

DATES TO REMEMBER

*Wednesday
6 December
Foundation 2018
Parent Information
Session at 7pm*

**Thursday 7 December
Appreciation Morning
Tea at 11am**

*Friday 8 December
2018 School Captain
Speeches & interviews
&
Instrumental Concert
In MPR at 2.15pm*

**Tuesday 12 December
Grade Up Day**

*Thursday 14 December
Grade 6 Graduation
at 6pm*

**Monday 18 December
Final Assembly
at 9.30am**

*Carols on the Oval
Tuesday 19
December
@ 6.30pm*

**Last day of school
Friday 22
December
Dismissal @ 1.30**

What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 19 TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017

From the Principal

Grade Up Day



Grade Up Day will be held next Tuesday 12th December. This is an opportunity for students to spend a day in their 2018 classrooms, with their 2018 classmates and teacher. Students will begin the day in their 2017 classrooms and finish the day in their 2018 classes. I would like to thank our teachers for the hours spent developing classes. Thanks also to parents for supporting our policies and processes related to class placements. The staffing for 2018 is nearly finalised and will be released to parents on the final newsletter in the last week of term.

Foundation 2018- Transition- Parent Information Session

We welcome our new Foundation families to our Parent Information Session on Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Staffroom. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about our school and to develop relationships with other parents and staff. We look forward to seeing you there.



PYP News

Our consultant, Mrs Nancye Sullivan, will be with us today and tomorrow for our Consultation Visit. Nancye will meet with various teams of teachers, look through our documentation and observe classes to provide feedback about our progress towards authorisation as an IB- World School. We are very excited about this process and hope to become authorised in 2018. Our staff have worked very hard to implement the PYP and I thank them for all that they have done over the last 12 months.

Upcoming Events

The calendar is very busy. Please be aware of the following school events:-

Date	Event
Wednesday 6 th December	Foundation 2018- Parent Information Session 7pm in the Staffroom.
Thursday 7 th December	Appreciation Morning Tea- 11 am in the Staffroom. This is to thank all our wonderful volunteers for their work in 2017.
Friday 8 th December	School Captains for 2018- Speeches and interviews Instrumental Music Concert – at 2.15pm in the Multi Purpose Room
Monday 11 th December	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 12 th December	Grade Up Day
Thursday 14 th December	Grade 6 Graduation at 6pm
Monday 18 th December	Final Assembly at 9.30am in the Multi Purpose Room
Tuesday 19 th December	Carols on the Oval at 6.30pm. All families welcome. Please bring a picnic and join us on the oval to sing some Christmas Carols.
Wednesday 20 th December	Reports distributed
Friday 22 nd December	Last Day. Classes will be dismissed at 1.30pm

Commencement of 2018 School Year – Dates for your Diary



Staff return to school on Monday 29th January 2018 - this is a student free day (no classes) for planning and professional learning. On Tuesday 30th January or Wednesday 31st January, **all students** are asked to attend an individual 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 are on today's newsletter. **The first full day of school for all students will be Thursday 1st February.**



Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove

OUTSTANDING URQUHART PARK CITIZENS

Congratulations to the following students who have been named as Outstanding Urquhart Park Citizens. They have been placed on this level as recognition of them making a very positive contribution to our school and consistently being an excellent role model for their peers.



Tobias Sachs	Jake Clementson	Max Addie
Sophie Moody	Mia Cronin	Will Pedrotti
Sienna Ham	Lily Cook	Chas Benda
Taije Hanrahan	Raghav Anand	Jennifer Langdon
Laila Smith	Dyson Stanton	Tyson Comfort
Amelia Beckerleg	Regan Bigham	Bella Bogers
Josh Parkinson	Aleira Naughton	Tyson Phillips
Ella Sandford	Olivia Lam	Harper Gillett
Billie Perkins	Mahalia Weickhardt	Harmony Quayle-Ryan
Claudia McKenzie-Poteri	Dylan Gordon-Harrison	



URQUHART PARK CRICKET REPORT

November 22nd Venue: Vic Park #1

UPPS: 69

Wendouree CC: 80

Against a strong, experienced team, our players fought hard. We had many highlights, including Rhys, Luke and Corey, whose powerful hitting saw us pose a threat to their total. Cohen also hit a jaw dropping six! Akira fielded very well, backing up when necessary and stopping many potential boundaries. Our team are always improving and it's great to see!

November 29th Venue: Vic Park #10

UPPS: 94

Coronet City CC: 82

After a few close losses, we were rewarded with a well deserved win at home. The batting, running between wickets, and hitting was excellent. Rhys and Cohen were the pick of the batters, contributing 50 off their allotted four overs with some lusty hitting and great running. Congratulations to our "Fast Train" Bailey Dixon, who took 4 for 0 in 2.5 overs. What a great effort!

