

DATES TO REMEMBER

No School
Report Writing Day
7 June

Queens Birthday
12 June

What's UPPs

NEWSLETTER NO 8

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017

From the Principal

School Improvement



Over the last week, an irrigation system has been installed on our oval. This is the next step towards the provision of an improved oval surface for the children. The upgrade of the basketball court is also well underway.

Fundraising Success

A huge thank you to Mrs Michelle Benda and the team of parents and staff who worked together to raise approximately \$2000 at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle last Sunday. Michelle co-ordinated the event and worked tirelessly throughout the day, and we really appreciate her generous support. We will spend this money on resources for our Discovery Centre. Thanks everybody!



MacqLit Program

Our Learning Support teachers, Mrs Julie Robinson and Mrs Karra Nicholson, have recently trained to deliver the MacqLit program. This program is an explicit and systematic reading intervention program that aims to improve children's reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Julie and Karra will be working initially with children in Grades 2 and 4.

No School- Report Writing Day



There will be **no school on Wednesday 7th June** as teachers will be writing reports. Please speak with the YMCA staff directly to organise childcare.

Canberra Camp and the IB-PYP

The children in Grades 5 and 6 have experienced a wonderful camp in Canberra. The camp was organised to complement the Unit of Inquiry that is being studied in Grades 5 and 6. Under the transdisciplinary theme 'How We Organise Ourselves', the children have been learning about societal decision-making and the system of government that operates within Australia. In Canberra, the children met a number of politicians, including our Governor General, visited Parliament House and enjoyed a trip to Questacon. Many thanks to the staff in attendance- Ms Monica Dowling, Mrs Bree Williams, Mrs Whitney Wills, Mr Damien Horbury, Ms Tegan Wiley, Mr Daniel Paxton, Mrs Dianne Giblett and Mrs Sharon Petrie- for their dedication, organisation and care of our students.



Instrumental Music Concerts



Many thanks to Mrs Lyndell Allen who has initiated Instrumental Concerts. These are designed to provide performance opportunities for our students and to showcase the learning that is happening across the school in Music. The children who performed at the concert should feel very proud of themselves for demonstrating the PYP Learner Profile attributes of being courageous communicators who expressed themselves with creativity and confidence. I must acknowledge the Saplings Choir, who have shown an incredible level of development since their formation.



Student Placement for 2018- Places filling very quickly!

We are in the fortunate position where a number of new families are seeking enrolments at our school. We have begun the process of offering places to Foundation students for 2018. It is very important that we be advised of siblings requiring places. Please contact our Office Manager, Susan, if you have not enrolled your child for Foundation in 2018. Many thanks.

Best wishes,

JUNIOR UNIT

YEAR ONE INQUIRY LEARNING UNCOVERS THE HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL

On the 28th of April our incredible Year Ones embarked on an adventure to the old Urquhart Street Primary School. We braved the weather, squealed with excitement at the happy dogs running around and conquered the walk! We learnt so many fabulous things about our school and were privileged enough to have Pat Gleeson, a former student of Urquhart Street Primary pay us a visit and answer many of our questions. Ms Hartman enriched our exploration of the past and present by sharing some awesome treasures from the archives and even bringing out some old school uniforms for the children to try on.



Year One Teachers

MIDDLE UNIT

The Grade 3 students have been busy becoming experts on a country of their choice. They have been researching, editing and are now up to publishing their work. We are hoping that their work will be on display by the end of the week! We have been learning about different countries, cultures and communities. Next week we will begin learning about how and why people participate in different communities or social groups and what we can do to help our own community be the best it can be.



Don't forget to talk with your child about their cultural heritage and where your family has come from.

This week in Grade 4 we have been focusing on Number Patterns and counting sequences. In writing we have begun to look at Newspaper articles and how they are presented and what they consist of. Finally, in Inquiry we have just begun our Group Projects with the aim of having class elections in a few weeks.

