

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 1 WEEK 5: TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2019

### STUDENTS LEADERS' ASSEMBLY

Parents, friends and carers of our elected Student Leaders are invited to the special assembly this coming Friday 1 March. It is traditional at Uki for the badges to be pinned by their parents, and it is a lovely way for parents to be involved in this special event. Student Leaders include; School Captains, the School Leadership Team, House Captains, Library Monitors, Band Captains and SRC Representatives. The assembly will be at 9am in the OEC.

### STUDENT VOICE DAY

'Student voice' means students having a say in what happens at the school. It is really important that students participate in decision-making processes, are able to offer ideas for school improvement and have a way to provide feedback on school initiatives. I spent the day today with the School Leadership team talking about different kinds of leadership, and considering a range of ideas for school improvement. House Captains, Library Monitors, Band Captains and SRC Representatives joined the conversation in the afternoon to have their say, and they in turn will take the ideas back to their classes so that all students can have a voice.



### DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Eva, Heath, Frankie, Alfie and Gabi who represented Uki Public School at the Murwillumbah District PSSA Swimming Carnival last week. All swimmers competed with confidence and pride, and displayed wonderful team spirit with their poolside cheering!

Special congratulations must go to Gabi, who was named Age Champion for the Carnival, having achieved some remarkable results. Gabi came first in the 50m butterfly, first in the 50m backstroke, first in the 50m freestyle, first in the 100m freestyle and second in the 200m medley. What an amazing achievement! Gabi will now go on to swim at the Zone Carnival in Ballina tomorrow, our great good wishes go with her.

### SENIOR CITIZENS' CONCERT

Our annual Senior Citizens' concert will take place on Thursday 28 March at 10am. Grandparents, special friends, neighbours and members of the community are all warmly invited to this very special event. Students are already hard at work preparing items, and I hear they are developing a keen interest in the Fab Four! Our wonderful P&C will provide a delicious morning tea and guests are more than welcome to visit children in their classrooms following the concert.

### DEBATING WORKSHOP

Formal debating is an excellent way for students to draw on public speaking and performance skills, enhance research skills and develop confidence while thinking on their feet. The ability to respectfully put forward a point of view whilst listening carefully to another's opinion is a really important life skill.



Hugo, Charlie, Luca, Gabi and Eva at the workshop.  
Connor and Kieran also attended.

On Monday, Mr Williams accompanied 7 students to Bangalow Public School to attend a debating workshop. Here's what Luca thought about the day;

*"It was a good experience to be able to learn debating. First rule is to be loud. Second is to be angry. We learnt a lot of other rules, but these stood out the most to me."*

Thank you to Stephanie Wright for assisting with transport on the day.

### PSSA EXPLAINED....

PSSA stands for NSW Primary Schools Sporting Association. The PSSA organises a variety of sporting competitions so that students who have ability in a particular sport have a pathway from school competitions right through to State and National level. PSSA competitions are open to students from the age of 8 onwards in any current year.

There are three main ways that students participate in the PSSA at school.

- School Carnivals. There are three of these each year: the Swimming Carnival, the Cross Country Carnival and the Track and Field (Athletics) Carnival. All students aged 8 and over are able to compete in school carnivals. Students who meet qualifying times or distances are invited to compete against other qualifying students at the next level of competition, called the 'District' level. Our District is Murwillumbah. Success at District level will lead to eligibility for the Far North Coast level, then North Coast, then State, then National.
- For sports other than those covered in the three carnivals, the PSSA offers a pathway to the Representative competitions or teams at the District level. For these sports (such as tennis, basketball, hockey and many others), students are able to self-nominate to try out for the Representative team if they have experience and some expertise in the sport. The school then is able to support the students' self-nomination, depending on the criteria for each sport. This criteria is set out by the PSSA, not the school. For example, because soccer is such a popular sport, the PSSA states that students must be playing at a club level in order to be able to try out for the Representative team. For most sports, the Representative teams are only open to students in Years 5 and 6, but there is some leeway with this, depending on the sport.
- Inter-school 'Knockout' competitions for specified team sports such as netball, cricket, soccer. Usually these involve students in Years 4 - 6. At this point, Uki does not enter the PSSA for these competitions, but we may well do so in the future.

