

DATES TO REMEMBER

Grade 5/6 Camp
22 to 26 May
Payment due by
5 May 2017

Naplan
Grades 3 & 5
9, 10 & 11 May

Report Writing Day
7 June

Queens Birthday
12 June

What's UPPs

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From the Principal

ANZAC Day and 'Soldier On' Fundraiser

Our ANZAC ceremony was a special event as we gathered to acknowledge and remember the soldiers who have defended our freedom. Our guest speaker, Mr Tom Jobling, spoke with the children about the significance of ANZAC Day. Thank you to Mrs Whitney Wills for organising this event for us. Many thanks also to the students and parents who represented the school at the Ballarat ANZAC Day ceremony and wreath laying on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see you there. We also raised \$340 for the 'Soldier On' program and I thank the UPPS Community for your generosity.



Grounds Update

We are very pleased that we have received funding to upgrade our basketball court. Work will commence in a few weeks.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN, the national testing program that is held for Grades 3 and 5 children, will take place on 9th - 11th May. The children will complete testing in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Writing Conventions and Numeracy. Please contact your child's teacher or me if you have any concerns or questions.



Handwriting



This term, all classes will focus on handwriting. Handwriting is an essential skill for both children and adults. Even in the age of technology, handwriting remains the primary tool of communication and knowledge assessment for students in the classroom. The demands for handwriting are great, whether in the classroom or beyond. We are working together to improve the standard of our students' handwriting across the school.

International Baccalaureate- Primary Years Program

This weekend, staff from our Leadership team will be undergoing some professional learning in Melbourne. We will be enhancing our understanding of effective learning environments and the ways by which we can develop guided inquiry approaches in our classrooms. I would like to thank Ms Monica Dowling, Mrs Bree Williams, Mr Daniel Paxton and Mrs Joy Hill for their ongoing commitment to school improvement and their readiness to attend these sessions on weekends.

The Development of our Arts Programs

I am so pleased that our Music program, so capably developed by Mrs Lyndell Allen, is continuing to grow. There are a significant number of children involved in our choirs, music related lunch time clubs and instrumental music lessons. During Term 2, Lyndell is organising some Instrumental Concerts for us, which provide valuable opportunities for children to perform in front of an audience. I thank Lyndell for her amazing work.



Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove

Student Leadership

Our student leaders have had a busy start to Term 2, starting with our School Captains running a special ANZAC Day assembly for our school community. They conducted themselves beautifully and displayed an enormous amount of respect, while educating others about the importance of this day. Following this, on ANZAC Day a group of student leaders (School Captains, Student Voice Representatives and Outstanding Citizens) attended the Ballarat Commemorative Service, where our school captains laid a wreath on our behalf. Thank you to those students who attended and showed so much pride in representing UPPS.



On Friday 28th April, our four school captains attended the GRIP leadership conference at Federation University. Jake, Bailey, Mahalia and Ella were able to join with many students from other primary schools around the region to develop and reflect on their leadership skills, and to determine how they could make a real difference in our school community. They learnt how to work as a team, interact with others and put an idea into action. We look forward to exploring and implementing some of their fabulous ideas soon.

As our captains were at the conference during assembly, it was great to see four of our other Grade 6 leaders, Leila, Sophie, Ben and Arnaud step up to take their place. Well done!



