

What's UPPs

DATES TO REMEMBER

NEWSLETTER NO 12 TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2018

School Concert

Wednesday
29th August

Grade 5 Visit to Sovereign Hill

Thursday 30th &
Friday 31st August

Treasure Hunt Whole school Incursion

Thursday
6th September

Snow Camp

10-13 September

Learning Conferences

20th & 21st September

From the Principal

Working Together to Help Others

Many thanks to everybody who generously contributed to our 'Fiver for a Farmer' fundraising day. The school raised \$1475 for this very worthy cause. Thanks so much to Lilli and Jake for their initiative in raising our awareness of the plight of many farming families due to the current drought.



School Success at Futsal Tournaments



Last week, our students were very successful in inter school Futsal Tournaments. Mr Kane Tolliday has been working with the children to improve their co-ordination and skills, and this has resulted in some fantastic team performances. Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the competition last week. Thanks also to the children's parents and carers for supporting our school. I would also like to acknowledge the students who played in the finals and won trophies and medals. Their success was celebrated at our last assembly.

Choir Success at Royal South Street Competitions

Yesterday, our Choir performed extremely well at Royal South Street. They sang in three sections, winning a Silver Medallion and second place. The adjudicator commented that our students were 'very positive and demonstrated lots of character'. Congratulations to our tuneful choristers and to Mrs Lyndell Allen for her ongoing and dedicated work to prepare the children for their performance. Many thanks to parents and carers for your ongoing support of our choirs.



Book Week Performance- Treasure Hunt

Book Week will be celebrated this year with a special in-school performance based around the Children's Book Council theme: 'Find Your Treasure'. 'Treasure Hunt' is an interactive performance that explores the issues of sustainability and our relationship with the natural environment as well as celebrating how books and reading can create understanding and bring people of different backgrounds together. Notes have gone home to inform families that the cost per student is \$5.50. Short listed books are available in the Discovery Centre.



School Concert

We are very excited about the School Concert that will be taking place on Wednesday evening. The rehearsals have been fantastic, with high levels of student engagement. Ticket sales have been incredible, with all tickets sold. Thank you very much for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the Concert on Wednesday.



Learning Conferences- Thursday 20th and Friday 21st September

Learning Conferences will be held at the end of this term on Thursday 20th September from 3.30-6.30pm and on Friday 21st September from 9-1pm. **Classes will not be held on Friday 21st September.** There is more information about booking appointments with teachers in this newsletter. Please contact Susan, our Office Manager, if you would like some assistance with booking appointments.



Student Free Day in Term 4 for Report Writing- Thursday 8th November

School Council has approved **Thursday 8th November as Report Writing Day** for teachers. Students will not be required at school on this day. Please approach the YMCA directly if you are in need of childcare on this day.



Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove

JUNIOR UNIT

Only 1 sleep until concert night! Costumes are made, dance moves are learned and we are very excited about sharing our performances with the school community on Wednesday evening.

It was great to see many of our families at our recent Junior Unit Assembly when the children shared some of their learning and we congratulated a number of students for demonstrating our PYP Attitudes. Our next Junior Unit Assembly will be held on Wednesday 12th September at 9.15am.

We are launching into our new Units of Inquiry this week. All of the junior classes will be inquiring into How We Express Ourselves with each year level having a specific focus to develop skills, understanding and knowledge.

MIDDLE UNIT

It has been a very busy fortnight in the Middle Unit! We congratulate all of the students from the Middle Unit who represented UPPS at the Futsal Tournament last week. Congratulations to the Middle Unit Girl's team, who won their division on the day!

Students in Grade 3 had the exciting opportunity to work with Bec from 'Granny Skills' recently, exploring how to make products such as toothpaste and body scrub using everyday ingredients found at home. Our upcoming unit of inquiry, 'Sharing the Planet', will see us continuing to explore how we can all be more sustainable and look after our world.

Please note that our next Middle Unit Assembly will take place next Friday, 7th September, at 2.30pm in the MPR. All families are welcome to join us as we share our learning with each other.

We are excited to share our concert routines with everyone this week—enjoy the show!

SENIOR UNIT

Again we have had a very busy couple of weeks in the Senior Unit, and it continues this week as we finalise our concert routines ready for Wednesday. Everyone has been working very hard on their concert items and we are getting very excited for all of the performances.

Also this week, the Grade 5's experience life on the Goldfields as they embark on 2 days of school at Sovereign Hill's Costume School. They have been working hard to write letters of introduction from the perspective of a child in the 1850's and this will assist them with their role play experience.

We are looking forward to our new Unit of Inquiry 'Sharing the Planet', which will see the Senior Unit looking at resources and renewable energy.

Thank you to parents who attended last weeks Senior Unit Assembly. Please stay tuned for our next Unit Assembly date.

MEDIA RELEASE
THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD



A selection of Grade 5 Students at Urquhart Park PS were recently treated to a professional photographic workshop, capturing the imagination of many budding young artists.

