

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 4: TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2018

What a busy school!

We're so busy at Uki with so many interesting activities on the go! Firstly, last Wednesday we were all 'abuzz' with excitement when Wayne Gibbons came to the school for our **'Birds, Bees and Butterflies' Day** to talk to us about our native bees. Students learned so much (as did teachers...did you know that one bee produces only one teaspoon of honey over its entire life?) and we were enthralled when Mr Gibbons split our hive in two, allowing us to see inside our busy little friends' home.



Students were all involved in planting several trees and shrubs that will be perfect food for our new bees as well as our local birds and butterflies. Thanks so much, Mr Gibbons, and thank you also to Mrs O'Regan for her brilliant organisation of this lovely day of learning.

Mrs O'Regan was also busy making sure our **NAPLAN Platform Readiness Test (PRT)** went off without a hitch. Uki Public School was one of only 14 schools around the state asked to do the final checks on the software platform, so our feedback is very important to all schools as NAPLAN moves on-line in 2019. An employee of ACARA (the organisation that oversees NAPLAN) came to observe how the simulated tests ran, and students in Years 3 and 5 were very sensible as they worked through each section. Thanks again to Mrs O'Regan and also to Mrs Crump for her help in guiding the Year 5 students through the PRT.

Our leadership program for 2019 is now in full swing as our potential **School Captains** for next year discovered that they had progressed to the next level in the process. Miss Birney also ran a very worthwhile and successful training program for current Year 5 students wanting to be **Kindergarten 'buddies'** next year. She reported that the students were outstanding in every way and are now fully prepared for the rigours of assisting our 2019 Kindergarten students as they begin their transition program.....



....which started today! Thanks to excellent early education at our nearby pre-schools, the young students were settled and eager to learn, clearly able to follow instructions and showing every sign of being ready for 'big school'. We are so excited to welcome them to Uki Public School, and know that you will all give them a friendly smile and wave when you see them. The next transition session is next Tuesday 13 November, 9:00 – 11:00am.



And speaking of transitions.....**Year 6 students who will be attending Murwillumbah High School** next year had a presentation from the current MHS School Captains, Kalani and Callum, and Year 7 advisor Mr Thomas. The students received information about the Orientation Program (which will take place on December 4 and 5) and were able to ask questions about the high school. In addition, the Family Centre in Murwillumbah ran the first of two 'Prime to High' sessions for all Year 6 students, to help them prepare in a positive and calm way for this important time in their lives.

And last but by no means least.....thank you to the many volunteers who turned up to serve in the **Pony Club Canteen at the Murwillumbah Show**. For 12 hours a day, these amazing people looked after the crowds who came to the show, keeping them well-fed and hydrated over the hot days. The school will receive a donation of \$1400 for running the canteen, so to each and every volunteer, I would personally like to say a huge thank you!

Rachel Watkins - Principal



Our parents were not the only champions at the show! Pictured is Karen, our school cleaner with her winning welsh pony, Showman.

P&C NEWS

COLOUR RUN

Come join in the fun of the P&C Colour Fun Run on Saturday 24 November and help raise funds for Stage 2 of our Playground Project (concrete murals).

CAR WASH

The P&C Car Wash is scheduled for Saturday 1 December at BP Murwillumbah. Please consider sparing an hour or two to help out at this event and/or bring your car along to BP Murwillumbah for a wash. An online roster is available via the following link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=9CDdxi>

Use the Event Code: **c9vmk** or if unable to do this online, add your name/number to the paper roster on the next page and return to the school office.

VOTE FOR OUR COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

Our P&C have applied for a Community Grant through Southern Cross Credit Union to assist with plans to upgrade the basketball/netball court and open it up for community use outside of school hours. Grants are only awarded to 3 successful applicants based on the application and number of votes received from the community for the project. Please support our project through voting at your local SCCU branch or online via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCUCommunityGrants2018-1>

P&C RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has been busy selling raffle tickets in our fabulous Whitsunday holiday. Tickets and money can continue to be returned to the office up until the raffle draw at Presentation Day, 14 December. Feel free to share the raffle poster on our P&C Facebook page to your family and friends.

