

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 5: TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018

School Captains 2019 - a very impressive field!

As part of the selection process for our School Captains for next year, all candidates took part in an informal 'panel-style' interview yesterday, hosted by our current Year 6 leaders. Responding to a range of impromptu questions about leadership, these impressive students convinced the audience of students from Years 4 to 6 that they are all indeed worthy candidates. Students have now voted for a short list of eight students who will go on to prepare and present formal speeches at school next week. Good luck to all remaining candidates. Early in 2019, we will have a process to elect a leadership team to assist the School Captains – judging by the answers the students gave yesterday, we will have a remarkable group of school leaders.

Pictured back: Sean W, Owen S, Ryan B, Taya A, Ali'i C, Arika C and Nathaniel W **Front:** Latoya W, Talia L, Jazmin H, Alierra K, Lavarni A, Eva T and Madelyn B



Australian Mathematics Competition

Earlier this year, fourteen Uki Public School students participated in a challenging on-line mathematics competition, which required them to solve a variety of complex multi-step problems. Our results were very pleasing indeed:

Participation: Ryan B, Nathaniel W, Mia S

Proficiency: Jessica W, Charlie K, Kieran P, Gabriella W, Owen S, India K

Credit: Lily H, Luca S

Distinction: Sienna K, Olivia W, Max W

Well done to all those who attempted the competition, and to our super-mathematician, Mrs O'Regan, who organised this opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability in this important subject.

Tell Them From Me Survey Results

Twice a year, many students in Years 4 to 6 in NSW Public Schools are surveyed about their experience of school life. The purpose of the surveys is so that school staff can

receive data directly from students, and adjust school programs and strategies accordingly. This semester, Uki Public School students returned surveys which reinforced the effectiveness of some programs, and will help us identify some school improvement initiatives. Some summary points are as follows;

Out of a possible score of 10, Uki PS students scored 7.3 to reflect the feeling that there is someone for them at school who consistently provides encouragement and can be turned to for advice. This strong sense of advocacy is very pleasing.

93% of students report that sometimes or often 'people at home tell me that school is important'. This support for education is very welcome.

Fewer students at Uki Public School report that they are victims of bullying than the NSW government school norm. Whilst it would be ideal to have this figure at zero, it is encouraging that only about a quarter of both boys and girls experience any sort of bullying. This is an area where we can find out more about students' understanding of bullying and ensure that pro-active measures continue to send a message about 'zero tolerance' for any sort of bullying.

In response to the open question, 'Do you think that Project Learning is a good way to learn? Why or why not', 81% of students returned a positive statement. Comments such as, 'Yes because project learning is fun but it is also learning', and 'I think it is a good way to learn because it helps with structure' are very affirming of this teaching strategy.

In response to the open question, 'How do PBL [Positive Behaviour for Learning] lessons help you make better choices at school?' 56% of students returned a positive statement. Of the comments that were not specifically positive, 19% indicated that they did not know how to answer the question, which is important for us to follow up with more explicit teaching.

If anyone wishes to see the full survey results, please ask at the office and I will be happy to make the report available to you.

IMPORTANT MUSIC NEWS

Mr Keogh is away this week and next week and will not be giving lessons. Concert Band and Bunyip Band rehearsals will go ahead as usual. Mr Bryant will be in on both Thursday and Friday this week for make up music lessons for students who missed lessons during Spotlight on Uki in Term 3. Lesson times will be the same as Thursday lessons.



Ekidna Badges

Congratulations to all the students who were awarded EKIDNA Badges at last week's assembly for consistently demonstrating positive values and behaviour. It was lovely to see so many parents here proudly pinning the badges on their children.



I love it when students come to share their learning with me! Here's Millie in Kindergarten reading her 'favourite' book, "Bugs for Breakfast".

Rachel Watkins - Principal

Reminders:

Currumbin K-2 excursion yellow notes and payment are due back to school by this Friday 16 November.



Healthy Harold (Life Education) orange notes and payment is due back at school by next Tuesday 20 November.

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). \$1000 has already been raised! Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far.

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. 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.

COME TRY SOME NEW SPORTS

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.

Selina Stillman - P&C President

Medical advice: There has been a report made to the school that a student has been diagnosed with whooping cough. For further information on symptoms and risk please follow this link:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheets/pages/pertussis.aspx>

The following information is provided by NSW Health. Please be aware that it is possible to contract this illness even when immunised.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Stay at home until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.

COMING UP... Calendar

Week 5

Week 6

19 Nov	Mon	Year 3 Camp
20 Nov	Tues	Kindy orientation #3
22 Nov	Thurs	2019 School Captains Speeches
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

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4

Week 5

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

Week 6

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

Week 7

Wed 28 Nov	Edwina & HELPER NEEDED
Fri 30 Nov	Belinda & Selina

Week 8

Wed 5 Dec	Tameeka & Erin
Fri 7 Dec	Danni & Tereasa

Week 9

Wed 12 Dec	Hayley & HELPER NEEDED
Fri 14 Dec	Closed

COLOUR FUN RUN

Two weeks to go until our School Colour Run. Hopefully students have been using their student profile pages at schoolfundraising.com.au to get the most out of the fundraiser.

All monies are due back **THIS FRIDAY 16th**, so please make sure you've returned all your money to the School Office by then.

We would love some volunteers on the day, so please call the office or let Danni know if you can help set up the obstacle course, help at the bbq or handle a water pistol. If you can't help, we'd still love to see you there cheering the kids on.

Danni Woods, Coordinator

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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Phone No.	
	10:30am – 12:30pm
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	12:30pm-2:30pm
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Did you know...?
UKI TOUCH FOOTBALL CLUB
is hosting a

TRIVIA NIGHT

NOV 17 6PM

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

Tables of up to 8 people. Variety of topics covered.
Nibbly 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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