Principal’s Message

Grandparents Day
On behalf of our staff, students and community I would like to thank all the members of our extended family for their participation in Grandparents Day last Friday. From all accounts the day was quite a success. Behind every successful day is a group of people who organise and support. My thanks also to our kindergarten teachers, the P&C and other helpers who assisted on the day.

Apple for the Teacher
A local radio station has a promotion, Apple for the Teacher. With the prize of an Apple iPad Mini for each student in the class and the nominated teacher, it is a competition of some appeal. It is obvious our teachers are popular with many being nominated…two were even nominated three times each. I have since contacted the radio station to clarify the ‘triple named’ so that your vote will be counted once.

While I believe it is nice to be nominated, nice to receive your votes and nice to possibly be successful through the competition, it remains a promotion.

I believe in the capability of all our teachers and value the work they each put into preparing engaging, challenging and thoughtful learning experiences for your children. Whatever the outcome of Apple for the Teacher, I am confident Unanderra Public School has quality teachers across our school. My best wishes to those teachers nominated.

PBS
Our school has three PBS statements:

Be Safe – Be Respectful – Be Responsible

Children are supported in their personal development through consistency. It is therefore worthwhile to consider referring to these statements in the home environment to support the work we do here at school.

June 3, 2014

P&C
Last night was quite an extraordinary meeting of our P&C, with some change to the executive structure being the resulting outcome. The new executive structure is:

President Joanne Crawford
Vice President Katie Byrne
Vice President Karen Soulis
Secretary Amanda Hampton
Treasurer Fiona Netting

I am certain the great work of the P&C will continue as they seek to support the work of teachers and learning provisions for every child within our school.

Uniform
During my twenty years within public schools the discussion concerning school uniforms has often been raised. Most people support a school uniform and just about everyone agrees that students in full school uniform present better than a combination of in and out of school uniform.

This morning I talked with students at the morning primary assembly about coloured jumpers and shoes. Understandably students are proud of their sporting achievement and have a desire to wear their representative sports jumpers / hoodies to school. Please ensure your child only wears his / her sports jumper on a sports day, ie. Friday. Our school uniform is a combination of blue tones, and this should be adhered to on every school day. The exception being students being permitted to wear PSSA representative jumpers / hoodies on Friday. The use of associated sports apparel, eg. NRL jerseys, should only take place on specific Mufti-Days (Gold Coin Donation).

The preferred colour of shoes is black. Not black and white, black and red or any other combination of black and
something. I witness all manner of coloured sneakers each and every day of the week. In our modern world just about every shoe manufacturer provides a black sneaker for use as part of a school uniform. Please ensure your child's shoes are black.

Relieving Principal
Some weeks ago I was asked by our Director, Debbie Lowe, to coordinate a process for the position of Relieving Principal, Unanderra Public School. The process was managed over three weeks and included suitable in-school applicants being encouraged to provide a CV. Once submitted, a principal colleague and I would critique any application.

Only one of our four assistant principals provided a CV as part of the application process. The application was of an exceptional quality and provided evidence that Mr. Gavin Hoy is more than capable of relieving in my position when required. I will be taking a combined 3 weeks of Long Service Leave either side of the September School Holidays. It is expected Mr. Hoy will relieve as principal during this time. I congratulate Mr. Hoy on this important professional development opportunity. I am very confident that he will be well received by students, staff and community.

Quote
Forgiveness is a virtue of the brave.
Indira Ghandi

Craig Redfern
Principal

Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2015:
Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 are now being accepted. Thank you to the families that have already completed and returned their Enrolment forms.

Kindergarten Orientation Dates are as follows:

Session 2: for Existing Families at Unanderra Public School. Thursday October 23 and Thursday October 30, 2014.

A detailed letter and invitation to families, who have submitted their enrolment forms, will be going home next term regarding orientation details.

Carolina Wilkinson, Administrative Manager

Dates for the calendar

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School Website: You can also view the school newsletter on the school website: [www.unanderra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.unanderra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) To view previous newsletters go to the ‘Our School’ page and then go to ‘News & Announcements.’ Permission notes for excursions etc. can be found as an attachment on the School Calendar.
Grandparents Day: Thank you to all the Grandparents that could join us for Grandparents Day last week and for providing some beautiful home cooking. We hope you enjoyed your time at school with your grandchildren. Once again a big thank you to the P & C who organised and provided a lovely morning tea for all.
Robyn Matts, Rachel Prior and Sarah Delaney, Kindergarten Teachers

Multicultural Perspective Speeches: The following is the fourth speech to be published from our Multicultural Perspective Speech candidates.

What is a Community by Kiara C 3/4L
A community is a place where people come together to share a common interest. Simply put a society could be best described as the way we do things and community is, who we do those things with.

Most people think communities are just a place, suburb or city in which they live. However communities are much more than this. They are how we live and socialize with others. The idea of “community” probably came about where people gathered around a common area for their mutual benefit.

