

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**Carols on the
Oval
Tuesday 19
December**

**Last day of
school
Friday 22
December
Dismissal @ 1.30**

What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 18 TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2017

From the Principal

Staff News

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish Mr. Kane Tolliday all the very best as he will be married in the near future. Kane and Rochelle have spent many happy hours planning their wedding and we hope that their special day is just perfect.



Lapathon and Twilight Market



What a beautiful community celebration we had together at our recent Lapathon and Twilight Market, assisted by such glorious weather. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and I really thank you for your support. We received so much positive feedback about the event. Many thanks to Ms. Chanelle Pelchen and the Community Engagement Team who worked tirelessly to put this event together for us. Thanks also to those who supported the school by coming along. We raised approximately \$6000, with a donation of \$500 for Ararat West Primary School to support them after the recent fire. Thank you everybody! Our next community event will be our 'Carols on the Oval' on Tuesday 19th December and I hope that you will be able to join us. We will provide you with more details about this event in the very near future.

Independence Week – Next Week

Independence is one of the PYP Attitudes. It is very important that children are developing the skills that they need to tackle a range of tasks so that their confidence and resilience are developing as they grow. In order to encourage independence at school **next week, beginning Monday 27th November, will be Independence Week.**



During Independence Week, we will be encouraging the children to 'have a go' at tasks before they ask for assistance. We are seeking parents' support during Independence Week. We would like to encourage independence from the start of the school day and so we are asking that parents please support us by following these guidelines:-

Junior Unit – parents may accompany their children to their classrooms but please encourage the children to unpack their bags and organise themselves for the day without assistance.

Middle Unit – children should be entering their classrooms independently. Parents need not be in the classrooms.

Senior Unit – children should enter the school independently. Parents need not be in the Senior Unit building. This is a step towards the transition to secondary school where students generally enter the schoolyard unaccompanied.

Parents of Senior and Middle Unit students are encouraged to write notes in their children's diaries should you need to follow up with the teacher. Alternatively, please contact the office if there is some information that you would like us to follow up. Obviously, urgent matters need to be brought directly to the teacher's attention. This initiative has the support of our School Council. Please speak with me if you have any concerns or would like more information about these arrangements.

International Baccalaureate- PYP Consultation Visit

We are very excited that our PYP consultant, Mrs Nancye Sullivan, will be at our school on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December. During her visit, Nancye will be meeting with our Leadership Team, our staff and visiting classrooms. Nancye will provide feedback about how we are going in terms of our implementation of the PYP program. She will guide us as we move towards authorisation by making suggestions about the areas in need of further improvement.



Parent Payment Charges

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Student Leadership



We are so fortunate to have a number of children in Grade 5 who are displaying strong leadership skills and working each day to demonstrate the attributes of the Learner Profile. I am so pleased that many students are interested in school leadership roles for 2018. Many thanks to Mrs Whitney Wills for her work in developing our Student Leadership Program. Congratulations to the children who are prepared to accept the very important role of leading our School.

Commencement of 2018 School Year – Dates for your Diary...

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 and Wednesday 31st January, all students are asked to attend an individual assessment session with their teacher, which will allow teachers to meet with each child to determine learning needs. Details of how to book for these assessment sessions will be on upcoming newsletters. The first full day of school for all students will be Thursday 1st February.

Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove

Communicators Award

Hollie Macdonald	FA	Hollie always speaks clearly and confidently.
Dylan Rowe	FB	For being a cooperative team member who always speaks confidently.
Ruben Wienand	1A	For always being willing to share his intriguing ideas with the class as well as take the time to support others. Keep shining!
Korieza Patrono	1B	For always being willing to share her learning with others.
Charlotte Hatcher	2A	Charlotte has demonstrated a great deal of confidence since starting at UPPS. She is an active contributor to our class discussions and a fantastic team member.
Ava Yeoman	2B	For excellent communication skills with both written and spoken word.
Noah Johnson	3A	For his wonderful effort sharing his ideas and learning with others.
Mia Cronin	3B	For her kind and patient approach when working in teams. Well done!
Aluat Bulkoch	4A	For her wonderful efforts at improving the way she explains her ideas in front of others.
Desmond Habegger	4B	For the creative ways he is able to communicate his perspective through his media inquiry. Des should be proud for presenting his work with integrity. Keep it up!
Ethan Pearce	5A	For always being an active contributor to class discussions.
Alannah Lynch	5B	For always asking for assistance in order to improve her learning.
Declan Moore	56A	For sharing his thoughts, ideas and opinions with his peers.
Darrian Davis-Williams	6A	For being a strong communicator in all group tasks.
Mia Fitzpatrick	Art	For always sharing her ideas and opinions during Art. Well done!
Tahlia Lee	PE	For always instructing her peers in a polite and positive way in order for all class members to understand the game.
Zoe Maggi	LOTE	For making a great effort to speak Japanese this team.
Hunter Bogers	Music	For communicating insightful ideas during listening tasks in Music.
Zardie Lucken	Garden-Kitchen	For always being considerate of others, encouraging them and expressing himself confidently in group work.

