

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 21 April
School Photo Day
&
Grade 2
Excursion to
Sovereign Hill

Tuesday 25 April
ANZAC Day

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

What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 5

TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2017

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2, everybody! We have a very busy term ahead of us as we prepare for Canberra Camp, NAPLAN, Winter Sports and reports!

Easter Raffle

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our successful Easter raffle and congratulations to our lucky winners. In combination with our Hot Cross Bun Drive, we have raised \$1000 that will be used to purchase resources for our Discovery Centre. We really appreciate your efforts!

Thank
You!



Learning Conferences

Many thanks to the parents who attended Learning Conferences at the end of Term 1. Learning conferences enable students, parents and teachers to talk together about the children's learning and school experience, and most particularly, enable teachers to put supports in place for students as required. Learning conferences will take place again at the end of Term 3 so that follow up discussions can occur and established learning goals can be revisited.

In response to parent feedback, Code of Conduct cards were introduced to parents at our Learning Conferences. The cards enable teachers to communicate with parents about children's behaviour in the classroom and in the yard. Ongoing communication with parents enables us to work together to assist our students to engage at school. We really appreciate parents' support as we strive to ensure that classroom behaviour is of a very high standard and our children can learn and feel safe and secure at school. I would like to acknowledge and thank our Assistant Principal, Ms Monica Dowling, for her leadership in student management and the implementation of this initiative.

School Photos

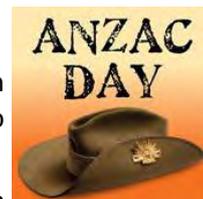


This Friday 21st April is school photo day. Personalised photo envelopes, which were sent home with students last term, should be returned to school before photo day. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate school uniform on the day. Family photo opportunities can be requested through a separate envelope that is available via Susan, our Office Manager.

ANZAC Day and 'Soldier On' Fundraiser Casual Clothes Day

We will be holding our school ANZAC Day ceremony at 2.20pm on Monday 24th April. Parents are most welcome to join us. Thanks to Mrs Wills for organising this event for us.

We will also be participating in the "Soldier On" initiative, which raises money to support service personnel and their families. Students wishing to participate may wear casual clothes next Wednesday 26th April, with a gold coin donation to "Soldier On".



NAPLAN

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

Student Diaries and Home Reading



It was great to read the positive feedback written in many student diaries during Term 1. I am pleased that diaries are used to communicate between home and school and to record important events. I was also very pleased to see that diaries were being used to record students' home reading. It would be fantastic if all students' reading was regularly recorded in their diaries so that it may be monitored by teachers. Students can then be supported with reading material that is appropriate, interesting and varied.

Parents play a vital role in preparing and encouraging children for the world of reading and writing. It is very important that children are supported to read and that is why reading is the focus of your child's homework. The more practice your child has in reading, the more confident they will become, and the more their reading skills will improve. We ask that all children are reading regularly and that the student diary is used to record their home reading.

Important Dates in Term 2

I would like to draw the following dates to your attention.

Newsletters will be released fortnightly on Tuesdays in the odd numbered weeks of term

Assemblies will be held in the even weeks on Friday afternoons at 2.20pm

House Cross Country will take place on Tuesday 2nd May

NAPLAN (Grades 3 and 5) will take place on 9th-11th May

Gr 5 and 6 Canberra Camp will take place on 22nd- 26th May

Gr 5 and 6 Winter Sports Competition will take place on Thursday 1st June

Report Writing Day (no school for students) will take place on Wednesday 7th June

Gr 3 and 4 begin swimming lessons on Tuesday 13th June

Last day of Term 2- Friday 30th June, with dismissal at 1.30pm

Best wishes for a great term,

Janet Hillgrove

SOMERS SCHOOL CAMP

Somers School Camp – situated on Westernport Bay, 80km from Melbourne - is a 9 day residential outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students. The camp provides an opportunity for social interaction between children drawn from many schools and presents a variety of challenging situations through outdoor education and contact with the local environment.



This year students from our network will have the opportunity to participate in the Somers Camp from 29th AUGUST to 6th SEPTEMBER at a cost of \$250.00. Places at the camp are limited and each school in our area is only able to send a small number of students.

In order to commit our school to being involved in the camp, we would need to have sufficient numbers of children committed to attending.

Expressions of interest need to be directed to Ms Dowling by Friday 21st April.

BREAKFAST CLUB - OPEN EVERY DAY

8:15 to 8:45

in the Gardening Kitchen Room

All welcome



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Urquhart Park PS is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2017.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 students can read books by themselves or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. If they are just learning to read, you can help them or read the book to them.

Every child who completes the Challenge will receive a certificate, however, parents must sign a consent form for the names of students to be published in the online Premiers' Reading Challenge Honour Roll. These forms will be made available next term.

Username and passwords will be sent home this week in diaries. You can start entering books straight away.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Regards,
Nicole Healy & David Westaway
PRC Co-ordinators

JUNIOR UNIT

WHY WE CAN'T SKIP READING TONIGHT

Student A reads **20 minutes** each day. This equals **3 600** minutes a school year. Student A will read approx. **1 800 000** words.

Student A reads **5 minutes** each day. This equals **900** minutes a school year. Student A will read approx. **282 000** words.

Student A reads **1 minute** each day. This equals **180** minutes a school year. Student A will read approx. **8 000** words.

Which student would you expect to read better?
Which student would you expect to know more?
Which student would you expect to write better?
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
Which student would you expect to do better at school?
How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?

Please keep an eye out for the note coming home this week with information about home reading.

MIDDLE UNIT

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break. We have an exciting term ahead of us. The first half of the term we will continue learning about Indigenous culture and Australian History. We are hoping to have a special guest speaker come and share their knowledge and experiences with us —we will keep you posted!

