

DATES TO REMEMBER

Grade 5/6 Camp
22 to 26 May

Report Writing Day
7 June

Queens Birthday
12 June

What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 7

TUESDAY 16 MAY 2017

From the Principal

Mother's Day Celebration

The Mother's Day Morning Tea on Friday was a marvellous celebration. It provided an opportunity for the school to show our appreciation of the achievements and efforts of mothers and other important people in our lives. We really appreciate that so many people were able to join us. I would particularly like to acknowledge Ms Chanelle Pelchen, our Community Engagement Leader, for her organisation of the event. Many thanks also to Ms Kerry Hartmann, Mrs Maureen Cassells, Mrs Amanda Perrett and Mrs Michelle Benda for their work to support the occasion. Thanks also to the parents who made slices and assisted on the day. Many thanks to our education support staff and our teaching staff who always work together to get things done. I hope that all of our mothers and special people had a wonderful Mother's Day.



NAPLAN



Last week, our Years 3 and 5 students completed NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers use NAPLAN results to track learning growth and to examine the curriculum in relation to areas of strength and those in need of improvement. Many thanks to Mrs Julie Robinson and Ms Monica Dowling for their co-ordination of the testing program. NAPLAN reports will be sent home in Term 3.

Parent-Teacher Communication

8.45am until 9am each morning is valuable time, used by teachers to organise the day ahead and to greet the children as they enter the classroom. We support strong partnerships with parents and our teachers are very happy to communicate with parents at an appropriate time. We ask that appointments are made with teachers if you would like to speak with them. Alternatively, please use the student diary to alert the teacher that they need to make contact with you regarding issues relating to your child. Many thanks for your co-operation.



Basketball Court Upgrade



Work has begun on the upgrade of our basketball court at the back of the school and we hope that the children will be able to use it within the next two weeks.

Seedlings Choir

I have recently had the pleasure of attending the Seedlings Choir workshop organised by Mrs Lyndell Allen. It was fantastic to see the growing confidence of the children involved. I could also see the delight on the faces of the parents in attendance, who sang and danced along with the children. Many thanks to Lyndell and to the parents who joined with us on the day.



Cross Country

Best wishes to the 16 school representatives who will be running in the Zone Cross Country on Friday. Many thanks to Mr Kane Tolliday for his efforts in organising the event and preparing our young athletes to take on this challenge. It is fantastic to see so many children achieving great results.



Canberra Camp and the PYP

Next week, our Grades 5 and 6 students will be heading to Canberra for their camp. This will be a fantastic learning opportunity for our students who, as part of the PYP Transdisciplinary Theme 'How We Organise Ourselves' will be learning about government in Australia. Many thanks to the staff who will give up a considerable amount of their personal time to attend the 5 day camp. I really appreciate their ongoing dedication and commitment to their students. Thanks also to Mrs Bree Williams for organising this experience for the children.

Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove

The 2017 Attitudes to Schools Survey

We want our student to tell us what they think

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. The survey assists schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school between Monday 22 May to Friday 23 June. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

Students from *Years 4, 5 and 6* will participate in the survey using a purpose built secure online survey tool.

The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance.

Students privacy is our priority

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.

Want to know more?

Please speak to Ms Dowling if you would like more information or see: [Attitudes to School Survey](#)

BALANCED AWARD

Esther Cutts	FA	Esther shows that she is well balanced by eating a beautiful lunch box full of lovely fresh foods.
Riley Pedrotti	FB	For looking after his mind and body by being active and healthy.
Willow Lynch	1A	For your admirable effort to always ensure everybody is happy and feels supported, as well as yourself. You have a wonderful understanding of balancing yourself accompanied by a gorgeous beaming smile.
Tully Tardrew	1B	For bringing happiness and smiles to our class every day. Your positive attitude helps everyone's learning.
Joseph Caris	2A	For bringing a positive attitude to school each day and having a fantastic sense of humour and desire to learn.
Tais Bakakov	2B	For having a wide variety of interests - sport, music, family, learning and a great attitude.
Charlotte Sampson	3A	For coming to school with a smile on your face and giving everything a go. You are passionate about the things that make you happy, like reading, cooking and making PowerPoint presentations.
Miley Dreier	3B	For always coming to school with a positive attitude and never letting challenges defeat her shining spirit.
Bella Bogers	4A	For coming to school with a wonderful positive attitude and for getting involved in a range of school activities to the best of her ability.
Mitchell Botheras	4B	For his incredible attitude. Mitch should be proud of trying his best, the smile that's always on his face and his love for learning.
Anneliese Moore	5A	For always taking a positive out of any situation.
Skye Burge	5B	For displaying a balanced lifestyle and the ability to commit to many different interests whilst maintaining a high standard.
Lewis North	56A	For his positive mindset and balanced approach to his learning.
Kayla Bridges	6A	For finding the right balance between achieving her sporting and classroom goals.
Theodore Young	FA	For always bringing a positive, healthy and happy vibe with him to art each week.
Savanah Pitcher	Garden-Kitchen	For always making healthy choices. Her happy disposition and the way she enjoys growing and eating healthy food.

