

DATES TO REMEMBER

13 March
Labour Day Holiday

14 March
Foundation begin fulltime

30 & 31 March
Learning Conferences

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

What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 2

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2017

From the Principal

School Council 2017-2018 Election- Call for Nominations



At Urquhart Park Primary School, we are very lucky to be supported by an active School Council, made up of parent, teacher and community representatives. The role of our School Council includes developing our Strategic Plan, approving our Annual Budget and setting and reviewing our policies.

We have three sub-committees of School Council who are responsible for overseeing the management of the school in particular areas. Our sub-committees are Policy, Buildings and Grounds, and Community Engagement.

I would sincerely like to thank all members of our School Council for their work over 2016. I would particularly like to acknowledge our departing councilors: - Ms. Shiree Pilkinton, Mrs. Miff Yeoman, Mr. John Ivens, Mrs. Sue Anne Carroll, Mrs. Sharon Hulm and teachers Mrs. Joy Hill and Ms. Chanelle Pelchen for their contribution.

In 2017, we have 4 parent representative and two Department employee vacancies on School Council. I hope that many of you will consider nominating for these positions. You may self-nominate or be nominated by another person. Nomination forms are available at the Office and the closing date is Tuesday 7th March. If the number of nominations is less than required, further nominations will be called for. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any information about School Council.

Proposed School Council Election Process and Timetable

	Event	Date
1	Notice of Election and Call for Nominations	Tuesday 28 th February
2	Closing date for nominations	Tuesday 7 th March at 4pm
3	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 8 th March
4	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Wednesday 8 th March
5	Close of ballot	Wednesday 15 th March
6	Vote count	Thursday 16 th March
7	Declaration of poll	Friday 17 th March
8	Special Council meeting to co-opt community members	Monday 20 th March
9	First Council Meeting to elect office bearers	Monday 20 th March

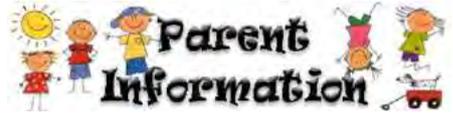
Communication Across Our School

We provide information to parents through our newsletters, Facebook page, school diaries with sticker system, notes to parents, our UPPS App, the See-Saw App and our new website, which is now functional. We rely on parents to access this information regularly. Newsletters are published on a fortnightly basis and can be accessed from the website or the UPPS App. Thank you to the many parents who read this information and remain informed about school events.



Parent Information Evening

Many thanks to parents for coming along last Tuesday evening. The sessions were well attended and I hope that you felt that the evening was worthwhile. I am very happy to listen to feedback about how we can improve the structure or content of the evening.



Relay for Life

Many thanks to our community members from Team Dynamite for supporting this very worthwhile cause. Your commitment, team spirit and passion are inspiring. Thanks also to parents for your support of the Casual Clothes Day and the purchase of icy poles.

International Baccalaureate- Primary Years Program

We are continuing to introduce the Learner Profile to students, with awards last week distributed to students who display the quality of being 'open minded'. Over the next fortnight, students will be introduced to the attribute of being an 'inquirer'. Inquirers are curious, love to learn and try to find out new things. It would be wonderful if children were talking about being 'inquirers' at home.



Athletics Carnival

Many thanks to Mr Kane Tolliday for his co-ordination of our Athletics Carnival. This is an enormous job and Kane has worked tirelessly to ensure that the day was well organised and enjoyable. Many thanks also to parents and staff for your valued contributions.

Assembly



Assembly is a time within the school program when we come together as a community to celebrate our achievements and learn about the events that are happening around our school. Many parents attend our assemblies and I hope that you feel very welcome. At Assembly, our children learn about respect for the National Anthem, audience manners, self- management and school pride, and a high standard of behaviour is expected. I want our students and their families to feel very proud that they attend our school.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 10th March at 2.20pm. This will be a special Leadership Assembly, with the induction of school leaders taking place.

Learning Conferences- Save the Date

Please be aware that learning conferences will be held at the end of term. Parents will be able to book appointments with teachers for the evening of Thursday 30th March or morning of Friday 31st March. Booking details will be included on the next newsletter. It is an expectation that students attend these learning conferences with their parents. **Classes will not be held on Friday 31st March.**



Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

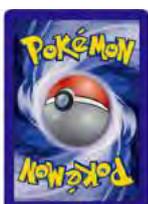
A variety of activities are provided for students through our lunchtime Clubs Program.

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

In addition we have Collectors Club twice a week (see below), board games on another day, and our Discovery Centre (Library) is open every day.



Something for
EVERYONE!



CARD TRADING

Students are given the opportunity to share and trade their cards in a fair, supervised environment as part of Collectors Club - on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS.