COURAGEOUS AWARDS

Liam Mackay	FA	For coming into the classroom on his own and getting himself ready to learn.
Dyson Stanton	FB	For always believing in himself and being willing to try new things.
Carey Smith	1A	For always having the courage to speak his marvellous thoughts and ask inquisitive questions.
Mitchell Habegger	1B	For being 1B's very own 'Courageous Kid' and persisting with his writing, even though it was challenging.
Akasha Naylor	2A	For having the confidence to work to improve her reading. Your self belief is showing very positive results.
Tia Keats	2B	For being the first person in class to choose the tricky option in Maths.
Alexandra Slade	3A	For being courageous and having a go at her persuasive writing, even when it's tricky.
Thomas Crellin	3B	For always having the courage to make good choices.
Reagan Clarke	4A	Reagan did a wonderful job presenting her project on Abel Tasman despite being nervous about speaking in front of the whole class. Well done!
Jaxon Coon	4B	For always being the first person to offer to help out or try new things. Jax should be proud of his ability to accept challenges and take risks.
Lily Tardrew	5A	For always having the courage to ask questions when she needs assistance.
Emma Perrett	5B	For always approaching new challenges with a 'can do' attitude. She never gives up and always has a positive and brave outlook on things.
Heath Parkinson	56A	For stepping outside his comfort zone to try new things and have a go.
Nicholas Robinson	6A	For always being brave enough to share his work and opinions in front of the class, no matter what we are studying.
Claire Adaway	PE	For always trying her best in every single PE session. No matter what the activity, Claire always gives it 100%.
Isabella Izusqui	Art	For being very brave and trying new things and having a go in the art room.
Noah Cochrane	Music	Being courageous enough to lead a brand new activity for the group.
Bryce McKee	Garden-Kitchen	For being brave and taking risks with his learning and acquisition of new skills.

Report Writing Day - Wednesday 7 June

The YMCA will run a day if they have enough numbers. Please let the office know if you are interested.



JUNIOR UNIT

Congratulations to those students who have been reading and entering their books in to their diaries regularly this year!

Grade 2 at Sovereign Hill

The Grade 2s went back in time to the 1850s, on Friday 2nd April. We went to Sovereign Hill to look for evidence of migration during the Gold Rush. Some of the clues we found included shop signs such as the Glasgow Saddlery and the United States Hotel, a Chinese Temple, names of people who owned businesses such as Steinfeld and we even got to dress in clothing that people would have worn in those days! As a result, we discovered that people had come to Ballarat from places such as China, Scotland, The United States and Germany. We had a fantastic time at our education sessions, watching the Gold Pour and even panning for gold!



MIDDLE UNIT

The Grade 3 students are very busy this week! We are planning, writing and editing persuasive and narrative text types. We are practising our four operations in Maths and wrapping up our Indigenous unit. Next week we will begin exploring our new central idea 'Communities evolve in response to many factors'.

NAPLAN begins next Tuesday 9th—Thursday 11th. Here are some handy hints for parents. Remember, NAPLAN is not a pass or fail.

1. **Take your cues from your child:** If your child doesn't worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn't exist by talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.
2. **Focus on doing their best & trying hard:** Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities, place your focus on effort rather than results.
3. **Listen to any concerns they have:** If your child confesses to some nerves than validate their feelings. "Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them."

<http://www.sthildas.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/INSIGHTS-Get-ready-for-Naplan.pdf>

SENIOR UNIT

Can you believe Canberra Camp is only 3 weeks away? Thank you to those families who have returned notes and are finalising their payments, we cannot wait for your children to experience the history and significance of our capital city! A reminder if you have not returned forms, please do so as soon as possible.

As expected, our Senior Unit students have made a fantastic start to Term 2! In English, we have been working on organising our writing through creating interesting beginnings. Students are also working hard to consolidate and extend their knowledge in Maths, exploring strategies and processes to solve problems using the four operations. They have been using these skills to create enlarged drawings of Australia, to assist in their inquiries into Colonisation.

MUSIC NOTES

Performance Opportunities for Term 2

We are so lucky this term to have a large number of performance opportunities available to our students, and for our families to come and enjoy. Keep an eye out for information regarding your child's involvement via SeeSaw, in the Newsletter or from your instrumental teacher. Below are the dates for the upcoming performances.



Week	Date	Time	Details	Who
3	Friday May 5	2.50pm	Junior Choir Workshop Concert	Seedlings Choir (all F-2)
5	Friday May 19	2.15pm	Instrumental Concert 1	Instrumental Students, Grade 3 Music Classes, Grade 4 Music Classes. Ukulele Club, Junior Bucket Drummers, Saplings Choir,
7	Friday June 2	TBC	Saplings Choir Performance – details to follow	Saplings Choir
9	Friday June 16	2.15pm	Instrumental Concert 2	Instrumental Students, Grade 5 Music Classes, Seedlings Choir, Senior Bucket Drummers, Guitar Club.

Instrumental Music Lessons

Term 2 is underway for our Instrumental Students learning violin, guitar and piano. If your child would like to take up this opportunity it is not too late! This is a user pays system. Please collect and return the application form, available from the office, and then Mrs. Allen will be in touch about commencing your lessons.



