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On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people

NEWSLETTER NO. 35 TERM 4 WEEK 6 WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

16th - 18th Nov 23rd - 24th Nov	Book Fair	Thurs 26th Nov	Visiting Performance "Brilliant at Being Resilient" \$5
Thurs 19th Nov	Little Athletics Workshops Yrs 3-6	Fri 4th Dec	Yr6 to Bellingen HS for Yr 7 Orientation
Fri 20th Nov	Kinder Orientation 9.30am-10.45am	Mon 7th Dec	Garden Club @ 11.10am
Mon 23rd Nov	Garden Club @ 11.10am	Thurs 10th Dec	Presentation Day

BOOK FAIR DRESS-UP

The school was full of wonderful book and series characters yesterday morning. Everyone was excited to parade their creations in front of the school at the start of the day. It was amazing to see some of the costumes and hard work students (and their parents!!) as well as staff had gone to make it such a great day. We had everything from Harry Potter characters, to Thing 1 and Thing 2, fairies, superheroes, not to mention Captain Underpants and some Little Misses.

Well done to everyone who participated, it was a fun and colourful day!

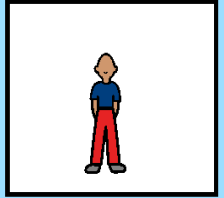




NEWS FROM OUR RELIEVING PRINCIPAL MRS KIM PRIOR

WEEKLY SCHOOL RULE

The focus this week is the **blue rule**
"keep hands, feet, mouth
and objects to myself"



We ask that you reinforce this week's rule at home with your child.

It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of Week 6. Yesterday we saw Dr Seuss characters, princesses, Jedi masters and many more wonderful book characters roaming around the school. Students and staff had a wonderful time parading their costumes in our Book Week Parade. Thank you to Mrs Jensen for organising this fun event.

PRAC TEACHERS

This week we say goodbye to our pre-service teachers from Southern Cross University. Miss Alysha Proctor and Ms Sheree Kendall have been with us since the beginning of the term. I know 5/6 Maroon and 1/2 Yellow have thoroughly enjoyed the learning opportunities created by Miss Proctor and Ms Kendall. We wish them all the best in their future teaching careers.

LITTLE ATHLETICS WORKSHOP

Tomorrow we have a free workshop from Little Athletics for Years 3 - 6. Students will participate in a 30 minute lesson developing basic running, jumping and throwing skills delivered by nationally accredited coaches. A big thank you to April Simpson from the Urunga-Bellingen Little Athletics Centre for nominating our school for this great opportunity.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Friday is our last orientation for the new Kindergarten students for 2021. It has been wonderful to see the enormous smiles and feel the excitement as each child enters the Kindergarten classrooms. We look forward to welcoming them and their families to Urunga Public School next year. Thank you to Mr Patterson, Mrs Wickham, Mrs Ashworth, Ms Luxon and Mr Sercombe for all their hard work in making our Kindergarten orientation a success.

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The guidelines for school operations and activities for Term 4 have been updated. The updates relate mostly to:

- Music activities
- Sport activities
- Year 6 graduations
- Kindergarten orientations
- Volunteers for educational outcomes

The advice for families regarding the updated guidelines can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Other than these updated guidelines, other measures that we have had in place as outlined in previous newsletters will continue. These include:

- School attendance
- Covid- 19 testing for students and staff with symptoms and the need to supply school with evidence of a negative result before returning to school
- Hygiene measures and precautions
- Parent meetings/ communications need to continue to be online, over the phone or via email
- Staggered pick up times after school

Take care
Kim Prior
Relieving Principal



NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER JENNY LUXON

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR SIX

Continuing our Year Six student spotlight.....



EVA-ANN CANNING

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Pink

FAVOURITE FOOD: Mango

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Australia

HOBBIES: Doing burnouts

ASPIRATIONS: I would like to become a mechanic that works on fast cars and I would love to eventually get a fast car myself.

