

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 9: TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019

Keeping all our children safe.

The safety of our students is our number one priority. Staff members and I feel very worried when children are distressed because they do not know where they are expected to go, especially after school. Recently we have had several incidents where children are left at school, or returned to school by bus drivers because a message has not been clearly communicated. Whilst we make every effort possible to make sure children are where they are supposed to be, we need your help. I would like to ask you all to follow these guidelines.

- Please only call the school to arrange a variation in routine **when it is absolutely essential**. Recently we have had many calls asking us to communicate messages to students when parents have been arranging play-dates during the day. Play-date arrangements should be made the day before, or after your child is picked up.
- We are not able to call parents at pick-up time when students make play-date arrangements with each other during the day, and we do not have prior advice from parents.
- If you are ringing the school to advise of a variation to your child's routine, **please call before 2:30pm**. We have recently had a spate of calls coming right on the bell time. Office staff cannot guarantee that they are able to get a late message to your child.
- If your child has a variation to their routine, it is preferable to write a note to the teacher, especially for our younger students. Little children cannot always remember verbal messages given to them in the morning.
- If you are arranging other people to collect your children, please ensure that they know of these arrangements in good time, so that they are able to be at school to collect children before the buses leave.

Our office staff go above and beyond in relaying messages, but they are placed in difficult situations when these guidelines are not followed. Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Outdoor learning is great.



3/4S took to the great outdoors to learn all about erosion.

We love our community partners!

We are so fortunate at Uki to have so many members of the community who are willing to share their passions and expertise with us. Karyn and Madeleine are helping with the pottery program this year...here they are with 1C. The artworks are already looking amazing!



Our Amazing P&C



Thank you to our wonderful P&C for once again going above and beyond to raise funds for the school. They were hard at work in the heat of State Election Day, selling raffles, tempting voters with delicious baked goodies and barbecuing up a storm. Thank you!!

Follow us on Facebook!

Don't forget to find Uki Public School on Facebook for all the up-to-date messages and pics. Also - if you haven't already downloaded the School Stream app to your mobile device, please do so. If you need help, please see our office staff.

Words of the week!

I was completely inundated with eager word sleuths last week who were keen to let me know that they had found the words of the week! And don't worry.....before they received their Parade Ticket, they had to tell me what the word meant. Good job, everyone! This week's words are....

K-2: initiative Initiative means 'doing something useful without being asked first'

3-6: spate Spate means 'a large number of something coming in quickly'

REMINDER

**UKI PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FAMILY FUN FAIR RAFFLE
TICKETS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL TOMORROW!**

EKIDNA Badge process

Last week we officially launched our revised 'EKIDNA Badge' process. After extensive consultation with staff, students, student leaders, parents and the P&C, we seem to have a great plan that everyone is happy with! EKIDNA stands for 'Every KID Now Achieves'. This student wellbeing process was instigated several years ago, and a student at the time designed the gorgeous badges that students love to earn! Here's how the process will work;

1. Students who display EKIDNA behaviour (for example; being kind, leading by example, caring for others, showing initiative) will be given an EKIDNA ticket by a teacher, office staff member, teacher's aide or even me!
 2. Each time they receive an EKIDNA ticket, they will add a sticker to their EKIDNA chart and take their EKIDNA ticket home to show parents and carers.
 3. When they have collected 12 stickers, they will show their chart to me, and receive a BRONZE EKIDNA certificate in assembly.
 4. When they have collected 12 more, they will receive a SILVER EKIDNA certificate in assembly.
- When they have collected 12 more, they will receive a GOLD EKIDNA certificate in assembly plus their EKIDNA Badge. We will run a movie in the library for the children. More information will be sent home soon.

Here's Kai - the very first recipient of our new EKIDNA tickets! Congratulations!

Rachel Watkins - Principal



Shirley and Summah with our EKIDNA mascots.
Photograph by Chloe and Darcy 5/6W

COMING UP... Term 1 Calendar

Week 9

25-29 Mar	Mon-Fri	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
28 Mar	Thur	Senior Citizens Concert 10am
29 Mar	Fri	FAMILY FUN FAIR 3-7pm

Week 10

3 Apr	Wed	School Cross Country Carnival
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Week 11

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



FUN FAIR CAKE STALL REMINDER

We still require lots of yummy cakes and desserts for the cake stall! Delicious items may be delivered to the canteen all day Friday.

