Principal’s Message

Monday?
Today has a ‘Monday feel’ about it that has disrupted my preparedness on this Tuesday. From preparing lunches at home to writing the newsletter at work, the confusion has been apparent. I trust your long weekend was relaxing and provided suitable opportunity to catch-up with family and friends. Hopefully you avoided the lengthy traffic jams that often spoil a great weekend away.

World Cup
This Friday the World Cup kicks off with the host nation Brazil playing Croatia. Australia is scheduled to play its first game the following morning with an 8:00am start against Chile. In recognition of the World Cup commencing, students are encouraged to wear soccer supporters apparel this Friday instead of school uniform. Your child may wear soccer clothing that supports any team or nation. All students are encouraged to participate.

Please note – Football boots are not to be worn on the day. All students to wear sneakers.

There is no cost associated with this activity.

Payments
The vast majority of families are now paying for activities by the due date, and for that I thank you all. There have been a few disappointed students as some have missed an opportunity due to a late payment that has not been accepted. Our staff find no joy in turning away late payments so please ensure all payments are made on or before the due date.

As a reminder the following sports payments are due:

- Athletics Carnival - $6 by this Friday 13th June
- Gala Day - $8 by next Wednesday 18th June

The athletics carnival will take place next Thursday, so payments close this Friday. This provides time to make final adjustments to all organisation for the day.

June 10, 2014

The Term 2 Gala Day is held next Friday. The two days between payment closing and the actual event is by far the shortest we can provide to ensure smooth operation on the day. Please return all notes and money at your next convenience and before the dates listed above.

Dance Festival
This week our talented dance troupe will be performing at the regional dance festival. I am looking forward to viewing their performance tomorrow night when I attend the festival at the IPAC. I am certain that the Unanderra component will be an absolute highlight of the evening.

Reports
Teachers are currently providing their supervisors with draft student reports for editing. It is anticipated that reports will be provided to families in the last week of term, ie. in two weeks.

We are using School Based Student Reporting (SBSR) that is provided by the department as a template for all public schools. SBSR was used for the first time at Unanderra in 2013. You may notice one distinct difference in the 2014 version. The department has modified the English section to reflect the philosophy of the new Australian Curriculum. In 2013 the English section recorded marks in three sub-strands; reading, talking & listening and writing. The 2014 version only gives one overall mark. As SBSR is centrally developed, making individual changes at the school level is not possible, therefore all public schools using SBSR report on the same content.

As always, you are welcome to discuss your child’s progress with his / her classroom teacher at a mutually convenient time. There will be no formal interviews scheduled before or after the Term 2 written report.

School Promotion
Next Monday members of our P&C and I will be letter-box dropping throughout our entire enrolment area a postcard
that promotes Unanderra Public School. The intent of this postcard is to encourage families within our enrolment area to consider Unanderra Public School as the preferred location for the education of their children 5 – 12 years old.

On the postcard is an invitation to attend an information meeting on Wednesday 25th June 2014. Please encourage your neighbours who have children attending other schools to attend this information meeting. The meeting is designed for new families to support them make an informed choice regarding their children's education.

**Flood Relief**
You may have noticed an article in last week’s Mercury regarding our school’s participation in fund-raising for flood relief in South-Eastern Europe. A previous parent of our school has returned to her childhood home and will offer support to flood ravaged schools in the district. The funds our school raises will provide small respite to the children of the area. A gold-coin Mufti-Day will be held on Tuesday 24th June in support of this flood relief initiative.

**Kindergarten Enrolment**
Please inform our school office at your next convenience if you have a child who will be starting kindergarten at our school in 2015. We are hoping to secure at least 65 enrolments and we only have information on 20 at this point.

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**Quote**
The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects the wind to change; the realist adjusts the sails.

*William Arthur Ward*

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Craig Redfern
Principal

**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.
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 Information Night for Parents will be held on Wednesday 25th June at 6:30pm we look forward to meeting you there.

