

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Parent Information Evening**  
**Tuesday 20 February**

Junior Unit 6.00-6.30pm  
**Whole school 6.30-7.00pm**  
Middle & Senior Units  
7.00-7.30pm

**Athletics Carnival**  
**Tuesday 28 February**

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

# What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 1 TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017

From the Principal

### Welcome Everybody

Welcome back for 2017 everybody! An extra warm welcome is extended to our new families. We have had a very smooth start to the year. The initial assessments enabled the children to spend some individual time with their teachers so that valuable information could be collected. Thank you to parents for completing the required documentation and questionnaires. We appreciate your support. Many thanks also to those who came along to our School Picnic. It was a lovely evening and I enjoyed catching up with many families.



### Staffing News

We welcome some new staff to our team. Mrs Hearn has returned from family leave and will be with us 3 days each week. Mrs Healy and Ms Mayes are settling in very well in the Junior Unit and Ms Wiley is always smiling, which is a very positive sign. Mrs Barrow is getting to know our computer system and is already making recommendations about improvements. Welcome to the team and best wishes for a great 2017!

### Primary Years Program

Over the holidays, I had the pleasure of attending a PYP conference in Adelaide. I enjoyed learning about the implementation of this program and I will provide some information to parents on Parent Information Evening. Please take a look at the Learner Profile that is displayed in all classrooms. The Learner Profile describes 10 attributes that will be developed in our students as we implement the PYP.



### Buildings and Grounds

Over the holidays, a great deal of work was done on our Library, which has been re-named our 'Discovery Centre'. A huge thank you is extended to Susan who has led this project. Susan still has many exciting ideas and she is awaiting the delivery of some furniture that we hope the children will enjoy using. This space is central to our development as a PYP school. I would also like to thank Mrs Di Giblett, who spends many hours working in the Discovery Centre to ensure that it is ready for children to use.

### New Website

I encourage you to have a look at our new website, which should be available by the end of the week. Improved communication is our goal as we develop different avenues for parents to access information.

### Parent Information Evenings



Parent Information Evenings will be conducted on Tuesday 21st February. The major objective of this evening is to build partnerships between parents and teachers to enhance the children's learning. Parents will be informed of classroom routines and procedures. I warmly encourage you to come along to the sessions at the following times:-

- Junior Unit (Foundation to Grade 2) from 6.00-6.30pm
- Whole School General Information from 6.30-7.00pm (Multi-Purpose Room)
- Middle Unit (Grades 3 and 4) and Senior Unit (Grades 5 and 6) from 7.00-7.30pm



### Student Attendance

Punctuality and regular attendance are vital for children to succeed at school. Our Attendance Policy has been ratified by School Council and is attached to this Newsletter for your information. As part of our new procedures, the school will be contacting families when students are absent, to enable us to maximise learning opportunities for all students.

### Relay for Life

The Cancer Council's Relay for Life raises vital funds for research, prevention and support services. Many members of our community are participating as part of 'Team Dynamite'. We will be supporting this very worthwhile initiative with some school fundraising, including a casual clothes day.

### School Diaries

Many thanks to parents for providing school diaries for the children. The diaries assist with home/school communication and enable children to develop organisational skills. Diaries are available from the School office.



### School Council



In our next Newsletter, I will provide some information about joining School Council. We do have some positions becoming available in March and I encourage you to become involved in the decision making processes at our School. If you would like to know more, do not hesitate to contact me.

### Athletics Carnival at Llanberris

The Athletics Carnival is rapidly approaching. This year, it will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Llanberris Reserve. I thank Mr Kane Tolliday for his organisation of this event.



We look forward to a really exciting, happy and fun year full of learning and challenges.

Best wishes,

Janet Hillgrove

## **Whole School Incursion - Monday 20 February 2017**



A puppet show to teach students from Foundation to grade six about our Anzac story and World War 1.

The Messenger Dogs - Tales of WW1 puppet show follows the journey of Nell, Trick and bullet - three dogs responsible for carrying messages between headquarters and the front line.

