Principal’s Message

Book Parade
Our Unanderra Book Parade held yesterday was a terrific success. Mrs. Mitchell obviously had an insight into the rain as her steamer wetsuit, depicting the character Granny Grommet, was the perfect attire for the day’s weather.

It was wonderful to see so many students from Kindergarten right through to Year 6 taking up the challenge to come to school dressed as a character from a book they enjoy. Our many students were supported by our engaged teachers, most of whom joined in the fun and also dressed up.

My thanks to Mrs. Mitchell for her organisation, to all staff who assisted and/or participated, and to our wonderful students who appeared to be having a wow of a time. Thank you also to the many parents who braved the wet weather to take part in our undercover activities in the hall and COLA.

2015 Kindergarten
A clearer picture of our 2015 student numbers continues to take place with each new enrolment. If you are yet to contact the school and know you have a child ready to start school in 2015, please make this information known to our office ladies ASAP.

Certified Teachers
The department recognises teachers with ‘milestone awards’ throughout their careers. The initial award is a Teacher’s Certificate provided after a qualifying process. Recently, three of our teachers were awarded their Teacher’s Certificate. Congratulations to:

- Cass Compton
- Jenni Hezemans
- Steph Rodden

As a learning community we already know how terrific the three teachers listed are within our classrooms, now it is official.

Book Week Reading Buddies
Today, seven of our Year 6 Reading Buddies and I attended the Western Suburbs Childcare Centre to read stories with the young children there. This activity provides an opportunity for our students to engage with and provide excellent role models to younger children about the joy of reading. Another group of our reading buddies will attend on Thursday with Mrs. Dobinson. It is a great initiative and one that benefits both our students and the children from our neighbouring childcare centre.
Reading News: It is all too easy to jump in and tell your child a word if they don’t know it or get it wrong. Unfortunately this doesn’t help your child develop strategies to work out words themselves. We want our students to realise when they are wrong and go back to fix errors themselves. Leaving a word out, reading on to the end of the sentence, then going back, is also something you can encourage. Give it a try... give your child time to solve independently! (Of course if it is an unusual name, difficult or unfamiliar word, just tell them)

Well done to the following students for 100 nights of Home Reading
1C Olivia Aimee Bodie Kristian Leah
1M Tyla
2E Cooper Sean
5B Hanna
6M Victoria

Kathy Dobinson, Learning and Support Teacher

Stewart House: It is time for the second clothing appeal for 2014. Each family will receive a clothing bag today. If you have any unwanted clothing, please place it in the bag and return it to school by Monday 1st September. There are more bags at the office if needed. Return your clothing donation to the right of the stage in the school hall. Thank you for your continuing support.

Robyn Matts, Stewart House Coordinator

The Premiers Reading Challenge is nearing the end for 2014. All reading records must be completed by Friday 22nd August so that I can validate them before Monday 1st September. Well done to those students who have already completed the challenge
Karen Mitchell, Teacher Librarian

School Website: You can also view the school newsletter on the school website: www.unanderra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au To view previous newsletters go to ‘News & Announcements.’ Permission notes for excursions etc. can be found as an attachment on the School Calendar.
Upcoming Events: If you want to get involved in any of the upcoming P & C events then please get in touch. Our Father's Day stall is our next big event on Thursday 4th September, where at least another 3-4 volunteers are still required. Please let us know if you can help out by returning the attached volunteer slip to the office.

Spell-a-thon: Commenced last week and everyone should have his or her word and sponsor sheets by now. This is always a great fundraising event for the P & C that raises valuable funds for the school. Special prizes will be awarded to those students that raise the most money and a 'pizza party' to the class that raises the most combined money – one for each the junior and senior school. Keep practising your words and gathering your sponsors! The written test will take place this Friday 22nd August and money and sponsor sheets are due back next Friday 26th August.