COMMUNICATORS AWARD

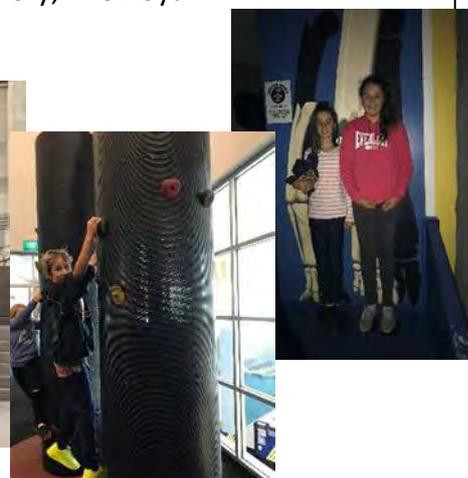
Emma Mc	FA	Emma confidently mixes with all other children. She takes turns speaking and listening when working in a group situation.
Aleira N	FB	For being a positive team member who takes turns and listens to others.
Harper G	1A	Your efforts to help others and listen to what they have to say is admirable. We are lucky to have such a beautiful, bright and bubbly friend in 1A. Keep shining!
Sophie D	1B	For always being willing to listen to others and respectfully share her own ideas.
Declan A	2A	For listening carefully in class and having the confidence to ask for help so that you can achieve your best.
Ethan M	2B	For being as willing to listen as talk. For fairness and being prepared to speak up.
Tahlia M	3A	You are able to clearly express your thoughts and ideas with your peers. Well done!
Willow Mc	3B	For her ability to work well with others and solve conflict with kindness and consideration.
Harvey P	4A	For his positive attitude toward speaking in front of class and the school using a clear loud voice and embracing the challenge.
Heidi N	4B	For always contributing positively when working in groups. Heidi is always fair and always ensures that everyone has equal opportunities in their learning.
Sophia S	5A	For communicating with her peers at camp making sure her group was together and accounted for.
Imogen T	5B	For being an open and honest communicator when interacting with her peers and teachers.
Seth H	56A	For becoming more confident in communicating in whole class situations and with a variety of peers.
Darrian D	6A	For always contributing his ideas and opinion in a thoughtful manner whether spoken or written.
Jacob B	PE	For always being a positive communicator during PE lessons. Jacob gives feedback, reflects on the sessions and is a great communicator within a team environment.
Alexanda H	Art	For always confidently communicating his thoughts and ideas during Art.
Jennifer S	LOTE	For always improving her Japanese oral skills through practice and seeking teacher assistance.
Austyn P	Music	For his ability to clearly communicate the meaning of the song through his performance in choir.
Rubi V	Garden Kitchen	For being a confident team leader who willingly includes others and listens to them.

SENIOR UNIT

Wow! What a busy week the senior students had in Canberra. Up at 6am and bed by 10pm – everyday was filled with experiences that we could have only dreamt of. Meeting the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove, shaking hands with Tony Abbott and afternoon tea with Catherine King – we definitely got a good feel for our Nation's capital.

Along with learning more about Australian government, the students also enjoyed Questacon, The AIS, Telstra Tower, The Dinosaur Museum, The National Gallery, The Royal Australian Mint and The Australian War Memorial.

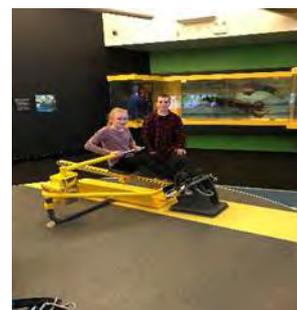
A great week was had by all!



PACER REBATE

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was calculated into the cost of the camp for extra snacks and part time teacher wages – who worked extra days.



MacqLit Program

Some of our Grade 4 and Grade 2 students will be participating in a new English program called MacqLit. This program will give our students the best opportunity to further enhance their reading and spelling strategies in small groups. Mrs Robinson and Mrs Nicholson will both be running this program in the next few weeks, so please feel free to approach them if you have any queries.

SPECIALIST



P.E: Mr. Tolliday

Congratulations to our 16 students who represented the school at the Division Cross Country last week. All students worked really hard leading up to the event to give themselves the opportunity to perform at their best. I am extremely proud to announce that we have had 5 students qualify for the Regional Cross Country Championships to be held in Warrnambool on June 5th. Well done to Aluat, Lauren, Taj, Tarlee and Kayla.

Winter Sports are on this Thursday with 54 5/6 students taking part in Soccer, Netball and Football. Good luck to all teams.