# CARING



# AWARDS

Ellah Vale	FA	For being a great friend to all her classmates.
Mehar Kahlon	FB	For displaying a caring nature towards others and our equipment.
Jaxon Maggi	1A	For his admirable efforts to care for not only our class but Melon as well. Jaxon you're shining brighter each day, thank you for caring.
Bethany Sandwith	1B	For showing respect and care to everyone, everyday.
Kailey Rouhan	2A	For caring about others in our class by helping them in class and including others in games outside.
Lacey Bertram	2B	For helping comfort a classmate who was upset.
Jordyn Straga	3A	For caring for her friend when she hurt her ankle. Jordyn made sure her friend has everything she needed and didn't have to walk around.
Piper Bogers	3B	For helping others in our class making them feel special and included.
Maddison Caris	4A	For looking after new members of our class and making everyone feel welcome and included.
Taj Cassells	4B	For making a huge effort to care for his new classmates. Taj has displayed a very caring, positive attitude so far. Keep it up!
Noah Cochrane	5A	For offering his friendship to a new student and asking if he needed a friend to play with.
Jackson Reynen	5B	For caring about the way he completes his work and conducts himself.
Leyton Clarke	56A	For his efforts in being a caring buddy and for showing empathy in a range of classroom situations.
Montana Harrison	6A	For the way she cares for her fellow peers by helping and supporting them throughout the day.
Kayla Bridges	PE	For staying with and helping her buddy when she was injured.
Marlah Scobie-Webb	Music	For taking care of our new classmates and introducing them to Mrs Allen.
Ella Sandford	Art	For displaying a caring attitude towards new students helping them find their way around the Art Room.
Darrian Davis-Williams	Japanese	For looking after his classmates, opening the door for them without being asked, a true gentleman.
Mahalia Weickhardt	Garden/ Kitchen	For giving up her time so generously to care for our chooks and for being a mentor to others in the Gardening Kitchen.



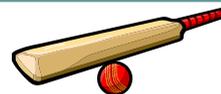
Relay for Life is on Saturday February 25th!

To help support our wonderful parents taking part this year we will be having a **casual clothes day on Thursday Feb 23rd**. Please bring along a gold coin donation and if you like, an extra 50c on the day to **buy an ICY-POLE at Lunch!** All money raised on the day will go directly to team 'Dynamite'.

If you would like to take part in Relay for Life we would love you to join our team! Go to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and search for team **DYNAMITE**.

If anyone has any questions about signing up or would like to donate, please come along to the Common Room on Friday the 17th of Feb and we will be able to help you out!

## URQUHART PARK CRICKET REPORT



Congratulations to our fantastic, revamped UPPS cricket team for a great effort against Delacombe CC at Doug Dean Reserve on a hot Wednesday afternoon last week.

With the departure of our graduating grade 6 students of 2016, the new grade 6 students really stood up and led by example. We fielded incredibly well, with Ricky, Alexandra, Jake and Adley making some excellent saves and backing up to perfection!

We have three more games left to complete our 2016-17 season, with our next game on Wednesday at Vic Park.

Thank you to Mr. Merry for assisting on the day.

Mr. Paxton

## ***BREAKFAST CLUB - OPEN EVERY DAY***

*8:15 to 8:45*

*in the Gardening Kitchen Room*

*All welcome*



**Are you in grade 3 and want to join a UPPS after school soccer team?**

When: Friday Nights  
Where: Major League  
Start Time: From 4.45 to 6.00pm  
Cost: \$9.00 per week



Please leave contact number at

your name and contact the office.

**UPPS Hats and Red Reader Pouches now available from Beleza**

# JUNIOR UNIT

What a wonderful start we have made to the year!

Foundation students are learning about letter names and sounds and learning to write letters and numbers with correct formation.

Year 1 students have been learning about caring and we are very excited about sharing an item with you at our next assembly.

Year 2 have settled in well and are beginning to explore the choices that make us healthy.

We look forward to seeing you at the Information session on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. During this time we will outline more about excursions and events coming up for the year.

