



# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 4 WEEK 10: TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER

### Thank you and happy holidays

As the 2018 school year draws rapidly to a close, I'd like to thank our school community for the contribution each person has made to this wonderful school. It has been a busy year, full of memorable events and new opportunities. At the forefront of all that we do is our commitment to providing an excellent education for each and every student. To this end I would personally like to reiterate my gratitude and admiration for the hard work of our teaching and support staff, who guide, support, challenge and inspire our students on a daily basis. Working in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community, the staff at Uki nurture students to learn, grow and shine. We celebrated the effort and achievements of our students at last week's Presentation Day Assembly and it was great to see so many proud families and special guests sharing the wonderful occasion.

Last week we also held the Year 6 farewell dinner dance, where our senior students - who suddenly look so grown up! - enjoyed a social occasion to acknowledge the important transition to high school. We all wish them the very best for their futures, and look forward to hearing all about them over the coming years.



To those families who are leaving us, thank you for the time we have spent here together, and we wish you well for the future.

For those who will be coming back after the holidays, I wish everyone a safe, restful and refreshing break. I thank you most sincerely for a very successful 2018 and look forward to working with you in 2019. The final day for students is tomorrow, Wednesday 19 December. School re-commences for all students on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

I truly believe being a school principal is the best job in the world. How many other grown-ups get a visitation from two delightful elves (I think they might be close friends of Keishan and Zavier), proudly showing off their creative Christmas designs. They brought such joy to my office ....what better image to round off a beautiful year at Uki!

*Rachel Watkins - Principal*



Farewell to our Year 6 of 2018. We wish you the very best of luck for 2019 and beyond!





## PRESENTATION DAY

Thank you very much to our school captains and school staff for delivering yet another beautiful Presentation Day Assembly. Thank you also to our P&C for catering the event (Special thanks to Danni, Belinda and Tereasa for your efforts). Congratulations to our students for a fantastic year. You consistently do your families and our school proud.

## P&C MAJOR RAFFLE

Congratulations to the Bianchetti Family as winners of the P&C Major Raffle as announced at Presentation Day. Thank you so much to Pam Ashdown and Peter Hansen from Mango House Resort (Archie & Will's family) for your generosity in providing the amazing Whitsunday holiday prize.

## P&C THANKS

As 2018 draws to a close our P&C would like to thank everyone who has supported our efforts this year. We have yet again experienced a wonderful partnership between students, school staff and our community and it is through this that we have achieved many great things for our school. Special thanks to all of our amazing volunteers throughout the year, to our local businesses who are always so generous in their support, to our teachers and school staff who continue to devote so much time and passion to our school, and to our families who support our school in so many ways.

Personally, I would like to thank our P&C Executive, Belinda Bianchetti, Annette Geary, Danni Woods and Anna Gilliland for your incredible support this year. An enormous amount of work happens behind the scenes to ensure we meet all of our financial and legal obligations and I couldn't have undertaken my role without the support of these ladies and all of our amazing P&C members, school staff and volunteers, so thank you very much. I would also like to give special thanks to our Sub-committee members and coordinators who worked tirelessly to deliver additional services and programs for our school. A big thank you to Justine Carragher (Uniform Coordinator); Danni Woods (Canteen Coordinator), Vikki Armour (Instrumental Coordinator), Geoffrey Colwill (Instrumental Treasurer), Natasha Wernick and Peta Rowney (OOSH Coordinators), Steph Wright (OOSH Treasurer) and Diane Wilder (125 Yr Celebration Planning Committee Chair) for your unwavering commitment to these roles.

I have been extremely blessed to have worked with such an incredible team this year, who together, with our school community, have devoted so much time and energy to our beautiful school in ensuring students at Uki have every opportunity. On behalf of our P&C I would like to wish all of our students, families, staff and community the very best this Christmas. Enjoy your holidays and please stay safe.

Our P&C AGM will be held in Week 2 of Term 1 next year. I would encourage anyone interested in being involved to join our P&C in 2019.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all.

**Selina Stillman - P&C President**

# PRESENTATION DAY 2018



Director of Education, Megan Johnson pictured with the recipient of the Gary Brabham Memorial Award for dux of the school, Jack Carroll.



Above: Selina and Justin Stillman, recipients of the Fleming Family Award for community member service to the school

Below: Our 2018 Kindergarten children enjoying their first Presentation Day







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