OOSH NEWS

Hello OOSH Parents,

We have had a great first half of the term with some creek walks, great circus classes and even some sewing... in amongst all the play, of course.

The next four weeks of term we have **hip hop scheduled on Wednesdays**, some more creek walks and some sewing of soft toys as some of our planned program activities.

Our **Friends are free on Friday** voucher is valid until the end of term two, so remember to arrange your next Friday arvo play date at OOSH!

Finally, don't forget our **Before School Care** is there for you when and if you need it.

See you soon!

Natascha Wernick - Uki OOSH coordinator
02 6679 5024 or 0412 98 0063



Wednesday HIP HOP DANCE CLASS

At The Uki Kids Club:OOSH
March 20- April 10

OOSH VOUCHER FRIENDS ARE FREE ON FRIDAYS AT THE UKI KIDS CLUB:



At the Uki Kids Club:OOSH this term you can bring your friend to OOSH for free! Simply decide who you want to bring, ask their parents, book them in at the school office and then come and join in the fun!

This is valid for term 1 & 2 2019 only. Children must be enrolled at OOSH. New enrolment is available on the day. For more information contact Natascha Wernick 02 6679 5024

Senior Citizens Concert & Morning Tea This Thursday 28 March 10AM

A highlight of the Term is our annual Senior Citizen's Concert and Morning Tea. All Grandparents and community senior citizens are cordially invited to attend this special event to be held at 10.00am this Thursday, 28 March.

Following the concert, our visitors are invited to enjoy a morning tea with staff and students, generously donated by the Uki P&C, and are then able to visit classrooms to see how much school has changed over the years.

We are looking forward to seeing our OEC filled to overflowing with community members on Thursday. Please RSVP to the office 6679 5128 by Wednesday 27 March.

UKI PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY

EASTER RAFFLE

This year the school is holding a raffle to raise funds to purchase new books for the library.

We are asking families to please donate Easter eggs & novelty items for the hampers which will be offered as prizes.

All donations should be left at the school office by Tuesday 9 April.

All tickets should be returned (sold or unsold) to school by Tuesday 9 April.

Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5
Drawn: Uki School Easter Hat Parade,
Thursday 11 April 2019

Thank you for your support!



P&C NEWS

G'day Uki Public School,

The Election Day BBQ was a great morning/lunch fundraising event getting underway at around 7am and wrapping up at around 1.30PM. Thanks to Darryl, Emma, Tereasa, Tony, Steph, Edwina, Aaron, Barry, Julia, Sam, Danni, Kylie and Rachel W for all you did and not to forget all the kids that got in and helped on the day and to all that donated cakes and slices! Sorry if I forgot anyone. The P & C raised just over \$530 for the morning.

Our focus now turns to this Friday's Family Fun Fair. We still need Helpers/Volunteers, so see Alonna or just pop into the office and say you can lend a hand any time before Friday.

Come along get involved and have some fun with the great families that make up Uki Public School.

Thanks for your Support,

Andrew Tiffen, P&C President

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CANTEEN NEWS

SUSHI DAY THIS FRIDAY! Order forms went home last week. Please return the forms as soon as possible or order your child's sushi online. All orders must be returned by 10am Wednesday morning as I will be placing the order to Samurai sushi before midday. Thank you!

Danni Woods- Canteen Coordinator

Canteen Roster - Term 1

Week	Day/Date	Morning	All Day
9	Wed 27 Mar	Vanessa	Leonie
	Fri 29 Mar		Emma
10	Wed 3 Apr	Edwina	Emma
	Fri 5 Apr	Alonna/Kellie/Rosie all day	
11	Wed 10 Apr	Kim	Rhiannon
	Fri 12 Apr	Ellie	Tereasa



Grand Final Night

Friday 5th April 2019

Vic Bianchetti Sports Ground, Uki

Games start at 5.15 pm



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