Thankyou for sending along booklist items. It helps teachers if you send spare books, pencils, gluesticks etc to school so they can be handed out as needed.

Please take the time to record dates mentioned in this newsletter and the Junior unit newsletter in **your child's diary.**

Thankyou

# MIDDLE UNIT

It has been a wonderful start to the year in the Middle Unit! All the students have settled in beautifully and it is fantastic to see and hear all the learning that is taking place in our classrooms. Grade 3's are beginning to inquire into what makes a positive and harmonious community and what qualities you need to be a supportive, caring friend. The Grade 4's are learning about their culture and how their choices influence their identity. I am excited to see what the term holds for the middle unit.

# SENIOR UNIT

What a wonderful start to 2017! The students have arrived back to school very settled and have quickly adapted to the routines of the Senior Unit.

This Term we are exploring the Central Idea 'Different Types Of Leaders Are Inspired By A Variety Of Issues'. Throughout this unit of work we will look at leadership locally and globally and also through the novel 'Lord Of The Flies'.

We look forward to seeing you at the Information session on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. During this time we will outline more about excursions and events coming up for the year.

We look forward to working with you this year - so please drop in to discuss your child's progress.

# SPECIALIST NEWS



*On behalf of the Specialist team, we'd like to welcome back our students, and say "hello" to our new foundation students for 2017. We are going to have a very exciting 2017, with a broad range of learning opportunities on offer. UPPS aims to provide a diverse range of Specialist learning programs, and we always strive to provide engaging, challenging, and fun learning activities for all students. We are also offering a brand new Club program which runs every day at lunchtime. We encourage all students to be involved.*

*We welcome Julie Robinson (Literacy and Numeracy support) and Lucy Barrow (ICT) to our team in 2017. Both are very experienced, passionate educators who are already making a positive impact at UPPS.*

## The Gardening Kitchen: Ms. Hartmann



### THE GARDENING KITCHEN

#### IT'S SO GOOD TO BE BACK IN THE GARDENING KITCHEN ...

*We have enjoyed harvesting and collecting eggs, cucumbers, zucchinis, potatoes, capsicum, berries and very soon tomatoes. Students have been hard at work maintaining our garden beds, the chook pen, and had fun finding out how many bugs and critters live in our garden. They have also learnt about the vital role these critters play in having a healthy garden – especially our Friendly Compost Worms. This week we planted cabbages and look forward to planting broccoli and cauliflower in the coming weeks.*

*Fresh from our garden and using seasonal vegetables and fruits we have made Tasty Sausages, Rice Fritters, Baked Potatoes and Fruit Muffins. All these recipes can be found on our school App.*



There are many wonderful families to **thank** for so capably tending to our garden and chooks over the summer break. They are The Mathieson Family, The Bunn Family, The Dunne Family, The Binks Family and the Kirkwood Family. The garden and our chooks flourished because of all the care they were given.

We also need to thank the Allen Family and the Searle Family for so generously donating kitchen items to our canteen.



How good do our school grounds look? This is due to the school community being committed to bringing wrapper free snacks and lunches to school. Free containers are available in The Gardening Kitchen to anyone who needs them.

RETHINK – REUSE – REDUCE – RECYCLE ... keep up the good effort everyone – the rubbish we send to landfill has decreased dramatically and our paper and cardboard bin is collected once or twice a week now.



UPPS Students and Kerry Hartmann  
The Gardening Kitchen

## *Music: Mrs. Allen*

We have lots of exiting things planned in Music this year! We are in the NEW music room with our Ukuleles and Boomwackers up on the wall. The Marimbas we made with Jon Madin last year are finished and ready to play and we also have aggi-pipe shakers and our ding boxes are underway! We are in for a great year. This semester Grades 3,4 &5 have music in the Music room with Mrs. Allen and Grades F-2 will be singing in the Junior Unit Choirs each Monday afternoon. There are also opportunities for everyone to participate in Music Clubs. Ukulele club is on offer for children in Grade 2-6 and will happen on Wednesday Lunchtimes. Bucket Drumming is open to all students in Grade F-6 and is on every Friday Lunchtime in the Music Room. Instrumental lessons are also being offered on an individual user-pays basis. Please see the office for an application if you would like to take up this opportunity for your child.



