National Consistent Collection of Data
The Australian Government has requested the national collection of data concerning students with a disability. There are covenants that ensure the privacy of individuals and no ‘test process’ is undertaken by students. Data will be collected in Term 3 this year.

Information about the collection of this data can be found on the Australian Government’s website at:


You may select to withdraw your child from the data collection. A return slip for this purpose is available at the end of this newsletter. Withdrawal slips should be returned to the school office before Wednesday 25th June 2014.

Learning Management Business Reform (LMBR)
Mrs. Wilkinson and I will be attending a whole day professional learning activity this Thursday regarding the functions available through LMBR. There is much to learn and we anticipate coming away with new knowledge to further support financial management within our school under the new system.

NAPLAN
Today marked the first of three days of NAPLAN. Some children may find this a stressful time and it is important that we, teachers and parents, provide encouragement that the NAPLAN be not viewed as a burden or ‘something extra’. Continuing with regular routines and supporting any questions in a positive manner will provide comfort. Today there were two assessments – Language Conventions and Writing. Tomorrow will be Reading and Thursday will be Numeracy. This Friday students who missed one or two NAPLAN assessments due to illness or leave will have an opportunity to complete them.

Professional Learning Team
Our visit to Middleton Grange Public School last Friday was inspirational. Hallie Baxter, the principal of this new school, has led the development of an enthusiastic and purposeful approach to professional development that is grounded in staff, student and community well-being. Her model is one worth adapting for our own positive and proactive school.

Teacher Vacancy
Last week I informed Staffing that our school will prefer to fill two of the several permanent teacher vacancies currently available. The process can take some time as suitable matches within the system are matched before proceeding to advertisement. I am confident that one of the vacancies will proceed to advertisement requiring a merit selection panel to be formed. In the case of our school the following positions will be required to form a panel:

Convenor
Teacher Representative
Parent Representative
AECG Representative

I envisage the panel being able to manage the process throughout this term resulting in a permanent teacher appointment, the successful candidate will likely commence with us at Unanderra in January 2015.

Quote
One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say

Bryant H McGill

Craig Redfern
Principal
**Library News:** It is time for our first book fair for the year. The fair will commence this Thursday May 15th and conclude Thursday May 22nd. Students will be able to purchase books before school from 8:30am – 8:55am and after school from 3:00pm – 3:45pm as well as during recess and lunch. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome throughout the day to view and purchase books. A percentage of the sales from the Book Fair will provide us with funds to boost our classroom and library resources. The brochure accompanying this newsletter shows a small sample of the books that will be on sale. Looking forward to your support once again.

Karen Mitchell, Teacher Librarian

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**Admin News:** School receipting days are **Wednesday and Friday Mornings ONLY:** No cash is to be sent to the office on non-receipting days. All money is to be sent straight to the office and placed in the locked collection box before school on money collection/receipting days (Wednesday and Friday). All payments are to be placed in an envelope clearly marked with the student’s name, class, activity, and the amount enclosed. Inside the envelope should be the correct money with the signed permission slip. Cheques are to be made payable to Unanderra Public School.

Please note: P&C Fundraising are separate activities to school run activities and if paying by cheque a separate cheque is needed written to P & C. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Carolina Wilkinson, School Administrative Manager

**Multicultural Perspective Speeches:** Last Monday and Tuesday we had the privilege of listening to 10 students perform their Multicultural Perspective Speeches. The speeches were outstanding, making the decision for the adjudicators very difficult as they could only choose 4 students. I would like to acknowledge the students that were not successful by publishing their speeches in our newsletter this term.

### The Same but Different

If was to say that we are the same, you would probably agree?

We’re both human beings, we’re both children, we both have 2 arms, 2 legs, 2 eyes, 2 ears and 1 mouth. We both love holidays and we both hate school days.

But what if I said we are different, you would probably have agreed with that as well?

You’re a girl, I’m a boy. You have blue eyes I have brown. You love pizza, I hate cheese.

So are we the same or are we different?

