

# What's UPPs

## DATES TO REMEMBER

NEWSLETTER NO 9

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2018

**Last Day of Term**  
**29th June**  
**1.30pm finish**

**Term 3 Starts**  
**Monday 16th July**

**Student Free Days**  
**Thursday 2nd August**  
**&**  
**Friday 3rd August**

From the Principal

### Reports

Reports will be sent home with the children on Thursday. I would like to thank our teachers for the extensive work that has been done in the development of these documents. The reports have an evolving format as we meet the requirements of the PYP and report on the Victorian Curriculum. Students have written a reflection on their learning during Semester 1, with some goals for continued improvement in Terms 3 and 4. It was such a pleasure to read the reports and to learn more about each child's learning progress. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions about the reports or your child's progress.



### Code of Conduct Cards



Code of Conduct Cards will be sent home this week and we ask that they be returned by the end of term. Code of Conduct Cards are used to communicate with you regarding your child's behaviour in the classroom and in the yard. Congratulations to the many children who have demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout Term 2.

### Staff Professional Learning – Student Free Days

There will be **two consecutive student free days next term**. As you are aware, our school is a candidate International Baccalaureate world school and we hope to be authorised by the end of the year. The delivery of this program requires that our teaching staff engage in continuous professional learning. Much of this takes place after school; however, we will be completing a two-day workshop on 'Conceptual Thinking and the PYP' early in Term 3.

The workshop will be held on:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.



**This means that classes will not be held and students will not be required at school on these days.**

I can understand that this causes some issues for working parents. We have approached the YMCA with regard to offering childcare, and if there is enough interest, they will run a program on these two days. Please speak with the YMCA staff directly if you would like to use this service.

### Strings Program



Our Grade 2 Strings Program has been very successful. The children are responding very positively to learning the violin and it is wonderful to be able to offer them this experience as part of our curriculum. Many thanks to Mrs Lyndell Allen for her energy and dedication as we implement this new program. Thank you also to the parents who have supported the program. We really appreciate it!

### Arrangements for Friday- Last Day of Term

Students from the Mount Rowan Campus of Ballarat Secondary College will be with us on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June to present their musical production "Fabled". I hope that the children will enjoy the show.

Many thanks to Mr David Allen who has made this happen for us. Classes will finish at 1.30pm, with teachers remaining on duty until 2.30pm.

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Foundation students visit the Fire Station  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – School Council  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July- Grade 6 visit Sovereign Hill  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July- Whole School Assembly at 9.15am  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Grade 2 visit Sovereign Hill and first newsletter for Term 2 published  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Student Free Days

Many thanks for your support throughout the term. Best wishes to all for a happy and restful break,  
Janet Hillgrove

### **KIDSMATTER PARENT SURVEY**

Thanks to those people who have already completed the KidsMatter parent survey.

If you haven't had a chance yet – it will only take about 10 minutes and we'd like as many families as possible to take part.

You can access the survey ONLINE at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey)

OR

You can pick up a PAPER version of the survey from the office

***Please complete the survey by the end of June.***

We value the opinion of our parents and caregivers and we hope that you will contribute to helping us improve our school community



### **FAMILY STATEMENTS ESSENTIAL LEARNING ITEMS 1 AND 2**

Family statements were sent home with the eldest child in the family last week, showing all outstanding charges and credits where applicable (ie CSEF).

If you have any questions regarding your family statement, please do not hesitate to call into the office.

Many thanks to the families who have paid their first instalment of Essential Learning Items charges for 2018 and to those who are completely paid up.

A reminder that the first instalment of \$35.00 per child was due at the end of Term 1 (28 March 2018), with the second instalment of \$35.00 per child payable by the end of Term 3 (21 September 2018).

As previously advised, these charges help us to maintain our high standards of education and provide all students with many classroom resources and services.

Thank you for your continued support.

Karen George, Business Manager

This week's Insight article is '*Dealing with video game crazes: Fortnite and fanaticism*'

*The Fortnite video game is hitting Australian homes. Parenting Ideas technology and parenting expert, Martine Oglethorpe has great advice for parents about this craze*

### **UPCOMING WEBINAR— “21 Days to a Happier Family”**

*\*As a Parenting Ideas school we have special access to vouchers for parent webinars. These vouchers allow members of our school community to attend the webinars at no cost (normally valued at \$37).*

#### **About**

Everyone wants their family to be happy, but so many things get in the way. The usual suspects include work stress, commitments and our children's challenging behaviour. Some of the less obvious obstacles include our habits and expectations, a reactive (rather than proactive) approach, and even a lack of clarity around what a happy family is and does. As a result, families often feel (or are) fragmented, stressful and out of control.

This webinar equips parents with a fresh way of proactively developing the habits that will strengthen their family, combining cutting-edge insights from the positive psychology arena with classic psychological research underpinning relationships, parenting and personal choices. '21 Days to a Happier Family' gives parents scientifically validated suggestions for making their family happier than ever, starting today!