The highlight of my time at UPS was COVID-19.



SIENNA HAYS

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Blue

FAVOURITE FOOD: Cake

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: England

HOBBIES: Horse riding

ASPIRATIONS: I would like to become a really good horse rider.

The highlights of my time at UPS have been being with friends and going to this school.



CALLEN SAWYER

FAVOURITE COLOUR: Pink

FAVOURITE FOOD: Tuna mornay

FAVOURITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Victoria

HOBBIES: Motorbike riding, fishing and fixing things

ASPIRATIONS: I would like to become a famous motorbike rider.

The highlight of my time at UPS has been playing sport.

URUNGA PS LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2021

Next week (Week 7) Year 5 candidates will present their speeches for the Leadership Team in 2021. **Speeches will take place each afternoon at 2.20pm from Tuesday to Friday in the top cola.** Dates for candidate's speeches were drawn randomly.

Students are asked to present a speech no longer than 3 minutes outlining their qualities and experiences that would support them in becoming an outstanding leader for Urunga PS. Elections will take place on Friday 27th November, straight after the final speeches.

Successful candidates will be announced on Presentation Day. Students are encouraged to write their speech at home and practice in front of their family to develop their confidence. Unfortunately due to Department of Education Covid19 guidelines parents are unable to attend the speeches. Please see below student's allocated day and time.

Tuesday 24/11/20	Wednesday 25/11/20	Thursday 26/11/20	Friday 27/11/20
Makayla Young Abbi Sheridan Osha Joosten Jayda Crocker	Hermione Hennessey Kiara George Jorja Howlett Roberta Canning	Cooper Lamb Makayla Day Talia McHeyzer Sophie Edwards	Lucy Rodgers Jett Harry Chelsea Lynes Sienna Young

Any questions please contact Mrs Prior, Ms Eichmann or Mr Ticli.

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

Monday mornings assembly saw quite a few awards handed out.

Finalists in the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition as well as the students who participated in the Premiers Debating Challenge were recognised by the Arts Unit of the Department of Education who sent out participation certificates. The students received these proudly. Congratulations to them all. All our fortnightly class award winners came to the front of the assembly also to receive their awards.



HEAD LICE

The head lice are out and about. Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and eggs (nits) - use a fine metal **tooth nit comb** and plenty of cheap hair conditioner applied to the dry hair. This is a cheap method to see if your child has head lice, and if they do please treat with an approved head lice treatment. **It is very important to remove all the eggs and repeat the process regularly until you no longer find eggs or lice in your comb.** Eggs will continue to hatch over a ten day period.

WHAT'S DUE

- **'Brilliant at Being Resilient' Permission note and \$5 payment due before Wednesday 25th November**

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair is here and the children are very excited! I fully understand how difficult this is for our parent community with the current COVID restrictions still in place. The Book Fair stock is more limited than previous Fairs due to COVID, especially the range of Novelty pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners and highlighters. I have tried to ensure all students from K-2 have had an opportunity to browse the Fair and write their 'Wish Lists', just as I have explained what a 'WISH' List is.

I thank you for your patience and co-operation in what effectively is a virtual Book Fair this year. The Book Fair brochure is available on our Facebook page and at school for your child to take home, however it only features **some** of the fiction books available. Unfortunately it does not show any of the novelty items such as diaries, craft activities or fact books that are available.

We have also added a video of the Book Fair set up/shelves to the school Facebook page which may be of some assistance to our parents.

If you need to know exactly what an item listed on a Wish List is (especially our Kindergarten parents) before purchasing, I am prepared to 'show' you specific books/ items after school at the school gate.

I will run our Christmas Book Fair until next Tuesday afternoon (24th November) when I will pack up the Fair in preparation for truck pick up next Wednesday.

On a slightly different note, the latest Book Club orders have also arrived and will be dispersed today for your children to bring home or for you to collect as required.

