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April 11th 2018—Week 11 Term 1

Dear Parents,

There is always something happening, something for everyone!

Term 1 has come and gone and the program for Term 2 is already filling up and the learning in the classroom is certainly obvious in the improved literacy and numeracy outcomes demonstrated by the students over the term.

Thankyou to the parents and grandparents who joined us for the Easter activities. It is great to have you in the school involved with your children/grandchildren, the kids get a real kick out of you coming along.



I believe we may have unearthed a budding artist - Nandana's painting certain to rival the great Ken Done! The students studied the famous Australian artist this term and completed their very own paintings this week. They are very impressive, well done!



Next term we have Airborne Gymnastics coming out from Wagga for 4 x 1.5 hr gymnastics sessions beginning at the end of May. This opportunity is made possible by the Sporting Schools Program. The students are sure to get a lot from the activities.

Class News

EASTER ACTIVITY DAY

On the 28th March the school held a Easter activity day and it was really fun. We particularly enjoyed all the activities like the egg and spoon race. During the egg and spoon race we were blind folded and were guided by our partner. We also played a game call dress the bunny which we dressed a rabbit in funny clothes, also we made Easter hats, masks and painted baskets.

At recess we indulged in some hot cross buns and used the chalk to draw on the cement.

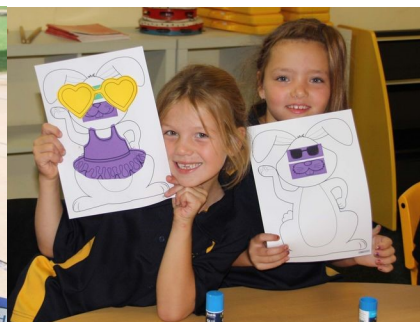
After recess we played some more game one of which you threw bean bags in hoops. There was an obstacle course as well.

For lunch we had a sausage sizzle which we would like to thank Sophie Widdup for cooking the food.

After lunch we had an assembly plus paraded in our hats and mask. The final task at the end of the day was a treasure hunt which we split into two teams and had clues we had to work out to find the next clue until we got to the end.

We all received lots of chocolates and Easter bunny even put chocolate eggs in our baskets we painted.

We would like to thank the parents and grandparents that came and joined in the day.



NAPLAN Online

UPS has taken up the option of doing the 2018 NAPLAN assessments online. We tested the students' and schools capacity to use the online platform last year. Feedback from the students was favourable and our small numbers mean that the technology works. Ashleigh, Destiny and Nandana completed a practice run this week. The new online assessments are reported to be intuitive adjusting the questions complexity according to the ability of the students.

The testing window: 15—25th May for Yr3 and Yr5

The only test which will be paper based is the Yr 3 Writing task and it will be completed on the 15th May along with every Yr 3 student across the country.

STEAM Camp- engagement, learning, fun!

This week 60 Year 4 students from 20 of the Deniliquin Network schools came together to work collaboratively to explore, problem solve and think creatively with a variety of robotics and coding applications. This wonderfully exciting project was made possible by the work of the BiJOU Learning Community and kick starts the Digital Literacy Schools Grant project. It was a very exciting time working with emerging technologies and totally engaged students. Parents and grandparents gathered to share student success with a finale demonstrating student learning.

ANZAC Day

This falls in the holidays - **Wednesday 25th April**. I would like all UPS students to assemble at the Hospital carpark around 10.20 am where we will march from the carpark down the front of the hospital, about turn and march back in front of the hospital again. Everyone will then reassemble at Macknight Park at 11:00am to march from the Park to the Hall. I will be at the hospital with the school flag ready for UPS students to join me. Please wear full school uniform.

Next term-at a glance

Friday 13th April—Term 1 Ends

Monday 30th April—SDD for teachers

Tuesday 1st May—Term 2 begins for students

Monday 8th– Tuesday 9th May—Drama Camp Berrigan

Wednesday 23rd May-Small Schools Cross Country

Thursday 31st May—Airborne Gymnastics session

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Dorothy Dore/Zillah Gleeson, Principal, UPS