

URUNGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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On the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people

NEWSLETTER NO. 9

TERM 1 WEEK 10

TUESDAY 30th MARCH, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 31st Mar	School Cross Country	Tues 20th Apr	FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS
Thurs 1st Apr	Easter Hat Parade @ 2.20pm	Wed 21st Apr	P&C Meeting @ 9.30am
Thurs 1st Apr	LAST DAY TERM 1	Wed 21st Apr	School ANZAC Day assembly @ 2.20pm
Mon 19th Apr	Staff Development Day	Fri 23rd Apr	District Cross Country—Bowraville

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

You could have mistaken the COLA stage for a synchronised swimming arena at this afternoon's whole school assembly. 5/6 Maroon donned their swimming caps and goggles for an extremely entertaining synchronised swimming routine that had the whole school giggling. There was diving, synchronised kicks, twirls and also a scary shark! There was a strange frog-man conducting the whole routine to the classical sound of Johann Strauss 11 'The Beautiful Blue Danube'. It was a well rehearsed and very energetic performance. The class also showed us some posters that they have been working on about special adaptations of desert animals. Well done 5/6 Maroon!

Our fortnightly class award winners were very happy to receive their certificates in this final assembly for the term.





NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL MRS JANE MARTYN



EASTER ACTIVITIES

We are looking forward to parents and carers joining us on Thursday for our traditional K-2 Easter Hat Parade which includes a parade around our local community with our hats on.

Our usual procedures for the QR sign in still applies, as do the social distancing requirements. If you are unwell – do not attend. Accordingly, if you have been to any of the close contact locations in Queensland or Northern NSW as listed on the [NSW Health website](#), do not attend.

CROSS COUNTRY

We are also looking forward to our rescheduled Cross Country tomorrow. As per the guidelines mentioned above, if you are unwell or have attended any of the locations listed as close contact areas, do not attend. Please be reminded that social distancing is still necessary.

Due to the still damp conditions at the ground, it is suggested that children bring an extra pair of joggers and a plastic bag for muddy shoes/ clothes.

Puffers for asthmatic children are essential, as is sunscreen, water and hats for all.

DOGS AT PICK UP TIME

In the interests and safety of everyone, please refrain from bringing your **dogs** to our school gates at pick up and drop off times. These times are very busy and highly populated.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

Due to the torrential rain last week, we were unable to have our traditional whole school photo on our oval. We have rescheduled it with our photographer for Monday 24th May.

PARENTS / CARERS / VOLUNTEERS SIGNING IN

This is just a reminder that all adults need to sign in using the QR code located on all of our gates when they enter our school grounds. This includes Kindergarten to Year 2 parents and carers who are dropping their children to classrooms in the mornings and visitors to the office.

Parents and carers who have appointments with teachers or volunteers who are working in classrooms and the canteen need to also sign in and sign out at our office.

THE LATEST ADVICE TO PARENTS AND FAMILIES REGARDING COVID-19 GUIDELINES

New [stay at home restrictions](#) were released on Monday 29 March and will apply immediately to anyone who visited Greater Brisbane since Saturday 20 March regardless of their current location.

If a person has returned from Greater Brisbane, which includes Brisbane, Logan, Moreton Bay, Ipswich and Redland Local Government Areas since 20 March 2021 must comply with the [Stay at Home Order](#) consistent with those living in identified areas in QLD until 5 pm Thursday 1 April 2021. This means they cannot attend work or come to school for this period.

Non-essential travel to Brisbane is not advisable at this time.

In addition, a number of locations in NSW have been identified to be associated with a COVID-19 case. The full list of locations is available on the [NSW Health website](#) along with the instructions you will be required to follow if you visited any of these sites during the specified date and time.



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This means:

- If a person has been to any of the **close contact locations** on the dates and during the times listed, they must get tested immediately and self-isolate for a period of 14 days from the time they attended the location. This means they will not be able to attend work or school for the full 14 day period.
- If a person has been to one of the **casual contact locations** on the dates and during the times listed, they must get tested and self-isolate until they receive a negative result. That means they cannot attend work or school until they receive confirmation of their negative result. Then they can return to their normal living arrangements.

