

# Urana Public School



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March 10th 2016—Week 7 Term 1

Dear Parents/Grandparents,

It looks like we might have finally beaten the heat! It has certainly been a very hot spell of weather, with it came the expected tiredness and irritability but we have managed our way through—well done to all!

## Finley PSSA Swimming

Recently an excited bunch of UPS swimmers travelled to Cobram for the Finley Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival. Fresh from their success at the Small Schools carnival at Mulwala, they swam to the best of their ability against some great opposition. Team manager and principal of Lowesdale PS, Mrs Barbara Strachan, commented on what 'lovely parents and children we sent to the carnival'.

Tannah qualified to swim the 8 Years 50m at the Riverina Carnival in Albury.

At the Riverina Carnival last Monday Tannah won her heat of the 8 Years 50m and we are waiting to hear whether her time qualifies her for the NSW PSSA Carnival.

Either way it has been a great effort Tannah, you can very proud of your achievement!



Fast approaching:

**Pink Stumps  
Day  
Yr3-6  
March 24th**

## Coming up:

*Quizworx  
puppet show  
Tuesday 15th March*

*Western Riverina AFL Trials  
Leeton  
March 17th  
Joseph*

*Pink Stumps Day  
Victoria Park, Urana  
Thursday March 24th  
Year 3-6*

*Stewart House  
Tuesday March 29th—Friday  
April 8th  
Willow/Brayden*

**EASTER BREAK**  
*Good Friday 25th March—  
Easter Monday 28th March*

*Aspire Me Drama Camp  
Berrigan PS  
March 31st—April 1st*

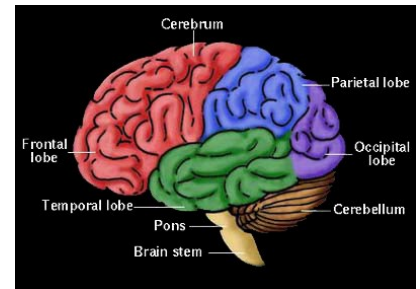


## General Assistants Position:

Urana Public School is seeking Expressions of Interest for a casual position as grounds keeper/handy person for 16 hours a fortnight. Duties include slashing, mowing, edging, gardening as well as general maintenance when required. Please direct all enquiries to Dorothy Dore

The students are well aware that their brains require several key ingredients to keep it working effectively and efficiently:

- ⇒ Water, and lots of it
- ⇒ Healthy, nutritional food
- ⇒ Exercise
- ⇒ Knowledge, learning new things, and
- ⇒ Sleep



With this in mind we will be removing the option for students to order Iced Coffee with their lunch orders. In line with the Healthy Canteen Policy **students will not be able to purchase it or bring it to school.**

This school has always been known to be a very clean school, free from litter.....until this year!

The amount of packaged food coming to school has increased and subsequently the amount of rubbish left lying around after recess and lunch is unacceptable. It chokes up the mower, lodges in the gardens and fills every crevice in the play equipment.

**As a result we will trial a 'wrap-free' lunchbox to see if we can return our school to its litter free status.**

**For Sale**  
**Firewood: \$150**  
**Qty of wood cut 12 months ago**  
Enquiries to the front office

## Addition to the UPS school community

This week we welcomed Ms Amanda Simpson to UPS. She will be here each Wednesday and Thursday working closely with individual students to improve their learning outcomes as well as taking Geography, PDH and Reading with the Yr3-6 students. Amanda is from Coleambally and previously taught at Jerilderie PS. She is quite excited about her role at UPS and is quickly getting to know the students. Welcome Amanda!

## Pink Stumps Day



Thursday March 24th

We are supporting the McGrath Foundation by hosting this event again in 2016.

In the meantime you can support the Urana Public School target by going to

<https://pinkstumpsday2016.gofundraise.com.au/>

Click on *Find a Team* then type in Urana Public School to *Donate*. This page will show you where the fund raising effort is up to. Help us reach our target of \$650.

Once again we will be joined by students from Jerilderie, Berrigan, St Francis, Lockhart and Savernake for a day of cricket to raise money for the McGrath Foundation.

Let's give it a shake and beat last years total of over \$1500—a mighty effort for a small school!

## Easter Hats



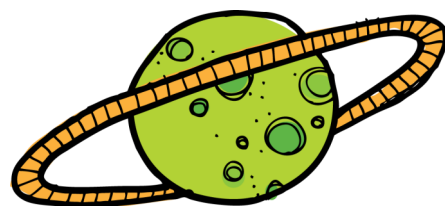
What does Easter mean to me?

Make an Easter Hat at home using recycled products and deliver it to the front office by Tuesday March 22nd.

Categories: K-2, 3-4 and 5-6—prizes for each category.

Hats will be judged at lunchtime on Wednesday 23rd March

Get your thinking caps on and start designing!



Students in Yr3-6 have been given the task of designing a model of the solar system this term which they will present in the Week 11. The only limitation they have is that it must be made from items found at home! It can be presented in any form they like—2 dimensional, 3 dimensional, static or moving etc.

# P&C Matters

Parents and Citizens Association 2015

Thank you for the ongoing support of the parent body, it is an important partnership, ensuring the successful education of your children in a quality learning environment. Your Federation says.... *'We are committed to a free public education system which is inclusive of all, irrespective of culture, gender, academic ability and socio-economic status. Parents as partners in the education process, have a right and a responsibility to play an active role in the education of their children.'* 2015 brought with it challenging times, and 2016 will herald much change but together we will keep uppermost in our minds that the *'students are our core business.'*

Catering for the Small Schools Cross Country, Pink Stumps Day and the sumptuous Christmas Lunch are highlights as is the new revamped vegetable garden taking shape down the back. Parent involvement in school events and in the classrooms was very welcome.

It is no secret the school will come under enormous pressure from influences beyond our control and the numbers will decrease and staffing options tighten, however public education remains a great environment to educate the young people of the future and UPS will continue to provide high quality educational opportunities and experiences for the students well into the future.

Dorothy Dore

Principal, UPS

All positions have been declared vacant and as all parents currently in the roles have served a period of 3 years cannot take on those positions again at this point of time. This presents a great opportunity for any parent interested in contributing to the partnership to put up their hand and be part of ***your*** P&C.

**The second attempt to hold an AGM will be on Wednesday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the school library.**

I encourage you all to come along to actively contribute to the education of your child/children. There are plenty of catering opportunities coming up and a community vegetable garden project to bring to fruition.

# Pet Day

*For the kids this is a real highlight of their year—the day the pets get to come to school!*

*It was a vary hot day and much of what was planned by the Student Leaders was condensed into a fashion parade down the catwalk and a grand parade under the COLA.*

*This year all manner of animals , birds and reptiles came along. They generally behaved very well considering the weather and their ability to get along with the animals that sat beside them. I just can't be convinced to keep a python for a companion—can you?*

*Well done to the Student Leaders for initiating the day and thank you to all the parents/ grandparents for supporting their idea.*