JUNIOR UNIT



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Welcome to our new Foundation Children! We have had 2 very successful transition days. It is very exciting to meet our new Foundation children starting in 2018. Children have been introduced to our Foundation teachers as well as our specialist teachers. We welcome many new families to our school and are looking forward to another fabulous year.

As we look forward to our new children beginning, we are excited and a little sad to see our 2017 Foundation children move onto Grade 1 in 2018.

All children will have a chance to meet their 2018 teacher on December the 12.

Heather Delahunty

Transition co-ordinator

MIDDLE UNIT

The Grade 3's are continuing to work on their 'Expression Journals' and inquiring into the different ways people express themselves. We have begun writing our own poetry this week to express our uniqueness, titled 'The Best Part of Me'. We are consolidating our learning about 2D shapes and their features in Maths to prepare us for week 8 and 3D shapes.



This week the Grade 4's are beginning their media projects on 'How we express ourselves'. This will focus on how media is used to express ideas and opinions. In Math we are looking at money and the real world applications of how we need to be able to identify, understand and apply skills such as adding and subtracting to find change from an amount.

Keep up the hard work, everyone!

Middle Unit Team

SENIOR UNIT

After a successful Lapathon where the students designed their own advertising campaign, we have now moved to designing our own product or new cereal, to further demonstrate what techniques the media uses to influence their target audience.

Further to this, classes have also been viewing the movie 'Matilda' and studying the techniques the director uses to influence an audience's perception of individual characters. Students have concentrated their attention towards camera angles, lighting, music and specific quotes used by the characters.

Next week the 5/6 unit begin swimming, so this is a reminder to finalise payments please.

Notes for other excursions will also be coming home this week, so please be on the look out for them!



THE SUSTAINABLE GARDENING KITCHEN
 NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK ... *In The Sustainable *
Gardening Kitchen

What is Waste?

Waste is the name given to everything that we throw away. After it is collected from your rubbish bin, some waste is burned, but most of it is buried in big holes in the ground called landfill sites. This causes problems because both burning and burying release chemicals which are bad for the environment. We are also running out of places to bury rubbish!

Reducing the amount of waste we produce has many benefits:

1. It conserves valuable resources, including forests, minerals, petroleum, and energy.
2. It saves money.

It helps the environment, because it reduces the amount of pollution, greenhouse gases, and disturbance of nature.

How Can I Reduce Waste at Home?

- Make more foods at home instead of buying takeaway or convenience foods.
- Make gifts or cards for family and friends, instead of buying them.
- Grow your own vegetables and flowers.
- Buy second-hand books instead of new ones
- Repair clothes, toys, and appliances rather than replacing them with new ones.
- Hire, share and borrow things, rather than buying new ones, where possible.
- Shop more carefully:- use a shopping list – only buy the things you really need- avoid goods that have too much packaging- don't buy too many disposable products, such as tissues and nappies- buy products that are strong, and will last you a long time- take your own shopping bags to the supermarket

Take The Sustainable Gardening Kitchen Quiz ...How did you go?

The Sustainable Gardening Kitchen

Answers ... Q1—B Q2—C
 Q3—All of the above

Question 1

If you want to reduce waste, what should you do?

- A. Buy lots of disposable products
- B. Buy things that you can use again and again.

Question 2

If you collected together all the waste you make in one year – how much would it weigh?

- A. The same as you
- B. 5 times as much as you
- C. 10 times as much as you

Question 3

If you reduce waste, what happens?