Please monitor the [NSW Health website](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/) for locations of concern over the coming days as changes may be made with new sites and locations added.

Following is a link that may be useful for you if you have any questions regarding current guidelines:

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

When students or staff are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 and are unwell, they need to stay at home. For anyone displaying COVID 19 symptoms, a COVID test is necessary. They can only return to school when we have received proof of a negative test result and they are symptom free.

PARENTING IDEAS

This week's Parenting Ideas article is called '*That's leadership thinking!*'. The article focuses on positive parenting.

Take care
Jane Martyn
Principal





NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER LAURA McGRATH

SPOTLIGHT ON ANNE RAYNER

CLASS: 1/2 Intensive Learning Support (ILSP)
STAR SIGN: Aquarius
FAVOURITE NUMBER: 4
FAVOURITE BOOK: The Power of Vulnerability by Brene Brown
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY: Hawaii
IF I HAD ONE WISH: I would wish for a cure for every type of cancer

Interesting facts – I have two adult sons, a two-year-old granddaughter and a grandson due any day. I love family get togethers, coffee catch ups with friends and any outdoor activities.

Teaching Experience – I was a casual teacher for over twenty years. I am a permanent part time teacher at Tyalla but I have taken leave from that position to teach at Urunga.

My favourite subjects I like to teach - I am passionate about Literacy and love exploring books and helping kids discover the magic in reading.

What I like best about teaching is that I love the funny conversations with kids and just knowing that I can make a difference.



Garden Club:

Reminder we are holding our working bee on Saturday 10th April 8am.
Hope to see you there!

Community Tutors:

We are starting our wonderful Community Tutor program again in Term 2. This has been a fantastic program over the years where parents, grandparents and community members come the school to work one-on-one with children for 30 minutes every week.

The focus is to help with spelling, reading, writing and mathematics, and has been shown to help with confidence and overall achievement amongst the children involved.
If you are interested in being a Community Tutor, I would love to hear from you!

To find out more about Garden Club or the Community Tutor program, please call Laura on the school number 6655 6393 or email: laura.mcgrath5@det.nsw.edu.au

KINDERGARTEN BUS SAFETY TALK

K White and K/1 Orange students had a fantastic time last Friday listening to and participating in a Bus Safety Information Session run by Busways. They learned all sorts of fun facts and different ways to be safe around and on buses. They discovered we all need to be 4 steps away from a bus to be safe. Some of the things they learned were that you always have to be seated while travelling on a bus and there is no food or drink allowed other than water. After the chat in the classroom all students were very excited to have a ride on a real bus. They practised all the safety rules they had just learned while hopping onto the bus and travelling on a short trip around Urunga. They used a pretend busways bus pass to practice showing the driver. It was great fun for everyone! Everyone was given a bus safety show bag that was left for them by Busways.



NAPLAN ONLINE 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **11 and 21 May 2021**.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, our school will also be participating in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April. The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability and the tests will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

WHAT'S DUE

- Yr 6 to Yr 7 in 2021 Expression of Interest forms—OVERDUE
- Stage 3 Canberra Excursion note and \$150 deposit due before Thurs 1st April
- Sold raffle tickets and money due before Thurs 1st April
- Donation of Easter themed items for our Easter raffle due before Thurs 1st April
- Voluntary School Contributions

EASTER HAT PARADE 2021

As the Easter Hat Parade approaches, children in Kindergarten to Year 2 (including Year 2 students in 2/3 Green) are encouraged to make their Easter hats at home and bring them into school on the day of the parade, Thursday 1st April. Students will assemble in the bottom COLA at 2.20pm to parade their creations then walk down town. Parents and carers of K-2 students are invited to come along at 2.15pm and watch the colourful parade. The Easter raffle winners will be drawn and announced at a short morning assembly at 9.20am on that morning, so don't forget to send in your sold tickets along with an Easter themed donation please.

