



What's UPPs



NEWSLETTER NO 18

TUESDAY 17 November 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Report Writing Day

Student Free Day

Wednesday

18 November

Grade 6 Celebration Day

Sunnystones

Tuesday

1 December

Colour Fun Run

Friday

4 December

Last Day of Term

Friday

18 December

1.30 finish

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC week, which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of [Aboriginal](#) and [Torres Strait Islander](#) peoples. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be found in the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's who worked to increase awareness in the wider community of the amazing strengths and rich culture that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians bring to all of us. The NAIDOC 2020 theme - Always Was, Always Will Be - recognises and celebrates that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Congratulations to Akasha, Isabella, Kooper, Heidi, Dustyn and Brock for sharing the acknowledgement of country with the school each morning. The children did such a fantastic job and they should be extremely proud of themselves. Many thanks to Mrs Compton for her work and organisation of NAIDOC Week for us.

Japanese Day and Book Week

Last week, we also celebrated Japanese Day. There was a great buzz around the school as students embraced the special activities that Mr Paxton had prepared for the day. The highlight, according to the students I spoke to, was having Mr Paxton dress up as Pikachu. Many thanks to Daniel for his organisation of this special celebration of Japanese culture.

Our students also thoroughly enjoyed their Book Week celebration. Many thanks to parents for organising the colourful and creative costumes that were on display. Many thanks to Mrs Amanda Perrett for the enormous amount of work that she did to organise this great day for our students.

Classes for 2021

Many thanks to the parents who have lodged written requests with me for the placement of their children in 2021. Forming the classes takes a great deal of time as we balance the academic, social and behavioural needs of the children. Over the last few weeks, parents have had the opportunity to contribute to the process and students have nominated some children with whom they would like to be placed. As students, parents and teachers have had the opportunity to contribute to the process, we will be reluctant to move students once classes are finalised. We appreciate your support of this process.

Student Leadership

I have been thrilled to hear that a number of Grade 5 students have expressed interest in school leadership in 2021. I look forward to playing an active role in this process and I encourage the students to apply for these important positions.

Report Writing Day Tomorrow

A reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday 18th November, is Report Writing Day. As teachers will be busy writing reports, students will not be required at school.

Commencement of 2021 School Year – Dates for your Diary

2021 will soon be upon us! I have included the following dates to assist with your planning.

Staff return to school on Wednesday 27th January 2021 - this is a student free day (no classes) for teachers to plan and engage in professional learning. On Thursday 28th January or Friday 29th January, **all students** are asked to attend an assessment session with their teacher, which will allow teachers to meet individually with each child to determine learning needs. Details of how to book for these assessment sessions will be in upcoming newsletters. **The first full day of school for all students at Newington PS will be Monday 1st February 2021.**

Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove

End of Year Reports

End of year school reports will be emailed out on 16 December 2020. If you have recently changed your email address, could you please notify the office so that your details can be updated. Thank you.

URQUHART PARK CRICKET REPORT

February 12th Venue: *Vic Park oval 10*

UPPS: 9/56

Golden Point: 5/123

February 19th Venue: *Vic Park oval 2*

UPPS: 2/65

Wendouree Redcaps: 6/146

I continue to be proud of our team and their efforts to improve their batting, bowling and fielding. Ruby took an amazing one handed catch on the boundary line, a season highlight! The enthusiasm on the field is fantastic, with fielders backing up, chasing and encouraging the bowlers.

Thank you always to the parents for supporting our team.

Remember that training is on Monday at lunchtime on the Basketball courts, and is compulsory.

Go UPPS!

Mr. Paxton (Cricket Co-Ordinator)



Primary Years Programme PYP We are all inquirers...



In Grade 2, students have been exploring how the world works. They have planned, hypothesised, tested, observed and reflected on their science experiments.



Our Grade 1 students are inquiring into the past. This week they are interviewing Karen from our office to find out about what life was like in Ballarat when she was growing up!



Grade 3 students have explored how the Earth rotates on its axis as it orbits the sun. They have been asking questions about our Solar System and using their research skills to share information with each other.



