

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2 WEEK 3: TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018

### ***Enrichment opportunities abound at Uki***

As NAPLAN gets underway again today, it's good to remember that a great school provides a range of enriching experiences for all children. Whilst academic success is very important, and good information can be gleaned from NAPLAN trends, students at Uki have the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

### ***GRIP Leadership Conference***

Mrs Taylor and I were proud to accompany eight Year 6 students to Twin Towns for a very rewarding day of learning about leadership and self-development. Students have written about their experiences later in the newsletter.



### ***Inter-school sport***

On Monday Mr Southgate and a cheer squad of dedicated parents enjoyed watching the determination, skill and great sportsmanship of the soccer team as they competed in the PSSA statewide Knockout Competition in Murwillumbah. The girls netball team will play against Crystal Creek on Friday.

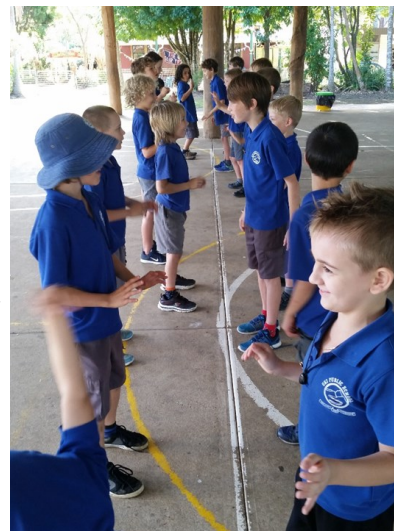


### ***Pro-active Social Skills programs***

Students in Years 3 and 4 are benefitting from pro-active programs designed to enhance self-esteem and develop strategies for positive social interaction.

Mr Southgate is leading the 'Rock and Water' program for boys, while Chloe is taking the girls through a program entitled 'Empowering YOUTH'.

Meanwhile, students in Year 6 are learning about personal dynamics, coping with change and staying positive in the *Super Me* program, designed and led by our learning partners 'The Family Centre'.



### ***Art in the Community***

Senior students took the artworks they created last week with professional artist Tina Wilson to the Uki Art Post installation. Many thanks to Mrs Spiller for her organisation of the event, and to Gary at the Post Office for his ongoing support of the school.



### ***Selective Class Application***

This is a reminder for Year 6 students who will be attending Murwillumbah High School in 2019. If you would like your child to be considered for the Selective Class, the test will be held on Tuesday August 21 2018 between 3:30 and 4:15pm. Registration forms and information can be obtained from the front office, or by contacting Murwillumbah High School.



### **Year 2 Science – fun!**

Year 2 have been learning about energy and forces in science. Yesterday a group of students were very excited to come and show me the catapults they have made that are able to send a ping pong ball half way across a room!

I was very impressed with the explanations the children were able to provide about the methods and materials in their constructions, and the scientific principles on display. Well done, Year 2!

### **Walk to School Day Friday 18 May**

We're supporting Walk to school Day this coming Friday. If you live within walking distance of the school, how about an early morning stroll with you children? Or maybe you could walk them to the bus stop instead of driving?

It would be great to have as many people as possible making a small change to help develop healthy habits.



*Rachel Watkins*  
Principal

### **District Cross Country**

District Cross Country will take place at Murwillumbah High School on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. All participating students need to return their note and \$7 to the school office. It is important that all competitors are present to walk the course at 9.50am. A canteen will operate on the day and snacks, food and drinks will be available, no pre-ordering needed. A reminder that all competitors must run in suitable running shoes, no bare feet or running spikes. Children should compete in school sports uniform and not in FNC or North Coast singlets. The first ten place getters in each race will qualify for the FNC Cross Country on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at North Byron Parklands.

9.50am – **ALL** competitors to walk the course.

10.30am – Boys – 8/9 years 2000m

10.50am – Girls – 8/9 years 2000m

11.10am – Boys – 10 years 2000m

11.30am – Girls – 10 years 2000m

12.00pm – Boys – 11 years 3000m

12.25pm – Girls – 11 years 3000m

12.50pm – Boys – 12/13 years 3000m

1.15pm – Girls – 12/13 years 3000m

1.35pm – presentations, final announcements of places

### **GRIP Leadership Conference**

Last Friday, our student leaders spent a fabulous day with Ms Watkins and Mrs Taylor at the GRIP leadership day at Twin Towns. We had so much fun and learnt a lot about being a good leader.

