

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 4 WEEK 8: TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2018

### Kindy 2019 information session completes the transition program

Last week saw the last of our four Kindy 2019 transition sessions, and we completed this experience with a parent information session on Thursday evening. Miss Birney's classroom was packed with parents and students who were able to hear all about the way that the kindy classroom, school administration, bus transport system and P&C function. It was really great to see so many parents there, as people were able to ask any questions they have prior to their child starting school. Thanks go to Lauren Birney, our Kindy teacher extraordinaire, for her stellar organisation of the session, and to members of the P&C who not only presented important information, but also provided lavish refreshments. Presenters Rosie and Ella (Kindy 2018), Lyn Webster from Webster's Bus Service and Rachel Trevaskis, our amazing office manager, were also on hand to present information and answer questions.



### Lorin Nicholson inspires and motivates

Congratulations to our SRC who organised a very successful day last Friday to acknowledge International Day of People with Disability. We raised \$155 which will be put towards a sensory garden in the school.

Our special guest for the day, Lorin Nicholson, was a huge hit with students, teachers and guests alike; it was wonderful that so many parents and carers were able to attend Lorin's presentation. His messages of never giving up, believing in yourself, pursuing dreams and saying 'no' to any form of bullying were seamlessly woven around superb guitar playing and some amusing anecdotes.

Lorin also worked with students in Years 4, 5 and 6; special glasses enabled people to experience what it might be like to be blind, and provided an opportunity for everyone to be reminded that leadership is about being responsible, rising to challenges, exercising empathy, helping others and communicating effectively. It was an unforgettable day and we thank Mrs O'Regan and Mrs Taylor for guiding the SRC to create such a successful event.



### Another fabulous mini fete

Each year the mini fete is a much-anticipated event, and this year students in Years 5 and 6 rose to the occasion in tremendous style. There was something for everyone yesterday; sock wrestling, guessing competitions, fortune telling, sponge throwing, an obstacle course, delicious goodies, a beauty parlour, a soft toy competition....and even shoulder massages, which were very well received by teachers! Congratulations to our senior students who were organised and responsible as they planned, advertised and managed a large number of stalls. A great deal of thanks also goes to Mrs Taylor, who co-ordinated the day, ably assisted by Mrs Crump.



### Healthy Harold comes to town

That clever giraffe, Harold, once again visited Uki PS in the Life Education van to engage students in some interactive learning about being healthy. Kindy students learned all about hygiene, nutrition, physical activity and safety at home and school. Year 1 and 2 classes discussed safe spaces and how friends care for and support each other. Years 3 and 4 discovered where all the important organs in the body are and the senior students were provided with factual information about the effects of tobacco smoking. Sometimes Harold is very cheeky...I hear that he tried to nibble the ears of some Kindies! What a naughty giraffe!

**Rachel Watkins - Principal**



## CAR WASH THANKS

Thank you so much to Kate Carter and the team of volunteers who organised and operated the car wash event on Saturday. \$435 was raised from this event which is a fantastic amount. Thank you. Your efforts are greatly appreciated, particularly given the hot conditions on Saturday. Well done!

## P&C MAJOR RAFFLE

A reminder that the P&C Major Raffle (Whitsunday Holiday) will be drawn at the Presentation Day, 14 December. If you haven't done so already, please return all sold and unsold tickets and money to the school office by next Thursday. Over \$900 has been raised from the raffle so far.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL

The P&C will be running a stall at the Uki Markets on Sunday 16 December. If there are any interested craft-minded parents or Christmas bakers keen to contribute to our stall please give me a call/text on 0423 313 370.

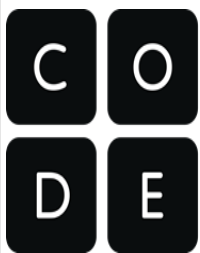
## FREE CIRCUS SKILLS

Don't forget our Term 4 circus classes run Monday afternoons after school and are available at no extra cost as part of your usual OOSH fee.

OOSH is eligible for child care subsidy and can be as little as \$5 depending on your family circumstances. Amazing value for afternoon tea, quality care and fun after school sports. Please contact our OOSH Coordinator on 66795024 or our school office to enrol. Thank you to all of our great coaches throughout the term. The kids have had great fun learning some new skills.

**Selina Stillman - P&C President**

## HOUR OF CODE!



As you may know, we have been running a Codeclub for students on Mondays at play break in 5/6T's room. All students are welcome, using iPads and laptops to learn and experiment with coding platforms such as code.org, Scratch, Scratch Junior and Tynker.

The Hour of Code event is run from December 3-9 2018, one of the largest educational events in the world. During this week each class will complete an 'Hour of Code' where they get to try out one of the coding tutorials on code.org or other platforms.

Learning to code is an important step to understand how technology works. Coding is set to become a key skill in many industries in future beyond software development. Research shows that it activates the same parts of the brain as learning another language, strengthening problem solving, logical thinking and persistence.

For more information (and to find Uki on the map!):

<https://hourofcode.com/au>

**Mr Andy Williams - Learning and Support Teacher**



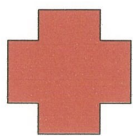
Beauty parlour, fun with water, pillow fighting, fortune telling with Madam India and cutest toy competition - the Mini Fete had the lot!



## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

As we draw to the end of the year please consider donating any outgrown uniforms to the second hand stall in the office. Items are resold for \$2 to families who cannot afford new uniforms and we are very low on stock. Donations of plastic or recyclable bags would also be appreciated. Thanks for your support.

Justine - P&C Uniform Shop Coordinator



## Uki Red Cross

The Uki branch of Red Cross will not be holding their annual Christmas fundraiser and street stall this year.

In place of the street stall, they will be holding a giant raffle with some wonderful donated and purchased goods as prizes.

If anyone would still like to make donations to Red Cross, they may do so at Pauline's shop (the Jewel of Uki), located in the front of the old Butter Factory, in the heart of Uki.

We thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and wish you a safe and Happy, Merry Christmas.



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1 December 2018- 31 January 2019

# SUMMER READING CLUB

is on again!



20-29 December 2018

[www.tweedshirevacationcare.com.au](http://www.tweedshirevacationcare.com.au)

or collect the vacation care brochure from the school office  
Bookings essential

## CANTEEN NEWS

### OUT OF STOCK!

We are out of lasagne and chicken wings.

### REMINDER

Next Wednesday, 12 December, is the last day of canteen for the year.

Danni Woods—Canteen Coordinator

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Week 8

Wed 5 Dec	Tameeka & Erin
Fri 7 Dec	Belinda & Selina

### Week 9

Wed 12 Dec	Hayley & Danni (Last day for the year)
Fri 14 Dec	Closed for end of year cleaning

## COMING UP... Calendar

### Week 8

5 Dec	Wed	Year 6 orientation - MHS
6 Dec	Thurs	Volunteers Morning Tea 10am

### Week 9

11 Dec	Tues	EKIDNA reward and whole school water Fun Day
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

## 2019

### Week 1

29 Jan	Tues	Staff Development Day
	Tues	Uniform Shop Open
30 Jan	Wed	ALL students commence (K-6)

**PARENT & COMMUNITY HELPERS  
THANK YOU MORNING TEA  
Thursday 6 December at 10.00am**

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

I / we would like to attend the helpers morning tea