Well we are both human beings, that’s a good start. But what if I was African and you were Asian? We are still human beings, but now we look a bit different. My skin is probably darker and your skin is probably lighter. My hair might be black and springy and your skin is probably lighter.

My hair might be black and springy, your hair might be black but straight.

So are we only different because of our outer physical appearance?

Maybe we are the same inside?

What if we peel off all our skin and hair, would we be the same then?

We both have bones, muscles, brains, hearts, lungs, kidneys and all the other bits.

We won’t have different coloured skin or hair anymore and our bones, muscles blood and organs would all be in the same place and have the same shape and colour.

So are we the same now?
Well if we look closely we might find I’m taller than you because my bones are longer than yours. My mum says that you would probably have a bigger brain because you’re a girl. While I’m not so sure about the brain one, it still seems we are different.

What if we both jumped into a big supper blender and turned ourselves into two big gloopy tubs of human cells? Are we the same now? From the outside our cells all probably look the same. We both have blood cells, bone cells and other types of cells. But what if we look inside the cells? Some of your genes and DNA are certainly going to be different to mine.

Alright then what if we are identical twins, with the same DNA. Surely we must be the same. Well physically yes, we would look the same but what about the things we can’t see? What if we only had one Xbox and I wasn’t letting you have a go on it? I would be happy and you would be sad

So physically we would be the same but emotionally we’d be different.

And what if we had been separated at birth and we were both adopted by different families? Maybe I would be raised Muslim and you would be raised Buddhist?

Again, physically the same, but culturally very different. So after all this, how can we ever say that we are the same?

It seems we can always find something that makes us different. In fact it appears that humans are very good at spotting differences. Maybe this was an ability that helped us survive as we evolved.

But are differences a bad thing?

If everybody looked the same as me there would be a lot of very handsome kids, but it would be very confusing. If we all ate the same food, wore the same clothes, liked the same music, read the same books, the world would be a pretty boring place.

But if we are good at spotting differences, then we must also be good at spotting similarities. For example, we might come from very different cultures, but we all love our mums and dads. I think this ability to spot differences and similarities maybe part of what causes racist behaviour. Situations and things that are different or new can make us feel wary or scared.

While situations and things that are similar or familiar make us feel comfortable and at ease. I think racist behaviour is caused by people thinking more about people’s differences instead of their similarities. Instead of thinking people are... The Same, But Different Maybe we should be thinking to ourselves that all people are... Different, But The Same

By Sam S 5/6H

Canteen News: Open for orders for Grandparents Day on Grandparents Day, please order in the morning. Current specials are Flavoured Milk now $1.50 available in Chocolate, strawberry and banana. Also Juice Poppers are $1.50 available in Apple, Tropical and orange flavours. Thank you for your ongoing support. Mel Connolly, Canteen Manager

P & C News

P&C Meeting Update: Last night’s P&C Meeting was another very productive, well attended meeting and it was nice to see some new members come aboard too. There are a lot of events coming up so now is a really great time to put your hand up and get involved if you want to know what the P&C is all about. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 2nd June, at 7:00pm. If you would like to have something included on the agenda for that meeting please drop your contact details and agenda item outline in the P&C box in the school office and I will contact you to discuss further.

Mother’s Day Stall: I hope you all enjoyed the glorious weather on Mother’s Day and all the mums (and Grandmothers) enjoyed their special gifts? The stall was a great success and couldn’t have been done without the amazing efforts and support of the following people: Terry Thomas, UPS Teaching and Admin Staff, UPS P&C and an extra special thank you to our volunteers on the day: Joanne Crawford, Rhona Bunyan, Katie Byrne, Trudi Brown, Karen Soulis, Daniela Sekulosa, Nesrin Salem, Kirste Lumley, Nicole Martin, Scarlett Coad, Kylie Winlaw, Janelle Lewis and Jenny Adams. I would also like to thank our four Year 6 helpers: Alex M, Alanah H, Grace B and Montana C for great job on coordinating the classes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Hutton Family who have a boutique fragranced candle business for kindly donating a range of products and Star Shots Photography for a range of vouchers towards our surprise Mother’s day lucky draw, drawn after the Stall by Mr Redfern. Our lucky recipients were:

1st prize photo shoot Christina V - KP
2nd prize photo shoot Jake M - 3/4 L
3rd prize candle pack Isaac R - 2W

UPS Fete Fun Day: is scheduled for Friday 24th October and we will provide regular updates as the work on this progress. At this stage we are aiming to hold the event from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. The event will open after 3:00pm to the public. So far we have locked in Foster’s carnival rides and a variety of food stalls and are in process working with our teacher’s on board to involve the students for the day as well. We have a great team on
board who have fantastic ideas to make this event a fun filled day! If anyone would like to assist in the planning of this event or know of any businesses that may be interested, or would like to contribute in donating, please provide your contact details to the school office.

**Trivia Fundraiser Night:** will be held on **Friday 20th June**. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

**Dajana Castagna, P&C President**

**P & C Uniform Shop:** Starting this week all sport uniform stock on hand of the current Rugby Shorts, Netball Skirt & T-Shirt (T'shirt sizes available are sizes 4, 14 and 16 only) will be sold at the discounted price of $5.00. Uniform shop hours are Monday 2:30pm to 3:00pm and Friday 8:45am to 9:15am. Cash or Cheque only. Order forms are available at the office and on the school website under P&C tab/uniform shop. Leave order with correct money in a clearly labelled envelope in the school office.

As of Term 3 this year our doors will be closed and school uniforms will be purchased from Lowes Figtree. There are some exciting advantages to this happening:
- Convenience to access uniforms during retail hours
- Full credit card and lay-by facility
- Lowes Figtree is open during school holidays, weekends and most public holidays
- You can purchase your uniforms ONLINE @ Lowes and have them delivered
- The advantage of LOWES loyalty card or Ezyway Credit card.
- Additional discounts as advertised by Lowes during their sales

Lowes are also giving Unanderra Public School parents a special 2 year discount. In the first year, 10% discount off the purchase price of all distinctive Unanderra school items. In the second year, 5% discount off all distinctive Unanderra school items.

The new School Sport Uniform change has been approved and will be available at LOWES Figtree soon during Term 2, date to be advised. This will now be a Navy/Sky Blue Microfiber Polo with the school logo and Unisex Navy Microfiber shorts with school logo. Girls have the option of wearing a Navy Skirt/Skort with school logo. The school hat will also be the Navy Surf Hat to match our new smart sports uniform. Our Unanderra children will look fantastic when out representing our school. The school will allow changed uniforms to be worn for the next 2 school years.

**Mandy Marks & Amanda Hampton, P&C Uniform Shop Committee**

**School Banking:** Term 2 brings yet another exciting competition for UPS bankers to be in the running for a “family holiday”. All you need is to simply make three deposits or more during term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition. The major prize is five nights accommodation at the Sea World Resort and Water Park on the Gold Coast, VIP Passes for 2 adults and 3 children to Sea World, Warners Bros Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild. A dolphin family aqua adventure and a $3000 travel gift card to get you there. Runner up prizes include 130 Toys R Us gift cards to the value of $250 each plus a separate draw of $1000 cash for your school. “Go for it UPS Bankers you can do it”

Can you please remind your child(ren) to drop off their bank books / money on **TUESDAY mornings** in the "red bin" in the school office before school starts. No bank books / money will be taken after 9:30am. Just as a reminder there is no minimum deposit you can deposit as little as 5 cents.