The Community Library Book Week Colouring competition is currently on display so drop in with your child to view if you get the chance. Winners of each section will be awarded at our school assembly next Monday and listed in the newsletter accordingly.

We have a wonderful school and parent community and I truly appreciate your ongoing support, especially during these very trying times.

Thank you
Geri Jensen
(Teacher
Librarian)



NAIDOC WEEK MUFTI DAY

To finish off a great week of NAIDOC activities last Friday, we had a mufti day for everyone to come dressed in the colours of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flag. What a great way to finish off a fantastic week.



UNCLE MARK'S CULTURAL WALK

4 Ruby really enjoyed their NAIDOC cultural walk with Uncle Mark. Here are a few excerpts from some of their recounts.

"On a glorious Monday, a sweet man called Uncle Mark took a small class on a huge walk through the Urunga boardwalk. He showed us all the bush foods you can eat and what things are medicine and what plants can cure our wounds. The goats morning glory helps soothe your headaches, you put it over a fire until it's heated, and when it's heated you put it on where your headache is."

Lauren

"The second plant we learnt about was the crighton lily. The crighton lily is white and it heals blue bottle stings and soothes the pain."

My favourite plant that I learnt about is the salted mangroves because you pick a leaf and lick it's underside.

I strongly recommend you going on a bush walk with an aboriginal elder."

Arabella

"After that we saw the grey mangroves, also known as the salt leaves. You can lick them. We also saw the cobra worm. The cobra worm nibbles on the wood and makes little holes."

Personally my favourite was the grey mangroves because it was so salty and yummy. Urunga Public School is so lucky to have Uncle Mark visit to help us learn about living in the wild.

One quick fact, if you ever come across a big scary kangaroo, don't worry, just put your face near your belly and scrunch up like a ball and slowly crawl away."

Bree

"The great thing about aboriginal bush food is it's a supermarket but you don't have to pay for it. So I strongly believe you should learn a bit about your area, it is very interesting"

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 6

K RED	3/4 BLUE
Mina Solomon	Maddison Smith
Mila McKenna	Siobhan Kealy-Banks
Justin Bond	Luka Payne
Kobi McClelland	Celeste Smallmon
K WHITE	4 RUBY
Harley Bell	Grace Pryor
Levi Crocker	Travis Penfold
Savannah Laird	Georgia Atkins
1/2 TEAL	Bree O'Connor
Laylah Moore	5/6 MAROON
William Carter	Violet Cooper
Maleeah Ferreira	Eibhlin Kealy-Banks
Birdie Tutt	Jai Monro
1/2 YELLOW	Levi Hennessey-Skinner
Nate Fitzgibbon	5/6 VIOLET
Bella Burgess	Porsha Smallmon
Nixon Perry	Chelsea Lynes
	Inara Green
2/3 GREEN	Jayda Crocker
Milly Forbes	MR SERCOMBE
Otis Hmelnitsky	Tyla Harges
Declan Williams	Diesel Danvers
Max Kelsall	

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO SPARE?

Do you enjoy meeting people?

Come & see us at

St Barnabas Anglican Op shop Is looking for volunteers.

OPENING HOURS ARE: Tues, Wed, Fri (9.00am – 100pm)
& Sat Morning (9.00am -12 noon)

If interested, please come into the shop for a volunteer form or
please contact Leonie on 6655 5342



URUNGA FOOD PANTRY

**NEXT TO THE LAUNDROMAT IN
CARDOWS ARCADE**

Open to anyone with a pensioner or healthcare card as well as those experiencing financial stress

OPEN IN URUNGA

Thursday: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Friday: 9.30am - 1.30pm



**LOW COST
groceries**

**FREE
bread
fruit & veg**

with \$10 food purchases

lifehousecare.org.au/pantry



**BELLINGEN FOOD PANTRY IS
ALSO OPEN**







Tues 10-12 and Fri 10-12

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



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