

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 1 WEEK 7: TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019

### School Plan Consultation Process

Last night I was pleased to share the draft of the revised 2018 - 2020 School Plan again. The School Plan has three Strategic Directions for the next two years;

- Quality Learning
- Community Partnerships
- Student Wellbeing

Thank you to the parents who provided feedback and suggestions that will now be incorporated into the plan. Consultation about the School Plan has involved staff, student leaders, P&C and community members. The plan will now be uploaded onto our school website for everyone to read. If you would like a hard copy, please just ask at the school office.

### Parents as teachers

5/6W LOVED having Chloe's mum, Nette, teaching them gymnastics for their sport session last week. Nette has a great deal of experience as a gym teacher, and we're delighted to have her at school sharing her skills.

### Don't Forget - School Photo Day is THIS Friday 15 March



All class photos, individual photos, family photos, group photos and band photos will be taken on Friday. Students must wear their full school uniform. Remember to brush your hair, polish your shoes...and bring your instrument, if you have one!

### 125 Year Celebration

Next year (2020) Uki Public School will be 125 years old! What an amazing achievement, and one the community is very proud of. In the long weekend next year, (June 6 - 8 2020) we will be holding celebrations at the school, so now is the time to contact any former students, staff members, or community members you know who might like to make their way to Uki to catch up with old acquaintances and rekindle some fond memories. Last night the committee met to continue the preparations for the events.

If anyone has any suggestions or would like to be part of the organising committee, please contact Diane Wilder on 0472 975 537.



### PJs at school? What's going on?

Last week, students who have been chosen to be part of the 'Sydney Choir' had their first evening rehearsal.....in their pyjamas!! I even saw some angel wings as part of the night attire, along with an 'interesting' assortment of night wear! Mrs Armour, Mrs Kendrick and Mrs Newell couldn't pick a 'Best PJ' person, so the award deservedly went to all of them! In September, the students will travel to Sydney to sing as part of a massed choir of over 600 students at the Sydney Opera House. I'm already looking forward to it!

### Speech Clinics

We welcome Leonie Hamilton and a team of Speech Therapist trainees to Uki for a few weeks to conduct Speech Therapy evaluations and clinics for selected K-2 students. Speech Therapists can help children who are not forming sounds properly, but they also are trained to diagnose language processing disorders, which can be aural, verbal or impede reading or writing. Partnerships with external agencies or experts greatly benefit our students, and we are very glad to have Leonie and the team working with the students and staff.



## High School Transition Process for Year 6 Students

Last week, our Year 6 students had a visit from Mr Peter Howes, Principal of Murwillumbah High School, Mr Luke Bristow (Deputy Principal), Mr David Anderson (Year 7 advisor), Callum Wise (MHS School Captain) and Charlie Trevaskis (MHS Vice Captain). The team spoke to the students about what to expect at high school, including the learning programs and who to go to for help. They debunked a few myths and answered questions about life at high school. The visit is part of the year-long transition program which is designed to create a positive start to high school at the beginning of Year 7. Judging by the attentiveness of the Year 6 students and their questions, the program seems to be producing excellent outcomes already, and we're very grateful to the high school team for coming to Uki.



**Reminder:** Year 6 High School forms are due back at school by Tuesday 19 March. **No matter which high school your child is going to, everyone needs to return the form.** If you need help to complete the form, please ask at the office.

### Parent - Teacher Interviews: 18 to 29 March

We are again using an online booking service for our Parent Teacher Interviews. Using this service will make booking a time quicker and easier, with a confirmation emailed to you immediately. If you don't have the internet or are having difficulty making a booking, please call the office for the staff to reserve your timeslot.

Bookings must be finalised before 15 March at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes, so if you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 6679 5128.

**Rachel Watkins - Principal**

### BOOK COVERING HELPERS NEEDED

We have many new readers which need covering so that our students can begin using them. Please contact Mrs Taylor via the office if you are able to assist. Thank you.



### CANTEEN NEWS

Please do not send in orders for recess food, this is not a service we offer. All recess food is purchased at the counter by students.

There are still a few spots available on the roster, please contact the office or Danni at [ukicanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ukicanteen@gmail.com), if you'd like to fill one, or even join the emergency list

**Danni Woods, Canteen Coordinator**

## COMING UP... Term 1 Calendar

### Week 7

|        |     |                         |
|--------|-----|-------------------------|
| 15 Mar | Fri | School Photos 9am start |
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### Week 8

|           |         |                                   |
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| 18-22 Mar | Mon-Fri | PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS         |
| 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) |

### Week 9

|           |         |                           |
|-----------|---------|---------------------------|
| 25-29 Mar | Mon-Fri | PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS |
| 28 Mar    | Thur    | Senior Citizens Concert   |
| 29 Mar    | Fri     | FAMILY FUN FAIR 3-7pm     |

### Week 10

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| 3 Apr | Wed | School Cross Country Carnival |
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### Week 11

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| 11 Apr | Thur | Easter Hat Parade |
| 12 Apr | Fri  | Last day Term 1   |

### SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS AND REMINDERS

School Photo Orders were due back at school today. If you have not returned your order to the office, please send it in with your child to be given directly to the photographer on Friday morning.