COME TRY SOME NEW SPORTS

The Active After School Program is up and running again this term. Come along and try some new skills. All activities are free as part of your OOSH fee:

- Basketball – Tuesday mornings from 7:30am (Before School Care open at 6:30am)
- Hip Hop – Tuesday afternoons from 3:30pm (After School Care open from end of school to 6pm)
- Touch football – Thursday afternoons

Circus will be commencing on Monday afternoons on 19 November. Please contact the office or OOSH to book in your kids. Lot's of fun!

P&C MEETINGS

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 26 November at 6pm in the School Staffroom. All are welcome to attend our last meeting of the year. If you are interested in being involved in 2019 why not come along and check it out. A great way to be involved and meet new people.

Monday 12 November, 6pm, is our next meeting of the 125 Year Celebration Sub-committee. Anyone interested in getting involved in this exciting event are most welcome.

Selina Stillman - P&C President

COMING UP... Calendar

Week 4

9 Nov	Fri	School Remembrance Day Service
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Week 5

12 Nov	Mon	125 Year Anniversary meeting
13 Nov	Tues	Kindy Orientation #2

Week 6

19 Nov	Mon	Year 3 Camp
20 Nov	Tues	Kindy orientation #3
23 Nov	Fri	K-2 Excursion to Currumbin
24 Nov	Sat	P&C Colour Fun Run

Week 7

26 Nov	Mon	P&C Meeting
27 Nov	Tues	Kindy orientation #4
28 Nov	Wed	Healthy Harold - Life Ed Van
1 Dec	Sat	P&C Car Wash

Week 8

3 Dec	Mon	Mini Fete
4 Dec	Tues	Year 6 Orientation - MHS
5 Dec	Wed	Year 6 orientation - MHS
6 Dec	Thurs	Volunteer Morning Tea

Week 9

12 Dec	Wed	Year 6 Farewell
13 Dec	Thurs	OOSH Christmas Party
14 Dec	Fri	Presentation Assembly

Week 10

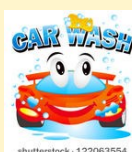
17 Dec	Mon	Combined Band Day - MHS
18 Dec	Tues	Year 6 Fun Day Excursion
19 Dec	Wed	Last Day of Term for Students
20/21Dec	Thurs/Fri	Staff Development Days

Car Wash Roster Saturday 1 December

Return this slip to school by Friday

23 November or Book online at:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=9CDdxi>



8:30am – 10:30am

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10:30am – 12:30pm

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12:30pm-2:30pm

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CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4

Week 4

Wed 7 Nov	Tameeka & Erin
Fri 9 Nov	Kuana & Catherine

Week 5

Wed 14 Nov	Hayley & Ness
Fri 16 Nov	Danni & Tereasa

Week 6

Wed 21 Nov	Danni & Erin
Fri 23 Nov	Alonna & Tereasa

CANTEEN NEWS

Lasagne is back in stock!

Don't forget as the weather warms up we still have our delicious salads and wraps! Made as you like them!

Danni Woods - Canteen Coordinator

COLOUR FUN RUN

Our Colour FunRun is only 3 weeks away!

Today students will bring home sponsorship forms and a parent/guardian letter.

The event will be held on Saturday 24th November and we'd love as many people on the day to cheer the kids on as possible!

We're also looking for some helpers, so if you're available please call the school office.

Thanks.

Danni Woods, Coordinator

Did you know...?
UKI TOUCH FOOTBALL CLUB
is hosting a

TRIVIA NIGHT

NOV
17
6PM

UKI
CLUBHOUSE

FANCY DRESS
Sports / Sportspersons Theme
(Prize for best dressed)
Adults \$15, Kids \$5

Tables of up to 8 people. Variety of topics covered.
Nibbles provided. Meals and Drinks are available to purchase.
Great Prizes, Fun Activities, Raffles, Adults & Kids Trivia.
Proceeds go to the Touch Football Club and the Sportsground.
Bookings Preferred 0423 313 370 or via facebook.

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