Rehearsal Reminders

A reminder that the Saplings (Gr 3-6) rehearse on Wednesday at 8am (before school). Please remember to set your alarm on those days and to come along this term! All students are also welcome at lunchtime Music Clubs, Ukulele Club (Wednesday) Bucket Drumming (Friday)

Seedlings Choir

Workshop

5/5/17

Concert 2.50pm



To celebrate the ongoing hard work with our Seedlings Choir the Junior Unit will be participating in a workshop with guest conductor, Mr. Kyle Hackwill and accompanist Mrs. Gwen Kennelly on Friday May 5, 2017. There is no cost to families for this wonderful event and it will be followed by a short concert at 2.50pm in the Multipurpose room so that we can demonstrate what we have learned. Please feel free to join us if you can.

Composer in Focus - J.S. Bach

This year rather than exploring a new composer each month, we will be focusing on a couple of composers each term. We will still hold a competition open to **EVERYONE** in the UPPS community (students, parents and staff). Answer all three questions to be in the running for the Grand prize! Entry forms available from the office and the Music Room.

Q1: What year was J.S. Bach born and what year did he die?

Q2: How many children did J.S. Bach have?

Q3: What do the "J" and the "S" stand for in Bach's name?





THE GARDENING KITCHEN KISSATEN (CANTEEN) MENU is based on seasonal fruit and vegetables, sound nutritional guidelines and prepared in our school canteen! *All menu recipes and ingredients can be found on the Urquhart Park Primary School app.*

OPENING IN TERM 2

As part of the PYP - we are proud to be following exemplary sustainable practices of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and as such are a wrapper free school!

To order, write your name and order on a paper bag, enclose a clean, suitable airtight nude food container and your money inside the paper bag.

If you choose not to provide a suitable container please kindly add 50 cents to your order to cover the cost of purchasing packaging on your behalf. **Orders must be in on Tuesday for Thursday Canteen**

<u>HOT FOOD</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>Traffic Light Rating</u>	<u>SANDWICHES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>Traffic Light Rating</u>
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$5.00	☺☺☺	Vegemite	\$3.00	☺☺☺
Macaroni and Cheese	\$4.00	☺☺☺	Cheese	\$3.00	☺☺☺
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.50	☺☺☺	Vegemite and Cheese	\$4.00	☺☺☺
Large Sausage Roll	\$3.00	☺☺☺	Egg and Lettuce	\$4.00	☺☺☺
Baked Beans and Cheese Jaffle	\$4.00	☺☺☺			
Cheese Jaffle	\$3.00	☺☺☺	<u>UPWAYS (UPPS Subway)</u>		
<u>SUSHI</u>			Salad * - Large Roll - Small Roll	\$4.00 \$2.00	☺☺☺ ☺☺
1 Nori Roll \$2.50 - 2 Nori Rolls \$4.50			Chicken & Salad * - Large Roll - Small Roll	\$6.00 \$3.00	☺☺☺ ☺☺☺
Seasonal Vegetable		☺☺☺	Meatball & Salad * - Large Roll - Small Roll	\$6.00 \$3.00	☺☺☺ ☺☺☺
Tuna		☺☺☺	* Choose from 4 salad options: <i>Capsicum, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cheese, Beetroot, Carrot, Cucumber Mayonnaise or Sweet Chilli Sauce</i>		
<u>SOUPS</u>					
Carrot	\$3.00	☺☺☺			
Pumpkin	\$3.00	☺☺☺			
<u>SNACKS</u>			<u>SALADS</u>		
Freshly Popped Popcorn	\$1.00	☺☺☺	Garden Salad - <i>Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Spanish Onion, Carrot, Capsicum, Celery with Lemon Juice or Mayonnaise</i>	\$5.00	☺☺☺
Vegetable Sticks and Hummus	\$3.00	☺☺☺			
Boston Bun	\$1.00	☺☺☺			
Anzac Biscuit	\$1.00	☺☺☺			
Seasonal Savoury Muffin	\$1.00	☺☺☺	Garden Salad with Meatball or Chicken	\$7.00	☺☺☺
Seasonal Fruit Muffin	\$1.00	☺☺☺			