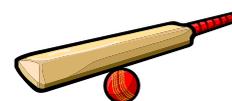
We ask that cards are left at home on all other days.

Open Minded Award



Theodore Y	FA	For always helping and being thoughtful to other children's feelings.
Ruby A	FB	For listening to other people's ideas.
Rubi V	1A	For always taking others into consideration, listening intently and supporting them with a beautiful beaming smile. Keep shining!
Zachery Q	1B	For the way he listens thoughtfully when others share their ideas.
Addison I	2B	For taking on other people's point of view and valuing their opinions.
Catherine T	3A	Always listening to others and respecting their thoughts and opinions. You demonstrated these attributes during our team building activities.
Tahlia L	3B	For her ability to respect other people's right, feelings and opinions. She is a wonderful team player.
Nathan E	4A	For always being kind and respectful to others, listening to their opinions and having a go at everything. Well done Nathan!
Jessica R	4B	For taking the time to listen to the opinions of others and asking questions to learn more. Thank you for always valuing your class mates.
Jacob B	5A	For always listening to other people's opinions and taking them into consideration.
Jac C	5B	For respecting the opinions of others and having an open mind about others ideas and beliefs.
Zakk B	56A	For always listening to and valuing others ideas.
Jake C	6A	For always being open to the opinions of others and willing to accept new ideas.
Sophie L	PE	For always being an enthusiastic and encouraging member who is always the first to cheer on or congratulate someone on their performance.
Heidi A	Art	For showing respect for others ideas in the Art Room.
Harvey P	Music	Respecting all new ideas no matter whose they are and thinking creatively about how to use them to help the class move forward in their learning in Music.
Fletcher S	Gardening/ Kitchen	For always including everyone, valuing their opinions, caring about how they feel and for his sense of fair play.

URQUHART PARK CRICKET REPORT



February 14th Venue: Vic Park

Against a very strong club team, UPPS were very competitive. We batted well, with many quick singles and twos taken. Our running between wickets has improved significantly! Bailey was the pick of our bowlers, taking two wickets. Ned and Ricky got our team off to a great start with the bat, scoring 32 runs from their four overs.

UPPS: 9/139

Ballarat Redan CC: 5/178

February 21st Venue: Haddon PS

On a hot, windy afternoon, we fought a close battle against Haddon PS. Highlights included a brilliant run out from the arm of Luke R, and some energetic fielding efforts from Corey, Jake, Alex and Nicholas behind the stumps. Luke R and Corey combined beautifully at the crease, scoring 30 runs in four overs without losing their wicket.

UPPS: 7/104

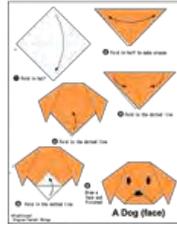
Haddon PS: 5/111

Our last game for the season will be at Vic Park against Woody Yaloak.

Mr. Paxton



Japanese : Mr. Paxton



Konnichiwa!

2017 has got off to a very exciting start! We are all back in our Japanese room once again, and students have enjoyed being part of their own "mini Japan" once a week

Foundation students have learnt some basic greetings, body parts and have just begun to count to 10 in Japanese.

Grade 1 students are comparing and contrasting Japanese cultural practices, eg. Shoes off; no lunchboxes at school; using chopsticks, with their own.

Students from **grades 2-6** are making Japanese posters about themselves, using some basic phrases such as name, age, likes / dislikes.

Club activities: This term Japanese club will be held at lunchtime in the Japanese room:

Origami Club: Monday **Manga Drawing Club: Thursday**

I encourage all students to attend.

Gambatte kudasai! (Do your best!)

Learning Intervention

Hello everyone! My name is Julie Robinson and I am the Learning Intervention teacher at UPPS for 2017. In this capacity, I will work closely with any identified students who may require extra assistance in the areas of English and Mathematics. Learning instruction will take place both in the child's classroom, as well as in the Learning Intervention Room (located beside the Music Room). Within a caring and positive environment, all students will be encouraged and challenged to move forward with their individual learning needs. Working together as partners, our main goals in these sessions will be to improve skills, and to become more independent learners overall.

I welcome any queries, so please feel free to come in and see me.





Notes from the Music Room



We are off to an amazing start in the MONSTER Music Room. Have you visited yet? You are always welcome to come and have a visit, see our growing collections of interesting instruments and monsters or to see what is on the boards around the room.

In the Music Room... the **Grade 3s** have recommenced their recorder tuition, continuing on with the Recorder Karate Program they started last year in Grade 2. They have also been busy writing their own body percussion pieces using picture notation.

