

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 15 December**

**Final Assembly
Monday 19 December
@ 9.30 am**

**Last Day
Tuesday 20 December
1.30pm dismissal**

What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 20 TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016

From the Principal

Staffing 2017



The appointment of our Digital Technologies Coach last week was the final position that we needed to have in place in order to announce next year's staffing. The following staff will be joining us in 2017. We welcome into the Junior Unit Ms Meredith Mayes, who is coming to us from Miners Rest Primary School and Mrs Nicole Healy, who is joining us from Mt Clear Primary School. We also welcome to the Senior Unit, Ms Tegan Willey, who is returning to us from Dana St Primary School. Mrs Lucy Barrow, who has considerable experience in a range of schools, will be our Digital Technologies Coach. Mrs Megan Hearn is returning to us from Family Leave.

We will be farewelling some staff at the end of the year. We would like to acknowledge the contributions of Ms Rebekah Black, Mrs Leisa Stewart, Mr Brad Whittaker, Ms Esme Jorgensen, Mrs Lisa Kennedy, Mrs Anu Saminathan and Ms Sam Fry. We wish them all the very best with future endeavours, and look forward to seeing them around our school in 2017. Our student numbers are looking healthy for next year and we are very pleased to be welcoming a number of new families into the UPPS community. We have 14 classes, one of which (a Grade 5/6) will be a composite grade. Each year, we aim to move some staff to teach in different year levels to share teacher expertise across the school and so a few staff will be working in different Units. A full list of our staffing for 2017 is provided below:-

Leadership		
Principal	Mrs Janet Hillgrove	
Acting Assistant Principal	Ms Monica Dowling	
Business Manager	Mrs Karen George	
Office Manager	Ms Susan Jackson	
Senior Unit Leader	Mrs Bree Williams	
Middle Unit Leader	Mrs Nicole Considine (nee James)	
Junior Unit Leader	Mrs Joy Hill	
Specialist Unit Leader	Mr Daniel Paxton	
Community Engagement Leader	Ms Chanèlle Pelchen	
Generalists		
	Class A	Class B
Foundation	Mrs Heather Delahunty	Mrs Joy Hill
Grade 1	Ms Shauna Hardy	Ms Meredith Mayes
Grade 2	Mrs Nicole Healy	Mr David Westaway
Grade 3	Mrs Nicole Considine	Mr Matthew Merry
Grade 4	Mr Tristan Dixon	Ms Chanèlle Pelchen
Grade 5	Mr Damien Horbury	Ms Tegan Willey
Gr 5/6	Mrs Megan Hearn- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Mrs Whitney Wills – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	
Gr 6	Mrs Bree Williams	
Specialists		
ICT and Data Management	Mrs Rosie Lynch	
Japanese	Mr Daniel Paxton	
PE	Mr Kane Tolliday	
Art	Ms Karla Devlin	
Music	Mrs Lyndell Allen	
Gardening, Kitchen + Literacy Support	Ms Kerry Hartmann	
Learning Support	Mrs Julie Robinson	
Digital Technologies Coach	Mrs Lucy Barrow	
Education Support		
Student Support + Resource Management	Mrs Dianne Giblett	
Student Support + Breakfast Club	Mrs Sharon Petrie	
Student Support + Administration	Ms Tara Hughes	
Student Support + Administration	Mrs Tricia O'Keefe	
Student Support + First Aid Management	Ms Kylie Macdonald	
Student Wellbeing and Support	Mrs Hannah Stowe	
Grounds Maintenance	Mr Murray Flemming	
Buildings Maintenance	Mr Mark Sewart	

A Special Arrival

Congratulations to Hollie Hawke and her partner Michael, the proud parents of beautiful Lexi Jean. We have had the opportunity to meet Lexi and can report that mother and daughter are doing very well!

new
baby
girl



Another Successful Community Event

Many thanks to Ms Chanelle Pelchen, Mrs Lyndell Allen and Mr Dave Allen for organising our 'Carols on the Oval'. This was a lovely evening and thanks also to the many families who joined us to make this a special community event.