‘Anyone can make a change for the better, it just starts with you.’ Georgio

‘They talked to us about how we could change our school and community in different ways to make them better.’

Axel

‘I learnt how to transform into a better leader by changing my attitude, words, actions, and through care.’

Layla

‘Change is good because you can make things happen.’

Sam S

‘I was lucky to be chosen to go up on stage to play a game. We had to choose between 2 transformers that matched the question. It was fun.’ Mia

‘They asked us how we could work on changing ourselves, including our heart, words, attitude, actions, and other ways.’ India

‘I liked being able to share my ideas with students from other schools.’ Nicole

‘I learnt that there are 2 types of leaders, a watermelon and a strawberry. A watermelon leader is one that is different on the outside to the inside. A strawberry leader is the same on the inside as the outside. We should all try to be strawberry leaders.’ Jazmyn

### **This week VALUE FOCUS**

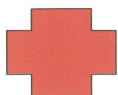
***PERSEVERANCE:*** WORKING HARD TO  
REACH YOUR GOALS, EVEN WHEN IT  
GETS DIFFICULT

### **BOOK FAIR**

Thank you to everyone for a great Book Fair. It proved to be very successful with the children enjoying viewing and purchasing books. Hopefully there is a lot of reading going on at home! We sold over \$2300 worth of books, which means I will have a healthy commission with which to purchase more books for the library. The winners of the Book Fair raffle were; Xan Anderson, Ava Woods, Cooper Field and Arika Chmielewski. Uki Post Office also donated a selection of Enid Blyton books, the winners of these were; Caitlyn Bianchetti, Max Wickham, Savannah Barnett and Joseph Buckley. A big thank you to Belinda Bianchetti, Julia Crump and Nicole McKay who helped with sales, your assistance was invaluable. A great effort everyone!

Jo Spiller—Teacher Librarian





## Uki Red Cross Winter Appeal 2018

The Uki Red Cross Winter Appeal 2018 will be held in Uki Hall on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>.

A street stall will start at 9am and lunch will be served from 12 noon till 1.30pm.

Donations of cash, produce, cakes, pickles and jams, craft work or any saleable goods will be gratefully accepted.

Goods may be left with  
Joy Armour (0266795297)  
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or brought in on the day.

### COMING UP... Term 2 Calendar

Term 2	Week 3	
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
Term 2	Week 4	
28 May	Mon	Sushi Day

### REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

An envelope with your children's current contact details was recently sent home. Please check and return the form to the school office as soon as possible so that we have your current contact and emergency contact details.

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### SPECIAL CONCERT BAND REHEARSALS

Concert Band kids will have an extra special rehearsal after school this Friday 18th May and next week Friday 25th May from 3.00-4.30pm.

We are working really hard to ensure everyone has the best opportunity to be selected to play at the upcoming Principal's Conference in June. The students selected for this project will need to attend combined rehearsals at Murwillumbah High School from 7.45-8.45 am on Wednesday 23rd and 30th of May and Wednesday 6th June. Travel is by own arrangement. I hope everyone can come this Friday afternoon.

**Vikki Armour- Music Teacher**



The Child Oral Health Service would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of regular, supervised oral hygiene.

♦ When children start school they are often keen to be as independent as possible.

♦ Most children don't have the skills to

brush their own teeth well enough to prevent decay until age 8-10, depending on their level of dexterity.

♦ Thorough brushing twice per day prevents significantly more dental decay than brushing once per day or less often.

Help your child gently brush their teeth and gums twice per day with a small amount of fluoride toothpaste.

Don't forget to return your notes to the front office for the Stargazing Event to be held at school on Wednesday 23 May 5:30pm – 8:00pm.

The event will start with a free sausage sizzle. Drinks will be available to purchase from the P&C.



### CANTEEN NEWS

Please remember to send the lunch orders in on brown paper bag or in a stickybeaks lunch wallet (available from the uniform shop) if you cannot do so one will be provided for you at a cost of 10c.

We are still trying to move away from plastic utensils in the canteen, if anyone has some spare they'd like donate, we would very gladly take them.

Thanks

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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