Sharing language, customs, ideas or even protection from enemies. A community is made up of several parts:

Roles/Goals: A particular task or goal that is to be done or learnt.
Institutions: Structure of the community such as teachers, students and others.
Boundaries: rules and guidelines such as teachers teach and students learn.
Members: all people involved in the community such as students, teachers, administration and staff
Communication: How the information is shared between members.
Skills and resources: the skill and resources required by members. Stationary, textbooks and knowledge.
Needs: Understanding the needs of all members of the community, what students need to learn and what teachers need to teach.
Teams and groups: groups of teachers involved in teaching, groups of students learning. A community is not my community it is our community.

Often people belong to two or more communities, such as a work community or family community. A community is a group of people, living in the same place, or having a particular interest in common. The role of a community provides its members with a sense of belonging and a purpose. Some examples of communities are schools, families, farming and sporting groups.

P & C News

P & C Meeting: Last night was our P & C meeting and I’d like to thank everyone who attended the evening. Last night saw a change in positions in our executive team. Dajana Castagna decided to step down from her position as President of the P & C for personal reasons. The P & C would like to thank her for the time she has given to the role and look forward to her continued contributions as a valued financial member. I have stepped into the role as President and would like to thank everyone for their support and will ensure I strive to meet everyone’s expectations. Karen Soulis was nominated and accepted the role of Vice President so congratulations to Karen.

Back Gate: If any parent could help in volunteering to open the back gate could you please provide details to administration at the front office. We currently have 3 volunteers who open the gate for a full week, and have a roster in place and is working well. The hours the back gate will be opened are between 2:30pm to 3:00pm and our volunteers will ensure the gate will opened before 3:00pm so access in and out of the school grounds are made available. The gate will be closed by a teacher.

Grandparents Day: Took place on Friday May 30th. It was a very successful event with close to 100 grandparents and parents attending the day. Grandparents enjoyed morning tea and a picnic lunch with our kindergarten students. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped out with the morning tea.

Trivia Fundraiser Night: will be held on Friday 20th June at 7:30pm in the school hall. Tickets are $10 per person and tables will accommodate up to 10 people. This will be a fantastic night of fun, laughter and games. There will be lucky door prizes, prizes for the winning table, a great raffle and a few other games to make the night fun and exciting. Bring along your friends, nibbles and drinks and join us for a fun filled night! Bookings for tables and seats are open now. Forms were sent home and additional copies can be found in the school office.

Please note: As this will be an event where parents are able to bring alcoholic beverages along, an age restriction has to be implemented. All persons must be over 18 years to attend.
Joanne Crawford, President
Unanderra Public School Fete Fun Day:
This is a special section of the P & C newsletter that will be dedicated to providing details about the upcoming Fete Fun Day. Please refer to this section for requests for volunteers, donations, schedules and planning details.

Date: Friday 24 October 12:00pm to 6:00pm

The planning stages for the Fete Fun day are well under way with the committee now meeting up every 2 weeks to discuss our updates.

So far:
- Fosters amusement has been booked in with a great line up of new and exciting rides to entertain children of all ages.
- A dunk machine has been ordered where we will look to ‘dunk’ our favourite principal or teacher???
- A variety of food stalls have been secured so far with a selection of food to feast on including Outback Steak House, Wood Fire Pizza, Dalvinder’s Indian, Ken’s Cones........
- A variety of market stalls will be selling candles, lollies, children’s clothing, trash n treasure, cakes and much more.
- Our dedicated teachers Mrs Rodden, Miss Compton and Ms Hezemans have now organised the students in selecting ideas for their stalls on a stage basis.
- The P & C will be holding a variety of stalls as well like trash n treasure, used books, plant stalls......
- Our school’s amazing talents with be show cased
- And there will be animals, show bags and lots, lots more.............so stay tuned!!!!!

At this stage we are calling any UPS family who owns or operates a business who would be interested in:
- Holding a market stall at the fete. Please contact Karen Soulis on 0401064006
- Kindly donating any prizes for our ‘Big Raffle’ or “chocolate wheel”.
- Gathering items for trash and treasure, organising clippings for plants
- If so please contact Joanne on 0439190462 or Katie on 0450806234

Joanne Crawford and Katie Byrne, Fete Fun Day Coordinators

P & C Uniform Shop: Sale continues come and bag a bargain while stocks are available.

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, and 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: To qualify for a chance of winning 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”

All parents please be aware there has been a delay with the school banking order, prizes can take up to 1-3 weeks to come through, with the new banking portal system.

Parents could you please also advise your child to ask their teacher for their bank book if they haven’t received it by Wednesday/Thursday as books are returned the same day to the teacher. Thank you.

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
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 phone 02 42 609 349 | Mobile 0466 745 454

Berkeley High School 30 Year Reunion 1984 to 1989: 30 Year Union - 1984 (Year 7) to 1989 (Year 12) Saturday 6th September, 2014. Berkeley Sports Club $22 per head (Main + Cake) RSVP 9th August - Payment by 23rd August. Contact Lisa Merritt (nee Smith) Email: lisaanne71@Hotmail.com Mobile: 0411 460 461

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