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

On Thursday May the 5th our Foundation children dressed up as a person in the community to celebrate our unit of work - Where We Live Affects All Parts Of Our Lives. The children explained who they dressed up as and why they are an important person in our community. Thanks to all the parents who assisted the children getting ready for our parade. They all looked and spoke beautifully.

Thankyou
The Foundation Teachers



MIDDLE UNIT



Congratulations to our Grade 3 students who did an amazing job during NAPLAN last week. All students tried their best and worked hard. We are beginning our new central idea; 'Communities are formed through cultures, beliefs and interests'. Last week we sent home a letter asking families to discuss their cultural heritage with their children. We are hoping to create a world map showing the diversity of our cultural heritage. Over the next few weeks we will be researching and exploring different countries and creating a project individually. If you have anything related to this topic please feel free to bring it along to school.



This week the Grade 4's have begun to investigate their inquiry topic; 'Our society has different structures for decision making'. We are beginning to understand the differences between local and federal government and their importance to our society.

In maths we have finished our unit on measurement and have begun to look into number patterns.

Thank you,
Middle Unit Team

SENIOR UNIT

The Grade 5/6 students are getting very excited as their Canberra camp approaches. Next Monday 88 students and 8 staff members will board the coach to Canberra for five days of fun and education about Australia's history in government.

This week we remind parents to please fill in all necessary paperwork and organise medication to be handed in early if possible. A reminder note was sent out on Friday – so please make sure you have read this in detail as it outlines instructions for Monday and what to pack. We will not be sending anymore notes home – so please remember to be at school by 7am on Monday, May 22nd.

If you have any questions please speak to your classroom teacher after school one night, so any concerns can be dealt with sooner rather than later.

We look forward to a great trip and can't wait to show you some photos of our time away in our next newsletter.

Thankyou,
The Senior Unit

SPECIALIST NEWS



THE GARDENING KITCHEN

We are as busy as ever in The Gardening Kitchen ...

tidying, weeding, digging and enriching the soil with our very own compost and compost worms. The soil in our garden beds is looking very healthy as a result of all the love and care we give to it. We have enjoyed planting Sweet Peas, Potatoes, Sugar Peas, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Celery, Lettuce, Garlic, Radish, Spinach and Silver Beet—and now eagerly wait for them to grow!



There are still some tomatoes on the vine , egg plant, capsicum, zucchini, red onions and many herbs. We have harvested all our Pumpkins and many families have taken green tomatoes to make pickles.

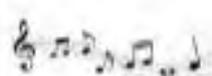
Grade 1 have been learning about our school's past and how Urquhart Park 's location, grounds, buildings and uniform have changed over the years. They have viewed the many trophies we won in both THE TIDY TOWN and GARDEN STATE AWARDS. **Did you know that a very famous gardener named Kevin Heinz once landed in a helicopter on our school oval?**

Our Gardening Kitchen/Environmental Captains along with Rosemary, Sarah and Liz have been busily working on new displays and signs for The Gardening Kitchen. **To finish them off to our usual high standard we need donations of felt, buttons and any other sewing/craft bits and pieces you may have that you don't need anymore.**

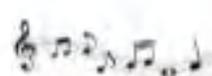


Thank you to our many wonderful volunteers, who look after our garden and chooks on the holidays and weekend, help in our Kissaten and donations from our school families. You are a great bunch! **The Kissaten began operating this term to many satisfied customers and will be open each Thursday.** Orders must be in by **Tuesday** for Thursday Canteen.

Thank you—Kerry Hartmann



MUSIC NOTES



Upcoming Performances

- Friday 19/5** Instrumental Concert 1, 2.15pm
- Friday 2/6** Saplings and Ukuleles to Bupa Nursing Home for afternoon concert
- Friday 16/6** Instrumental Concert 2, including Guitar Club, Seedlings Choir, Senior Buckets, all Grade 5s and individual instrumental soloists.

Instrumental Music Concert
 Friday 19th May, 2017. 2.15pm
 UPPS Multipurpose Room

Including performances by our Grade 3 Recorders, Group of Maracas, Ukulele Club, Junior Bucket Drummers and Sapling Choir along with instrumental soloists

We hope you can join us for a musical afternoon!




To all members of the Seedlings Choir for their amazing efforts at the Choral Workshop in Week

4. Everybody, including Mrs. Allen, learned a lot from our visiting clinician Mr. Kyle Hackwill, and had so much fun singing some new songs and some old favourites to our audience at the end of the afternoon. Thanks to all of the audience members who got into the spirit of the afternoon and performed with us!



