

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 3 WEEK 6: TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2019



### Thank you to all our school support staff

This week is SAS (School Administration and Support) Staff Recognition Week. It's a time for all of us to acknowledge the contribution to the school community of the amazing work done by staff in the office, in the school grounds and by teachers' aides in the classroom and playground. These roles are vital to the school and to all students' learning and wellbeing. Without their expertise, energy, dedication and commitment, Uki Public School would not be the wonderful school it is. So this week, in particular, please take a moment to thank our admin and support staff –they are making a huge difference in your children's lives.

### Les Peterkin Portrait Prize Successes

Recently all students submitted an artwork to the Les Peterkin Art Competition at the Tweed Regional Gallery. They had to create a portrait on the theme ***Myself at my Favourite Place***. There were many beautiful works which students really enjoyed creating. I'd like to particularly mention Audrey in Kindergarten, whose portrait, 'Waterpark', was "Les' Pick" this year - a great honour! Special congratulations also go to the following students whose works have been chosen to be on display in folders at the gallery; Bela, Daisy, Jaci, Lila, Tia, Taya and Archer. Well done to everyone - why don't you pop in and have a look at the beautiful work from Uki students!



### Creative Arts at Murwillumbah High School - helping our students get ready for high school

Last week, students in Year 6 attended Murwillumbah High School for a transition day focusing on Creative Arts. Transition days provide students with the opportunity to be taught by high school teachers, in the high school environment. Research has shown that students who participate in such initiatives experience a much more successful start to high school and feel better prepared for the challenges of secondary school life. Thank you to Murwillumbah High School for facilitating the day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all students. Here are some of their reflections:

Eva: *"I learnt art doesn't need to be perfect"*

Aron: *"It was fun - I got to hang out with new friends at High School"*

Bella: *"I learnt that I need to stretch before dancing"*

Mr Williams: *'What an experience for our Year 6 group visiting Murwillumbah High School for an Art Extravaganza. Students were exposed to Postmodernism art, drama games, Bollywood dancing and rhythms in music. Thank you to our students for participating with enthusiasm and representing our school with pride.'*



### External Validation

Each year, every public school is required to complete a school self-assessment against 14 criteria of excellence covering learning, teaching and leading. Every five years, schools are randomly selected to have external personnel review their self-assessment to provide feedback on how the school is tracking. Today I was delighted to welcome Clayton Reddie (Principal School Leadership) and Mandy Dawkins (a peer Principal) along with our school's Director Educational Leadership, Megan Johnson, to review our self-assessment. This self-assessment is the result of many months of collaborative work undertaken by school staff. I'd particularly like to thank Sue O'Regan, Loueen Adams and Edna Kendrick who joined me on the steering team to prepare our sets of evidence ready for today's panel meeting. Along the way, we sought input from the P&C,



student leadership and members of the community, and ultimately prepared four sets of evidence to showcase what we think are the most important aspects of Uki Public School; Community, Learning Support, Professional Practice and Student Wellbeing. I was proud to share our evidence sets with the P&C last night. If you were not able to make the meeting, but wish to see the External Validation work, please just let me know. I'd be more than happy to share it with you.



#### Zone Athletics Carnival success

Congratulations to Ryan, Murry, Sari, Casey, Eva B and Natalia (not in photo) who represented Uki Public School at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Byron Bay last week. Special congratulations go to Casey who came third in the 8-year girls' 100m race. Casey will soon compete as part of the Zone team in the Far North Coast Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Mills and Mr Southgate who were very involved in organising this huge event, and who attended as officials on the day.

#### Kindergarten 2019 -it's time to enrol

If you have a little one who is ready to start 'big school' in 2020, now is the time to fill out the enrolment form. Mrs Mills will soon start visiting the pre-schools to get to know our next group of Uki Kindy Kids, and the transition program will take place next term. Save the date for our Teddy Bears' Picnic on Thursday 19 September.

