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September 22nd 2017—Week 10,

Dear parents/grandparents,

Term 3 has come to an end, a very busy week has been enjoyed by all. Colombo Lodge residents shared Footy Colours Day with the students and a day of cycling yesterday demonstrated the value of getting out and about and using our roads safely.

I trust everyone will enjoy a couple of weeks with no school routine and return to school on **MONDAY 9th OCTOBER** ready for a solid 10 weeks of learning! Enjoy the break!

Lets Ride!

This term we utilised our Sporting Schools funding to have a Let's Ride cycling day. Students practiced riding safely, learning how to control their bikes through slalom courses, around and over obstacles and finally around the streets of Urana. The 40 minute ride after lunch allowed the students to demonstrate their improved bike handling skills.



It was wonderful to see the improved confidence and skill levels of the students over the day. Matt, a Cycling Australia representative, ran the day. He showed off some of his very own skills, he competes nationally in flat land BMX riding!



Term 4 brings with it increased warmth and sunshine—so please locate your school hat (NO caps) and have it ready. Our ***'no hat, play in the shade'*** policy will come into play. It is no secret that unprotected exposure to the sun on our children's skin increases their risk of developing skin cancer later in life. At UPS we encourage good sun protection habits for life by encouraging

- ◇ Wearing of hats,
- ◇ applying sunscreen,
- ◇ scheduling physical activity early in the day and
- ◇ developing shaded play areas.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Maybe Jacob can convince you why you need to find that hat!

School hats should be compulsory

Hats should be compulsory as kids will be safe from skin cancer. A common rule in school states that; kids will wear hats in term 1 and 4 as they are the hot summer months.

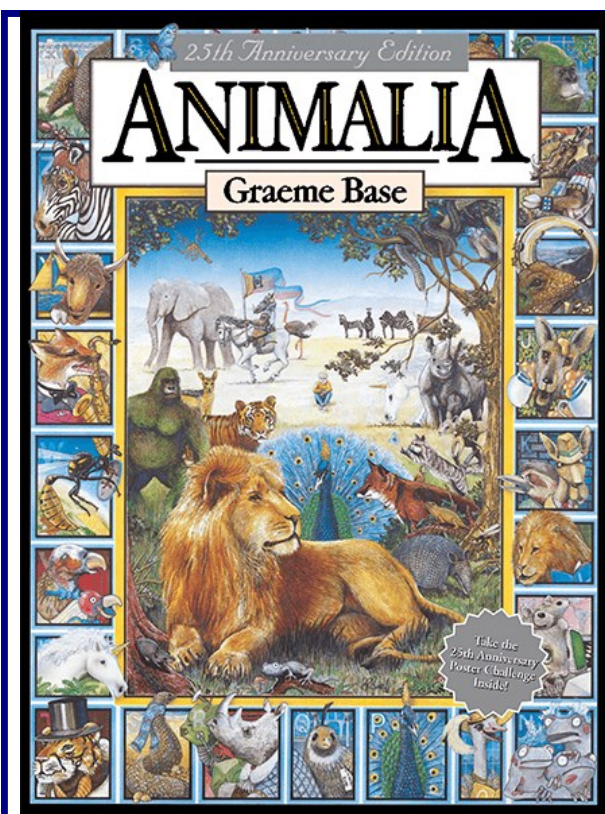
I believe that hats themselves, offer protection from the sun's hot UV rays when the school cannot offer shade. The emblem on the front of your hat shows people what school you're from.

Secondly, if you are wearing a hat while playing sports then it will protect you from sunburn on your neck, face and ears while also protecting you from the sun's blinding glare. This is handy as you can see stray balls coming your way.

Thirdly, on a cold day the fabric of the hat will keep your head toasty and warm. This is good if you don't have a beanie as you can save some money.

Finally, if you cannot find or do not have a hat there are plenty of shady areas you can play in or you can borrow one from the office while you find yours or wait to buy one.

I completely support the notion that hats should be worn in school terms 1 and 4. Half the bad rumours about hats are completely bonkers!. So make the right choice and take your hat to school.



Graeme Base –author and artist

Wagga Wagga—Wednesday 11th October

Students from Yrs 4-6 have a great opportunity to attend a session with popular author Graeme Base of '*Anamalia*' fame in Week 1 next term. He is one of the world's leading creators of picture books.

I will take the students to Wagga for this experience. Graeme is about to release his new book '*The Amazing Monster Detectoscope*'. We have pre-ordered this book, which Graeme will sign, it can then be enjoyed by all along with other books by the same author.

Earn and Learn—this program had ended and today we collected all of the stickers in order to see how many points we earned. By the size of the pile it looks like lots! Thank you to everyone who supported UPS throughout this program.



Kids Club—Mrs Mitchell is back next term and that means Kids Club will happen each Wednesday afternoon from Week 2—Week 9.

Canberra—Week 2, 17-20th October

All students from Yr 4-6 are attending this excursion. 38 students in all, 4 teachers and one parent will travel to our nation's capital for this valuable learning opportunity.

Intereach—Keeping Your Cool program

We have secured Intereach to provide this 6 week program for the students to give them with skills in anger management and strategies to deal with anger which arises from time to time. Each Monday for the first 6 weeks of term from 11.30—12.30 we will have in our school to deliver this program.

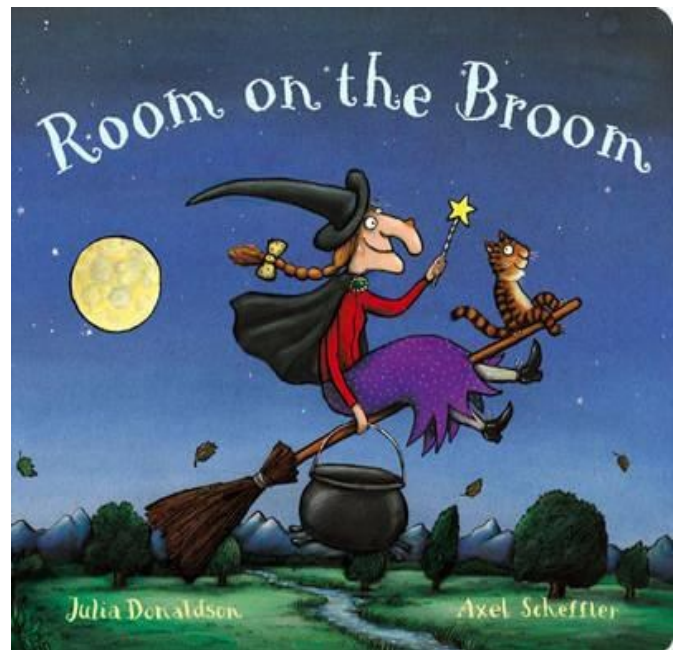
'Room on the Broom'

@ The Cube Wodonga

Friday 27th October (Week 3)

Yr 2/3 students will travel to Wodonga with their peers from Berrigan PS and Jerilderie PS to see Room on the Broom performed live.

What happens when the witch has too many passengers on her broomstick?



Yes, a busy term has come to an end but the next chapter awaits us...enjoy a restful break because Term 4 has lots to offer!

Dorothy Dore, Principal