- A. You conserve valuable resources
- B. You save money
- C. You help the environment

Japanese: Mr. Paxton



UPPS Grades 4/5/6 MANGA COMPETITION 2017

manga [máng ga]
A Japanese style of comic books or animated cartoons
[man 'random' + ga 'picture']

Rules: ALL entries MUST be signed in English AND Japanese. Entries must be on A3 size paper.
Only 1 entry per student. No violent images will be accepted sorry!
There will be 2 prizes awarded for each year level (4, 5 and 6).
All entries MUST be submitted to Sensei by Thursday December 7th
Ganbatte kudasai! (Good luck!)

Minasan konnichiwa!

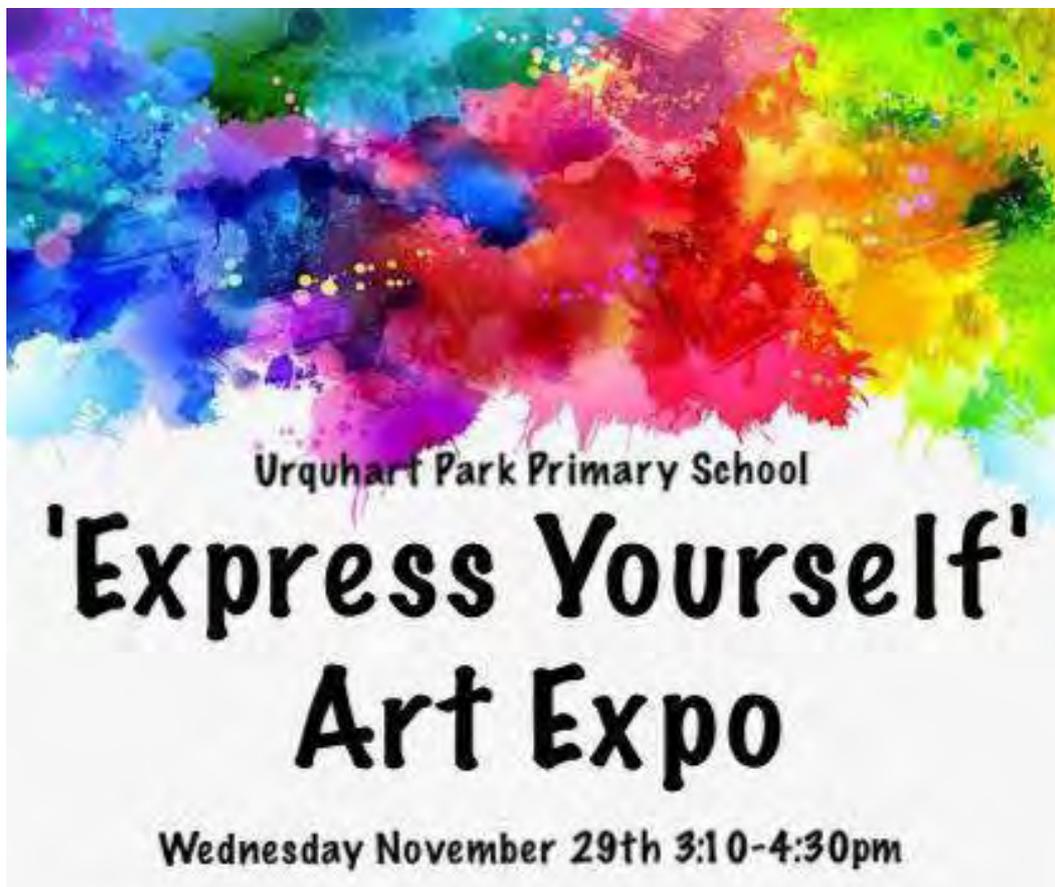
Japanese Garden

I am looking for any parents or families from our school who might be able to donate some large rocks, suitable for a Japanese inspired Zen garden. Please see me if you think you can help.



Manga Competition

Students from grades 4, 5 and 6 are starting to put pencil to paper for the annual UPPS Manga competition. Though not compulsory, many students have signalled that they will enter. Look for a display in the coming weeks!



