

# Urana Public School



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10th March 2017—Week 7, Term 1

Dear Parents/Grandparents,

*The UPS school community passes on its condolences to Bronwyn and her family on the loss of her mother earlier in the week. Our thoughts are with her at this sad time.*

*Throughout this week the front office will be unattended from time to time. I ask for your patience, I'll attend to administrative matters as best I can but Bronwyn may have a big pile to wade through when she returns.*

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The 'Tell Them From Me' surveys are coming up - they are completely confidential, the students are not named therefore cannot be identified, and the valuable information gathered across clusters of schools allows us to address areas of concern. The current robotics program and the Yr 4 STEAM camp are the direct result of what the data across the state tells us - Yr 4 students feel there is little for them and the levels of student engagement decline towards the end of primary schooling.

We work hard to provide innovative educational opportunities for the students. We like what we are hearing and seeing - the students are working together, problem solving and creating programs that make robots perform tasks! They have a real sense of achievement and are excited about their new learning.

Only return the form if you do not want your child to participate in the survey.



## Coming Up.....

**Monday 13th March**

**Bluearth**

**\*final Milo Cricket sessions**

**Friday 17th March  
National Anti-Bullying Day**

**Thursday 23rd March**

**Robotics  
Berrigan PS**



**TAKE A STAND  
TOGETHER  
Bullying. No way!**

This year we are involved in the state initiative - **Early Action for Success**. We share an Instructional Leader across 7 schools. Callum Simunovic will work shoulder to shoulder with Miss Hines to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes of the youngest students. This is a valuable professional learning opportunity for Miss Hines and it will have an impact on student achievement.

Save the date :

Mums/Grandmothers Day @ School: Thursday 30th March - Invitations coming!



## 2017 UPS School Captain

The prospective school captains delivered their speeches this morning and then repeated them for the residents of Colombo Lodge.

Students will now vote and then the 2017 UPS School Captain will be crowned—stay tuned for the news!

I was very proud of their effort for standing up in front of their peers and giving it their best.



Breaking News:

UPS 2017 School Captain is....Brayden Martin!

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Advanced Notice:

### Urana Public School P & C AGM

Thursday 23rd March 3:00pm—all welcome

### Yr 4 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) Camp at Berrigan PS April 6/7th

An overnight 'camp' exploring coding and robotics through challenges and problem solving in a collaborative environment. More information to follow, NO cost

### Canberra Excursion

**Term 4 Tuesday 17th October—Friday 20th October**

Students from Years 4, 5 and 6 across 4 schools—Oaklands CS, Savernake PS, St Francis Xavier and Urana PS will travel to our nation's capital for this educational experience.

More information to follow— cost will be \$250:00 per student