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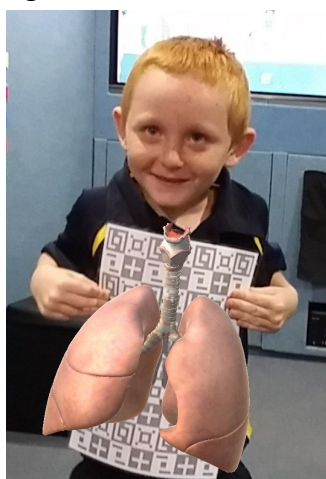
Dear Parents/Grandparents,

We are off and running, setting a very fast pace in the classroom! There has been some very interesting and challenging learning in maths, a positive approach to a new way with spelling and the development of a deeper understanding of this wonderful country of ours—Australia!

Small Schools Swimming Carnival—a small contingent of UPS swimmers travelled to Yarrawonga for this years carnival and joined with students from Mulwala, Jerilderie, Savernake and Lowesdale for a competitive morning of swimming whilst on the lookout for some severe thunderstorms that threatened to stop the carnival prematurely. The students gave it their best effort and Reyen was named the 11 Year Old Boys Age Champion. Melissa and Reyen have qualified to swim at the Finley District PSSA Swimming Carnival on March 1st at the Cobram Pool. Good luck!



Life Education—Healthy Harold visited Urana last week, he made our school his first visit for the year! He always brings positive messages about growing good friends, developing positive relationships and making good choices. He also builds awareness about the effects of drugs, smoking and alcohol on the body.



Welcome Jono! - Jonathon 'Jono' Wright joined us at UPS this week as our new School Chaplain. It is very refreshing to have an adult male in the school and the students quickly made him feel right at home, part of the UPS family. Jono is going to be in the school on Tuesdays and Fridays as part of the Chaplaincy Program and Student Wellbeing School Program. He will be escorting the students to Colombo Lodge on Tuesday mornings, taking time to get to know the students by working in the classroom and I'm sure as time goes on he will add his own personal style to the role. Please pop in and say hello!

It is important to read about what is coming up:

AFL sessions—Wednesday afternoons 1:30-2:30pm in Weeks 5, 6, 7 and Weeks 9 and 10. Savernake PS are coming up to share lunch with us and join in the sessions. We can offer this experience to the students through Sporting Schools.

Clean Up Australia Day —on Friday March 1st we will play our part in this campaign by picking up litter around some of the streets near the school. **Please wear mufti on this day.** We have the gloves and the bags ready!

Finley District PSSA Swimming Carnival—1st March at the Cobram Pool, first races at 9:30am. Good luck Melissa and Reyen!

Dental Checks—Murrumbidgee Local Health are conducting a free dental check and fluoride treatment at the school on Wednesday March 20th. There is a flyer attached and permission notes will go home with this newsletter.

Small Schools Cross Country—Tuesday 2nd April at the Urana Aquatic Centre

STEAM CAMP—the annual technology camp for Yr 4 students from across the area is at UPS this year. It's on the last two days of term—11/12th April

A reminder to continue to send an unpackaged fruit/vegetable snack to school. **Crunch 'n Sip** is a valuable morning routine and enables the students to power through their learning. We like the students to dare to be different and explore new taste sensations, surprise us!

Weekly cooking and preparation of lunch will begin next week on a Tuesday. Thank-you to Mrs Cottrell for taking the lead, I think Jono might be an able assistant this year. I wonder what's on the menu first up? This is a free activity so don't worry about bringing lunch from home on Tuesdays!

Attendance— You have a legal responsibility to ensure your child/children attend school every-day or to provide a justifiable reason why they may be absent. Medical appointments, sickness and some family commitments are acceptable reasons. Coming late to school is an increasing problem for some, those minutes add up! Every school day presents many learning opportunities never to be repeated so make the most of what is on offer because ...

‘Missing school leaves gaps in your education’.

Let us know in advance if students will be away and provide a reason for their absence. Respond to the text we send out, give Karen a call or complete the slip attached to this newsletter and return it to the office.

Complaints— If at any time there is an issue with any person or anything associated with the school please ensure you bring it to the immediate attention of the principal, in order for the matter to be resolved as quickly as possible. My door is always open and I welcome the opportunity to work with the school community to build a strong culture of ongoing school improvement. We value what we have, a positive and harmonious work environment and we work hard to maintain a safe and supported place for learning for all.

Variation to after school travel patterns— I have noted some students are not taking the most direct route to and from school when riding their bikes. Please encourage your child/children to use the footpath and use the school crossing at the front of the school...and practice good road safety at all times.


If your child is going home with anyone other than you please let us know. It never pays to be too careful and we are extra vigilant in the afternoons as to who students are leaving with. If there is to be any change to the usual routine let us know!

For the joy of knowing.....

Dorothy Dore, Principal UPS

If your child is going to be absent from school please call the school office to let staff know as soon as possible.

Please send this completed note to school on the first day back after your child's absence.



Child's name

Class


Dates absent

Reason

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature (parent/guardian)

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