This week students will be sent home with two new homework rubrics (spelling and literacy). They will be required to complete one task per week from each rubric and record their work in their homework books.

WEEKLY HOMEWORK—MIDDLE UNIT

1. One activity from the spelling rubric
2. One activity from the literacy rubric
3. One Maths Mate sheet
4. 3 nights of reading recorded and signed in their diaries

Please speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions!



SENIOR UNIT

Welcome back for term 2—I hope you all had a great Easter break. This term is certainly going to be busy, with the Senior Unit looking forward to their Canberra camp in week 6.

In the lead up to camp we will be studying Australian history through our theme 'Communities Are Formed and Impacted by Colonisation'. Following that, we will then move to a government theme where camp will be vital in educating our students about our electoral process and history.

At the end of last term notes were sent out seeking medical information for camp. If they could please be returned this week so I can give final numbers to our tour operators by next Wednesday.





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 \$4.00 - Small Roll \$2.00		☺☺☺ ☺☺
1 Nori Roll \$2.50 - 2 Nori Rolls \$4.50			Chicken & Salad * - Large Roll \$6.00 - Small Roll \$3.00		☺☺☺ ☺☺☺
Seasonal Vegetable		☺☺☺	Meatball & Salad * - Large Roll \$6.00 - Small Roll \$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	☺☺☺			

CLUBS

Our Lunchtime Clubs program will continue this term, offering students the opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities.

Lunchtime can be long for some children, our yard can seem very big at times and it's hard to always find something constructive to do – our activities give students the opportunity to be involved in something they are passionate about, a place to feel secure, learn to play in a safe and friendly way or just get out of the cold on a winter's day!

Students can participate in supervised games and fitness activities, Japanese or Art Club as well as music activities including bucket drumming and ukulele.

We also have Collectors Club on Tuesdays and Fridays, which gives students the opportunity to share and trade their cards (Pokemon, footy cards etc) in a fair, supervised environment.

Our Discovery Centre is open everyday— and on Wednesdays and Fridays students can join in and help with the Stars School Challenge (see below).

Some exciting additions to the Clubs Program in Term 2 will include Zumba, Drama Club and Car Club, as well as 3D Printing—Jewellery Making for our senior students.



As part of the NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE on March 17 we launched our participation in the *Stars Schools Challenge* and pledged to weave 200 stars in support of the 'One Million Stars to End Violence' project.

Each star woven will represent our school's commitment towards a bullying and violence free environment. The stars will then be part of a massive public art installation as part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Angus and Ashton are leading a dedicated group of students who are making the stars as part of our Lunchtime Clubs program.



THE
One Million Stars
to End Violence
PROJECT

REMINDERS

Family Statements will be forwarded home twice each Term. Statements will show any outstanding charges along with any CSEF (Camps Sports & Excursion Fund) credits or unallocated prepayments (ie Centrepay). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding your Family Statement.

Many thanks to the families who have already paid their Essential Student Learning Items charge. Please see below the breakdown of the charge for 2017.

Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra

Please keep the payments coming in. It is not long now before our senior students head off to Canberra. Full payment is required by Friday 5 May 2017 to comply with our tour provider's deadline.

Grade 4 Camp - Anglesea

Payments for the above camp may be made at any time. All payments, however small, help. Please see me if you would like to arrange a payment plan, or organise a Centrepay deduction.

2017 Foundation CSEF Uniform Package

All families who have a Foundation student and have successfully applied for the Camps Sports & Excursion Fund are eligible for the above Package. This will include:

A pair of shoes and track pants from State Schools Relief

A voucher for a top (windcheater, bomber jacket, long or short sleeved polo top)

Please ask for me at the office, you will need your child with you, to measure their foot and complete the necessary form.

Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Karen George
Business Manager

Payment Options:

Parents can pay by cash, cheque, Eftpos, credit card, BPAY and Centrepay (for either BPAY or Centrepay, please contact the office)

Payments for Excursions/Incursions etc must be made by the due date. Permission and/or payment will no longer be accepted on the day.

Families who hold a current Health Care or Pension card may be eligible to receive the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), please contact the office.

Education costs – per student:		
Curriculum & Service Charge	Specifications	Cost
General stationery/photocopying of resources	Photocopying of additional resources ie curriculum texts, worksheets that otherwise would be purchased individually via the student book-list.	\$25.00
	Consumables for use in Specialist programs (in particular – LOTE and Gardening Kitchen) - ingredients and specialised LOTE products.	\$16.00
	Mathletics Program: An additional student resource to support the whole school Mathematics Program. (accessible both at school and at home)	\$12.00
	Reading Eggs Program: An additional student resource to support the whole school Literacy Program. (accessible both at school and at home)	\$12.00
Total Essential Student Learning Items charge per student		\$65.00
Excursions	Specifications	Cost
Excursions - <i>Full payment must be received by the office, prior to departure.</i>	Approximate 2017 excursion costs. To cover: Transport Entry fees Performance charges School sports (May be prepaid at the beginning of the year, or as excursions/incursions/events arise) Please note: * Does not include Grade 4 or Grade 5/6 Camps *	\$40.00
Swimming Program	Specifications	Cost
Swimming Program <i>Full payment must be received by the office, prior to the program commencing.</i>	This is an estimate only and based on 2016. Cost will be confirmed when quotes are obtained and the length of the program determined	\$70.00 (2-6) \$35.00 (F &1)
Voluntary Financial Contributions – per family		
Item		Cost
Grounds and Facilities Contribution To support the continued development of our grounds, gardens and external facilities.		\$30.00