

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Lapathon &  
Twilight Market  
9 November

Ballarat Show  
Day  
10 November  
NO SCHOOL

Report Writing  
Day  
15 November  
NO SCHOOL

# What's UPPs

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## From the Principal

### Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Whitney Wills who is expecting her second child. Whitney will take family leave commencing towards the end of Term 1, 2018. We are very excited for Whitney, Chris and Jed.



### Japan Trip

Congratulations to the children who participated in the recent trip to Japan. I have heard such wonderful reports about the trip. A beautiful display of photographs near the office shows the fantastic range of learning experiences offered to our students. I would particularly like to thank Mr Daniel Paxton, for the many hours spent organising the trip. Every aspect went very smoothly thanks to Daniel's meticulous organisation. I would also like to thank Ms Karla Devlin and Ms Monica Dowling for supervising our students in Japan. We are so fortunate to have staff who support these wonderful experiences for our students.

### Dyslexia Day

The Australian Dyslexia Association explains that the word 'dyslexia' comes from the Greek language and means difficulty with words. Individuals with dyslexia have trouble with aspects of reading, spelling and writing. Dyslexia is estimated to affect some 10% of the Australian population. Families may join us in raising awareness for Dyslexia by taking part in 'Light it Red' on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. On this day, students may wear red and bring a gold coin in support of Dyslexia Awareness.



### Sports - State Championships

Congratulations and best wishes to Kayla, Tarhlee and Adley who will be representing our school at the upcoming State Athletics Championships. What an achievement! We celebrated the students' success at Assembly last week. Well done!

### No Classes- Report Writing



Please note that students will **not** be required at school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, as teachers will be writing reports.

### Classes for 2018

The time is rapidly approaching when teachers will commence the task of creating classes for 2018. We are very fortunate that we have many requests for families to join our community in 2018. If your family will not be with us next year, please inform the office. The formation of classes is quite a lengthy process, as we consider the allocation of each child very carefully. As part of this process, the students will identify some children with whom they would like to be placed next year. **Parents may forward any information that is relevant to their child's placement in 2018 to me in writing by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** and this will be taken into consideration. Please do not assume that requests made in the past will automatically be implemented, as circumstances and staff change over time.



### Transition 2018

It was great to meet our Foundation students for 2018 at their transition session yesterday. Many thanks to our Transition Co-ordinator, Mrs Heather Delahunty, for the work done to organise the Transition Program. Heather and Joy Hill will be our Foundation teachers in 2018.

Best wishes,  
Janet Hillgrove

# Courageous Award

Charlie Clark	FA	For starting at Urquhart Park with confidence and excitement.
Lilly-Rose Jackson	FB	For willingly trying new things with a 'can do' attitude.
Laylah Lynch	1A	For adding a beautiful, bright and bubbly personality to our classroom. Your courage to make new friends is outstanding. Keep shining.
William Lewis	1B	For his courage with lower case letters in handwriting. Keep up the great effort.
Jacobi Phillips	2A	For believing in himself and working to constantly improve his handwriting. His courage to try is having great results.
Dylan Gordon-Harrison	2B	For always being prepared to have a go when faced with a challenge.
Ayden Compston	3A	For believing in himself and his capabilities. Keep trying and having a go at everything.
Seth Russell	3B	For having the courage to present his exploration to the class, he showed a great attitude.
Josh Parkinson	4A	For always having a go at new activities, being confident and always trying his best.
Joshua Capoulas	4B	For always taking chances with his learning. Josh should be very proud of the confidence he is gaining.
Aniki Murphy	5A	For showing confidence when answering questions in front of a new class and always having a go.
Sophie Lee	5B	For always having a go at new tasks even when at first she may find them challenging. Your work effort has been wonderful.
Luke Rogers	56A	For starting Term 4 with a fantastic 'can do' attitude and having a go at new and challenging tasks.
Connor Jeffrey	6A	For beginning Term 4 with a positive attitude and being prepared to 'have a go'.
Adley Morrison	PE	For being courageous when taking part in the Hurdles Final winning the event and qualifying for the State Athletics Championships.
Thu Bui Nguyen baby	Art	For making the courageous decision to go to Japan after the birth of her brother.
Ella Russell	LOTE	For eating an entire octopus tentacle at the Japanese restaurant after our Mt Fuji tour.
Mia Graham	FA	For her courageous individual singing in music class.
Heidi Adriaans	Garden-Kitchen	For her willingness to try new things, her 'can do' attitude and for always believing in herself.