On Friday 12/5 we were visited by the Ballarat Grammar Junior, middle and Intermediate String orchestras. They played a concert for us on their way to their rehearsal camp. The UPPS children were excited to see and hear all members of the Violin Family, our current instrument in the spotlight demonstrated and playing together live in our multipurpose room by children who were the same age as them. This was especially exciting for our own violin students, who are just beginning their own string journey. It was also exciting to reconnect with past students from each of the schools

Composer in Focus - J.S. Bach

There is still time to enter the Bach competition. **EVERYONE** in the UPPS community (students, parents and staff) can enter. 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?



P.E: Mr. Tolliday

It has been a busy couple of weeks in PE. Congratulations to all students who took part in our Cross Country Championships at Victoria Park. Students had been training hard during PE to improve their endurance and become familiar with running a longer distance. In the 10,11 and 12 year old events 4 students from each age group were selected to represent the school at the Zone Cross Country Championships.

The following day we took 22 students to represent the school at the Zone Cross Country Championships at Lake Wendouree. Our students performed unbelievably well with 16 of our 22 runners qualifying for the Division Cross Country Championships on May 19th at Victoria Park. This is the best result Urquhart Park has had in the last 10 years. There was some fantastic individual efforts, but Kayla Bridges ability to set the fastest time of the day and win the 12/13 girls was amazing. I am extremely proud when I announce that we finished 2nd out of 25 schools in the percentage shield. Well done to all students who competed and represented the school with pride and a fantastic attitude.

We have lots going on with the 5/6 students taking part in Soccer clinics run by Kelly Sports to help improve their skill and knowledge of the game, leading up to the Winter Sports on June 1st. 5/6 students will have the opportunity to take part in 3 sports, Soccer, Netball and Football.

After school Basketball started last week with our teams getting off to a great start recording wins. Mr Dixon and Mr Merry have taken on the coaching jobs for this year and are extremely happy with the team's performance so far.

After school Netball started last week with Miss Hardy coaching the 3/4 team on Tuesday night and Pip Tardrew coaching our 5/6 team on Wednesday night.



Unfortunately we were unable to field a Badminton team for term 2 due to lack of numbers. We will try again in term 3 to get a team of 4 together to represent the school.

Kane Tolliday

みずをのんで
もいいですか。

Mizu o nonde
Mo ii desu ka?

Can I please have a drink of water?

トイレに
いって
もいいですか。

Toire ni itte
mo ii desu ka?

Can I please go to the toilet?



Minasan Konnichiwa! みなさんこんにちは

This term we are bringing our Japanese to the classroom! Students throughout the school have practised asking to go to the toilet and to ask for a drink in Japanese. Teachers too have been very enthusiastic, reporting that their students are embracing this with growing confidence. Parents: You might even like to ask your child to ask you in Japanese at home!

Students this term are learning about "Sakura", or Cherry Blossom season in Japan. Students in grades 5 and 6 have also learnt the traditional Japanese form of poetry called "Haiku", comprising 3 lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables. I look forward to publishing some Haiku from our students in the next newsletter.

Japanese club: For the remainder of Term 2, we are working towards completing 1000 origami paper cranes to send to Hiroshima, Japan for the peace memorial on August 6th. Though we have a small working group at present, new members are always welcome! Please come to the Japanese room at lunchtime on Mondays.

Bamboo

Urquhart Park Primary school have been invited to see "Bamboo", a play based on the story of the Moon Princess, at Ballarat Grammar Mt. Rowan campus in the last week of Term 2. The script is a very entertaining reimagining of the original, and was written by none other than the talented David Allen, whom some of you may know as the partner of our very own music teacher here at UPPS! I can't wait!

Mata ne! またね (see you)





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	☺☺☺			

Damascus College warmly invites you to attend



How to create a culture of motivation and engagement for teens.

With Nathan Hulls.

Youth Motivational Speaker and
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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - GUEST SPEAKER

Youth motivational speaker and teen behaviour specialist, Nathan Hulls, speaks to tens of thousands of young people around Australia every year.

We welcome him to Damascus College to share his passion about life and helping others discover their true potential.

Nathan started his first business at just 12 years old, has played in a band on national television, appeared on Channel Nine's 'Today Show', Herald Sun, Daily Telegraph, Adelaide Now, Perth Now, Girlfriend Magazine, ABC radio and Fairfax newspapers, and is a regularly sought after speaker on teen behaviour, emotional intelligence and success strategies.

Nathan has a drive to discover **WHY** we do **WHAT** we do, and **HOW** to facilitate rapid and permanent positive change - this passion has taken him around the globe to speak to international audiences.

In his presentation he will teach you not only **WHY** teens behave the way they do, but **HOW** to engage, motivate and communicate with them in an effective and an empowering way.

Attend the event and discover:

- the six core needs of young people
- three primal fears
- three subconscious questions all young people are asking you
- the seven keys to creating a culture of engagement, motivation and resilience for teens.

Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 7pm

Venue: John Shannon Centre, Damascus College

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Please visit the Damascus College website to
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