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

SRC Disco: The SRC will be hosting the annual school disco on the evening of Thursday 26th June, 2014.
There will be an infants disco (Years K-2) commencing at 4:30pm and concluding at 6:00pm. The Primary disco (Years 3-6) will commence at 6:30pm and conclude at 8:00pm.
The cost of the disco is only $2. This contributes to the cost of hiring disco lights and the purchase of prizes for the night. Tickets will be on sale from next Thursday, 19th June. They will be on sale every morning in Area A. Tickets can also be purchased on the night of the disco at the door.
The theme of the disco is, ‘Superheroes and Villains’. To add to the fun of the event, students may like to dress up as their favourite superhero or villain. Please note that this is optional and students are not required to dress up to attend the disco.
We also ask each family to contribute one small plate of party food to share on the night. A drink will be provided as part of the $2 admission fee.
Andrew Bennett, SRC Patron

Chess Club News: Our school chess club has had a team in the inter-school competition this term.

Our team comprises four Stage 3 students: Joshua 5/6H, Samuel 5/6H, Meg 6M and Isaac 6M. Callum 6B is our reserve.

We have experienced a mixture of wins and losses, and have met many chess enthusiasts from a range of Illawarra schools.

It is hoped that we will have more than one team next year as there are some skilful players in the primary school. The chess club meets every Thursday at lunch time.
Dallas Wichman, Chess Coordinator

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

Asylum Seekers, by Montana C. 6M
Asylum Seekers are people who seek asylum. Now, you might be wondering, ‘What is Asylum?’
To claim asylum you must apply for it, otherwise you go to a detention centre (which isn’t a very nice place). Some people don’t pass the test to claim asylum. In this instance, you will also go to a detention centre, so now you have some knowledge on what asylum seekers are.

These conditions might not sound very nice, but for Asylum Seekers, they are better than back home. This is because of danger back at home, such as wars, natural disasters and more. Now, think of detention centres as jails, that explains, how bad it is. That’s because the government provides little support or no support to Asylum Seekers.

Asylum Seekers are also easy targets for racial abuse. That’s why these days there are more racial attacks involving Asylum Seekers. Asylum Seekers are also not treated fairly, such as not getting enough food to live on, or living in bad conditions. Now don’t you think this is unfair? Especially considering most of these people are innocent?

Asylum Seekers aren’t payed that much money either when they work. They are then forced to live in bad conditions. Illegal workers try to stay invisible, like they’re not there. This is because if they get found they will get into trouble. Some of the jobs Asylum Seekers work for include, clothes stores, fixing computers and so forth. As you can tell, there aren’t that many jobs available. That is why Asylum Seekers live in poor conditions.

Earlier you probably heard me mention illegal Asylum Seekers. Illegal Asylum Seekers are people who come to another country illegally, sort of like refugees. Refugees, are people fleeing war or if the government is overthrown. You can tell by the definition they are very similar to an Asylum Seeker but they are illegal.

Asylum seeking children can also find it hard to adjust to a new school life, language and learning processes. This is because of their religion, culture, their appearance and even their clothes. But it’s probably better than being an adult and needing to find a place to stay, food and finding a job.

So now you know what an Asylum Seeker is.
**P & C News**

**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.

**Bright Star Kids:** For all your school labelling needs see Bright Star kids. Just provide the school’s details when you create your account or at checkout when you complete your order and 20% of sales will be paid back to the school. Visit at www.brightstarkids.com.au

**Next Meeting:** Our next P & C meeting is scheduled for Term 3, Monday 9th August at 7:00pm in the staff room. In you have not

**Trivia Fundraiser Night:** Will be held next 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! Get your bookings in now for tables or seats. 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, P & C 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 12pm to 6pm

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 are now secured including Outback Steak House, Wood Fire Pizza, Dalvinder’s Indian, Ken’s Cones, Expresso Mobile Coffee and Mel’s Munchies.

- A variety of market stalls will be selling candies, lollies and treats, children’s clothing, pet supplies, women’s accessories and much more.

