

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 10: TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2019

THANKYOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As the 2019 school year draws rapidly to a close, I'd like to thank our school community for the contribution each person has made to this wonderful school. It has been a busy year, full of memorable events and new opportunities. At the forefront of all that we do is our commitment to providing an excellent education for each and every student. To this end I would personally like to reiterate my gratitude and admiration for the hard work of our teaching and support staff, who guide, support, challenge and inspire our students on a daily basis. Working in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community, the staff at Uki nurture students to learn, grow and shine. We celebrated the effort and achievements of our students at last week's Presentation Day Assembly and it was great to see so many proud families and special guests sharing the wonderful occasion.



Last week we also held the Year 6 farewell dinner dance, where our senior students - who suddenly look so grown up! - enjoyed a social occasion to acknowledge the important transition to high school. We all wish them the very best for their futures, and look forward to hearing all about them over the coming years.

To those families who are leaving us, thank you for the time we have spent here together, and we wish you well for the future. For those who will be coming back after the holidays, I wish everyone a safe, restful and refreshing break. I thank you most sincerely for a very successful 2019 and look forward to working with you in 2020.

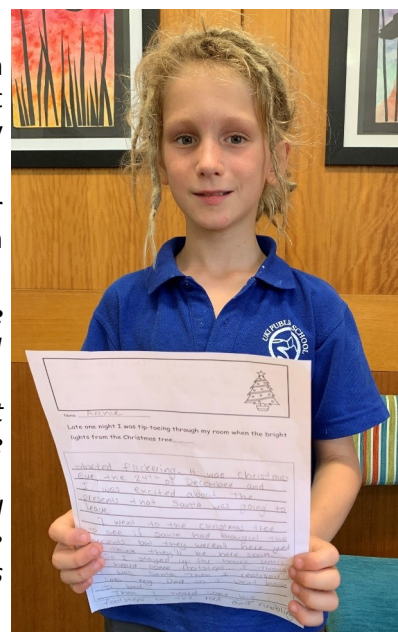
The final day for students is tomorrow, Wednesday 18 December. School will re-commence for students in Years 1 - 6 on Wednesday 29 January 2020. Kindergarten students will have their first full day at school on Friday 31 January. Their Best Start appointments have been booked on Wednesday 29 January and Thursday 30 January 2020.

Students bring me such joy each day when they come to my office to show me their work. Last week, Archie read me his Christmas story, which I would love to share with everyone. What better way to round off another beautiful year at Uki!

Last night I was tip-toeing through my room when the bright lights from the Christmas tree started flickering. It was Christmas Eve, the 24th of December and I was excited about the presents that Santa was going to leave.

I went to the Christmas tree to see if Santa had brought the presents, but they weren't here yet. I think they'll be here soon. So, I stayed up for hours until I heard some footsteps, I thought it was Santa. Then I realised it was Dad, so I went back to bed.

Then I heard some big footsteps on the roof and rumbling near the chimney. This time I think it is Santa for real. I crept to the chimney and looked up the chimney, but there was nothing there. Then I heard some knocking at the door! I opened it and it was Santa. **Archie**



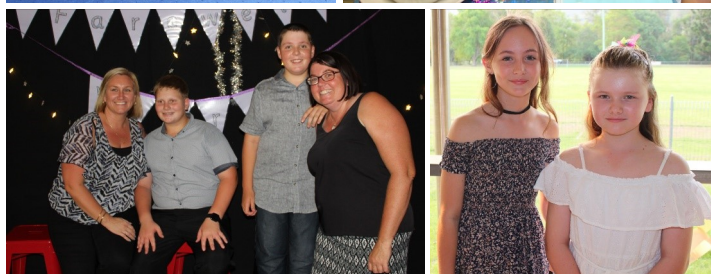
APOLOGY

During the presentation of the Year 6 photos at the Year 6 farewell last week, a comment was read out about Justine Carragher's family. I would like to fully apologise for this comment. No suggestion whatsoever was intended that Justine has ever left her children unattended. The full comment was cut off by a printing error and therefore not fully conveyed. On behalf of Uki Public School, I apologise unreservedly for the hurt and distress experienced by Justine and her family. The incident is highly regrettable and I wish to let everyone know that the error was ours.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

What better way to finish the school year than with a gathering in Uki Park to celebrate and sing carols. The event, which has been organised by UKIRA, goes from 5:30pm until 8:30pm, with a VERY special guest arriving on his sleigh at 6:30pm. Happy holidays!

