the home so try to make these meetings as informative as possible. All ideas are welcome

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

If you are unable to make it to a meeting but have something you would like us to address, then please email me and I will add it to our Agenda.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our P&C. Together we can achieve.

Jodien Mortlock – P&C Vice President
jodienpnc@gmail.com

BANKING UPDATE

Get involved in the School Banking program

Unanderra Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.



School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking will earn an exciting reward everytime they reach 10 deposits.

The rewards available during 2020 are:

- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)
- Treetop Stationary Set
- Treetop Handball
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle
- Emoji Wallet
- Snakes & Ladders Game



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Tuesday**. Each week you need to **deposit your yellow wallet into the locked bin in the school office**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2020 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

New volunteers are welcome to join our Roster. Please visit us in the Banking room on a Tuesday morning or leave a note in the banking bin.

**School Banking Coordinators and volunteers,
Jodien Mortlock, Jenny Evans, Joanne Egan, Nicole Martin and Jenna Young.**



OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

Download the free app or access www.myschoolconnect.com.au



1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

Register on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

2. ADD YOUR STUDENT

And make sure that you select your school and classroom details.



3. SELECT "TOP UP"

To add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.

(Please note Merchant Fees apply to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)



4. ORDER

To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!

5. CHECKOUT

Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.



NOTE ON PAID ORDERS

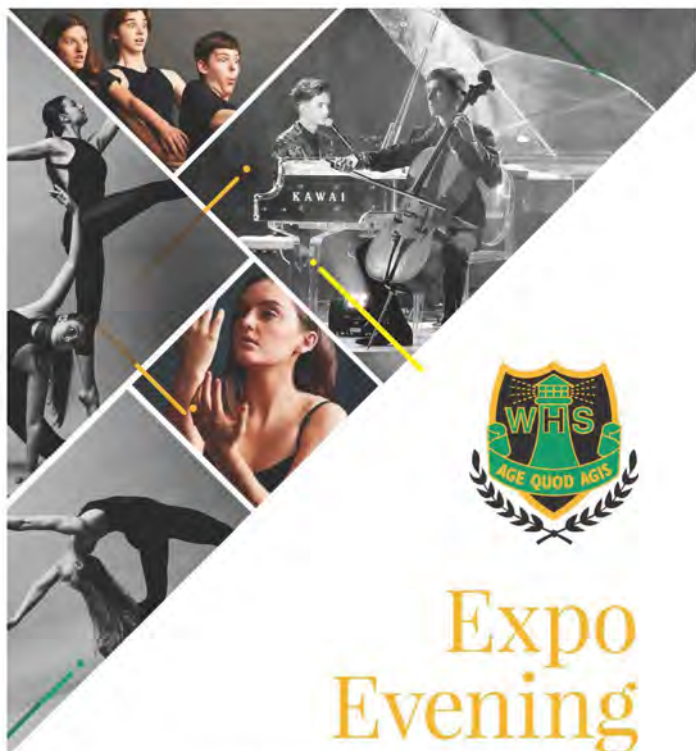
Note that only paid orders will be sent to your canteen, not those still sitting in your cart. To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!



www.myschoolconnect.com.au



My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact 1300 030 915



Expo Evening

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Year 6 Parents and Students are invited to attend WHSPA's Expo Evening

There will be 2 sessions: 5pm and 6.30pm

Bookings Essential

www.trybooking.com/BIBTG



- Nationally recognised and award winning Performing Arts Programs specialising in Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts.
- Outstanding HSC results with a high percentage of the cohort entering into Tertiary study.
- Professional opportunities offered to students through partnerships with AIPA, BaiMed, Walk Different and other industries.
- Extensive co-curricular programs in the Performing Arts and Sport where students are recognised at State and National levels.
- Leadership opportunities through SRC, Sports Committee, Entertainment Crew, Peer Support and Duke of Ed.
- An extensive curriculum which caters for diverse student needs including Gifted and Talented extension programs.

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

Learning Labs

APRIL 2020



UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG AUSTRALIA

Outreach & Pathways

April workshops available at three locations!

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 THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 2020

Little and Early Learning Labs are on offer at three different locations in April 2020: Wollongong, Loftus and Batemans Bay!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Little and Early Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are excited 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.

Batemans Bay Labs on offer:

BATEMANS BAY LITTLE LEARNING LABS (2 DAYS) (FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2020)

WHEN: 15 AND 16 April, 2020
WHERE: UOW Batemans Bay campus
TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm
FEE: \$600

BATEMANS BAY EARLY LEARNING LABS (2 DAYS) (FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2020)

WHEN: 15 AND 16 April, 2020
WHERE: UOW Batemans Bay campus
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE: \$750

Loftus Labs (Southern Sydney) on offer:

LOFTUS (SS) EARLY LEARNING LABS (2 DAYS) (FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2020)

WHEN: 16 AND 17 April, 2020
WHERE: UOW Loftus campus
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE: \$750

LOFTUS (SS) EARLY MINI-LABS (1 DAY) (FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2020)

WHEN: 15 April, 2020
WHERE: UOW Loftus campus
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE: \$500

Wollongong Labs on offer:

WOLLONGONG LITTLE LEARNING LABS (1 & 2 DAYS) (FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2020)

WHEN: 14 AND 15 April, 2020
WHERE: University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus)
TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm
FEE: \$650 (1 day) - \$1000 (2 days)

WOLLONGONG EARLY LEARNING LABS (1 & 2 DAYS) (FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2020)

WHEN: 14 TO 17 April, 2020
WHERE: University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus)
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm
FEE: \$900 (1 day) - \$1700 (3 days)

WORKSHOP DETAILS

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in April 2020 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

NOTE: For SCHOOLS, please contact Learning Labs directly to discuss your school's interest in participating in the program.

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:

Email: learning-labs@uow.edu.au

Ph (02) 4221 4007

Facebook: www.facebook.com/UOWLabs/

APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 2020



ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH

SUPPORTING TALENTED ATHLETES THROUGH EDUCATION

2020 INFORMATION & OPEN NIGHT

Monday 24th February 2019

6.00pm til 8.00pm

Illawarra Sports High School Hall

Guru Street, Berkeley



The Open Night will provide parents and students with information regarding local enrolments and the Talented Sports and Development Program.

Information for students in years 5 to 10.

Register your interest online www.illawaspor-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



Keep our children safe

Important signs around schools



No Parking

You can stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times. Penalty exceeds \$183 + 2 Demerit Points



No Stopping

Don't stop on a length of road where there is a No Stopping sign. (Exemptions for medical emergencies, vehicle breakdown and road obstructions ahead). Penalty exceeds \$330 + 2 Demerit Points



Bus Zone

Don't stop or park in a Bus Zone unless you're driving a public bus. Penalty exceeds \$330 + 2 Demerit Points

The safety of our children depends on us.

Traffic rules and parking restrictions are in place to improve everyone's safety.



Parking in a way that blocks buses and crossings or obscures sight lines is illegal, putting children and motorists in danger.



Children's Crossing

Don't stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing. Penalty exceeds \$439 + 2 Demerit Points



Double Parking

Don't stop on a road between the road centre and another vehicle parked at the side of the road to wait, pick up or drop off passengers. Penalty exceeds \$330 + 2 Demerit Points



Speeding

Don't exceed 40km / hour during the designated school zone hours. Penalty exceeds \$192 + 2 Demerit Points

Think ahead - be patient

Follow the traffic rules within school zones.

There are NO EXCUSES - the cost of taking your children to school depends entirely on YOU.

Effective 30 January 2018.
For a full list of penalties and offences visit
www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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