Every year the Moran Arts Foundation provides **free photographic workshops** in city, country and remote schools across all corners of Australia. Run by professional photographers, the workshops are an ideal way to foster creativity amongst school students. By encouraging students to be imaginative and creative they build valuable skills and confidence.

Each student receives a digital camera to use for the day. The workshop explores the art and technique of photography, a form of visual storytelling. Five of each student's favourite photographs are printed to keep as a souvenir of the day and favourite images are entered in the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize which has over \$20,000 worth of prize money. Digital cameras are awarded to primary school finalists. There has been an unprecedented number of school entries in recent years with finalists work exhibited at Juniper Hall, Paddington, Sydney and on the website moranprizes.com.au.

It's a real privilege judging the student photography. Every image brims with action, colour and life. There's always a few special ones that stand outI was impressed with the photographers' willingness to get amongst the action." Comment from 2016 Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize Student Category Judges.

The Moran Arts Foundation is a philanthropic, not-for-profit organisation whose objective is to support the arts in Australia through the Moran Prizes, Moran Galleries and School Photographic Workshops. More information is available at moranarts.org.au.



Moran Photography Workshop- Grade 5

On Thursday the 16th of August, 30 of the Grade 5's got to participate in the Moran Photography Workshop. We were one of two lucky schools to be selected for this workshop, thanks to Miss Devlin's application.

We all had the chance to learn how to use proper cameras and we were allowed to print our 5 favourite photos at the end of the day. One of our photos has been put on display at the office and you can see this as you enter the office area.

We had a professional photographer come and teach us about the art of photography. She explained the features on the camera such as macro, which zooms in on something specific and blurs out the background. She taught us about the different angles that we could use such as worms eye, birds eye, and ants eye view.

The five photos we printed will be entered in the 2019 Moran National Photography Competition.

We all had a very fun day and would love to do it again.

By Harvey Perkins and Takoda Stanton



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2018

Visit NAPCAN's website at
www.napcan.org.au for
more information



NAPCAN
PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

Next week (2-8 September) is **National Child Protection Week** - an opportunity to promote the safety and wellbeing of children. At Urquhart Park we have a range of policies and processes in place to protect the safety and welfare of our students. (*Copies of our Child Safe Policies can be found on the school website.*)

As part of our commitment to creating a child safe environment, it is important that we provide our students with age-appropriate personal safety education – we need to ensure students know who to talk to if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues.

In classrooms students will learn how to *recognise, react and report* when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.

Information for parents, can be found at – [Child Safety and Protection: For Parents & Carers](#)

Please feel free to contact me if you require more information regarding our Child Safe Standards

Monica Dowling

Acting Assistant Principal

parenting * ideas
schools

This week's INSIGHT article '**Keep children safe in public with these 5 ideas**' – outlines five practical ways to help keep children safe in public.

Family Connections Pop Up Play Session !! EVERY WEDNESDAY



9:00am to 10:30am

UPPS —MPR

Bring your little ones and have a cuppa.

Meet some new families and connect with familiar faces.

Drop in for 10 mins or stay for the whole session.

Meet some new families and connect with familiar faces.



Facilitated by Alison and Sonia from SalvoConnect Western

insights

Keep children safe in public with these 5 ideas

by Catherine Gerhardt



There is a strong shift away from the old rule of “never talk to strangers” to “never go anywhere with anyone without asking permission first”. A child who has been taught to never talk to strangers may feel they have nowhere to go if they find themselves lost in a shopping centre or other public place.

As parents we need to emphasise who is a “stranger”. Your definition and your child’s may be quite different. Engage with your children to help them understand that a stranger is simply someone whom they do not know. We do not know if someone is good or bad just by looking at them. Rather, we need to teach our children about “strangeness”, which is way down at the feeling level. This is about helping kids recognise that something doesn’t feel right, and then to trust and act on those feelings.

Five ways to enforce the new rule:

1. Never go anywhere with anyone without asking permission first

This is the new fundamental rule to keeping kids safe. This rule must NEVER be broken. Regardless of if it is a school, public or family function, work with your children to ensure they always ask an adult for permission before going off with ANYONE.

Classic “what if” scenarios are worth their weight in gold. “You are at school and walking back to class after snack when a man comes up to you and says he is looking for his son’s class. He asks you to go with him to show him where it is. Do you go?”

Use tempting scenarios that are relevant to your child, such as puppies or toys, and discuss safe options and strategies in each case.



2. Your personal alarm

Children have an innate sensitive personal alarm, which we can teach them to use. This is their natural defence system. Work with them to identify and recognise the physical and environmental signals that cause their alarm to sound. Knowing that a rush of adrenalin will cause physiological changes in our bodies and activate our personal alarm is a good start. A child’s personal alarm will present the same physical and emotional cues that an adult’s will.



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**



Dear Parents

Learning Conferences will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 20th September and Friday 21st September 2017

Learning Conferences should take approximately 10 minutes per child.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on Wednesday 19th September 2018.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 5330 5400



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CLINICS

MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

BALLARAT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

BARKLY ST, BALLARAT

9:30AM – 12:00PM

7-10YRS OLD

12:30PM – 3:00PM

11-14YRS OLD

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