Please join us in raising awareness for Dyslexia by taking part in 'Light it Red!' On Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> please wear red to school and bring along a gold coin donation to help show your support!



## JAPAN TOUR 2017



Tadaima!! (We're home)!

What a fantastic trip! After 30+ trains, buses and long plane flights to and within Japan, our 14 students and 3 teachers are finally home, with countless stories to tell. We spent 3 days in Tokyo, visiting temples, travelling to Mt. Fuji and meeting some very friendly Japanese people.

In Kyoto, we learnt to order our meals in Japanese, read the train timetable and sleep on a futon on a straw tatami mat floor. We visited Matsuodaj Elementary school, ate school lunch and participated in "school cleaning". A day spent at Universal Studios Japan was a welcome break from the relentless travel and activity of previous days.

I was proud of the way our students gained confidence to speak Japanese, as well as their ability to respect and adapt to the culture of Japanese society. Please check out our wonderful photo board in the office area, courtesy of the wonderful Ms. Pelchen and Ms. Devlin.

Mr. Paxton





## THE SUSTAINABLE GARDENING KITCHEN

***We have been very busy preparing the sunflower garden bed and sowing sunflower seeds... seeds we proudly collected and stored from last years stunning sunflower crop!***

We prepared the sun flower beds using our very own compost that we have generated from food scraps, straw and chook manure. Every handful was teeming with red friendly compost worms! Students actively dug the compost out of the bins using a pick axe, fork and shovels into waiting wheel barrows before spreading it on and working it into the garden bed. How to safely use and store our garden tools is an important aspect of our sustainable gardening Programme.



### How to grow Sunflowers

- Pick a part of your garden that has plenty of sun. It's best to grow your sunflowers near a fence or wall so they're protected from the wind.
- Sow the seeds in spring and early summer.
- Make sure they're planted down at least one centimetre.
- Water gently with a watering can and don't let the soil dry out.
- As the plants grow, keep them well watered.
- The sunflowers should reach a good size after about 10 weeks.

*Looking forward to another stunning crop of sunflowers,*

*UPPS Students and Kerry Hartmann*

*The Sustainable Gardening Kitchen*



# MUSIC NOTES



## Upcoming Performances

Friday 3/11 - Saplings sing at Assembly (TBC)

Fri 24/11 - Instrumental Concert 1

Friday 8/12 - Instrumental Concert 2

Tuesday 19/12 - Carols on the Oval



Thanks to all of the families who have donated items to add to our Music Tree. The



Construction phase will take place in a few weeks. Keep an eye out along the edge of the oval to see what the **Foundation and Grade 1** children are building.

**Grade 2s** are making excellent progress with recorder Karate, with many students already having achieved their white belt and working on their yellow and/or orange belt. Please keep encouraging them to play at home. Grade 5/6 and 6 have been exploring a unit on Drumming through the bucket drums and a range of classroom percussion instruments in a unit based around the resources we received as part of the Musical Futures Grant we received this year. Our new **Cajon (box drums)** have also been a great success with the students in this Unit.



## Music Clubs Reminder

This term Music Clubs will continue to operate on Wednesday and Friday on the following rotations:

Wednesday: Week 1,3,5,7,9 - Senior Boys Singing      Week 2,4,6,8,10 - Buckets (all grades)

Friday: Ukulele Club Week 1,3,5,7,9 - all grades      Week 2,4,6,8,10 - senior/experienced players

## Composer in focus: Bruno Mars

Entries for the Bruno Mars competitions have been streaming in but there is still time to enter. Answer questions below to enter the competition. Collect and return your form at the office or from the music room for your chance to win a prize!

