

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 4 WEEK 9: TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2018

### Combined bands in a stunning performance

'Sensational' just doesn't begin to describe the band performances last night at the Elliott Centre. The quality of the combined sounds of Uki Public School, Murwillumbah Public School, Wollumbin High School, Murwillumbah High School and visitors from Chatswood High School in Sydney just had to be heard to be believed! After a day of rehearsing together, students performed at an extraordinary level – and looked like they were really enjoying themselves as well! What a wonderful opportunity for our young musicians, who are fortunate to have so many unforgettable moments provided through their involvement in the music and band programs. Thank you, Mrs Armour, for organising yet another outstanding event.



### Thank you to all our volunteers



Last week, the staff and students at Uki said 'thank you' to the many volunteers who give so much to our school. The choir, led by Mrs Armour, started the festivities with an 'ABBA' medley, followed by some cheerful Christmas songs. Everyone enjoyed the morning tea, which was provided by teachers and staff as a way of expressing our gratitude

for the many ways so many people in the community help us. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

### Presentation Day Assembly

Parents and carers are warmly invited to our Presentation Day Assembly this coming Friday, where we celebrate the efforts and achievements of all our students this year. The assembly will be held in the OEC at 10am. Refreshments will be served for adults at the conclusion of the assembly.

### Staffing news

Congratulations to Mrs Renee Mills and Mr Andy Williams who have been appointed permanently to Uki Public School. Following a rigorous Merit Selection process, the Department of Education approved the decision of the panel. We also welcome Mrs Loueen Adams, who has been permanently appointed to the school by Service Transfer. The staff of the school is delighted to welcome Mrs Mills, Mr Williams and Mrs Adams, and I know parents will be equally pleased with these appointments.

### School Captains 2019 process

Because of continuing illness in our Year 5 classes, we have taken the decision to postpone the candidates' speeches until early in 2019. After considering a range of options, Year 5 students and school staff decided this was the fairest solution. We look forward to hearing the speeches in early 2019, at which time students will vote.

*Rachel Watkins - Principal*

### UKI PS UNIFORM SHOP 2019

The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 29 January and Wednesday 30 January (when the children return) from 9-11am.

# P&C NEWS

## 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.

Selina Stillman - P&C President

## Coding — What's Next?

### Coding @ home!

Our students had fun and all learnt a lot during our Hour of Code week! I was lucky enough to participate in many of the sessions, supporting students to problem solve, using persistence and logical thinking to identify solutions.

There was lots of interest from participants and parents to find out more. The resources I recommend are usually free, including the following:

For pre-readers and beginners:  
Daisy the Dinosaur  
Scratch Junior (both tablet apps)



Websites (all ages):  
code.org  
Scratch  
Tynker  
Code Combat



These sites can be used on a trial basis, to go further though you can create an account. Your child can do this at school and join a course suitable for their level of learning that can take up to 20 hours to complete at their own pace.

Robotics can be a great way to learn coding using a device, in schools these can include Sphero and Lego Mindstorm EV3 robots. If your child is really keen this could be an option as a gift, but many are very expensive, though there are some cheaper options such as Sphero mini. The best of these allow you to code a specific set of instructions via an app. on a phone or tablet.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask me at school, or send me an email:  
[andy.williams11@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:andy.williams11@det.nsw.edu.au).

Mr Andy Williams - Learning and Support Teacher

## MUSIC NEWS



### MR BRYANT'S LESSONS

Mr Bryant was sick at the end of Term 3 and missed teaching lessons on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. As previously notified, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September will be caught up this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

In my absence when I was on LSL..... the kids were invoiced for lessons for next Thursday 20th. Mr Bryant will teach this lesson on Wednesday 19th December as the kids won't be at school on the Thursday 20th. Lessons will be worked around the kid's performances in Uki's Got Talent.

### MR KEOGH'S LESSONS

Mr Keogh will teach this Thursday and Friday instead of Thursday 20th and Friday 21st. We will work lessons around presentation day assembly on Friday.

## 5C EXPLORING UKI

Students from 5C have recently been exploring the history, geography and community of Uki. They chose a particular focus and, using their media literacy skills, created a 60-second video to showcase what they thought was special and unique about our area. These were then entered into a nationwide competition run by ABC Education. Now we are waiting excitedly for the winners to be announced on December 14. Log on to the ABC website to view our entries, along with others from all over Australia.

<http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/competition/2749602/where-i-live-competition>

Julia Crump

## 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

## CANTEEN NEWS

### REMINDER

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

Danni Woods—Canteen Coordinator

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Week 9

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



Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who help every day, every week, every year, every event and fundraiser. Uki Public School would not be the same place without you!

Holy Trinity Uki

## Multicultural Art Exhibition

### “Imagining Christmas”

Opening 6pm, Thursday 20th December  
at Uki’s Sacred Space



**Prints and stories of artists from around the world**

Christmas punch and food

*Life-size Nativity (this year erected in honour of Mount Burrell Sculptor, Stan Chromy who created the images of Mary and Joseph. Stan died earlier this year at the grand age of 92yrs)*

**Dress-ups and photo opportunity for the kids**

Everyone also welcome to an interactive service, ‘Cloth for the Cradle’ 9am Sun 23 Dec. or a more formal service at 7.30pm on Christmas Eve.

### COMING UP . . . Calendar

Week 9		
12 Dec	Wed	Year 6 Farewell
13 Dec	Thurs	OOSH Christmas Party
14 Dec	Fri	Presentation Assembly 10.00AM
Week 10		
17 Dec	Mon	Concert Band Wet n Wild day
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 9-11am
30 Jan	Wed	ALL students commence (K-6)

## SUMMER CIRCUS

At *Spaghetti* CIRCUS

December 20, 21  
January 8, 9, 10  
January 22, 23, 24

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