**Elizabeth Ilievski and Dajana Castagna, Banking Coordinators**

**Information for Parents from the Department of Education and Communities:**

**Too Sick for School?** As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

**Mental Maths Strategies:** We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY
Does Speaking Another Language At Home Confuse Children? Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Community News

Free Homework Club: Continuing out of the Unanderra Community Centre, every Monday afternoons from 3:30pm – 4:30pm during the school term. It is for K-12 students and is free of charge. We have volunteer tutors who work one on one with the students to finish their homework. Contact Alisha McLuckie, Program Coordinator, Learning for Life | The Smith Family ph 02 42 609 349 | Mobile 0466 745 454

CatholicCare Wollongong Term 2 Courses:
Workshop Bookings Wollongong 4227 1122 Other workshops may be available on request. Limited childcare may be available for some workshops. Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances

LIFT
A group for men and women who may be feeling overwhelmed or experiencing high levels of stress and anxiety. Participants are able to explore feelings in a safe and friendly environment, challenging negative thinking patterns and discover how to build and improve relationships. CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong 5 Wednesday Evenings 6pm - 8:30pm 7, 14, 21, 28 May & 4 June 2014 Workshop Fee: $20 per session

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explore loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grabs & impact on children. CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong 5 Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm - 9pm 20, 27 May, 3, 10 & 17 June 2014 or Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong 5 Thursday Mornings 10am -12:30pm 29 May, 5, 12, 19 & 26 June 2014 Workshop Fee: $20 per session

SEASONS FOR GROWTH (Adults)
This program provides the opportunity for participants to understand and cope with grief and loss and changes that occur throughout life. It educates people about the grief process and assists them to develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision making. The program also builds a peer support network and helps restore self-confidence. Community Room, Stockland Shopping Centre Lake Entrance Road, Shellharbour City 2 Tuesdays 10am - 4pm 3 & 10 June 2014 Workshop Fee: $20 per day *Light lunch provided

MY KIDS AND ME
A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths and resources and to develop relationships with their children. Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre Cnr Rothery & Cawley Streets, Bellambi 7 Tuesday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 3, 10 & 17 June 2014 Workshop Fee: $10 per session

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting. St Joseph’s Primary School, 48 Park Road, Bulli 3 Thursday Mornings 9:30am -12noon 8, 15 & 22 May 2014 Workshop Fee: $10 per session

ROLLERCOASTERS 8-12 years
An 8 week program developed to assist children who are experiencing parental separation, divorce, or parents who have re-partnered. Rollercoaster helps children to understand change and loss; develop strategies for anger management and problem solving; and understand a whole range of feelings and emotions. CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn Street, Wollongong 8 Tuesday Afternoons 4pm - 5pm 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 3, 10, 17 & 24 June Workshop Fee: $10 per session/family

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
Do you want to learn how to assist people, developing, or experiencing mental health problems or crises? CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am - 4.30pm 11 & 12 June 2014 Workshop Fee: $180

Become A Caresouth Foster Carer: Foster care can be a very rewarding journey for individuals, couples or families. By providing a stable, caring home environment you can make a positive difference in a child’s life. CareSouth provides exceptional support, training, caseworker visits, 24/7 on call support, and a tax free allowance. We look after you so you can look after the people that need it most. For more information, contact our friendly foster care team on 1300 554 260, or check out our website www.everydaycaresouth.org.au

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Haiku Poems – Friendship - 5BL

Friends are amazing
I go from sad to happy
When they're around me
By Sienna
Can't live without you
You're always there for me thanks
Friendship never ends
By Bethany

We'll always be friends
No matter what people say
We stick together
By Tahlia
Friends stay together
Friends will always be special
I'm thinking of you
By Kirstie

You'll always be nice
But you're always so distant
Lets be friends again
By Ella
We're friends forever
I cannot live without you
We have to be friends
By Jonah

We are friends for life
I know we do fight a lot
We gotta be friends
By Paris

Other Friendship Poems by 5BL – Acrostic Poems

Friendship
Run and play together
Isabella and Sienna best friends forever
Ever and ever
Never ending friendship
Delightful friends
Stick together
Having days to play together
I love my friends; they are very special
People
By Isabella
Fun and games
Running and playing
I love your company
Enjoying the day we share
Now I think our friendship will never end
Doing things together is really fun
Showing me the light from the dark
How can I not be grateful
I can't live without you
People can look up to you
By Bethany

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014

I/we ___________________________________________________________

Name of parent/carer

do not wish my child ____________________________________ to be counted

Name of child

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________ date: __________