Principal’s Message

Rock-School Breakfast
Next Friday, 5th September WAVE FM will be broadcasting from Unanderra Public School as part of their Rock-School Breakfast promotion. The promotion will be between 7:00am – 9:00am. Everyone associated with our school is invited to participate. WAVE FM will provide a breakfast of cereal and fresh fruit to students. Please provide a plastic bowl and spoon so your child can participate on the day.

WAVE FM will provide entertainment during the 7:00am – 9:00am timeslot including a Karaoke contest involving a limited number of selected students. While the students will not be heard on air next Friday, the winner of the Unanderra contest has a chance of being selected to compete on stage at Stocklands Shellharbour later in the year.

TARS, EARS & PARS
All teaching staff within NSW public schools participate in an ongoing assessment of their performance. An annual certification is provided through the Teachers Assessment and Review Schedule (TARS). Executive and Principals have similar processes, hence the acronyms EARS and PARS. As part of PARS, my Director, Ms. Debbie Lowe, visits our school at least twice a year to discuss progress and performance. I look forward to Debbie’s second PARS visit tomorrow afternoon.

Regional Athletics Carnival
Mr. Batley informs me that the 22 Unanderra students who attended last Friday’s Regional carnival in Canberra performed exceptionally well. Unfortunately, at the time of writing this newsletter Mr. Batley had not received the complete results list. However, we do know that our senior girls relay team are off to the State Championships after placing third in the final. Congratulations to Phoenix, Emily, Kayla and Abby. In addition, Emily qualified for State after placing 1st in 100m and 2nd in Long Jump. Exceptional effort Emily!

August 26, 2014

It is a significant feat to attend the Regional Carnival in any sport. I would like to congratulate each and every Unanderra student who attended last Friday’s carnival. Well done! My thanks also to parents and carers who made the long drive to Canberra in support of each child, without you so much of Unanderra’s success cannot be achieved.

Gold Assembly
Next Wednesday, 3rd September will be our Term 3 Gold Assembly. This will be a terrific opportunity to share in the progress of quite a number of students along our positive award continuum. Invitations to parents whose child will be receiving a gold award have been posted. I hope you can join us on the day.

Next week is SASS Recognition Week
The acronym SASS stands for School Administration and Support Staff. They are our office ladies, our general assistants and our learning support officers. The goodwill of this group of people is immense. Without them, and their goodwill, schools just do not function.

Next week is designated SASS Recognition Week. It is timely for all of us to recognise the wonderful work of all the ladies…and Terry…who contribute so much to supporting Unanderra as a wonderful place to work and learn. My thanks to all our terrific SASS personnel, your efforts are highly valued.

Quote
Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it

William Arthur Ward

Craig Redfern
Principal
Dad's Arvo: On Friday, 10th October (Week 1, Term 4) Unanderra Public School will be holding its inaugural 'Dad's Arvo'.

Dads, Pops, Uncles etc are welcome to join us for an action packed afternoon from 12:30pm through until 3:00pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to join students in their classrooms, share a BBQ picnic lunch and take part in a fun filled afternoon of sports activities.

Staff and students encourage all 'Dads' to take the opportunity to come along and see first-hand what makes Unanderra Public School such a great school.

Dad's Arvo! You'd be mad to miss it!
Gavin Hoy, Assistant Principal

Senior Girls Relay Team off to State! On Friday 22nd August, 22 of our finest athletes from Unanderra Public School, along with their families, travelled to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra for the South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival. Surprisingly, the weather was not so bad and it even got fairly warm in the early afternoon.

As always, the competition was extremely strong, with all of our students giving their best and representing our school and district with distinction.

A massive congratulations to our Senior Girls Relay Team of Phoenix (6B), Kayla (6B), Emily (6B) and Abby (6M), who are now off to Homebush for the State Athletics Carnival after finishing 3rd.

Emily (6B) also finished 1st in the 13 Years Girls 100m and 2nd in the 12/13 Years Long Jump and will be competing in these events at State.

Congratulations to all of our competitors for their wonderful efforts and achievements!
Matt Batley, Sports Organiser

Stewart House: It is time for the second clothing appeal for 2014. 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

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 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.
**Reading News** Comprehension strategies to use at home. Comprehension strategies are mental processes that effective readers use as they are reading in order to understand what they have read. As readers, we often use these strategies without even realising it. By making these strategies more obvious to your child, they will be able to use them when they come across new and challenging texts.

Good readers use these strategies as they read - before, during and after reading. They can also use different strategies at different times depending on what they are reading (e.g. novel or report) and why they are reading (e.g. an assignment or for pleasure). No two readers will use exactly the same strategies at the same time. (School A to Z) Watch this space. Over the next six weeks we will be bringing you the strategies that help students improve their comprehension.

Well done to the following students who have reached 100 nights of Home Reading:
1/2R Dylan Abbey Melody Hamish
2E Eddie Ege Kathy Dobinson, Learning and Support Teacher

**RUN Wollongong:** Sunday 19th October, 2014. Unanderra Public School has now registered an official team and are looking for families to come and join us on the day in raising much needed funds for the redevelopment of the Wollongong Children's Ward and Illawarra Shoalhaven Children’s Assessment Unit. This year we can earn up to $1,000 worth of sporting equipment, just by getting people from our school community participating in Run Wollongong. On top of that when our school gets 50 registrations we will go in the draw to win a super session with the Dragons. That's a full day with the Dragon's at our School!

To register and join us:
1. Visit the website www.runaustralia.com.au
2. Click ‘register now’
3. Then select ‘Run Wollongong’ as your event
4. Click that you are registering as a ‘TEAM’
5. Select ‘Public/School’
6. Click ‘Join existing team’
7. Search ‘Unanderra Public School OFFICIAL’

Please remember you must join the ‘OFFICIAL’ TEAM’ or it will not be added to our school count!
Natalee Brennan

**P & C News**

**Spell-a-thon:** The written test for the Spell-a-thon took place last Friday and congratulations to everyone for doing so well. Your sponsor sheet and money is due back by this **Friday 29th August**. So start collecting your money! Remember special prizes will be awarded to those students that raise the most individual money and a ‘pizza party’ will be awarded to one infant and one primary class that raise the most combined money.

**Father’s Day stall:** will be held next **Thursday 4th September**. All Father's day gifts will be $5 and students will be given an opportunity to purchase another gift from our second chance table if they wish. We have some great gifts available this year including some special gifts for all those Grandfathers.

**P & C Mufti Day:** will be held next **Friday 5th September**. Our theme is a “Rainbow” day so come dressed in your brightest colours all for a gold coin donation. This mufti day is in aid of our of school fete fun day to raise much need funds to purchase items for our stalls.

**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.** If you have not attended a meeting before then please come along and join us. Everyone is welcome!
Joanne Crawford, P & C President

**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
Unanderra Public School Fete Fun Day

Date: Friday 24th October 12pm to 6pm

Our next fete meeting was held today and a full update will be provided in the next newsletter along with our next meeting date. A rundown 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.

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

Joanne Crawford and Katie Byrne, Fete Fun Day Coordinators

School Banking: Congratulations UPS Bankers, 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 Schools 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

Disclaimer: Unanderra Public School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news for not for profit organisations and charities, which may be of interest. UPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation of these events.