Grade Up Day

This was a very successful day and the children enjoyed the opportunity to work with their 2017 teachers and classmates. The placement of the children into classes is a very strategic process which considers the academic, behavioural and social needs of the children, with input from parents, students and teachers. I would like to thank our teachers for the hours spent creating these classes and preparing for Grade Up Day. Many thanks to our new staff for making themselves available to benefit our children. We appreciate it!

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Reports

It has been a pleasure to read the children's reports and to see the growth that they have undergone this year in so many areas. Congratulations to all of our children who have worked hard and tried their best. Congratulations also to those children who have achieved outstanding results.

We will be presenting academic achievement and encouragement awards at our final assembly on Monday to acknowledge the incredible results of students across our school. We are aiming to distribute reports on Friday 16th December.

Special Person Day

We were thrilled with the response to our Special Person Day. Many thanks to all those who came in to our classrooms to support the children. It was wonderful to have so many visitors participating in a range of activities (our cleaners are still vacuuming up the glitter in some classrooms!) Thanks also to Ms Chanelle Pelchen for initiating this event.



Graduation and Grade 6 Contribution



Graduation will take place on Thursday evening and will be a wonderful celebration of the contribution that our Grade 6 class has made in 2016. This is a very special evening and I look forward to joining with families and staff to acknowledge our Grade 6 children. Mrs Bree Williams and Mr Brad Whittaker have been working with the children to develop a special evening for their families. The expected program for the evening will be:

6:00-6:15pm	Students should arrive
6:20pm	Family members to be seated
6:30pm	Graduation Ceremony
8:00pm	Supper
8:30pm	Home time

I was particularly thrilled that a group of Grade 6 children cared so much about our school that they decided to raise money to purchase some new soccer goals for the Arbol Arena. I would like to thank Olivia Lee, Emily Hayes, Chelsea Cronin and Tahlia Compston for their efforts. It is a pleasure to report that due to the generosity of our families, the

money has been raised! We will remember the class of 2016 with gratitude and pride. We send our very best wishes and heartfelt thanks with our Grade 6 children as they transition to secondary school.

Final Assembly and Last Day Arrangements

Final Assembly will take place on Monday 19th December at 9.30am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20th December.

Assessment Days in 2017

Similar to this year, the 2017 school year will commence with student assessments on Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Parents are asked to book appointments for their children to attend these interviews (information regarding this will be distributed with the reports). These assessment sessions provide teachers with valuable information to inform their planning and it is a great opportunity for students to get to know their new teacher at the start of the year. **It is hoped that all children will attend.**

2017



Japanese Trip

One of the expectations associated with being a PYP school is that we are teaching our children to be internationally minded. This means that we should be broadening their horizons by offering a range of extra- curricular experiences. I am thrilled that Mr Daniel Paxton will be offering the opportunity for a small group of Senior Unit students to go to Japan in 2017. We are seeking expressions of interest and will go ahead if we have the required numbers. More information will be sent home with students in the near future.

Thank you and best wishes

2016 has been a fantastic year, with many positive gains for UPPS. I am very excited by the school's direction as we move towards becoming an authorised IB World School. I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank our fantastic staff team for all that they do around our school. I would like to acknowledge our Leadership Team, Parent Club and School Council for their highly valued work. Thank you also to our children and their families for a great year. Warm wishes to those who are leaving us and best of luck in the future.



Merry Christmas and happy holidays, everybody. Stay safe and see you next year.

Janet Hillgrove

BREAKFAST CLUB

THANK YOU to everyone who has continued to support our Breakfast Club this term:-

This includes the volunteers and staff who have given their time to help out - Nicole Walter, Michelle Benda, Amanda Perrett, Melissa McKee, Rosemary Butterworth, and Mrs Petrie - as well as the many generous people who have contributed to our collection tin at the office



Please note – There will be no Breakfast Club next week – Friday 16th December will be the final day for this year.

*We still have some surplus Instant Oats – which we won't be able to use prior to the 'use by' dates of December or January. We are offering this to families for a gold coin donation - proceeds will go towards Breakfast Club.

In 2017 we will be implementing a new framework for parent involvement at UPPS. This will be a replacement for what is currently known as the Parent Club.

Our new parent involvement framework will be known as 'Parent Partners'. Parent Partners will provide another level of communication for our families and will also allow us the opportunity to have more parents involved in our school community.