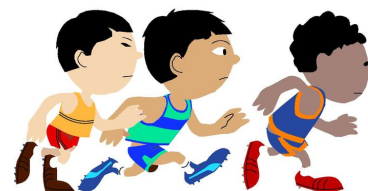
K-2 Classroom Teachers



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow's Cross Country run will go ahead at the Urunga Recreation Fields. It will still be muddy in some areas so please send your children with an old or spare pair of joggers and a plastic bag to put any muddy clothes/shoes in. Parents are able to attend the carnival. We ask that all parents adhere to social distancing measures.

Mr Tieli



CANTEEN ON CROSS COUNTRY DAY

The canteen will **still be open** at school for lunch orders and other purchases on this day. Our K-2 students will be back at school around 11am for their regular lunch time and our Year 3-6 (including our 8 year olds) will have their lunch orders transported down to the carnival. Time will be provided to each class before walking down to the carnival for students who would like to purchase items from the canteen. Students may also prepay and order cold items such as ice blocks. A big thank you to Sharon for making this available to all students.

MNC HOCKEY TRIALS

Four of our hockey players trialled for the Mid North Coast hockey team at Coffs Harbour Hockey Complex today. Lucy, Hermione, Jorja and Alyssa all had a fun day as well as playing some great hockey. The standard was high with girls coming from schools as far away as Grafton. A big congratulations to Lucy who was successful in being selected for the Mid North Coast team and will go onto the North Coast trials next term. We wish her all the best.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 1 WEEK 10

K WHITE	3/4 BLUE
Kai McClelland	Kyan Ferreira
Max Adams	Jet Sticker
Tigerlily Aitken	Lucy Hennessey
K/1 ORANGE	Janay Lewis
Ollie Tate	4/5 INDIGO
Tannan Holland	Ruben Devai-Clark
Jasmine Zmuda	Celeste Smallmon
Kloe Graham	Olivia Page
1/2 TEAL	Dylan Bennington
Zac Cumming	5/6 MAROON
Levi Adams	Jett Harry
Levi Crocker	Aysha Lewis
Savannah Laird	Lauren Bourke
1/2 YELLOW	Violet Cooper
Honey Danzey	5/6 VIOLET
Zali Miller	James Day
Kyan Payne	Sophie Edwards
Zoe Egan	Robertta Canning
2/3 GREEN	Jorja Howlett
Chelsea Turner	OTHER TEACHERS
Max Kelsall	
Otis Hmelnitsky	
Harriet Ross	

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF THIS YEAR'S YEAR 4 STUDENTS

An "Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022" note was sent home earlier in the week with all Year 4 students. If you wish to apply please ensure you apply **online** between Tuesday 20th April and Friday 7th May 2021 as the school cannot apply on your behalf. Please also return the 'intention to apply' form so the school is aware of your application.

Mrs Prior



High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2022**

Once you complete and submit your application you must change details receive messages and record decisions through your application portal.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application site opens:
Tuesday 20 April 2021

Application site closes:
5pm, Friday 7 May 2021
You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:
Wednesday 7 July 2021

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Placement outcome information
released overnight on:
Friday 1 October 2021

**Please read this booklet carefully
before applying.**

Parents* should check the
Department's website at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> regularly
throughout the application and
placement process.

Please check the Department's website
for information before you contact the
Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team[^].

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

Please Note:

[^]In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

*Parent[^] is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) - MASCOT DESIGN CHALLENGE

At Urunga, we are continuing our implementation of PBL across the school. Last year we created our school's 3 expectations of Safety, Respectful and Responsible learners at Urunga Public School. Our next step is to design a school mascot to be the logo for our school's PBL. We are asking our students K-6 to enter our mascot design competition (please see the flyer below). Students can enter as many times as they would like and we encourage them to think about the wildlife, landmarks and any other features that play an integral role in the Urunga community. They can also create their very own unique design. There will be prizes for the best design from each stage and the overall winner will work with a design artist to bring their design to life. Students can complete their design on an A4 piece of paper. The entries can be completed at home and/or school and need to have their name and class marked on the back before handing it to their classroom teacher.