## **Japanese: Mr. Paxton**

Konnichiwa!

I am excited to be able to introduce our new Foundation students to Japanese language and culture, and am looking forward to teaching them some basic greetings, numbers, colours and body parts this term.



In grades 1 and 2, students will learn the names of family members in Japanese and making their own family posters.

Students from grades 3-4 will be learning about festivals of Japan, such as Boys and Girls Day. They will also explore, compare and contrast some iconic Japanese cultural symbols with those of Australia.

Students from grades 5 and 6 will begin a research project into a traditional aspect of Japanese culture.

Gambatte kudasai! (Do your best!)

## Grade 5/6 JAPAN TOUR 2017



I am very excited to announce that a group of grade 5 and 6 students will tour Japan in October this year! The tour provides a unique learning opportunity for students to apply their classroom learning in an authentic context. It strengthens our relationship with Ballarat's sister city, Inagawa. We will



visit Matsuodai Elementary school, which is in Inagawa, as part of our tour.

Students and the parent community from UPPS will have the opportunity to send messages, ask questions and see the experiences of our group through social media.

If you have any questions about the tour, or anything Japanese related, please pop down to the Japanese room at the end of the Junior unit for a chat!



## *P.E: Mr Tolliday*

Welcome back to all members of the UPPS community. Term 1, although short, is jam packed with exciting opportunities for our students. Our major focus this term is Athletics with students learning and refining their skills ahead of our House Athletics Carnival on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at Llanberris Athletics Centre.



We have made a few changes to the day with the first being the location. Llanberris is the regional headquarters for athletics so what better place to give our students the chance to compete. Their facilities are superb with multiple toilets, a huge grandstand with an ample amount of shade, canteen and generally a safer place to hold our House Sports.

There has also been a change to the program with our Foundation students taking part in tabloid sports, our Grade 1 and 2 students taking part in modified athletic events which includes hurdles, sprint, long jump, shot put (using bean bag) and discus (using a hoola hoop). I am very excited for this new concept aiming at giving our students more exposure to events at a younger age so that by the time they reach 9/10 year old events they are confident and competent. Our Grade's 3-6 will run the regular Athletics program the same as last year. Permission notes will be going home very soon for this event.

From this day students in the 10, 11 and 12 year old events will have their results recorded and the top performers in each event will qualify to represent the school at the Zone Athletic Championships in Ballarat. Students who qualify will receive a letter congratulating them along with training times to help prepare them for this day.

If anyone has, any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see me.

If any parents would be interested in helping on the day, please come and see me. It is a very busy day that takes a lot of planning so any help would be great.

Mr Tolliday

**Art: Ms. Devlin**



My aim this year in Art is to provide students with engaging and hands on experiences and activities. We will be learning about famous artists and their work will inspire us to create, design and make our own works of art, as well as learning new skills and techniques along the way. We will also be having so much fun learning about many art forms such as Drawing, Ceramics, Printmaking, Collage and Painting to name a few.



Art club will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes this term. Please keep watch and see if you can spot the changes throughout the year to brighten up our school yard.

Each week in the newsletter I will be asking for your help with collecting household materials to reuse and recycle in the art room. Please keep an eye out for these items as any help would be much appreciated. This week we need newspapers.

Thanks

Ms Devlin 😊

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**SUNDAY FEB 19 2017 NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY**

**#joinusatthetrack**



BDSA Women's Soccer Working Group

**GIRLS ONLY**

**COME & TRY  
SOCCER**



**ALL WELCOME**

**SATURDAY, 25 February**

**FREE**

Registrations from 9am.

Kick off 10am to 2pm

**U11, U16 & Open 7-a-side Mini Tournament**  
Team or individuals welcome

FREE sausage and drink for participants

**MORSHEAD PARK, BALLARAT**

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