The **Grade 4s** have started work on Cup Drumming, beginning with some basic rock beats and learning to pass the cup around the circle. They have also been busy exploring our new collection of Jon Madin inspired instruments, including the Marimbas we made at the music workshop at the end of last year, and the Aggi Pipe Shakers (pictured below) keeping the beat and tossing them back and forth with their partners.



The **Grade 5s** are also demonstrating their awesome rhythm skills by writing, performing and recording their own 4 bar rhythm pieces and starting to develop their drumming skills on the Buckets. They have also really enjoyed singing Eye of the Tiger.

Choirs



ALL Junior Unit Students and teachers will participate in the **Seedlings** this semester. This session runs on Monday after lunch with the AMAZING Seedlings (FA,1A,2A) and then the BRILLIANT Seedlings (FB, 1B, 2B) rehearsing in the Junior Unit Central Space. We will sing lots of different songs, learn about how to use our voices well and have loads of fun

Students in Grades 3-6 are invited to join the **Sapling Singers**. This year this group will rehearse BEFORE school on **Wednesday from 8am-8.45am** in the **Music Room**. Already we have many performance opportunities lined up and we are excited about the year ahead. If your child would like to take up this opportunity please complete the form available at the office. We start this week on Wednesday 15/2/17.



Lunchtime Music Clubs

There will be two further opportunities for students to participate in extra curricular music this Semester. Grade 2-6 students may like to join the **Ukulele Club**. No experience necessary and instruments are provided. We rehearse at lunchtime each Wednesday in the Music Room. All students (F-6) are allowed to join the **Bucket Club**. We learn to bucket drum playing existing pieces and writing our own too. We rehearse at lunchtime each Friday in the Music Room. All welcome – come join the fun!

Instrumental Music Lessons

We are pleased to confirm that a range of instrumental lessons are now available at UPPS. These are on a “user pays” system. Currently we are able to offer **Guitar, Piano, Violin** and **Drums**. If your child is interested in taking up the opportunity to learn one of these instruments please collect and return the application form, available from the office, and then Mrs. Allen will be in touch about commencing your lessons.

Composer in Focus: Adele

This month, in honour of her Australian concert tour, we have chosen Adele to be our composer in focus. All you have to do to enter the competition is to answer the questions below on the form available at the office or from the Music Room. Anyone in the School Community can enter (students, parents and teachers) and all entries receive a prize for effort, as well as someone winning the grand prize.

Q1: Why did Adele name two of her albums “21” and “25”?

Q2: Name one of Adele’s co- composers. (someone she has written a song with)

Q3: Name two of Adele’s songs.

JUNIOR UNIT



Thankyou to all the parents who attended our information night last week. We are looking forward to establishing routines and procedures which enable all students to reach their potential in 2017.

It is great to see parents taking the time to fill dates in student diaries with upcoming events and important dates as well as listing the books read at home each night.

Foundation students have been discussing emotions and how to be a caring friend. We are getting very good at writing numbers. Thankyou to our buddies who helped us make a sunshine craft. This week we are learning about the letters i and n.

Year One children have been asking questions to direct their Inquiry learning. We have really enjoyed mixing across both grades and learning with some old and new friends about strengths and emotions. Fred the frog has become a favourite learning friend who supports our spelling.



Counting has been a focus in Year Two. We are practising skip counting by 2, 5 and 10 from any starting point. We have created PowerPoints on sport and exercise.

MIDDLE UNIT



Over the past few weeks the Grade 3 students have been learning about positive relationships and what attributes make a kind friend. This week they will be drafting, editing and publishing their own mini book about friendship. We are hoping to visit the Grade 1 students and read our finished stories to them. In maths we will be focusing on fractions.

This week in Grade 4 we have been learning how to develop questions and how cultures can influence our identity. In Math we have focused on place value and in writing we have looked at the importance of using appropriate punctuation.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Information Night last week. It was wonderful to see you all there. If you have any questions please come and speak with your child's teacher.

SENIOR UNIT

The Senior Unit has been very busy over the last fortnight. We have been working hard on our Central idea 'Different Leaders Inspired By A Variety Of Issues' - inquiring into lots of different topics to do with this; such as world leaders, leaders of the past, September 11 and also through our novel 'Lord of The Flies', where we are comparing the two main characters leadership styles. Furthermore, our inquiry focus has also extended to maths where we too are conducting surveys to see what people believe are the most important attributes of a leader.

In two weeks the Grade 6 students will be attending Lake Dewar Lodge for a leadership day and the Grade 5 students will also participate in leadership activities, back here at school.

Thankyou to those families who attended our Information evening last week - it was great to see so many faces. Hopefully camp is at the forefront of your mind now, as we hope that people can be making payments so that early next term we can have all paperwork finalised.

