Principal’s Message

Southern Stars
This year’s Southern Stars extravaganza has been touted as ‘one of the best ever’. It is wonderful that our school was actively involved through participation and as an audience. Bringing Southern Stars together is a massive task for each school involved and cannot take place without the support of staff, parents and students. Mrs. