

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2 WEEK 2: TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018

### **A great community helps our children learn**

This past week has seen many highly beneficial events and initiatives at the school, all of which have involved members of our community. Children love learning from people other than those they see every day at school, and we value opportunities to have the community involved in learning:

#### **Story Dogs Mufti Day**

The mufti day to raise money for this special program, run by Stephanie and starring 'Angel' our adorable story dog, was enthusiastically embraced by students and teachers. Thank you for raising \$120 for Story Dogs.

#### **Art with a professional artist**

Students in Years 5 & 6 enjoyed art lessons with professional artist Tina Wilson who generously donated her time. The finished works are going to be stunning. The community will have the opportunity to see the works on display at the 'Art Post' space in the Post office.



Trivia Night Fun

#### **Trivia Night**

The P&C trivia night was a great community event, with proceeds directly supporting student learning and resources at the school. Our great thanks go to the P&C for their tireless work in raising funds for the school.

And finally.....**save the date** for another very special upcoming event....!

#### **Stargazing on Wednesday 23 May**

We have registered Uki PS to take part in the *Guinness Book of Records* stargazing event on Wednesday 23 May. More details will be



sent home in a note, but the event will take place at school in the evening. There will be a sausage sizzle followed by a Q&A session, 'Everything you ever wanted to ask about space' where your questions will be answered by local amateur astronomer Phil Cash. Phil will then lead the session outdoors looking at the night sky. At the same time, we will try to link into the live stream broadcast which will be hosted by the ABC and Australian National University. Celebrity astrophysicist Brian Cox will also be part of the broadcast, adding a touch of superstar glamour to the event! We hope that many children and parents will be able to join us for this very special night. For more information, visit

<https://www.thecultureconcept.com/stargazing-live-looking-up-to-the-future-in-australia-2018>



Year 3 Genius Hour Planetarians  
With Phil Cash



Year 5/6 Leaf Art

#### **Golf lessons**

All classes had the opportunity to participate in golf lessons with locals Graeme and Maddie Trew. This initiative, supported by the Federal government through the 'Sporting Schools' program allows children to try a range of sports. Who knows if Uki will produce the next PGA champion!



Year 2 learning new skills



## Stewart House

Stewart House is a very special place that has been providing much-needed breaks for children and families since 1931. Located on a beautiful beach in a Sydney suburb, children who attend are able to go to school in a very different and enjoyable way for two weeks, whilst also receiving health check-ups and making new friends.

Stewart House is part of the NSW Department of Education and is largely funded by donations from public schools, including Uki. We would love your help in supporting this very worthwhile charity again this year. Your child will bring home an envelope today. If you are able to make a gold coin donation, please place the coin into the envelope and return it to the front office by Friday 18 May. The envelopes will then be sent to Stewart House and will go into the draw for a prize of a \$4000 family holiday!

## NAPLAN 2018

Next week, children in Grades 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN tests. At Uki PS, NAPLAN will be a 'pen and paper' test as it has been in years past. The schedule is as follows;

Tuesday 15 May: Writing; Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar

Wednesday 16 May: Reading

Thursday 17 May: Numeracy

Friday 18 May: Catch up day for children who were absent on test days.

Teachers have been working with students to familiarise them with the test format. The best approach to NAPLAN is 'business as usual', so that students do not feel unduly worried about the tests. If your child is expressing concern, please reassure them that there is nothing to be afraid of. If you require any assistance, please see your classroom teacher who will be able to help your child.

*Rachel Watkins*

Principal



## TEA TOWELS and APRONS

There are a few aprons and tea towels still available at the office.  
\$15 Tea Towel,  
\$20 Apron  
or \$30 for a combo.



## P&C Uniform Shop

Please remember the Uniform Shop is only open on Fridays between 9 & 10am.

Order forms be completed at any time and sent in to be filled. Orders can be paid for by direct deposit and items home with your child. Winter Uniforms available now:

Jumpers & zip jackets - \$25

Rain jackets - \$40 Track pants - \$18

## P&C NEWS

Thank you to all of the lovely parents and teachers who participated in our P&C meeting last night. It was fantastic to have so many people in attendance bringing fresh ideas and input to discussions. Thank you to Rachel Watkins for sharing your story and providing a great reflection of your first week at Uki PS. We look forward to working with you to maintain and enhance our beautiful school. A summary of the meeting will be available to parents soon.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

What an awesome night had at our P&C Trivia Night on Saturday. A big thank you to: our OOSH sub-committee for organising the event (Steph, Annette, Vanessa and Natascha), to Justin and Holly for being our quiz masters and providing so much help behind the scenes, to Bruce Ray for being our fabulous MC for the night, to Belinda and Duaine for running the bar, and to Tony, Andrew, Lisa and Danni for jumping in and providing support in prep and on the BBQ. It was a great night of fun, good food and team spirit! Thank you also to our event sponsors: Uki Post Office, Gynea Eco Retreat, Mt Warning Hotel, Murwillumbah Vet Clinic, Stillman Plumbing, George Anderson and Gerold Mayr. Your support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the winning team 'the Bottle Scroungers'. It came down to the last bonus challenge for them to sneak past 'Team Blue'. Well done! Our profit from the event was approximately \$600. There has been some great feedback from the event but also comments that the entry price, whilst value for money, was out of reach for many families. I apologise for this and we will take this into consideration when planning for next year's challenge.

## MOTHERS' DAY STALL

This Sunday is Mothers' Day. We thank all of our wonderful Uki PS mothers, grandmothers and carers for the amazing jobs you do and the incredible support that you provide to our school. We are again offering students the opportunity to purchase a small gift for their loved ones at our Mothers' Day Stall this Thursday 10 May from 9am to 10:30am and this Friday 11 May following assembly. Students may spend up to \$10 with gifts available from \$2. Thank you to our P&C mums who have offered to operate the stall. If anyone else is interested in assisting please come along.

## FUNDRAISING MEETING

Our next P&C Fundraising meeting will be held this Friday 11 May from 1pm at the Lounge Lizard. We will be finalising our 2018 fundraising calendar. All are welcome.

## BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Before School Care has commenced. Hours have been extended following parent feedback from 6:30am to 8:30am. Cost is \$15 but is CCB subsidised so will cost considerably less for CCB eligible families. Permanent and casual bookings can be made through our OOSH Coordinator, Natascha Wernick, between 2pm and 6pm weekdays on 66795024. Before School Care Bookings must be made at least a day earlier than the day of your intended booking as the centre will not open on days when there are no students booked in.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you again to our wonderful Uniform Coordinator, Justine Carragher, for the enormous effort you provide coordinating our uniform shop. Parents are reminded that the uniform shop is only open on Friday mornings between 9 and 10am. Order forms can be placed through the week and Justine will fill these on Fridays.

Wishing you all a beautiful Mothers' Day.

**Selina Stillman - P&C President**

## Words of Wisdom Leaves

Last Friday, the lovely Tina Wilson came to visit 5C and 5/6T to teach us about her nature-inspired artworks.

She taught us how to blend colours using watercolour pencils and paints. She also showed us how to make leaves look like they are real by adding a shadow. After that, we set to work on our leaves.



From the 26<sup>th</sup> April to the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the Words of Wisdom workshop will be open at the UKI Post Office. Everybody is welcome to come over to the post office to check it out and contribute their own to Tina's beautiful artworks. You may ask at the counter for a leaf, so you can write a quote and then hang it on the ever so growing tree. There will also be a winner for the best quote.

Lastly, we would like to thank Tina on behalf of years 5 and 6, for teaching us about her wonderful artworks.

Thank you Tina!

By India and Layla, 5/6T



## CHOIR, CONCERT & BUNYIP BAND

Please note the following changes for this week only.

- Choir will be held on Thursday after recess at 10.45am.
  - Concert Band will be Thursday 11.20am until 12.15pm.
  - Bunyip Band will be on Friday at Fruit Break Break @11.45am.
  - Nicole and Layla will have their lesson on Thursday.
  - Oscar, Sean W and Luca will have their lesson on Friday.
- Concert Band students should be working on Lion King.  
Choir students should be working on Gloria Deo.

Vikki Armour- Music Teacher

## COMING UP... Term 2 Calendar

Term 2	Week 2	
10 May	Thurs	Book Fair Last Day
	Thurs	Mothers Day Stall
11 May	Fri	GRIP Leadership Conference
	Fri	Mothers Day Stall
Term 2	Week 3	
14 May	Mon	Boys Soccer Knockout
18 May	Fri	Walk to School Day
	Fri	Stewart House Envelopes Due
	Fri	Netball Knockout
Term 2	Week 4	
23 May	Wed	District Cross Country
	Wed	Stargazing night at school

## Story Dogs Day

Story Dogs Day is to say thank you to the generous people and their dogs who volunteer to help and encourage the year two students to improve their reading.

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> May, we had a mufti day where we all had to wear orange to school and to bring a gold coin donation to school to help buy books and other resources.

We raised \$119.35.

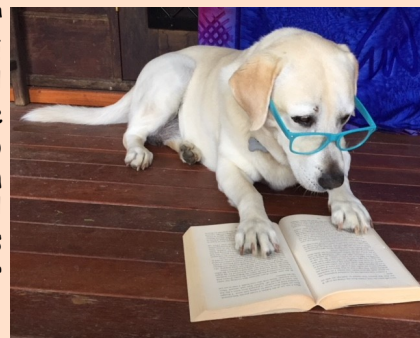
The SRC, on behalf of our school, would like to thank the other volunteers who have been coming to do Story Dogs for the past few years and remember the other dogs who have passed away. We have a garden to remember Greg's dog Ollie and Marie's dog Ella in our school. They were great, fun dogs and we loved reading to them.

We would especially like to thank Steph and Angel for coming in weekly to our school. We love having you here.

Thank you for all the kids for wearing mufti and bringing a gold coin donation.

It was a great day and we all had lots of fun.

By Ty, Sam S, Jazmyn K and Hanna T - 5/6T



## CANTEEN NEWS

I just wanted to restate (in case last weeks newsletter was missed) that the canteen now has gluten free bread, rolls, hotdog rolls, tortillas and pizza bases available for order.

The canteen is trying to move away from disposable cutlery, if anybody has a few teaspoons they could donate we'd very much appreciate it, they will be used for our milos at recess and the frozen yoghurts at fruit break.

I would like to remind all parents that the canteen is not able to supply pre-ordered recess food.

At the beginning of the year we had to have a price rise in our drinks due to supplier price rises. Flavoured milks and juice bottles are now \$1.70.

Plain milk is now \$1.50

And 300ml milk bottle with a sipahh is \$2.

At the P&C meeting night we discussed implementing an online ordering system, if anyone would like to give the program a test run with the free trial please email me at [ukicanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ukicanteen@gmail.com) and I will send you the links.

Thank you , Danni Woods

## CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 2

Wed 9 May	Pat Barter & Hayley Francis
Fri 11 May	Pukuana & Catherine Newton
Wed 16 May	Candice Ingram & Alonna Scott
Fri 18 May	Danni Woods & Ness Bryant
Wed 23 May	Edwina Williams & Tereasa Bennett
Fri 25 May	<b>HELPER NEEDED</b> & Candice Ingram





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