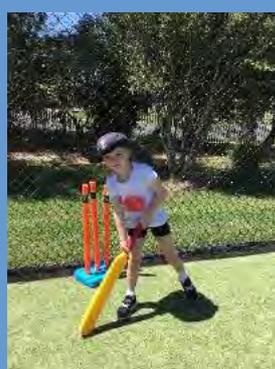
News from the Specialist Teachers at UPPS

November 2020

Physical Education

Physical Education

This fortnight students have been focusing on Cricket and skills associated with playing cricket. Students have enjoyed playing games to improve their Fundamental skills of catching and throwing as well as focusing on Bowling, Batting and Fielding. This term we have been lucky enough to receive a \$3700 Sporting Schools Grant. We have purchased some great equipment, and all students in the school will receive 2 sessions of specialised coaching for Softball. This coaching will be taken by Kelly Sports over the next 2 weeks.



A big thankyou to our School House Captains who have been helping set up and pack away Sports equipment for our Physical Education Lessons. Your help is very much appreciated.

Thankyou

MRS HEATHER DELAHUNTY

Please support those who support us. Urquhart Park Primary receive 5% of all purchases at Rebel sport. Please sign up to be a member at the counter when purchasing and choose Urquhart Park Primary.





Japanese : Mr. Paxton



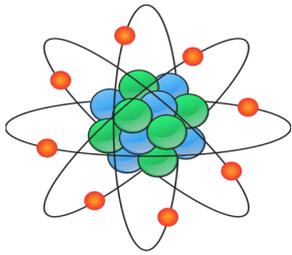
JAPANESE DAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

On a bright, sunny Tuesday, our students and teachers celebrated Japanese culture and language with a special guest: Pikachu! Students made origami, paper lanterns, samurai helmets, and attempted a very challenging Kahoot! Quiz .

With our beautiful Japanese Garden as a backdrop, all students had their photos taken in front of our Japan display wall, and as a class with Pikachu. I would like to say a big "ARIGATO" to all staff for making the day a special one for our students. Parents, ARIGATOU to you as well for making the effort to dress up your children to add an authentic Japanese flavour to the day. Mrs. Delahunty deserves special praise too for editing and posting a huge amount of photos on our UPPS Facebook page. If you haven't checked it out already, do it now!





Discovery Centre News

“ When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”

Malala Yousafzai (Human rights advocate and the youngest Nobel prize laureate)



Hello UPPS Community!

Inquiry Support Learning

Grade 1 Students are currently exploring digital citizenship including using passwords to protect our information, recognising what type of information is personal, and how to be safe when interacting online.

Grade 4 Students have enjoyed flexing their creative muscles by exploring the potential of our “Little Bits” STEM kits. Relating to their current Unit of Inquiry “How the World Works”, students have designed and built electrical circuits and will challenge themselves by creating a self-driving vehicle.

Grade 6 Students have worked extremely hard completing their online PYP Exhibitions. Congratulations to all on their amazing Weebly sites, and the research put into their chosen topics!! To align with Computer Science Education Week in December, we will have a research break, and allow students to explore their interests in future occupations relating to Computer science. Students will look at how visual programming and block coding works, and the importance of this expanding field in future years.

To learn more at home, join in with the 54 million other students worldwide @ code.org



REMINDER:

Please return all Discovery Centre books back to school.

THANK YOU!!



Mrs Perrett



Budding composers everywhere in Music classes at the moment!

Our **Grade 6** students have been exploring rhythm in a new way through the homestudio.genius.com website. Our **Grade 2** students have been creating body percussion pieces using Graphic and traditional notation and will begin their performances of these this week. These have been modelled on some of the great work of Australian Percussion Duet "Kaboom! Percussion". **Grade 1** students have created some amazing rhythm duets for percussion instruments and our **Foundation** students have been using the rhythm monsters to explore their new rhythm vocabulary of *ta, ti-ti and sa* and create their own 4 beat



*...for our artists and their families at
Urquhart Park Primary School!*

*As artists we view nature as a gift,
a remarkable art studio, full of
imagination, inspiration and
wonder! Now that we are able to
enjoy the lovely spring weather and time
spent outdoors, with family and friends,
what inspiration will you take from nature?
What works of art will you create?*



16 November 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians



RE 2021 Essential Learning Items

Essential Learning Items (School Fees) assist us to offer your children the necessary resources. Primary School fees are considerably lower than child-care, kindergarten, secondary and tertiary fees. Your support by paying the necessary fees set by our School Council would be greatly appreciated.