**Q1a:** What is Bruno Mars birth name?      **Q1b:** What is his birthdate?

**Q2:** How many instruments does Bruno Mars play, and what are they?

**Q3:** Name two songs that Bruno Mars wrote that are currently playing on the Bell Music?



## P.E: Mr. Tolliday

Welcome back to another busy term of sport. In the first week back we had 5 athletes represent the school at the Greater Western Athletics Championships. With over 130 schools represented at the event it was an amazing achievement just to make it. Our students performed exceptionally well with Nic R finishing 7th in the 11yr Shot Put, Rhys W finishing 3rd in the 10yr Hurdles, Kayla B finishing 2nd in the 12/13yr 1500m and 8th in the Triple Jump, Adley M finishing 1st in the 11yr Hurdles and 5th in the Triple Jump and Tarhlee finishing 3rd in the 11yr 1500m and 2nd in the 200m. Adley, Tarhlee and Kayla have all qualified for the State Primary School Athletic Championships for finishing top 2 in their events to be held in Melbourne on October 30th. This is the first time in at least 6 years that UPPS has had athletes make it to the state championships and we wish them the best of luck.



### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

#### 2018 UPPS Snow Trip

Urquhart Park Primary School is now taking expressions of interest for the Snow Camp to Falls Creek in September 2018.

The 2016 snow camp was a fantastic experience for our students who learnt new skills, such as snowboarding and skiing in an unfamiliar setting.

#### Inclusions:

- 3 nights accommodation and selected meals
- Lessons, lift passes and equipment hire for the duration of the stay
- Bus transfers from Ballarat to Falls Creek
- Comprehensive snowsport insurance

If your child is interested please let Mr Tolliday know by the 3rd of November 2017.



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The Milo T20 Blast Cricket Cup is on this week with 32 Grade 3/4 students and 32 Grade 5/6 students getting the chance to represent the school. All Grade 3,4,5 and 6 students have been working hard during PE sessions to develop their skills ready to represent the school.



Our Afterschool Netball teams are hitting the pointy end of the season

with our 5/6 team finishing the season on top of the ladder and getting a double chance. They unfortunately lost to Ballarat Grammar School by 2 goals on Wednesday night but get a 2nd chance to progress playing again this week in the preliminary final. Our Grade 3/4 team have continued to develop all season and have experienced playing against great opposition and learnt new positions. A very big thank you needs to be made to our coaches Miss Hardy and Pip who have given up their own time to help nurture our students and teach them the skills and game sense required when playing Netball.

Kane Tolliday

# JUNIOR UNIT

On Friday the 20th of October the Year One classrooms were buzzing with excitement as we prepared to venture off to EarthEd to further explore Forces.

The moment we arrived we jumped right into it, investigating the components of Push, Pull and Gravity. We were catapulting things, swinging on things, scootering, bike riding and playing with trucks and doll houses. Before we knew it time was up and it was time to look at each force a little more closely. Both classes split up and began to investigate.

We then got to show off our Marble Run making skills and apply everything we have learnt over this Unit Of Inquiry 'How the World Works' and make Marble Runs in pairs using rulers, blocks, tracks and foam.

It was a fun filled day with lots of learning and we could not be prouder of how everybody represented UPPS!



Year 1 Teachers

# MIDDLE UNIT

Congratulations to the Grade 3 students! They finished and presented their exploration projects last week and everyone should be extremely proud of their efforts. We all learnt something new through exploring.

We have now begun inquiring into our central idea: *We use many forms of expression to convey our uniqueness to the world around us.* We look forward to seeing how the students express their uniqueness!

This week the Grade 4's have been working through the Invention Process to solve problems we see in the world. We have enjoyed designing and creating our inventions that will help make the world a better place. Our next central idea beginning this week is, *The media influences our thinking and decision making.* In Math we have continued to look at Time and Time problems and in writing we have been looking at how our word choices can make our writing more detailed and interesting.

In the Middle Unit we are encouraging students to read with confidence, fluency and expression. When your child is at reading home please continue to encourage them to add expression and vary their tone. This helps engage the audience, become confident reading aloud and builds their knowledge of punctuation and it's purpose.

Thank you for your continued support.

# SENIOR UNIT

The Senior Unit have been busy working hard on their inquiry films for natural phenomena. This week many of the classes have had a special lesson with Lucy Barrow, our ICT teacher, who has shown the children how to make news reports that look like the real deal.

The students are enjoying the chance to be reporters and presenters and we are looking forward to the final product.

Thankyou  
Senior Unit teachers

URQUHART PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
LAPATHON  
&  
Twilight market

The Urquhart Park Primary School Lapathon and Twilight Market is coming up!

Both will be on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>.  
The Lapathon will be throughout the day followed by the Twilight Market from 5pm.

Please keep an eye out for more details!