Urquhart Park Primary School

'Express Yourself'

Art Expo

Wednesday November 29th 3:10-4:30pm



MUSIC NOTES



Upcoming Performances

- Wed 22/11—Drumbeat Celebration**
- Fri 24/11 - Instrumental Concert 1**
- Fri 8/12 - Instrumental Concert 2**
- Tue 19/12 - Carols on the Oval**

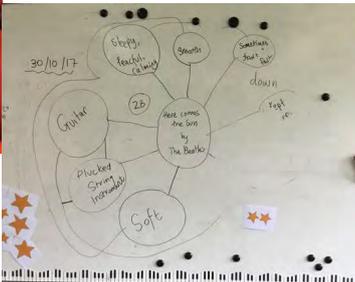
All music classes have been working towards upcoming performances as part of the Instrumental Concert Series. The Foundation and Gr 6 students will perform in Concert 1 (24/11) and the gr 1s, 2s and 5/6 classes in Concert 2 (8/12). Families are most welcome to join us for these concerts in the Multipurpose room.

Instrumental Music Concert
 Friday 24th November, 2017, 2.15pm
 UPPS Multipurpose Room
*Including performances by our instrumental soloists
 Grade 2 Music classes,
 Senior Ukuleles Club, and Boys Singing Club.*

We hope you can join us for a musical afternoon!



Foundation students have been working hard in the Music Room to make conscious their rhythm values of ta and ti-ti while learning new songs.



Grade 1s have been accompanying themselves on the Marimbas and using the Boomwhackers to play their song repertoire. The **Grade 2s** have been completing their listening



assessments. Students are now working towards their recorder performance at the Week 9 instrumental concert. Its not to late to test for any belt. Please encourage them to come and do their test soon. **Grade 5/6** have been using the Incredibox app on iPads to make their own music and writing questions relating to the transdisciplinary theme “How we express ourselves” to pose to composer in focus Nigel Westlake.

Composer in focus: Nigel Westlake

Answer the following questions to enter the competition.
 Forms from the Office or Music Room.

1. When (date) and where (city) was Nigel Westlake Born.
2. Before becoming a composer what instrument did Nigel play professionally?
3. Name three movies that Nigel Westlake has composed the music for.

URQUHART PARK CRICKET REPORT



October 25th Venue: Vic Park #1

UPPS: 7/77

Wendouree CC: 4/88

After weeks of anticipation, we finally took the field against a young but very strong Wendouree team. A wet pitch and outfield made batting difficult, but our team adapted well. Some excellent running between wickets at the end of the Wendouree innings saw them get the runs required. I was especially proud of the support given by some of our more experienced players to the “newbies”. Thank you too for all the parental support.

November 1st Venue: Vic Park #10

UPPS: 9/120

Delacombe CC: 11/50

Our second game of the season resulted in a very comprehensive win for our team. After bowling first, our batsmen played with flair and great running between wickets to post a huge score, hitting at a run a ball. Bailey and Adley started the innings off on a positive note, combining for 41 runs in their allotted 4 overs. All batters played a role, with Luke a standout with 27 runs off only 11 balls, with 5 fours!

November 8th Venue: Vic Park #1

UPPS: 14/103

St. Aloysius: 7/156

A high scoring game on a fast outfield. Lachlan and Bailey started our innings off in magnificent fashion, contributing 33 runs off the first 4 overs, with Bailey hitting four fours. Bailey then took 2 wickets, with his sister Maddison taking one. Rhys was an excellent wicketkeeper, stopping a lot of potential byes. The team backed up well, stopping overthrows aplenty!

November 15th Venue: Vic Park #1

UPPS: 9/63

Ballarat-Redan: 7/115

Thank you to Sean for taking over the coaching reins for the match. Against a very strong Ballarat-Redan team, our batters fought hard, with Adley hitting consecutive fours, and Ricky, Matthew and Alex chipping in with some handy runs. Both Akira and Tarhlee resisted well with the bat.

A **HUGE** thank you to Mr. Tolliday for getting our team a whole swag of new equipment!

Mr. Paxton

Urquhart Park Primary School



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21 November 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

RE 2018 Parent Payment Charges

Parent Payment Charges (School Fees) assist us to offer your children the necessary resources. Primary School fees are considerably lower than child-care, kindergarten, secondary and tertiary fees. Your support by paying the necessary fees set by our School Council, after considerable consideration and negotiation, would be greatly appreciated.

