

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2 WEEK 5: TUESDAY 29 MAY 2018

### Uki Public School part of Guinness World Records title for Stargazing

Over 160 people came to school rugged up for a night of stargazing last Wednesday as part of the ABC and Australia National University's Stargazing event. Although cloudy weather prevented us from seeing the heavens, local amateur astronomer Phil Cash gave an amazing, fact-filled presentation, and people enjoyed visiting 3O's classroom to see all the students' space projects on display there.

It was great to see so many members of the school community enjoying a barbecue dinner together and to be part of this Australia-wide, record-smashing event! Year 5 student Sean W wrote a letter of thanks to Phil on behalf of the school and presented it to him at our Monday assembly.



### Music in schools – a valuable education

Uki PS is very fortunate to have such an extensive music program operating in the school. Students here have the opportunity to learn an instrument with a private tutor, and to play in one of the two bands. All students receive music lessons once a week with our specialist music teacher, Mrs Armour, where they learn to play the recorder.

The choir (pictured above) rehearses once a week and has many opportunities to perform throughout the year. Selected members of the choir will soon be singing in Opera Australia's production of *Madame Butterfly*. The Concert Band has been selected by audition to perform at the NSW Secondary Principal's Conference in Tweed Heads early next month which will be attended by the Minister for Education, and many students will be involved in the upcoming Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts.

There is a huge amount of research to support the benefits of children being involved in musical education, and we thank Mrs Armour, the music tutors and the many volunteers who make these valuable programs possible for our students.

*Rachel Watkins* - Principal



### District Cross Country

40 students attended the District Cross Country carnival last Wednesday at Murwillumbah High School. This was our biggest team for many years and they completed a challenging course in great spirit. Well done to Kieshan, Eva B, Sam, Zander, Caitlyn, Connor, Alfie, Autumn, Joey, Cooper, Murry, Myah, Seth, Jazmin H, Sylvie, Olly, India, Layla, Chelsea, Luke, Nicole, Leo, Clarrie, Owen, Isabella P, Maverick, Mia, Archer, Luca, Eva T, Heath, Olivia, Jessica, Liam, Ruby, Kai, Ben W, Oscar, Sampson, Hannah R. Congratulations to Olly (11th), Eva B (10th) and Alfie (9th) who all qualified to attend the Far North Coast event this Friday at North Byron Parklands. Good Luck!





Pictured clockwise from above: Mia, Olly, Isabella P and Eva B competing at the District Cross Country Carnival.

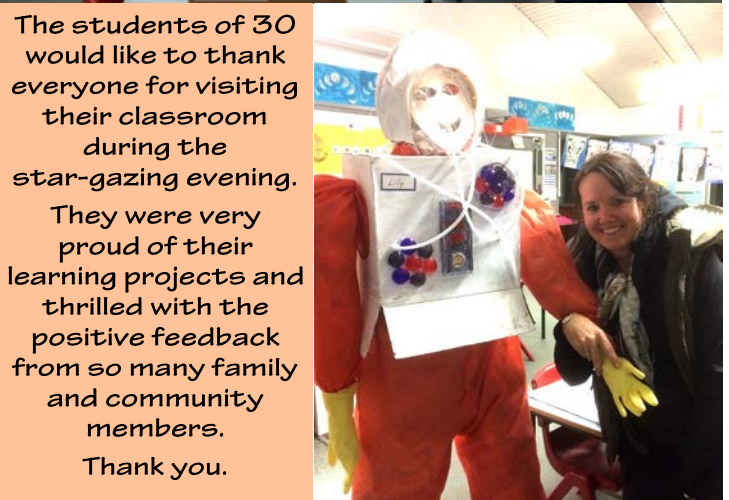


Sean W presents Phil Cash with a thank you letter and gift for his presentation at the Star Gazing night .



**COMING UP... Term 2 Calendar**

Term 2	Week 5	
30 May	Wed	MHS Yr 6 transition day
1 June	Fri	Red Cross Winter Appeal
1 June	Fri	FNC Cross Country - Yelgun
Term 2	Week 6	
4 June	Mon	P&C Meeting 6pm
8 June	Fri	Creative Arts Camp applications close
Term 2	Week 7	
11 June	Mon	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
12 June	Tues	Concert Band to Twin Towns
15 June	Fri	Yr 4-6 Camp form & deposit due



The students of 30 would like to thank everyone for visiting their classroom during the star-gazing evening. They were very proud of their learning projects and thrilled with the positive feedback from so many family and community members. Thank you.

**MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS**

**Festival of Performing Arts**

This table shows the involvement of the choir and instrumental students in the Murwillumbah Festival of Performing in June.

The kids are rehearsing so well and would really love you to come and support them if you are available.

Full details will sent home in separate notes.

DATE	TIME	SECTION	DETAILS
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm	Instrumental Duets and Trios	8, 10 and 12 Years
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.45 am	Uki Sydney Choir Students	(3 entries= 6 songs)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	2.00 pm	Woodwind Solos	8, 10 and 12 Years
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	6.00 pm	Combined Concert Band – Uki, MPS and MHS	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	10.45 am	Concert Band then Bunyip Band	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	2.30 pm	Drum Solos	
Wednesday	5.30 pm	Brass Solo	8,10,12 Years
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	10.45 am	Uki School Choir – Primary 3-6 Uki Infants K/1/2 Choir	4 songs each

### Library News - book covering

Mrs Spiller requires assistance with covering books for the Library. A huge thank you to Sam Smurthwaite who covered books for many years. As Freyja has now gone onto high school, we require another volunteer to cover books so the books can hit the shelves quickly for our eager borrowers. Thank you to Siobhan Foley for your continued assistance in covering books. A bonus for the volunteer is your children get to look at the new books! Please contact Mrs Spiller in the Library.

### Uki Ball - dance practice

In preparation for the Uki Ball, the children will have the opportunity to participate in dance practice on Wednesday mornings during fitness time. Jim and Barbara O'Brien will be demonstrating the dances and any parents wanting to learn the dances are most welcome to attend the practices.



Uki Ball will be held on Saturday 7th July. Those who attended last year's Ball had a wonderful time, with several children winning sashes on the night.

Please contact me at the school if you have any queries and remember that children attending the ball must be accompanied by an adult.

**Jo Spiller -Teacher Librarian**

## CANTEEN NEWS

What a wonderful first sushi day of the year we had, with 180 rolls of sushi ordered! Thank you to everybody who got their orders in so I could tally them on Friday and place our order. Huge thanks to **Samurai Sushi** in Murwillumbah who supplies our sushi rolls **freshly made on the day**.

\*NEW ICEBLOCK\* we currently have a new iceblock to try in the canteen. It's our **homemade smooz-style cup**, available for only 50c, and it is a coconut and pineapple flavour. Thanks to the students who have helped me brainstorm with some more flavours, keep your eyes peeled for more varieties!

There is a canteen meeting at the Lounge Lizard at 9.30 this Thursday, 31 May. All welcome.

Danni Woods - Canteen Coordinator

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 30 May	Belinda Bianchetti & Justine Carragher
Fri 1 June	Danni Woods & Vanessa Bryant
Wed 6 June	Tameeka Hobbs ★ <b>HELPER NEEDED</b>
Fri 8 June	Kuana & Catherine
Wed 13 June	Pat Barter & Hayley Francis
Fri 15 June	Danni Woods & Vanessa Bryant
Wed 20 June	Candice Ingram & Tereasa Bennett
Fri 22 June	Candice Ingram & Alona Scott

### Uki Public School 125 Years Celebrations

In 2020 it will be 125 years since Uki School began educating the children of the Uki District.

To begin the planning to celebrate and mark this significant occasion in the history of Uki Public School, a meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Monday 6 August at 6.00pm. Please come along if you are interested and would like to be involved in the planning for this occasion. It is anticipated that a formal committee will be established at this meeting to fully plan and coordinate the celebrations.

*Pictured is Mrs Betty Brims who drove the school bus to Uki School from 1956 until 2010. She is accompanied by her son Wayne, who attended the school from 1973 to 1980 and who now drives a school bus, and little Rose who is currently enrolled.*



## 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) Pauline Carroll (0266795176) or brought in on the day.



*Congratulations to the Week 4 Principal Award recipients for Participation; Zander, Archie, Will, Seth, Emmagen, Akalia and Mahli, and also to Oscar for achieving the award in Week 3 for Perseverance.*

### HEADLICE

There have been several reports of headlice from classrooms. Please take the time to check your child's hair, and if you discover any headlice please commence treatment. Lets send these critters packing! Information on treatment is available from the school office.





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