Rachel Watkins, Principal



| Term 1 2020 Calendar | | |
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| Week 1 | | |
| Tues | 28 Jan | Uniform Shop open 8.30-10.30am |
| Wed | 29 Jan | Years 1-6 return to school |
| Wed | 29 Jan | Uniform Shop open 8.30-10.30am |
| Fri | 31 Jan | Kindergarten students commence |
| Week 4 | | |
| Wed | 19 Feb | School Swimming Carnival |
| Week 5 | | |
| Wed | 25 Feb | Launch of 125 Years celebrations |
| Fri | 28 Feb | Leaders' Induction ceremony |



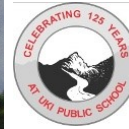
YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The year six farewell was an amazing night. We all had so much fun dancing, watching the year six slideshow and so much more. The food was awesome, we all enjoyed it, thank you to the parents for providing it. Thank you to all the teachers that helped make it a great night, especially Mr Williams and Mrs O'Regan. It was an amazing night and something the year 6 students will all remember. **Hannah**

Uki Public School Launches 125 Years Celebration



Maypole Dance, Centenary celebration, 1995.



Uki Public School will be launching our 125 year celebrations on February 25th, 2020. This is an opportunity for the school and the Uki community to promote and build awareness for our official 125 year celebrations on the 6 – 7th June, 2020.

The children will be participating in activities throughout the day, highlighting the school's history and reflecting on school days of the past. Parents and children are invited to dress up in costumes depicting past decades – PICK YOUR DECADE! We look forward to sharing the day with you – so get those costumes ready for early next year!

UKI COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Wednesday 18th 5:30-8:30pm
Hosted by local songstress Wendy Grace

Bring your picnic dinner, tuned vocal box, candles, instruments and dressed for the occasion



Kids are invited to make goodies to sell-
There will be a table set up for a shop
Santa visiting at 6:30pm
Please bring your instruments for little community jam afterwards
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Pictured are the final recipients of our Gold EKIDNA Award for 2019. Well done everyone!



P&C NEWS As 2019 draws to a close our P&C would like to thank everyone who has supported our efforts this year. Special thanks to all of our amazing volunteers throughout the year. Thank you to our local businesses who are always so generous in their support, to our teachers and school staff who continue to devote so much time and to our families who support our school in so many ways. Personally, I would like to thank our P&C Executive Annette Geary, Tereasa Bennett, Danni Woods, Belinda Bianchetti and Maxene Watt, as well as all our other coordinators, Justine Carragher (Uniform Coordinator), Alonna Scott (Events and Fundraising coordinator) Danni Woods (Canteen coordinator) and all the other members and volunteers who come along to each meeting and event. An enormous amount of work happens behind the scenes to ensure we meet all of our financial and legal obligations and I couldn't have undertaken my role without the support of the above mentioned, so thank you very much. I would also like to thank Selina Stillman for all she has done to help me settle into my new position and for all she has done over the years for our school.

On Friday at the school presentation assembly the P&C presented the Wright family a park bench and plaque to be installed in the play ground area early next year in recognition of their significant contributions to the Uki Public School and Community. They will be greatly missed but always loved by this school and any families fortunate enough to know them.

The P&C end of year Raffle has been run and won. Congratulations to Annika, Sam and Annette.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Pam Ashdown and Peter Hansen from Mango House Resort (Archie & Will's family) for your generosity in providing the amazing Whitsunday holiday prize.

On behalf of our P&C I would like to wish all of our students, families, staff and community the very best this Christmas. Enjoy your holidays and please stay safe. Our P&C AGM will be held in Week 2 of Term 1 next year. I would encourage anyone interested in being involved to join our P&C in 2020. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all.

Andrew Tiffen - P&C President

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