I hope this has helped to fill you in about this quite involved program! We do our best to explain the process to the students at our daily assemblies, but if there is still something that is not quite clear, please feel free to ask Mrs Mills who is our PSSA contact person at school.

Uki students have already participated in PSSA trials for cricket and basketball. Tennis, hockey, football (soccer) and AFL are coming up.

Special congratulations to Owen who was selected to play FNC basketball on 8 March in Byron Bay.



Owen and Gabi, our current Far North Coast Zone representatives in basketball and swimming.

## OUR WORD OF THE WEEK

At last week's P&C, a suggestion was made to have a 'Word of the Week' for the school. Great idea! We thought it would be good if these words could be used at home as well as school to increase students' vocabulary, and also because....well, words are fun! Teachers will be on the lookout for students using these words. So here are this week's words:

### Word of the Week for K-2:

**'beaming'.** *I was beaming when I received my 'Student of the Week' Award.*

### Word of the Week for 3-6:

**'potential'.** *She is an excellent tennis player with the potential to win many competitions.*

**Rachel Watkins - Principal**

## SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS AND REMINDERS

**Emergency Contact update** forms were sent out last week in an envelope to each child. Many of these have not yet been returned. Please take the time to carefully check the information we have recorded for your child, including any medical information, and return the form to us by Friday 1 March. If there are any significant changes please contact us or amend the information, sign off for checking and return.

The **P&C Uniform Shop** is now open on Wednesday mornings. Order forms for new uniforms may be left at the office at any time to be filled and returned with your child. All new uniforms must be paid for before collection.

Some second hand items are available in the school sick bay for \$2 an item and you are welcome to call in and find a suitable second hand item if you wish at any time, however receipts will not be issued by office staff for uniforms.

**Textbook levy payments** are now overdue. Statements for amounts owing have been sent home with the youngest child in your family today. If you need to discuss a payment plan please call the office to arrange this. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially.

Coming up in the next few weeks of term we will have **School Photo order envelopes** coming home. Each envelope will have your child's name on it for ordering and it is IMPORTANT that you do not lose these. We have included a copy of what you may like to order as a flyer in this newsletter so that you are aware of the cost involved. Envelopes will need to be returned to the office no later than 12 March.

**Year 6 students** will be issued with an Expression of Interest for High School 2020 on Monday 11 March. These forms will need to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 19 March. Please call the office before the due date for assistance regarding these forms.

**School Banking** is processed on Fridays and books returned to students either Friday afternoon or Mondays.

Welcome to all our new **Classroom and Canteen volunteers**. A reminder that if you are volunteering in the school you need to call in to the office and sign in and out each time you visit. Before commencing the Department requires that you complete an 'Appendix 5' declaration form for Working with Children and provide 100 points ID. If you have not already called in please do so on your next visit to the school.

Please don't hesitate to call the school if you have any enquiries, office hours are 8:30am-3:30pm.

**Rachel Trevaskis - School Administrative Manager**



## P&C NEWS

### CASUAL VACANCY UKI PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

#### P&C PRESIDENT

Interested in working with a great team of dedicated parents, staff and community members to enhance our beautiful school? Our P&C are seeking a new President to lead our committee in 2019. Details of the role are included with this week's newsletter. All other positions within the P&C have been filled so there is no expectation for the holder of this position to take on additional roles as held by our previous President. Please consider. Elections for the position will be held at our meeting next Monday, 4 March. If not filled, the position will roll over to the following meeting.

#### Next P&C meeting – 4 March

All are welcome to attend the next P&C meeting to be held Monday 4 March at 6pm in the school staff room next to the office. If you are unable to attend but would like to provide suggestions or discussion items please use the P&C feedback box in the school office.