We are looking for one parent or carer from each classroom who is a good communicator and would be willing to help out in their child's class. The person filling the role doesn't necessarily need to be someone who is always in at school. Current parent club members are welcome to apply to be a part of this new framework as they have a particular expertise that we don't want to lose!

Some examples of things Parent Partners would be involved with are:

- communication with the class teacher and Community Engagement Leader
- thinking about fundraising ideas
- discussing what's happening in the classroom
- asking for volunteers for upcoming events
- giving relevant feedback to the class teacher
- ensuring information on newsletters is passed on
- reminding families to return notes

If you think that you would be interesting in becoming a Parent Partner for your child's class, please let the office know or speak to Chanelle Pelchen for more information.

Thank you

Chanelle Pelchen

Community Engagement Leader

URQUHART PARK CRICKET REPORT



I would like to congratulate our cricket team for a great season. Unfortunately, we say goodbye to our grade 6 students: Cameron G, Cameron K, Zac D and Brock T. These boys have led the way for our team and have set a great example for others to follow when our season continues in February 2017.

Throughout the season we have come up against bona fide cricket clubs, and we have been competitive in each of our games. The improvement in our "game sense", in particular running between wickets, has been a highlight of our season.

Personally, I've loved every minute of it! Thanks for making our Wednesday afternoons special.

And last but not least, we must recognize the efforts of Mr. Dixon and Mr. Merry for coaching and game day assistance. Thankyou!

Mr. Paxton



Absent: Adley Morrison, Jake Clemenston

SPECIALIST NEWS



The Gardening Kitchen: Ms. Hartmann

SUSTAINABILITY

REDUCE ... REUSE ... RECYCLE

Congratulations to Grade FB (Ms. Hill), and 2B (Mr. Horbury) who have been declared our WASTE Reduction Winners for this fortnight! - They will be receiving a wrapper free morning tea as a reward for their fantastic efforts!

Over the last fortnight we have been busily working in our garden planting a variety of herbs and vegetables,

mulching and taking good care of our chooks. We have also had fun performing one act plays about the importance of being sustainable.

UPPS Students and Kerry Hartmann

The Gardening Kitchen



JUNIOR UNIT



The Grade 2 students were lucky enough to be able to visit Sovereign Hill on Tuesday the 29th of November to explore 'Christmas in the Colonies.' Each group rotated through three fun and engaging activities that included making Christmas crackers, reindeer bags and acting out a play called 'The Night Before Christmas.' Discussions were had about the toys children would receive and games families would play on Christmas day. We were then able to explore Sovereign Hill and enjoy activities such as gold panning, bowling, watching the Red Coat Soldiers and observing a lolly pour. It was a very enjoyable day for all involved.

Here are some of the dress ups for the play!



MIDDLE UNIT

What a fantastic year the Middle Unit have had! We would love to thank all the parents and careers for your ongoing support this year, we are extremely grateful. It was wonderful to see the

community come together for Special Person Day on Monday 12th and take part in our classroom activities.

Wednesday is our Celebration Day and we will be walking down to Victoria Park for an icy pole and a play on the playground.

During this final week, the Grade 3's will be completing their action projects and presenting them to their classes and the Grade 4's will be presenting their water saving ideas.



SENIOR UNIT

It has certainly been a busy year in the Senior Unit! Thank you to everybody that has supported us this year. This week we will say goodbye to our Grade 6 students and we wish them all the best for their future at secondary school. We can't wait to hear of all the amazing things that they achieve!

Monday is our 5/6 Celebration Day and we will be walking down to Victoria Park for a BBQ and a play on the playground.



As the end draws near I think we need to take a moment to look back at how fantastic our students have represented the school demonstrating endeavour, respect and a desire to always try their best.

Some events UPPS students have attended are Zone, District and Regional Athletics and Cross Country Championships, Indoor Futsal Tournament, Winter Sports, Basketball, After School Netball, Badminton, Cricket and our first ever Snow Trip.

I think we can all agree that the students at UPPS have developed their skills immensely this year.

I would like to thank all the students for making PE an extremely enjoyable subject to teach and look forward to 2017.

A HUGE thank you from all at 7 RAR in Afghanistan for the letters and well wishes sent by Ms Pelchen and all the students of 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B and 4C



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