Urunga Public School

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Would you like to create and design the school's PBL mascot?

PBL MASCOT DESIGN CHALLENGE

1. Competition closes in early Term 2.
2. Design winner's mascot will be co-constructed with an artist.
3. Complete design on A4 paper.
4. Ensure your name and class is on the back of your entry.
5. You can enter as many times as you would like.
6. All entries to be handed to your classroom teacher.
7. Design entries can be completed at school or home.

Safe, Respectful and Responsible learners

INSIGHTS

That's leadership thinking!



My father used to tell me that to be a good footballer I needed to look like a footballer. He always made sure I played with my socks pulled up, boots clean and football jumper tucked in. His attitude was I should at least look the part.

Fast forward a few generations and Dad would probably tell me today that if I wanted to be a footballer I should think like a footballer. His thinking would be right because any significant skill development usually comes before a positive mindset, or at least, a mindset that captures the essence of what's required.

This mindset concept is easily applied to many areas of parenting and family life, including leadership, which is required in school, at work, in the community and in family life. Thinking like a leader comes before leadership action so attending to a child or young person's mindset lays the foundation to real leadership.

The following mindsets are good starting points for developing leadership mindsets in the next generation.

Be accountable

The mark of true leadership whether for adults or young people is the willingness to take responsibility and be accountable for your actions. Responsibility and accountability are features that great leaders share, so encourage children and young people to accept personal responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes and avoid making excuses when things go wrong. For this to happen parents and teachers need to forgive their mistakes and poor decisions so that they feel they can take responsibility without fear of harsh retribution.

Plan ahead

Thinking about what needs to be done, planning ahead and managing time are skills that enable many young people to become effective leaders. The ability to think ahead, strategise and figure out a plan may sound like corporate-speak but it's something that kids of all ages can accomplish. We can plant the planning seed by encouraging them to think ahead and set aside some time to plan before tackling any activity – whether it's a homework project, resolving conflict with a sibling or asking for an increase on their allowance.

Work together

The ability to form, maintain and work in teams is a central leadership capacity. Teamwork refers to a range of skills, including problem solving, working with others, listening and following that enable a team to work towards one purpose. All children are capable of working together, although introverts and pubescent teens can struggle to work collaboratively. Sow the seeds of teamwork by encouraging kids to support their siblings and friends when they struggle and to accept everyone in games and activities.

parenting * ideas

Tune in

Emotional intelligence is an essential set of skills that unfortunately many leaders lack. Emotional smarts allows leaders to communicate effectively, relate well and resolve problems when they arise. Develop your child's emotional intelligence by encouraging them to tune in to and regulate their own emotions, and tune into the emotions of others. Help them see behind the behaviour of others and discover the emotions that may be driving behaviour. For instance, a sibling's aggressive behaviour may be driven by anger, annoyance or even sadness.

In closing

Leadership thinking requires kids to be accountable for their actions, plan ahead rather than act rashly, be open to working with others, and to tune into their own emotions and the emotions of those around them. These are mindsets worth nurturing using the tools of modelling, overt teaching (particularly with secondary school students) and providing plenty of descriptive, encouraging feedback.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

Opportunity knocks ...

Join the virtual school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's virtual school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools.

The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and to learn globally.

Students learn with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons using cutting-edge technologies in a virtual learning environment.

Year 5 applications for Aurora College's 2022 virtual opportunity class open Tuesday 20 April 2021 and close at 5pm on Friday 7 May 2021.

Opportunity class students study mathematics, science and technology, integrating the design thinking process.

For further information, visit our website www.aurora.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 287 629.