Mr. Paxton

JUNIOR UNIT

The sun was beaming down on us, the birds were singing and you could hear the horses trotting along on the dirt road. Sovereign Hill provided us with a fantastic fun filled day!

Our journey began with both classes splitting up and taking part in traditional bowling, gold panning and a demonstration of Gold Pouring! We briefly stopped for some lunch, hoping to regain some energy for the second half of our day!

After lunch we took part in the education program 'Christmas in the Colonies', this was great fun! We read a book and did some role playing, moulded and decorated our own fruit decorations and made an angel for the Christmas tree!

By the time we returned to school we had some exhausted little munchkins! No wonder, not only did they take part in so many awesome activities but their behaviour was phenomenal!

Each child represented UPPS magnificently and wore their uniform with pride!

Shauna Hardy

MIDDLE UNIT

It has been another busy fortnight in the Middle Unit!

We are constantly amazed at the effort and motivation students are making to inquire and reflect upon their learning. They are able to recognise their strengths and set goals to better themselves as learners.

The Grade 3s have finished their 'Best Part of Me' poems and they are on display in the classrooms. It was a wonderful activity where students were able to reflect upon themselves and their best qualities. In Maths, we are learning about capacity and will begin inquiring into Australian money next week.

The grade 4's have been very busy finalising their central idea 'Media influences our thinking and decision making'. We are so impressed with how the students have all taken on both perspectives of their inquiry and how they have presented their work with integrity. We will be having a Media Showcase in the Grade 4 rooms after school on Friday. Please come for a visit if you would like to check out our incredible work!

Please remind your child to bring a drink bottle of water to school every day to help boost their concentration levels and avoid feeling dehydrated or tired, especially as the weather is getting warmer.

SENIOR UNIT

Well another busy fortnight has flown by! Last week our senior students enjoyed swimming, where we focussed on survival skills. The students participated in daily rotations of rescues, swimming in clothes and learning about different water environments.

In the classroom we were a very tired group—but we soldiered on, concentrating on our inquiry topics to do with advertising.

This week we look forward to a trip to the movies to see 'Wonder'. All classes will have read the book and with its rave reviews it is sure to be a movie to remember. Please make sure all notes and money have been returned by tomorrow—so your child does not miss out!

Next week is graduation and our celebration days - again, please ensure all notes and money are returned by the due date.



THIS WEEK IS THE LAST CANTEEN WEEK FOR 2017 ...thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that work so hard preparing and serving our delicious sustainable meals and for the tremendous support our canteen receives from our school community. Congratulations to you all on a very successful venture! We will reopen in week 2 of term 1 in 2018.

How We Express Ourselves—Food and Celebrations ... *In The Sustainable Gardening Kitchen* ...

Food is an important part of any celebration. Through our inquiry we have discovered that food brings people together from all countries of the world to celebrate special occasions like Christmas, New Year, weddings and birthdays.

Celebrating Christmas with Food in:-

- France—Black and White Pudding
- Germany—Gingerbread Biscuits
- Nicaragua—Chicken with a stuffing made from fruit and vegetables



Celebrating New Year with Food:-

- Greece—A special sweet pastry baked with a coin inside it
- Japan—Up to 20 dishes cooked and prepared one week earlier. Each food represents a New Year's wish eg. A seaweed dish for happiness for the year ahead.
- Spain—12 grapes are put into the mouth one at a time at each chime of the clock at midnight.

Celebrating Weddings with Food:-

- Korea—Noodles are served because they represent long life.
- Norway—The wedding cake is made from bread topped with cream, cheese and syrup
- Italy—Bowtie shaped twists of fried dough, sprinkled with sugar represent good luck.

Celebrating Birthdays with Food:-

- Australia—A decorated cake with birthday candles for the birthday person to blow out.
- Ghana—A fried mashed sweet potato patty is served.
- Mexico—A Piñata is filled with lollies and other treats, which the blind folded birthday person hits with a stick until it breaks.

How does your family celebrate with food?

Happy Celebrating,

Until next time ... The Sustainable Gardening Kitchen.





THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**



Dear Parents

Literacy/Numeracy Assessment Interviews will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 30th January and Wednesday 31st January 2018.

Assessments take approximately 20 minutes.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 26th January at 4pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 5330 5400

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

Summer Holiday Program



SUMMER FUN!

& Boredom BUSTERS

2nd - 25th January 2018

Full program and booking forms
available at

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