- All our classes organised by Mrs Rodden, Miss Compton and Ms Hezemans have great ideas for their fete stalls now including a photography booth, cup cake decorating station, a mash tent and a science fair.

- The P & C will be holding a variety of stalls as well including a trash n treasure, used books, plant stalls, chocolate wheel, and face painting……

- There will be singing, dancing and music from our talented students

- And animals, show bags and lots, lots more…………so stay tuned each week!

We are still looking for any UPS family who owns or operates a business who would be interested in:

- Holding a market stall at the fete. If so please contact Karen Soulis on 0401064006.

- Kindly donating any prizes for our ‘Big Raffle’ or “chocolate wheel”.

We would also like families to now start:

Gathering items for the trash and treasure and used books stalls, organising plants cuttings or anything else they can donate

If so, or if you would like to assist in the planning of the event, please contact Joanne on 0439190462 or Katie on 0450806234.

Joanne Crawford and Katie Byrne, Fete Fun Day Coordinators

**P & C Uniform Shop:** The Uniform Shop will close at the end of Term 2. All stock is now being sold at reduced prices. Everything must go. Except for Surf Hat which is now sold at the School Canteen for $11.00.

NEW Price list is available in the office and on the school website. Enquiries email or sms Mandy on ajmarks2@optusnet.com.au or 0403 168 674.

New Sports Uniform is now available at Lowes Figtree. 10% discount should come off at cash register however please check. The rest of our school uniform will be available at Lowes Figtree from next term.

Hours are Monday 2:30pm to 3:00pm & Friday 8:45am to 9:15am

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.

Congratulations to 2W for having the most class bankers this week, well done and keep up the fantastic effort.

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


Skoolzout @ Unanderra School Holiday Program: Located at Unanderra Public School. This service is provided by Big Fat Smile (Illawarra Children’s Services) and is for children aged 5-12 from 8:00am-6:00pm every week day. For more information or to enrol phone 4272 5355 or visit bigfatsmile.com.au Child Care Benefit are also available.

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

KidzCare Vacation Care: PCYC Lake Illawarra will be running their KidzCare school holiday program each day from 8.30am – 5.30pm. KidzCare daily rate is $35. Parents & guardians receiving Child Care Benefit will only pay the gap!! This program is catered for primary school aged children (5-12years). Places are limited to 30 children for club based activities & 24 for excursion days - with the rebate available I would encourage anyone interested to get in quick! If you would like any further information or would like to book your children in for childcare, please do not hesitate to contact our club on 4296 4448.

July School Holiday Soccer Clinic: 1st, 2nd & 3rd of July. Have fun whilst learning soccer skills, development and team work. Mighty mites program for under 7’s 1.5 hours per day over 3 days $60. Regular program 3 hours per day over 3 days $100. Locate Wollongong TAFE Phone 0459 532 223 or email nswwscah@coerver.com.au for bookings and more information.

Convict Escapades Vacation Care Program: Discover Cockatoo Island with our Convict Escapades program these school holidays! Jump on an iconic Sydney ferry and leave the mainland behind to enjoy Australia’s rich history all in one location. World-Heritage-listed Cockatoo Island is a unique destination for children to travel through Australia’s colourful convict past, naval and war history to the ever-evolving creative cultural hub it is today. Our dedicated and experienced guides will take your group on a two-and-a-half-hour tour of the Island, exploring the many aspects of its history and travelling through 175 years of stories. Groups will experience the escapades of the early convicts through engaging games, shadow puppetry and performance, as well as nautical-themed craft activities. The unique experience of Cockatoo Island makes this an excursion kids will remember. Dates Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July, Monday 7th July - Friday 11th July. Time 11:30am tour commences on Cockatoo Island and concludes at 1:30pm. Cost $12 per child. (Price does not include ferry travel.) One supervising adult per ten children free of charge. Minimum 10 and maximum 100 students per booking. For more information phone 02 8969 2100 or Email: info@harbourtrust.gov.au

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