After considering our disjointed 2020, School Councillors have decided to keep the 2021 Essential Learning Items charge the same as 2020.

Our Essential Learning Items Charge includes in part – photocopying of additional resources, consumables for use in our Specialist programs, digital technology applications including Reading Eggs and SeeSaw (communication App).

In support of our families these charges have remained the same for 3 years.

Council agreed to continue the payment plan implemented in 2018.

The following 2021 payment plan was agreed by Councillors:

- Start of 2021 school year –
 - Invoice issued with a \$80.00 charge per student, split into two \$40.00 amounts
- **Payable as follows:**
 - First \$40.00 amount per student payable by 1 April 2021 (end term 1)
 - Second \$40.00 amount per student payable by 17 September 2021 (end term 3)

Of course, families are able to pay the full amount by 1 April 2021.

We sincerely hope the above will assist families with budgeting and thereby enable Newington Primary School to continue to support the range of outstanding programs currently available to all students.

There are a variety of means available to pay your Essential Student Learning Charge including, cash, EFTPOS, BPay and Centrepay. If you are interested in Centrepay or a payment plan, please contact the office for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Janet Hillgrove
Principal

Susan Jackson
Acting Business Manager



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NEWINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL 2021 Parent Payment Charges

Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you most sincerely to the families who have paid their 2020 Essential Student Learning Items charge. We hope that providing a two part payment plan has helped assist with your family financial planning. The funds received, help us enormously to be able to continue to offer the range of programs currently provided to our students. We are very proud of our curriculum programs and with your continued financial assistance in 2021, aim to enhance them even further.

Parent contributions supplement Government funding, making it possible for our School to maintain our high standards of education and provide all students with many classroom resources and services.

Urquhart Park Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all families. If you anticipate difficulty making payments, please arrange an appointment with the Principal, Janet Hillgrove or the Acting Business Manager, Susan Jackson to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. Any information regarding your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status, will of course be kept strictly confidential.

Schools are able to request payments from parents/guardians in the following categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

These are items or services that are essential for your child's schooling. Parents/guardians are expected to pay the school to provide these items, or provide themselves, if appropriate. The school purchases these items in bulk so they can be provided to parents/guardians at a significant discount. NOTE: there may be some items or services that you cannot purchase yourself.

- Photocopying of additional student resources, ie curriculum texts, workbooks etc, that parents/guardians would otherwise be expected to purchase individually.
- Consumables for use in Specialist programs (in particular – LOTE, Art and Gardening Kitchen)
- Digital Technology and applications including - iPads, Netbooks, Reading Eggs and SeeSaw (Communication App).

Optional Items:

These are items, services and opportunities provided in addition to the standard curriculum program and are offered to all students. They are provided on a user pays basis and if parents/guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them.

Voluntary Financial Contributions:

Parents/guardians, or anyone else, are invited to make a voluntary contribution to the school for following purpose for Urquhart Park Primary School.

- Grounds and Facilities
 - To support the continued development of our grounds, gardens and external facilities.

Susan Jackson
Acting Business Manager

Payment Options:

- Parents can pay by cash, cheque, Eftpos, credit card, BPAY and Centrepay (for either BPAY or Centrepay, please contact the office)
- Payments for Excursions/incursions etc must be made by the due date. Permission and/or payment will no longer be accepted on the day.
- Families who hold a current Health Care or Pension card may be eligible to receive the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), please contact the office.