Our Parent Payment Charge includes in part – photocopying of additional resources, consumables for use in our Specialist programs, digital technology applications including Reading Eggs and Seesaw (communication App).

School Councillors acknowledged the need for a minor increase in the Essential Student Learning Item Charge to \$70.00 per student, per year as set out on the attached Parent Payment Information Sheet.

Council also discussed ways to assist more families to pay this amount.

The following payment plan was agreed by Councillors:

- Start of 2018 school year –
 - Invoice issued with a \$70.00 charge per student, split into two \$35.00 amounts
- **Payable as follows:**
 - First \$35.00 amount per student payable by 28 March 2018 (end term 1)
 - Second \$35.00 amount per student payable by 21 September 2018 (end term 3)

Of course families are able to pay the full amount by 28 March 2018.

We sincerely hope the above will assist families with budgeting and thereby enable Urquhart Park Primary School to continue to offer the range of programs currently available.

There are a variety of means available to pay your Essential Student Learning Charge including, cash, EFTPOS, BPay and Centrepay. If you are interested in Centrepay, please contact the office for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Janet Hillgrove
Principal

Karen George
Business Manager



URQUHART PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

2018 Parent Payment Charges

Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you most sincerely to the families who have paid their 2017 Essential Student Learning Items charge. The funds received, help us enormously to be able to continue to offer the range of programs currently provided to our students. We are very proud of our curriculum programs and with your continued financial assistance in 2018, aim to enhance them even further.

Parent contributions supplement Government funding, making it possible for our School to maintain our high standards of education and provide all students with many classroom resources and services.

Urquhart Park Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all families. If you anticipate difficulty making payments, please arrange an appointment with the Principal, Janet Hillgrove or the Business Manager, Karen George to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. Any information regarding your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status, will of course be kept strictly confidential.

Schools are able to request payments from parents/guardians in the following categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

These are items or services that are essential for your child's schooling. Parents/guardians are expected to pay the school to provide these items, or provide themselves, if appropriate. The school purchases these items in bulk so they can be provided to parents/guardians at a significant discount. NOTE: there may be some items or services that you cannot purchase yourself.

- Photocopying of additional student resources, ie curriculum texts, workbooks etc, that parents/guardians would otherwise be expected to purchase individually.
- Consumables for use in Specialist programs (in particular – LOTE, Art and Gardening Kitchen)
- Digital Technology and applications including - iPads, Netbooks, Reading Eggs and SeeSaw (Communication App).

Optional Items:

These are items, services and opportunities provided in addition to the standard curriculum program and are offered to all students. They are provided on a user pays basis and if parents/guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them.

Voluntary Financial Contributions:

Parents/guardians, or anyone else, are invited to make a voluntary contribution to the school for following purpose for Urquhart Park Primary School.

- Grounds and Facilities
 - To support the continued development of our grounds, gardens and external facilities.

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 Essential Student Learning Items	Specifications	Cost
General stationery/photocopying of resources	Photocopying of additional resources ie curriculum texts, worksheets that otherwise would be purchased individually via the student booklist.	\$25.00
Consumables	Consumables for use in Specialist programs (in particular – LOTE, Art and Gardening Kitchen)	\$15.00
Technology	Digital Technology and applications including - iPads, Netbooks, Reading Eggs and Seesaw (Communication App)	\$30.00
Total Essential Student Learning Items charge per student		\$70.00

Excursions	Specifications	Cost
Excursions - <i>Full payment must be received by the office, prior to departure.</i>	Approximate 2018 excursion costs. To cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 *	\$50.00

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 2017. Cost will be confirmed when quotes are obtained and the length of the program determined	\$65.00 (3 - 6) \$55.00 (F,1 & 2)

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





Registered **NDIS** Provider



Ballarat **NDIS** Parent Connection Group

Social Catch Up and Chat

This will be a relaxed, social session where parents can share experiences of parenting children with disabilities, and the NDIS. Kids welcome.

Wednesday November 22nd,
1.30pm – 2.30pm
Victoria Park Inclusive Play Space
(if weather is bad, go to Park Hotel
1615 Sturt Street, Ballarat)

The Ballarat NDIS Parent Connection Group is a new group open to all parents of children eligible for the NDIS. It is a chance meet others in a similar situation and gather or share information and ideas about preparing and implementing NDIS plans.

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