After school Basketball is ticking along nicely with UPPS fielding 3 teams. Mr Dixon and Mr Merry have been extremely happy with the dedication and team play by all students.

Grade 3/4 swimming will take place over 5 days in week 10. We have made a couple of changes to the program which include 1 hour sessions compared to 30 minutes last year along with group sizes with each group having no more than 6. I think this is a great step forward for our students to maximise their time in the pool and benefit more from the lessons.

Junior Cross Country: At our assembly in week 8 our Sports Captain will be presenting our place getters from our Cross Country event with ribbons to recognise their performance. Congratulations to:

Foundation—Nate C, Riley P, Bailey D, Ruby A, Ashley H, Mehar K



MUSIC NOTES



Upcoming Performances

Friday 2/6 Saplings and Ukuleles to Bupa Nursing Home for afternoon CONCERT (please see note for details)

Friday 16/6 Instrumental Concert 2: Guitar Club, Seedlings Choir, all Grade 5s and individual instrumental soloists.

BUPA Gig Friday 2/6/17

Saplings Choir (3-6) & Ukulele Club (2-6), please remember to bring your yellow excursion note back to school on Monday so we can finalise the list of students attending. This is a great opportunity for us to participate in community Service!

Well done to all of the performers at our very first UPPS Instrumental Concert. There were some courageous individual performances along with some humour provided by the Ukuleles in Row Row Row your boat and outstanding team efforts from the Buckets, Grade 3s and Grade 4s. We will look forward to hearing the Saplings perform again soon so that we can learn more about their favourite things!

The **Grade 3 Recorder Program** is coming to an end for this year. Beginning the Recorder Karate Program in Grade 2, many of our students have made a big effort to learn their notes and songs and have achieved their White, Yellow and Orange belts. We congratulate Tahlia M in 3A and Addison in 3B on being awarded their **GREEN BELT** in the last couple of weeks— an awesome musical effort! As the semester draws to a close we will be asking the Grade 3s to return the school instruments they have had on loan so that we can make them ready for our Grade 2s to commence their studies next term. There is still time to test for one more belt for those who would like to. Grade 3 Parents, please keep an eye out for the coming note explaining opportunities for continuing to learn recorder next semester.



Instrumental Music Concert

Friday 16th June, 2017, 2.15pm

UPPS Multipurpose Room

Including performances by our Grade 5 music classes, Ukulele Club, Guitar Club and Seedlings Choir along with instrumental soloists.

We hope you can join us for a musical afternoon!





THE GARDENING KITCHEN

Sausage Rolls and Sustainability ...what a fortnight we have had in The Gardening Kitchen!

Using seasonal vegetables and locally produced food we have made the most tantalizing, delicious, mouth watering, scrumptious, yummy sausage rolls. The recipe for Healthy Sausage Rolls can be found on our App under the recipe tab.

From egg cartons we have made sustainable seedling trays in partnership with Food Is Free. The lids of the egg cartons were shredded by our students to be made into pulp for worm farms and mixed with other organic matter to make compost. From all our hard work—healthy worm tea and compost will be made from this pulp, to organically enrich soils and help crops to grow seasonal vegetables and fruits.



... and as always a **big thank you** to all the many volunteers that help us each week in our garden, kitchen and canteen! You are invaluable - in fact priceless and we just couldn't do without you! Kerry Hartmann



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Japanese : Mr. Paxton

Minasan Konnichiwa! みなさんこんにちは

Students this term are learning about "Sakura", or Cherry Blossom season in Japan. Students in grades 5 and 6 have also learnt the traditional Japanese form of poetry called "Haiku", comprising 3 lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables. Here is a small sample:

*The wind blows
Kids dance in the Cherry Blossom
On the cold hill*

Declan

*The birds sing in Spring
It's a sunny day flowers bloom
Spring is here*

Sarah

*Spring is filled with love
Glistening moon in the night
Waterfalls glide down*

Aaliyah

*As the leaves rustle
I smell the warm fresh air
And the baby animals play*

Thu

*As the wind blows
I see the flowers blossom
And nature calls me*

Heidi

*The leaves rustle in the wind
As the heavens blow deeply
Spring is on the way*

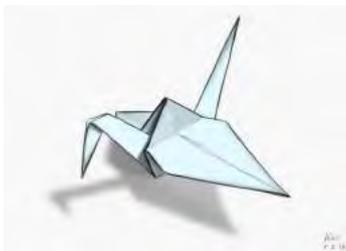
Lochlan

*Pretty plants are blooming
The birds soft chirps awaken me
The leaves kiss the ground*