Education costs – per student:

Curriculum & Service Charge Essential Student Learning Items	Specifications	Cost
General stationery/photocopying of resources	Photocopying of additional resources ie curriculum texts, worksheets that otherwise would be purchased individually via the student booklist.	\$25.00
Consumables	Consumables for use in Specialist programs (in particular – LOTE, Art and Gardening Kitchen)	\$20.00
Technology	Digital Technology and applications including - iPads, Netbooks, Reading Eggs and Seesaw (Communication App)	\$35.00
Total Essential Student Learning Items charge per student		\$80.00

Excursions	Specifications	Cost
Excursions - <i>Full payment must be received by the office, by the due date. Permission and/or payment will no longer be accepted on the day.</i>	Approximate 2021 excursion/incursion costs. To cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport• Entry fees• Performance charges• School sports (May be prepaid at the beginning of the year, or as excursions/incursions/events arise) Please note: * Does not include Grade 4 or Grade 6 Camps *	\$60.00

Swimming Program	Specifications	Cost
Swimming Program <i>Full payment must be received by the office, prior to the program commencing.</i>	This is an estimate only and based on 2019. Cost will be confirmed when quotes are obtained and the length of the program determined	\$55.00 (F - 6)

Voluntary Financial Contributions – per family

Item	Cost
Grounds and Facilities Contribution To support the continued development of our grounds, gardens and external facilities.	\$30.00

JUNIOR UNIT

The Junior Unit have been enjoying celebrating many special days in the calendar, over the past fortnight.

In all grades, students have participated in activities for Japanese Day, NAIDOC week, Remembrance Day and World Kindness Day. All of these significant days have brought much enjoyment to the children as they have listened to stories, held discussions and participated in craft activities.

With Term 4 being a very busy term, it has been nice to take some time out to enjoy these special days and we look forward to more fun with our colour run coming up in Week 9.

Don't forget that tomorrow is a pupil free day, so enjoy the chance to have a rest; as we count down to the last 4 weeks of school!!

MIDDLE UNIT

There has been an incredible amount of things happening in the Middle Unit over the past couple of weeks. We have celebrated NAIDOC Week, Remembrance Day, and Japanese Day,, as well as some awesome learning opportunities such as a virtual Earth Ed incursion.

In the classroom, Grade 4's have been busily working on their inventions for the Invention Convention. Students are almost at the prototype stage, which is very exciting. The Grade 4's have also begun work on their narratives, a task that the students are thoroughly enjoying and putting an incredible amount of work into.

Grade 3 students have continued their learning about forces through running different experiments, including bottle flipping and using magnets, Students have also been collecting data and will next week perform an experiment of their own choice.

SENIOR UNIT

The term is flying by and we would like to thank all the Senior Unit students for their efforts. As we approach the end of term we have some special events planned and would just like to remind students to return notes on time in order to participate.

In Grade 6, students have begun their new Unit of Inquiry focusing on the impacts of stereotypes and the importance of body language in communication. Students have begun to plan a script and role play that demonstrates and compares positive and negative body language.

In Grade 5, students have been busy working on their leadership applications for 2021 and recording application videos. It is wonderful to see so many students enthusiastic about being leaders of our school next year!



Primary Years Programme PYP Term 4 Inquiries

During Term 4, students will explore their final units of inquiry for the year. Our Grade 6 students are currently finalising their Exhibition preparations. We are really looking forward to learning from them and finding out more about the way 'Cultural traditions have impacted contemporary Australia.'

The table below outlines all of the central ideas and lines of inquiry being explored across the school during Term 4.

Grade Level	Central Idea	Lines of Inquiry <i>An inquiry into:</i>
Foundation	Authors express ideas in many ways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How authors use rhythm and rhyme➤ How illustrations support the text➤ How authors, as communicators, share their stories➤ How musicians communicate their ideas through music
Grade 1	Exploring the past helps us understand our life today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How individuals have changed over time➤ How daily life changes over time➤ Using research skills to find out about the past
Grade 2	Exploring change through scientific observations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Properties of different states of matter➤ How materials change, combine and react with one another➤ Using creative thinking to make predictions and scientific observations
Grade 3	Science defines our place in the universe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How science knowledge helps people understand the effects of their actions➤ The changes caused by Earth's rotation➤ How we use research skills to conduct scientific investigations
Grade 4	Humans are driven to inquire, imagine and invent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sequencing steps to produce a design➤ Inventions that make a difference in the world➤ Applying our self-management skills to different processes.
Grade 5	Energy use affects society and the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Renewable and non-renewable energy➤ Responsible energy choice➤ Generating novel ideas through a design process
Grade 6	Cultural traditions have impacted contemporary Australia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Exhibition – students have written their own lines of inquiry

Keep wondering and inquiring!
Mrs Compton, PYP Co-ordinator