

DATES TO REMEMBER

Carols on the Oval
Tuesday 19
December
@ 6.30pm

Last day of school
Friday 22
December
Dismissal @ 1.30

Student Interviews
Tuesday 30 January
Wednesday 31 January

First Day of School
Thursday
1st February

What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 20 TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017

From the Principal



Staffing

Our student numbers are looking very healthy for next year and we are warmly welcoming some new families into the UPPS community. In 2018, we have 15 classes and the following staff will be joining us. We welcome into the Junior Unit **Ms Pat Withell**, who is coming to us from Alfredton Primary School. **Ms Jessica Quandt**, whom many of you know, will be in the Middle Unit. We also welcome back to the Senior Unit, **Mr Brad Whittaker**, who is returning to us from Western Australia. **Ms Danielle Bond** is coming to us from Ararat West Primary School.

As we look towards 2018, we do have some changes and celebrations, related to our staffing. **Ms Tegan Willey** is getting married over the holidays. Congratulations to Tegan and Damien and best wishes for a very happy wedding day. Mrs **Nicole Considine** is expecting her first child over the holidays. We send Nicole and Tom our love and very best wishes as we wait excitedly to hear the happy news about the birth of their baby. **Ms Shauna Hardy** will be on leave next year as she takes on some exciting projects, including building a new house and travelling around the world. We will still see Shauna around the school. Best wishes to **Mrs Nicole Healy** who has been with us in 2017. We thank Nicole for her wonderful contribution at our school and wish her all the best with future endeavours. Mr **Damien Horbury** will be teaching at Ocean Grove Primary School next year. We thank Damien for his incredible contribution at Urquhart Park, where he has been an excellent teacher and a highly valued colleague. **Mrs Lucy Barrow** will be reducing her role at our school next year. We thank Lucy for all that she has done to develop our digital technologies. We will still see Mrs Barrow around the school. **Mrs Whitney Wills** will be commencing family leave during Term 1. Until then, she will be teaching in the Senior Unit, with a focus upon Grade 5.



The full list of our staffing for next year can be found over the page.

Commencement of 2018 School Year

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 for booking these assessment sessions were on the last newsletter and will be sent home with your child's report.

The first full day of school for all students will be Thursday 1st February.



Grade Up Day

This was a very successful day and the children enjoyed the opportunity to work with their 2018 teachers and classmates. I would like to thank our teachers for the hours spent creating classes and preparing for Grade Up Day. Many thanks to our new staff for making themselves available to benefit our children. We appreciate it!

Graduation and Grade 6 Contribution



Graduation took place last Thursday evening and was a wonderful celebration of the contribution that our Grade 6 class has made at UPPS. I would like to acknowledge all of the teachers who have worked with these students over the years and our Grade 6 teachers, Mrs Bree Williams, Mrs Megan Hearn and Mrs Whitney Wills who worked with the students to put together a very special evening for families. Many thanks to those who attended and best wishes to all of our wonderful graduates.

Reports

It has been a pleasure to read the children's reports and to learn more about their academic and social growth. Congratulations to all of the children who have worked hard and tried their best. Congratulations also to those children who have achieved outstanding results. We presented academic achievement and encouragement awards at our final assembly yesterday to acknowledge the incredible results of students across our school. We will distribute reports on Wednesday 20th December.



Thank you and best wishes

2017 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 thank our fantastic staff team for all that they do for our students. I would also like to acknowledge our Leadership Team, Parent Volunteers 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

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31
January 2018

Please contact the YMCA if you are looking for child care on these days. A program will be offered depending on the number of families.

Breakfast Club

Last day Wednesday 20 December 2017.
The breakfast club will be back next year starting
Thursday 1 February 2018.

URQUHART PARK
primary school
CAROLS
ON THE OVAL
Tuesday december 19 from 6:30pm
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Staffing for 2018

Leadership			
Principal	Mrs Janet Hillgrove		
Assistant Principal	Ms Monica Dowling		
Business Manager	Mrs Karen George		
Office Manager	Ms Susan Jackson		
Learning Specialist	Mrs Joy Hill		
Instructional Leader- PYP Co-ordinator	Ms Hollie Hawke		
Senior Unit Leader	Ms Tegan Willey		
Middle Unit Leader	Mrs Lesa Compton		
Junior Unit Leader	Ms Meredith Mayes		
Specialist Unit Leader	Mrs Lyndell Allen		
Community Engagement Leader	Ms Chanelle Pelchen		
Generalists			
	Class A	Class B	
Foundation	Mrs Heather Delahunty	Mrs Joy Hill	
Grade 1	Ms Pat Withell	Ms Meredith Mayes	
Grade 2	Mrs Megan Hearn/ Mrs Karra Nicholson	Mr David Westaway	
Grade 3	Mrs Lesa Compton	Mr Matthew Merry	
Grade 4	Ms Jessica Quandt	Ms Chanelle Pelchen	
Grade 5	Ms Danielle Bond	Ms Tegan Willey	
Grade 6	Mrs Bree Williams-6A	Mr Tristan Dixon- 6B	Mr Brad Whittaker- 6C
Specialists			
ICT and Data Management	Mrs Rosie Lynch		
Japanese	Mr Daniel Paxton		
PE	Mr Kane Tolliday		
Art	Ms Karla Devlin		
Music	Mrs Lyndell Allen		
Canteen Manager + Gardening Kitchen + Literacy Support	Ms Kerry Hartmann		
Learning Support	Mrs Julie Robinson		
Digital Technologies Consultant	Mrs Lucy Barrow		
Education Support			
Student Wellbeing and Support	Mrs Hannah Stowe		
Attendance Officer	Ms Elaine Wienand		
Teaching Assistant	Mrs Amanda Perrett		
Student Support	Mrs Jan Eddy		
Student Support + Resource Management	Mrs Dianne Giblett		
Student Support + Breakfast Club	Mrs Sharon Petrie		
Student Support	Ms Tara Hughes		
Student Support	Mrs Tricia O'Keefe		
Student Support + First Aid Management	Ms Kylie Macdonald		
Student Support	Ms Kim Smith		
Student Support	Ms Katie Mester		
Student Support	Ms Leah Richttie		
Student Support	Mrs Sally Forde		
Student Support	Ms Nicole Dridan		
Student Support	Ms Nadine Curtis		
Grounds Maintenance	Mr Murray Flemming		
Buildings Maintenance	Mr Mark Sewart		

Summer Holiday Program



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2nd - 25th January 2018

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