

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 4 WEEK 2: TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2018

### What is a 'Learning Sprint'?

A 'learning sprint' is the name given to a series of short, explicit lessons on a very focused topic. The idea is that teachers identify an area for improvement and then gather some data that shows what the students already know. They then implement the sprint by teaching the topic every day for 20 minutes or so for a few weeks. At the end of this time, they re-assess the students to determine progress. 'Learning sprints' work best when all the teachers in the school are doing them on the same topic. Next week, all students will start a two-week 'learning sprint' focused on punctuation. We're really excited to be trialling this pedagogy at Uki and I'm sure you'll be hearing all about full stops, capital letters, commas, apostrophes and speech marks at home! More information about the sprints can be found at [www.learningsprints.org](http://www.learningsprints.org)

### Why do we ask students to wear the correct school uniform?



Owen and Jaamin displaying full school uniform for boys and girls

There is significant research that supports the idea that people who have a sense of belonging have much better mental health. This is particularly true of children and young adults. Primary school is a place where this sense of belonging, pride and 'being known' should be fostered in preparation for the challenges of high school and adult life.

How do we do this? There are a range of ways built in to our daily lives at school – the way that teachers interact with students is crucial, but there are also 'symbolic' ways we nurture a sense of belonging; the school song, school traditions, school assemblies, the school creed, our school logo – and school uniforms. Wearing the correct uniform creates and symbolises a sense of pride, togetherness and positive 'team' spirit. The Uki Public School P&C endorses the wearing of a uniform, and I'm so happy to see so many children taking pride in their uniform. As the summer months approach, it's important to remember that our uniform includes a sun-safe hat.

### 4-6 Camp - the excitement builds!

By now, we hope that all campers in Years 4 - 6 have their bags packed and are aiming for a good night's sleep....because camp starts tomorrow! The itinerary sounds very exciting, and it looks like we'll have a great time at the accommodation as well. Camps are very special times in students' lives where they experience independence, discover new friends, try new things (camp food! Yum!) and create life-long memories. A huge thank you goes to Julia Crump who has spent many hours organising the camp to make sure everything is ready. We'll tell you all about it in next week's newsletter!

### Murwillumbah Show - help needed

Uki Public School has been asked once again to run the Pony Club Canteen at the Murwillumbah Show for which the school will receive a donation. We are asking all families with students in Years 5 and 6 to volunteer some time either on Friday or Saturday, as money earned will be put towards end-of-year events for our senior students, which will significantly subsidise the cost of these events for families. A note went home about this last week – if you did not receive one, please see the office. If you do not have a child in Years 5 or 6 but would be willing to help, we'd be very grateful as well. Please let the office staff know. The Murwillumbah Show is happening on Friday 2 November and Saturday 3 November. All volunteers will have free entry to the show for the day they work.

### NAPLAN Platform Readiness Test

Uki Public school has been asked to take part in a NAPLAN Platform Readiness Test (PRT). The PRT is designed to check the latest version of the software in preparation for NAPLAN on-line in 2019. Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake the simulated tests in reading, numeracy, language conventions and writing (Year 5 only). No individual reports will be sent to the school and parents will not receive information about their child's performance, as the purpose of the testing at this time is not to assess students, but to check the NAPLAN platform. The reason students in Years 3 and 5 are undertaking the PRT is simply that the system already has their details from NAPLAN earlier in the year, so there is no need to 'populate' the platform with new names. A note will be sent home to all students in Years 3 and 5 explaining this process further, but please call the school if you require additional information.

**Rachel Watkins - Principal**

## P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our P&C meeting last night. Discussion items included:

- the recruitment process for 3 permanent teachers,
- the school captain process,
- results of the engagement survey, and
- updates from each of our P&C sub-committees.

The P&C will be organising a Colour Fun Run this term (Saturday 24 November). This will be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to raise funds for our school. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

### P&C MAJOR RAFFLE – WHITSUNDAYS HOLIDAY!!

Don't forget to get your friends and family into the draw for our Whitsundays Holiday. Thanks to the generosity of Pam Ashdown and Peter Hansen (Archie & Will's family), we are delighted to be able to raffle 7 nights accommodation for up to 4 people in a 1 bedroom apartment at Mango House Resort in Airlie Beach plus a \$250 webjet voucher donated by Stillman Plumbing (total prize value \$1150). Tickets will be selling for \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. Why not pick up some extra tickets at the school office. The raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Day at the end of the year so there is still plenty of time to sell tickets.

### HIP HOP CLASSES RETURN NEXT TUESDAY AT OOSH

Hip hop classes will commence again next Tuesday and will run for 4 weeks during OOSH time. These classes are provided for free as part of your OOSH fee thanks to the Active and Healthy Kids grant from Tweed Shire Council. Interested students need to book with Natascha in our OOSH room or at the office.

### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE – TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS ONLY IN TERM 4

Due to our low enrolments, Before School Care will only be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term. We will be reviewing the demand for the service at the end of the year to determine if we can continue it in 2019. Before School Care opens from 6:30am to 8:30am and breakfast is provided as part of the program. The program is also eligible for Child Care Subsidy and fees can be as low as \$3 depending on your family income. **A basketball skills session will be available for interested students on Tuesday mornings starting next week between 7:30 and 8:30am.** Come and try! Again this will be provided free as part of your OOSH fee.

Selina Stillman - P&C President

## CANTEEN NEWS

Our Homemade Beef Lasagne is currently out of stock until Friday.

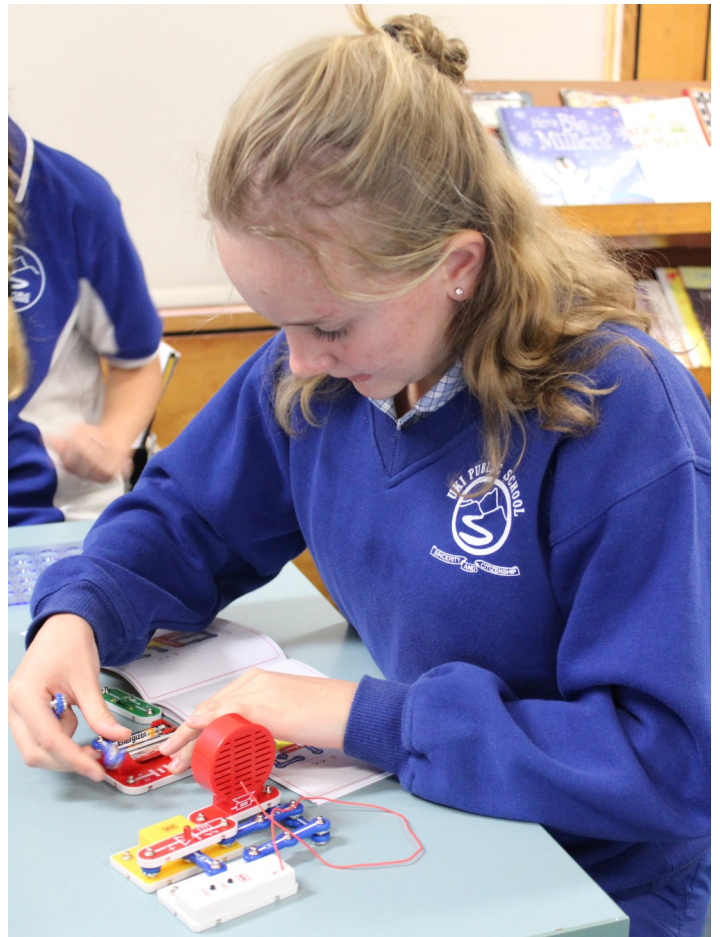
Pizza Boxes have been delivered! Our homemade pizzas will be served in these again.

We are going to be offering a BBQ Chicken Pizza (\$2.70) until the end of term.

*Don't forget about our delicious Beef Burgers! Yum!!*

CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER FOR STAFFING AT THE MURWILLUMBAH SHOW CAFE.

**Danni Woods - Canteen Coordinator**



Our senior students have been learning about electricity and circuitry in their Science and Technology classes. They have been following diagrams to complete and design active circuits.



### Book Club orders are due Tuesday 30 October

If you would like to have something put away for Christmas, mark the envelope clearly that the order will be collected by parents.

**Jo Spiller - Teacher Librarian**





Year 1 are learning about money by playing a shop game



**Volunteers are still urgently required to fill spots on the canteen roster in weeks 4-9 this term. If you are able to help out between 9am and 12pm on a Wednesday or Friday please contact the office.**

### 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 26 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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Check Website for Show Schedules, Programs & Sponsors

**[www.murwillumbahshowground.com.au](http://www.murwillumbahshowground.com.au)**

## Enrol Now for Term 4 Tennis



Lessons Monday to Friday at Murwillumbah Tennis Club

Ages 5-16 Years from \$10/wk

All equipment provided

Active Kids Voucher provider. Receive \$100 off term fees.

Book online now at [www.coastcommunitytennis.com](http://www.coastcommunitytennis.com)

**FREE Adult Tennis!**

Adult group lessons and social tennis until 8 Nov 2018

Group lessons Mon 6-7 pm & Thurs 6.30-7.30pm

Social Tennis Mon & Wed 7-9pm

Racquets, restrings and grips available

## NAPLAN Readiness Test for Years 3 and 5 Students

Tuesday 30 October and Thursday 1 November

Please ensure your child has plug-in earbuds or headphones at school on these days to participate in the tests.

If your child does not own earbuds or headphones, please contact the school before Tuesday 30 October.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### TERM 4

#### 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 & **HELPER NEEDED**

Fri 9 Nov Kuana & Catherine

## COMING UP... Calendar

### TERM 4

#### Week 2

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