Abbey

*The Cherry blossoms
Swayed in the Spring breeze calmly
On top of the hill*

Nash



Japanese Club: For the remainder of Term 2, we are working towards completing 1000 origami paper cranes to send to Hiroshima, Japan for the peace memorial on August 6th. Though we have a small working group at present, new members are always welcome! Please come to the Japanese room at lunchtime on Mondays.

Bamboo

Urquhart Park Primary school have been invited to see "Bamboo", a play based on the story of the **Moon Princess**, at Ballarat Secondary College Mt. Rowan campus. Permission forms will be sent home this week.

Dates: Tuesday 27th June from 10:30 – 12:30 (**Grades 5/6**)

Wednesday 28th June from 10:30 – 12:30 (**Foundation, 1, 2, 3, 4**)



Mata ne! またね (see you)



We

LOVE

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Food!



THE GARDENING KITCHEN KISSATEN (CANTEEN) MENU is based on seasonal fruit and vegetables, sound nutritional guidelines and prepared in our school canteen! *All menu recipes and ingredients can be found on the Urquhart Park Primary School app.*

OPENING IN TERM 2

As part of the PYP - we are proud to be following exemplary sustainable practices of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and as such are a wrapper free school!

To order, write your name and order on a paper bag, enclose a clean, suitable airtight nude food container and your money inside the paper bag.

If you choose not to provide a suitable container please kindly add 50 cents to your order to cover the cost of purchasing packaging on your behalf. **Orders must be in on Tuesday for Thursday Canteen**

<u>HOT FOOD</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>Traffic Light Rating</u>	<u>SANDWICHES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>Traffic Light Rating</u>
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$5.00	☺☺☺	Vegemite	\$3.00	☺☺☺
Macaroni and Cheese	\$4.00	☺☺☺	Cheese	\$3.00	☺☺☺
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.50	☺☺☺	Vegemite and Cheese	\$4.00	☺☺☺
Large Sausage Roll	\$3.00	☺☺☺	Egg and Lettuce	\$4.00	☺☺☺
Baked Beans and Cheese Jaffle	\$4.00	☺☺☺			
Cheese Jaffle	\$3.00	☺☺☺	<u>UPWAYS (UPPS Subway)</u>		
<u>SUSHI</u>			Salad * - Large Roll - Small Roll	\$4.00 \$2.00	☺☺☺ ☺☺
1 Nori Roll \$2.50 - 2 Nori Rolls \$4.50			Chicken & Salad * - Large Roll - Small Roll	\$6.00 \$3.00	☺☺☺ ☺☺☺
Seasonal Vegetable		☺☺☺	Meatball & Salad * - Large Roll - Small Roll	\$6.00 \$3.00	☺☺☺ ☺☺☺
Tuna		☺☺☺	* Choose from 4 salad options: <i>Capsicum, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cheese, Beetroot, Carrot, Cucumber Mayonnaise or Sweet Chilli Sauce</i>		
<u>SOUPS</u>					
Carrot	\$3.00	☺☺☺			
Pumpkin	\$3.00	☺☺☺			
<u>SNACKS</u>			<u>SALADS</u>		
Freshly Popped Popcorn	\$1.00	☺☺☺	Garden Salad - <i>Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Spanish Onion, Carrot, Capsicum, Celery with Lemon Juice or Mayonnaise</i>	\$5.00	☺☺☺
Vegetable Sticks and Hummus	\$3.00	☺☺☺			
Boston Bun	\$1.00	☺☺☺			
Anzac Biscuit	\$1.00	☺☺☺			
Seasonal Savoury Muffin	\$1.00	☺☺☺	Garden Salad with Meatball or Chicken	\$7.00	☺☺☺
Seasonal Fruit Muffin	\$1.00	☺☺☺			