

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 4 WEEK 1: TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018

### WELCOME BACK

It's great to be back at school, re-connecting with students, families and colleagues after the holidays. Term 3 at Uki was jam-packed with an amazing array of activities and experiences, and I'm sure Term 4 will be just as exciting. It's a term that will see the beginning of 'big school' experiences for our youngest students as our Kindergarten class of 2019 participate in their transition program. And it's the term that will see our senior students preparing for their important step to high school, culminating in their end-of-year festivities. There will be so much to enjoy and I'm very much looking forward to sharing it with you all.

### ARTPOST EXHIBITION OPENING - a sensational event

The Post Office was bursting at the seams as Post Master Gary welcomed everyone to the launch of Uki Public School's exhibition. The beautiful artworks on display drew widespread admiration from the crowd, as did the musical items performed by our students. It was certainly a showcase of the school's artistic skills and talents, which are nurtured by generous and dedicated teachers and community members, and inspired by the natural beauty of our environment. Thank you to former Uki art teacher Jenny Porter, who spoke so passionately about the importance of art and the necessity of cultivating the artistic process in children. Year 5 student Taya also spoke beautifully about her personal experience working with artist mentor David Preston. And a huge 'thank you' must also go to teacher/librarian Jo Spiller, for once again going above and beyond in organising the event. Jo was very generously assisted by Uki teachers, office staff and parent volunteers. Together, the community created an unforgettable event for our students.



See inside for more photographs of ArtPost

### EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL CUSTOMER SERVICE

#### Survey Feedback

Thank you to the 15 parents who recently completed the survey to provide feedback on how Uki Public School is going in terms of customer service. Altogether, 27 people (teachers, office staff, principal and parents) shared their views on this important topic and the results were very positive overall. The following statements are taken directly from the email I received from the Department of Education 360 Survey Team:

The feedback report identified several key strengths - we recommend that school leaders take the time to recognise these key strengths.

- *Inclusivity - Administrative staff are respectful of and sensitive to all cultural backgrounds in their interactions.*
- *Teamwork - Administrative staff at my school communicate well with one another.*
- *Engagement with others - School staff appear to be self-confident and welcoming.*

The feedback report also identified some key areas for development.

- *School vision - I have been asked to provide input to the school plan, my input has been reflected in the revised plan.*
- *Engagement with others - I am often asked about how well the school communicates and engages with me.*
- *Engagement with others - Members of our school community are invited to provide feedback and are viewed as partners.*

There were also 'open ended' comments by some survey respondents which provide interesting feedback. I will be sharing more detail about the report at the next P&C meeting, to which everyone is invited. If you would like to read the report in detail, please just ask and I will be happy to share it with you.

### LES PETERKIN PORTRAIT PRIZE

If you have not yet been able to get to the Tweed Regional Gallery to see the Les Peterkin Portraits, I can thoroughly recommend a visit. It's great to see children's art on display in such a professional setting. The portraits are not only beautiful, but also create a lot of interesting discussion. The art gallery is free and the exhibition will be on until 2 December 2018.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Relieving General Assistant, Adam, on the birth of his gorgeous baby boy. Adam and his partner Karen are enjoying getting to know little baby Jack. Thank you to Peter who is filling in for Adam while he is on paternity leave.

Rachel Watkins - Principal



## 4/5/6 Camp is next Wednesday!

Students should be checking their list of items needed for camp and getting ready to pack. You will need a sleeping bag and pillow for both nights and remember you will need to be at school at 7.15am for an early departure on Wednesday 24 October.





## CANTEEN ROSTER

### TERM 4

Week 1	
Wed 17 Oct	Danni & <b>HELPER NEEDED</b>
Fri 18 Oct	Danni & Tereasa
Week 2	
Wed 24 Oct	Alonna & Edwina
Fri 26 Oct	Danni & Tereasa
Week 3	
Wed 31 Oct	Belinda & Justine
Fri 2 Nov	Danni & Tereasa
Week 4	
Wed 7 Nov	Tameeka & <b>HELPER NEEDED</b>
Fri 9 Nov	Kuana & Catherine

### REMINDER

Parents of Year 5 and 6 students have received an invitation to volunteer in the Pony Club Canteen at the Murwillumbah Show again this year. Payment received for your services will subsidise the end of year activities for your children.

**When :** Friday 2 Nov and Saturday 3 Nov, 8am-8pm

**Where:** Pony Club Canteen, Murwillumbah Showgrounds

**How:** Return the slip you have been given to the school office by Friday 19 October

The Murwillumbah Show Society invites all school children to take part in the Pavilion displays and competitions. There are special sections for schools.



**MURWILLUMBAH SHOW**  
**Friday 2nd November 2018 &**  
**Saturday 3rd November 2018**

1. Farm Produce
2. Fruit & Vegetables
3. Horticulture
4. Preserves
5. Cooking
6. Fine Arts
7. Craftwork
8. Needlework
10. Photography



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## CANTEEN NEWS

Hi everyone! Welcome back to term 4!

We have some empty volunteer spots that really need to be filled this term, please if you can help out please let the office know or Danni directly.

Myschoolconnect online ordering is such a wonderful tool to make parents lives a little easier (Canteen volunteers too) please sign up and give it a try.

Please remember to write what flavours you want on your lunch orders, otherwise you will just get what i have in stock.

**Danni Woods - Canteen Coordinator**

## P&C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a nice break. The P&C have some exciting plans for the end of year. More information will follow in the coming weeks or come along to our meeting next Monday evening to be part of the discussion. The meetings are held at 6pm in the Administration building staffroom and all are welcome to attend.

On a more urgent note, a number of volunteers have needed to pull out of the canteen roster this term due to work and other commitments. We are in desperate need for volunteers or will need to close the canteen some days during the term. Our wonderful canteen coordinator, Danni, has been working an incredible number of days to ensure the canteen stays open throughout this year but it is unfair for her to continue to do this. Please help where you can and contact the office if you can assist on those days where it states 'Helper Needed'. Thank you again to Danni and all of the volunteers who have helped provide yummy meals for our students and families this year.

**Selina Stillman - P&C President**

## COMING UP... Calendar

### TERM 4

	Week 1	
15 Oct	Mon	School resumes for Term 4
	Week 2	
22 Oct	Mon	P&C meeting
24-26 Oct	Wed-Fri	4/5/6 Excursion to Brisbane
	Week 3	
2 Nov	Fri	Canteen at Mur'bah Show
3 Nov	Sat	Canteen at Mur'bah Show
	Week 4	
6 Nov	Tues	Kindy Orientation #1
	Week 5	
12 Nov	Mon	125 Year Anniversary meeting
13 Nov	Tues	Kindy Orientation #2