#### Family Fun Fair - SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE. This year's Family Fun Fair will be held on **Friday 29 March 2019** between 3pm and 7pm. This is our P&C's major Fundraiser and is always a fun community event. Many volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. More information on how you can be involved will be sent out soon. Anyone interested in coordinating a stall please contact Alonna Scott or leave your details at the school office.

#### Book your kids into Circus

Our OOSH (Outside of School Hours) kids have been having fun learning new skills with Alonna in our after school circus activities on Tuesday afternoons. Circus classes are provided free as part of your usual OOSH enrolment. OOSH fees are Child Care Subsidised so can cost parents as little as \$3 depending on your family income. Please contact Natascha or Peta for more information on 66795024 (after 2:30pm week days).

#### Before School Care

Don't forget our P&C run a Before School Care every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:30am. Breakfast is included as part of the program. For more details email [ukioosh@gmail.com](mailto:ukioosh@gmail.com).

### Canteen Roster

#### Term 1 2019

Week	Day/Date	Morning	All Day
5	Wed 27/2	Vanessa	
	Fri 1/3	Allona/Kellie/Rosie all day	
6	Wed 6/3	Edwina	Emma
	Fri 8/3	Ellie	Tereasa
7	Wed 13/3	Kim	Rhiannon
	Fri 15/3	Danni/Kylie all day	
8	Wed 20/3	Camille	
	Fri 22/3		Tereasa

## CANTEEN NEWS

Frozen yoghurt has been removed from our menu as it is no longer compliant with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, but we were allowed to sell off our remaining stock. We are now completely sold out. We have been able to replace the frozen yoghurt with vanilla ice cream tubs. They are also \$2 and are proving popular with students and staff alike.

We have had some lovely feedback for our new homemade spinach and cheese triangles. We are currently perfecting the cooking process so they will be yummy every time! Thank you to those students who offer the feedback and helpful hints.

The roster still has a few spots left. Please contact me at [ukicanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ukicanteen@gmail.com) or leave your details with the school office.

**Danni Woods—Canteen Coordinator**

### COMING UP . . . Term 1 Calendar

#### Week 5

25 Feb	Mon	Debating workshop Alstonville
26 Feb	Tues	Year 7 2020 Info session at MHS
1 March	Fri	Leaders Induction Assembly 9am

#### Week 6

4 Mar	Mon	P&C Meeting 6pm
5 Mar	Tues	MHS Principal visit to Year 6
5 Mar	Tue	PSSA District Football (Soccer)
7 Mar	Thurs	PSSA District Tennis
8 Mar	Fri	PSSA FNC Basketball Trials

#### Week 7

11 Mar	Mon	Year 6 High School EOI forms issued
11 Mar	Mon	PSSA District AFL Trials
11 Mar	Mon	125 Years Celeb Meeting 6pm
15 Mar	Fri	School Photos

#### Week 8

19 Mar	Tues	Year 6 EOI High School Forms due
19 Mar	Tues	PSSA District Hockey Trials
22 Mar	Fri	PSSA District Rugby League (11's)



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# Quick Member Info

## Role of the President

The President is elected at the P&C Association's Annual General Meeting.

### Duties

The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts
- Chairing meetings, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

### Voting

The President is entitled to the same voting rights as any member. However, a President, when in the Chair, often abstains from voting in order to preserve the impartiality of the position.

The person chairing a meeting does not have a casting vote in the event of a tied vote. In the event of a tied vote, the motion remains as status quo. This allows the motion to be put forward at another time.

### Sub-committees

The President is automatically a member of all P&C sub-committees. The President should be informed of all sub-committee meetings and decisions, this would occur through written report.

An experienced President gives opportunities to the Vice-Presidents to develop their skills in chairing meetings. Federation recommends that a vice-president be delegated to chair part of a meeting. The training process could also include delegating the responsibility of sub-committee leadership to vice-presidents.

The President also has important responsibilities outside of meetings and is looked to as a leader of the parent community.

The President does not make unilateral decisions and should be mindful that all public statements accurately represent the views of the association.

If you require further information or clarification contact P&C Federation's Member Services Team  
[mail@pandc.org.au](mailto:mail@pandc.org.au) or 1300 885 982



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