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. Support Bright Star Kids, who are a generous sponsor of our school fete fun day, at www.brightstarkids.com.au

Next P & C Meeting: Our next meeting will be Monday, 8th September at 7:00pm in the school staffroom.
Joanne Crawford, P & C President

Unanderra Public School Fete Fun Day

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

Our next fete meeting will be held next week. Please check the Unanderra fete face book page later this week for the date, time and location, as exact details are not available as yet.

A run down on where we are at includes:

Fosters rides are booked with a variety of 7 different rides for all age groups. Ride bands will be $25 pre-ordered, $30 on the day and $5 for individual rides. Pre-order forms will go home towards the end of September and a listing of rides made available.

Spots for market stalls are still available so contact Karen Soulis on 0401064006 if you own or operate a business and would like to hold a stall at the fete.

Class and P & C stalls have now been organised and teachers and P & C members coordinating these stall will be seeking volunteers. We need lots of parents or grandparents to help out on the day for an allocated period of time, so please speak to your class teacher or any P & C member when we call for volunteers to offer your assistance. Details of stalls and any class required donations for the stalls will be advised in September.

Our raffle prizes have been now organised and tickets will be pre-sold and books sent home with a family member mid September. Our Prizes include $2000 cash, an iPad mini, iPod touch, and a tandem skydive among other things. Incentive prizes for the students with the most pre-sold books of tickets will be given.

A variety of food stalls have been arranged with Outback Steak House, Woodfire Pizza’s, Dalvinder’s Indian, Ken’s ice-cream, fairy floss and coffee available on the day

A selection of 8 different sample bags will be available to be pre-ordered with a limited number available on the day. Pre-order forms will go home towards the end of September.

Our fete banner has been completed and looks fantastic! Flyers, posters and a map for the day’s events are in the process.

Entertainment for the day will include displays from community groups as well as our own talented students. We have a couple of groups booked in but have spots available for others. So please contact the P & C if you know of any community groups who would like to perform at the fete.

Donations of prizes for our “chocolate wheel” are still required. We thank those people who have been able to offer goods and services so far. If you can help out with donating any items it would be greatly appreciated.

Our fete mufti day for Term 3 has been organised and will be held on: Friday 5th September, 2014

The mufti day will be a gold coin donation and the theme for the day will be ‘Rainbow Mufti Day’, so come dressed in your brightest colours!

For all donations, volunteers or questions please contact Joanne on 0439190462 or Katie on 0450806234.

Joanne Crawford and Katie Byrne, Fete Fun Day Coordinators
Uniform Shop: – Remaining stock reduced prices. Order forms are available on the school website under “closing specials” tab with sizes available, or email ajmarks2@optusnet.com.au and one will be sent to by email. Please send your order form to school with cash only and items will be sent home with your nominated child. If stock is not available then your money will be returned. Thank you.
Mandy Marks & Amanda Hampton - Uniform Shop

School Banking: Congratulations UPS Bankers there were 93 bankers this week and well done to 1/2R, 1M for the most class bankers this week, keep up the great effort.

Parents please be aware that blue deep sea envelopes have been sent home to students that have reached 10 tokens, please have your child fill out and return upon next deposit. Tokens are not added to next year so please claim your prizes. Also please keep tokens in the bank book folder as this is how we track what your child is up to.

Just a reminder that you only need to bank a minimum of 5 cents each week to deposit. A small reminder to parents, please fill out the deposit slip as the book will be sent home with no deposit made, thank you for your assistance with this.

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.
Elizabeth Ilievski and Dajana Castagna, Banking Coordinators

Community News


Play Group: Figtree High School’s Exploring Early Childhood classes (Years 11 & 12) have successfully run the “little Figgies” Playgroup for the past 2 years of children aged 6 months to 5 years and their parents/carers. Held every Monday of the school term. Time: 10:45am – 12:15pm at the engineering science room (Industrial Arts Block) Cost: 1 piece of fruit per child. Morning Tea provided for parents/caregivers. Toys, painting, play dough, dress ups, arts and crafts! Come along and join the fun! For more information please contact Mrs. Tracey Leabeater or Mrs. Margaret Parr at Figtree High School on 4271 2787

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