#### **Listeners will learn:**

- how their habits are creating their current family environment
- the psychological principles that underpin personal and family happiness
- insights that will genuinely impact on their family's happiness and functionality (for the better)  
easy-to-implement suggestions for making families happier, so parents can choose ideas that feel right for them

#### **When**

**Thursday 28 June 2018 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM AEST**

#### **Price**

This webinar is \$37 per person to attend, and is **free of charge** to families at schools that have a Parenting Ideas membership.

#### **Who is talking**

This webinar will be hosted by Dr Jodi Richardson with guest presenter Dr Justin Coulson.

**\*VOUCER CODE = POSITIVE PARENTING\***

# The Primary Years Programme (PYP) at Urquhart Park Primary School Celebrating NAIDOC week



NAIDOC – National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee runs 8-15<sup>th</sup> July, during the school holidays. This week, Urquhart Park Primary will be recognising the week and making 'jambie - friendship' bracelets to pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The theme for this year is – **Because of her, we can!** Celebrating the active and significant role aboriginal women have played, and continue to play, in society. Please visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au) for more information.



Grade 4



Grade 5

*Because of my sisters, I am who I am. I am courageous just like them, because they have taught me to do things that I wouldn't have ever done. – Emily, Grade 5*

*Because of my Nan I can do finger knitting, because my sister knew how to and I thought it was cool. She is a strong woman, and kind and caring. – Joshua P, Grade 5*

*Because of Mrs Allen I have experienced many different types of music – Leo Grade 5*

*My mum has supported me all my life since I was a baby. I'm lucky with my mum, I have a roof over my head. – Josh C, Grade 5*

Have a wonderful break everyone!

Miss Hawke  
Instructional Leader - PYP Co-ordinator



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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*Please remember to call the school on 5330 5400 or log your child's absence using our SCHOOL APP early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school, so the absence can be recorded correctly. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as 'unexplained'.*

**Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.**

### **Same-day notification of unexplained student absences**

*Our school will text or call you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by reply text or calling, to let us know where your child is. If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details (i.e.: message notification fail, disconnected number), then we will make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school, where possible, on the same day of the unexplained absence.*

### **Contact details**

*Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 53305400 or [urquhart.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:urquhart.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.*

***Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.***

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns or require support with ensuring your children attend school on time every day .

Monica Dowling

Acting Assistant Principal

<b>EVERYDAY COUNTS</b>
<b>LEARNING STARTS AT 9AM</b>
<b>ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW</b>
<b>LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS AWAY</b>
<b>WORKING TOGETHER = SUCCESS</b>

**For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)



## JUNIOR UNIT

It has been a big and busy term in the Junior Unit and we are winding up feeling proud of our learners and their many achievements.

In Foundation, the children enjoyed an exciting trip to Donegan's Farm last week as part of their Farm to Fork unit of Inquiry. The children were full of news about their adventures with tractors, animals and a giant bag of potatoes.

The Year Ones have developed their understanding of maps and places. A special 'treasure hunt' was a highlight this fortnight, with the children using their map reading skills.

In Year Two, the children had a fantastic opportunity to videoconference with an author and use their developing communication skills.

We would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy term break.

## MIDDLE UNIT

As the semester draws to a close, so to does our current Unit of Inquiry, 'How We Organise Ourselves'. Students in Grade 3 have collected a variety of donations as part of their inquiry into how charities help improve our lives. Thank you to all families who donated items of clothing for our 'One Bag, One Child' campaign. These donations will be forwarded to Uniting at the end of term. The Grade 4 students have been busy planning and designing their own political parties, thinking about the way we organise ourselves with regard to government structures. This week, Grade 4 students will hold a 'class election' to find out which of their parties was worthy of the most votes!

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

## SENIOR UNIT

Well done to all Senior students on their continued efforts in their learning this Term. We have celebrated many successes and have enjoyed a variety of 'hands on' learning experiences throughout our Unit of Inquiry.

Grade 5 have demonstrated their growing ICT skills through the use of Green Screen and iMovie applications, to create and present a news report.

Grade 6 have been developing their understanding of how materials can exist in different states and be used or changed for varying purposes.

We hope that you all have a safe and relaxing school holidays.



*News from the Specialist Teachers at UPPS*

## Upcoming Music Dates for your Diary

Week 11: 25/6 2.30pm - 2A Graduation from Gr2 Violin and Concert

**Term 2—Dates to save!**

**Week 7—27/8 Saplings to Royal South Street Eisteddfod,**

Founders Hall, Mt Helen campus of Fed Uni.



**Thanks to all members of the UPPS community for their enthusiasm and participation in the Music Program this semester**, especially to Grade 2B,3,4 and 5 students for their excellent work in the classroom, 2A for their amazing achievements in the **first ever UPPS violin program** and to the Foundation and Grade 1 students for their superb efforts in **Seedlings**, especially their performance at **assembly last week**. Thanks also to everyone who took part in the Composer in Focus competitions. **Music Clubs will continue in Semester 2**, including a special **Japanese project for Drum club** members and concert preparation for the Ukulele club. New members welcome. The choir will be busy preparing for South Street and I look forward to welcoming the Foundation Grade 1, 2A and Grade 6 students to the music room for classes in semester 2. Finally a big thanks to our **amazing Music Captains Jennifer, Skyla and Rhys** for their hard work, enthusiasm and support this semester.