**Rachel Trevaskis - School Administrative Manager**

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### Canteen Roster - Term 1

| Week | Day/Date   | Morning             | All Day  |
|------|------------|---------------------|----------|
| 7    | Wed 13 Mar | Kim                 | Rhiannon |
|      | Fri 15 Mar | Danni/Kylie all day |          |
| 8    | Wed 20 Mar | Camille             |          |
|      | Fri 22 Mar |                     | Tereasa  |
| 9    | Wed 27 Mar | Vanessa             | Leonie   |
|      | Fri 29 Mar |                     | Emma     |



## P&C NEWS

Hello Uki Public School Parents, Carers and Students, my name is Andrew Tiffen and some of you may know I have taken on the role of President of our wonderful P&C. I have been involved with Uki school for two years and my children are Eva in year 6 and Heath in year 4.

When I was originally asked if I would consider the role of President **my biggest concern was 'filling the shoes' of our amazing outgoing President, Selina Stillman**, who has been an outstanding example in the role, going over and above for many years. However, after chatting with her and hearing how well this team works together, the effort they all put in and support they offer, I decided to give it a crack! Thanks to those I have seen around the school and the encouragement given already.

On Monday night 4th of March, I had my first P&C meeting (thanks to Danni Woods for your assistance and direction). We had a good turn out and I would love to see any parents, carers come along and see first hand one of the driving forces behind this great school and have your say and offer any support you can. You are all safe to come along especially since all positions have now been filled!

Items discussed on the night were the usual reports from President, Treasurer, Secretary & Canteen co-ordinator with all having positive reports to deliver. The OOSH program was discussed and the on-going support needed for this great before and after school care program.

**Rachel Watkins gave a very important Principal's report to explain the Revised Uki School Consultation Plan for the next 2 years to the P&C.** The effort Rachel has put into this plan and our school is above and beyond expectations. If you would like to see this draft and maybe discuss it with her please do.

Also on the agenda at the meeting was the Family Fun Fair which is coming up on Friday 29 March. We need as many Helpers/volunteers as we can to make this a great afternoon and evening. If you can contribute in any way please return your Volunteer roster sheet which was sent home last Friday.

We are also holding an Election day BBQ on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. Both the Fun Fair and the BBQ will raise funds for the school, the aim is to complete the landscaping around the play equipment and commence the repainting of activity murals on the concrete. Let's get involved in any way we can!

**Andrew Tiffen, P&C President**

## UKI PUBLIC SCHOOL FAMILY FUN FAIR REQUEST FOR DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR PRIZES

The annual Family Fun Fair on 29 March is fast approaching! This is a major fundraising event for the P&C so we are kindly asking for help from families in the form of items suitable for prizes for our cent auction. Below is a list of some items needed:

Each class will be collecting a large box of items for the cent auction. Each class has a theme for items to make the prizes varied and interesting....

**Class KM** - Items relating to gardening and pets like tools, pots, solar lights, seeds, sprinklers, garden gloves, pet toys, collars, leads, etc...

**Class 1C** – Items relating to books and stationery like children's books, picture books, textas, pencils, erasers, highlighters, bookmarks, etc...

**Class 2K** – Items relating to food and hampers (non-perishable) like crackers, olives, picnic items, gourmet sauces, biscuits, teas and coffees, etc....

**Class 3/4S** – Items relating to BBQ and tools like BBQ utensils, aprons, BBQ cookbooks, marinades also car wash supplies, etc...

**Class 3/4T** – Items relating to health and toiletries like creams, lotions, soaps, washers, towels, candles, oil burners, bath salts, etc...

**Class 5/6Q** – Items relating to toys and games like board games, card games, puzzles, craft items, paint sets, modelling clay, dominoes, etc...

**Class 5/6W** – Items relating to swimming like sunscreen, after sun lotion, beach towels, inflatable pool/beach toys, buckets/spades etc  
The Class Boxes can be filled over and over! There is a prize for the class who fills their box first and who continues to make the most contribution towards the prize haul! So come on everyone, start filling those boxes!

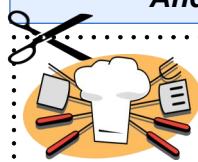
*We will be doing our lolly jar guessing competition again this year, and so would appreciate donations of lollies and chocolates to fill the jar! These can be left at the office.*

We thank you for your support and help.  
*Uki P & C Fundraising Committee*

### SYDNEY CHOIR KIDS WELCOME AT OOSH

We would like to welcome all the Sydney choir kids to OOSH on a Tuesday. We can look after your children straight after school, feed them afternoon tea, entertain them with our great program and staff, and then later, we prepare them with a pre-dinner snack.

**Fees can be as low as \$5.00 with the Child Care Subsidy.** What a great service! Book through the school office now. First day is free.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL

Uki Public School is an official polling place for the **NSW State Election on Saturday 23 March**.

This provides a great opportunity for the P&C to run a fundraising BBQ, so we are looking for volunteers to help out! Set up will start at 7.30am and we will aim to finish up by 1pm, volunteers can choose a 2hr shift. If you are able to help, please fill out the form below and return it to the school by Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will also be selling baked goods so any donation of cakes, slices, biscuits etc., would be greatly appreciated. Baked goods can be dropped off at the school canteen on Friday 22 April or at the stall on Saturday morning. Goods must have an ingredients list with them thanks.



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| <b>Name:</b>   | <b>I can help from</b> | <b>(Tick a timeslot)</b> |
| <b>Phone Number:</b>   | 7:30 am - 9:30 am      |                          |
| <b>I would prefer to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cook the BBQ <input type="checkbox"/> Serve Customers | 9:30 am - 11:30 am     |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can donate some baked goods   | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm     |                          |





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