### Term 3 Calendar

Week 6		
Mon-Fri	26-30 Aug	School Swimming Scheme Yr 2-6
Thurs	29 August	Father's Day Stall (ONE DAY ONLY)
Week 7		
Mon-Fri	2 - 6 Sept	School Swimming continues
Wed-Fri	4 - 6 Sept	Sydney Choir excursion
Sat	7 Sept	P&C Bunnings BBQ
Week 8		
Mon	9 Sept	125 Years Celebration Meeting
Tues	10 Sept	Spelling Bee Regional Final
Fri	13 Sept	Uki PS ART SHOW (in school)
13-15 Sept		Images of Uki Community event
Week 9		
Thurs	19 Sept	TEDDY BEARS PICNIC: Pre School Visit to our school
Thurs	19 Sept	FNC Public Speaking Final



#### Our beautiful gardens..... a collective effort

Our gardens are looking lovely as we prepare for the Murwillumbah Garden Competition, which is being judged this week. Many, many thanks go to Adam, our dedicated General Assistant, who has worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to get everything ready. He has really transformed the Centennial Garden at the front of the school as well as looking after the vege garden with students and Mr Williams. Huge thanks go also to Mrs Spiller, who puts hours into keeping everything alive and flourishing.

#### Rachel Watkins, Principal

#### Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 and 6 students who completed the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition last Thursday. The students put their problem solving skills to the test and worked tirelessly through some very tough questions. Some examples of the mid-range questions are below. We are all very proud of them for representing Uki Public School and doing their best.

#### Sue O'Regan - Mathematics Coordinator

23. What is the product of 15 thousand and 20 thousand?

- (A) 300 thousand (B) 3 million  
(C) 300 million (D) 3 billion

24.  $2\frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{4} =$

- (A)  $\frac{7}{8}$  (B)  $1\frac{7}{8}$  (C)  $2\frac{1}{8}$  (D)  $2\frac{2}{4}$

25. Which of the following numbers has 15 as a factor?

- (A) 825 (B) 850 (C) 873 (D) 875

#### WORDS OF THE WEEK

**K-2: vital.** Vital means very, very important. *Water is vital to all living things. Without water, all living things would die.*

**3-6: flourishing.** Flourishing means growing and developing in a very healthy way. *All our plants are flourishing because we are looking after them so well.*

#### CHALLENGE CORNER

Tim drives a truck. He arrives at a tunnel with a four metre clearance. Tim knows his truck is just over four metres high. What can he do to get through the tunnel?  
**Mrs Phillips has the answer!**

## P&C NEWS

### SAS Staff recognition Week 26 to 30 August.

This week we officially recognise/celebrate the contribution of School Administrative and Support Staff. So, whether they work in the office, library, school grounds or in the classroom, they all play an important role in our school life. So, this week is all about our school community showing that appreciation and to acknowledge the role that SAS Staff play.

### NEW School Canteen update

The new canteen SHOULD be open for business for term 4! The removal of the old canteen will happen during the school break, we will know more as it gets closer, as this may change a little as the build process takes shape.

On another canteen note, more helpers are needed for the roster. If you can spare 1 day a term please contact Danni and put your name down.

### Bunnings BBQ - Saturday 7 September

Bunnings BBQ preparation is well under way. We really need a few more people for the later slots 1pm-2:30/3ish. It would be great if you don't have anything booked in for that day as of now please put your name down and come along to cook some sausages or take people's money. It's all for a great cause.... OUR School P&C!

You can put your name down via the link below, just use the code **ggbvs** to login to the event.

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### Father's Day stall.

The P & C will be holding a Father's Day stall **THIS THURSDAY ONLY** for students to purchase gifts for this coming Sunday. Gifts range in price from \$2 to \$10. We ask that children bring no more than \$10 to spend and suggest they have a purse or wallet to keep their money in.

Andrew Tiffen - P&C President

### Canteen Roster - Week 6

Day/Date	Volunteers
Wed 28 Aug	Ness Bryant <b>Helper Needed</b>
Fri 30 Aug	Emma Ditton <b>Helper Needed</b>

### REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE:

**Enrolment Kindy 2020** - Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Let your friends and family know to contact the office if they have an enrolment for 2020.

**Family Statements** have been sent home today. Camp payments aren't due until October, however you are able to make payments at any time if you would like to.



## BUNNINGS BBQ VOLUNTEER ROSTER, 7 SEPTEMBER 2019

HELPERS NEEDED! RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 29 AUGUST OR ACCESS THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP.

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