**Mrs. Allen J**



## Music Tree News

Have you noticed the developments out at the music tree? YES! We have been very busy each Tuesday lunchtime this semester collecting, building, tying and finally last week hanging the music tree. Next semester we will hear it being played by our students in class and during club. Special thanks to Mark for hanging our support ropes and to our enthusiastic Junior Students for their hard work too!



We need caring families interested in other cultures-  
**Is that you?**



Would you like to host a Japanese student from the  
**23rd July to 3rd August**

These boys need a family to include them in Aussie life, provide a bed and 3 normal meals a day.

They will attend **St Patrick's College** each day.

There are no airport pick ups, they can share a room, eat normal meals and you certainly don't need to speak Japanese.

We pay \$30 per night to assist with hosting costs.



**EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE WITHOUT LEAVING HOME**

**For further information - please call:  
Peter on 0438 696 730**

**Email: peterjshine@hotmail.com**

**OR**

Lynn Smith - Regional Manager AIIU Western Victoria. Phone 0427 507 990 or 5248 5066  
lynn@auiu.com.au

*Konnichiwa!*

**Hosting a Japanese student:** Please read the information flyer from the teachers at St. Pats and contact them if interested. My family will also be hosting a student, so please see me if you have any questions.

As our term comes to a close, all classes will be taking part in **Japanese cooking** in the final week :

**Foundation to 2: Rice, nori**



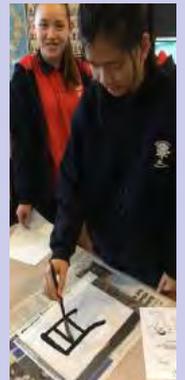
**3-6: Sushi**

Parents who would like to assist are always welcome! Please come to see me in the Japanese room.

**UPPS Kissaten:** Remember that delicious Sushi (tuna, chicken teriyaki and vege) is available every Thursday for lunch!

**Shodo (Calligraphy):** Our grade 6 students have been practising writing Kanji (Chinese characters used in Japan) using traditional brushes, paper and ink.

*Mr. Paxton*



# **SUSTAINABILITY** *the ability to sustain our planet!*

There are many practical ways we can Rethink, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle:

- reading glasses can be left at our general office for recycling
- coffee grinds, vegetable peelings, egg cartons, washed lids of all colours, shapes and sizes, washed jars with lids, egg cartons and paper rolls can be left at Food is Free in Warrior Lane



Go to [PLASTICFREEJULY.org](https://www.plasticfreejuly.org) to see how we can reduce our use of plastic.

Our vegetable patch is thriving. We have been able to harvest lettuce, carrots, potatoes, parsnips and many herbs to make delicious recipes with.

As a school community, we have completed our first module towards our 5 Star Sustainability rating with ResourceSmart Schools. We have managed to decrease our rubbish by 20% this year and as a result our large classroom rubbish bins have been replaced with small 10 litre bins! Well done EVERYONE!

Competition ... How have you and your family become more sustainable? You can enter our competition by writing your family's sustainable story and leaving it in the box in the Gardening Kitchen!

Ms. Hartmann

The Sustainable Gardening Kitchen

# Winter Holiday Program

**Ballarat Venues**

- Footy Clinic • Magic Show & Workshop
- Space Dome • Circus Capers • Gaming@GUF
- Disco Party • Kids in the Kitchen • Movies



**Monday 2 July – Friday 13 July 2018**

Full program and booking forms available at [www.ballarat.ymca.org.au](http://www.ballarat.ymca.org.au)

**BOOKINGS OPEN 18TH JUNE**

YMCA Ballarat  
7 Lyons St North, Ballarat  
**5329 2800**



**YMCA Ballarat**



## When Anger gets in the Way

Department of Rural Health

Public Event

### How to help your kids when they flip their lids!

**Dr Andrew Wake**  
MBBS, FRANZCP, Mast Psych, Cert Child Psych.

Dr Andrew Wake is a child and adolescent psychiatrist in both the public and private health systems. He has worked in a range of settings, from urban suburbs to rural townships and remote Aboriginal communities and has recently released a book 'The Good Enough Parent'.

Do you worry about your children? Are you concerned about their development and your contribution as a parent. Do you think you're setting an example or do you find yourself tearing out your hair when you're confronted by an emotional outburst or tantrum?

Dr Andrew Wake has extensive experience in giving talks and seminars to health professionals, parent groups, schools, child

protection agencies and the police. He has a keen interest in helping parents and care giving adults to understand the emotional life and needs of the child in their life, and helping them to provide 'enough' of the things they need.

He has lectured at Melbourne University, presented at national and international conferences, and undertaken numerous speaking engagements at mental health clinics, schools, child protection units, and parent groups on various topics including parenting, understanding and managing strong emotions and tricky relationships, child development, adolescent sexuality, and the effects of childhood trauma.



#### Event Details

**Date:**  
Wednesday 25th July, 2018

**Time:**  
6:00 - 7:30pm

**Venue:**  
M.A.D.E., Chr Stawell St South & Eureka St, Ballarat VIC 3350

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**Bookings:**  
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