To apply for Aurora's virtual opportunity class, go to:
<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/learn/opportunity-class/how-can-i-enrol/>

Don't forget coming up in a few weeks is the

BELLINGEN SHOW

MAY 8 & 9

AT BELLINGEN SHOWGROUND

- COLOURING IN COMPETITION
- PAVILION ENTERIES
- CHILDREN'S PASSPORT
- MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN THE TENT
- FACE PAINTING
- ROCK CLIMBING
- HORSE AND CATTLE EVENTS
- GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE BULL
- SIDESHOW ALLEY, RIDES AND FOOD
- MONGREL DOG SHOW
- FOOD EVERYWHERE
- WOOD CHOP

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Holiday Activities

APRIL

Bellingen Library

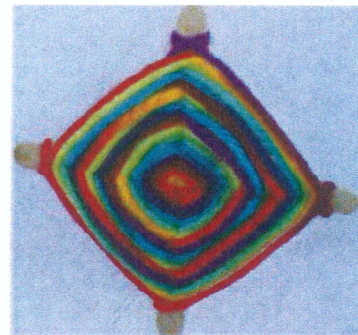
Tuesday 6th April :10:30am – 11:30am

Create a Rainbow cross

Tuesday 13th April : 10:30am—11:30am

Autumn Leaves mobile

Bookings: 6655 1744



Urunga Library

Wednesday 7th April : 10.30am-11.30am

Dragon Eye Craft

Wednesday 14th April : 10.30am– 11.30am

Shadow puppets

Bookings: 6655 6444



Dorrigo Library

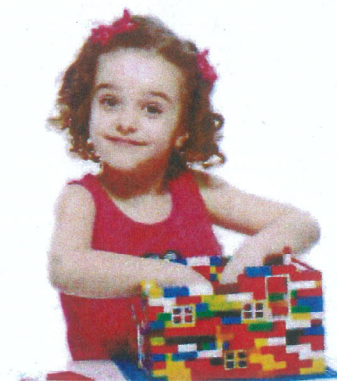
Thursday 8th April : 10.30am-11.30am

Fun with Lego

Thursday 15th April : 10:30am—11:30am

Shadow Puppets

Bookings: 6657 2234



Bellingen Shire
COUNCIL



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

KIDS/TEENS

WITH TONI
SOUTHWELL

ART
WORKSHOPS

Monday classes start Term 2 2021
@ Art Space Urunga:
Mixed Media PLUS old school
animations. Enrol your child
at tonisouthwell.com

Contact Toni for details:
tonisouthwell@gmail.com
0421 910 345
tonisouthwell.com



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

HOLIDAY CLINICS



DATE: 15/4/2021

AGE: 5-12 years

TIME: 10.00am - 12.00pm

COST: \$49

WHERE: Geoff King Motors Oval, Coffs Harbour



**LEAGUE
STARS**

If you can support a **child** in crisis, we can support you.

Uniting is looking for people trained in caring for children with complex behaviours and trauma, who can provide a stable home with our financial and practical assistance. Could this be you, or someone you know?



Who should apply?

- Existing or previous foster carers who are working part-time or retired
- Professionals with experience in childhood education, social services, mental health or allied health, and an understanding of trauma and associated challenges
- People who have a spare bedroom and the time to dedicate to a child in need

We support specialist carers with:

- \$75,000 non-taxable allowance per child per year
- 24/7 phone support available every day of the year
- Access to training, wraparound support and respite care
- Direct contact with the child's caseworker
- Expert advice relating to the child's health, education, culture, identity and family.

Uniting provides care and support for people through all ages and stages of life, with a focus on people experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability. We value diversity and always welcome everyone, exactly as they are.

If you have what it takes to positively impact the life of a child in need, we want to hear from you.

Get in touch
Tracy Sheather
02 6581 6618
tsheather@uniting.org

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High Tea With My Device

FREE EVENT



Struggling to use your Mobile Phone/Tablet?

Learn Tips And Tricks from the Experts
at our High Tea to celebrate Seniors

Wed 14th April 10am - 12noon

Urunga Neighbourhood Centre

RSVP 0438 743 589



An initiative of Neighbourhood Centres of the Bellingen Shire - partnering with Dorrigo Support Centre, Format C computers and Youngster.co to make sure everyone is connected

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



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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

**BELLINGEN FOOD PANTRY IS
ALSO OPEN**

Tues 10-12 and Fri 10-12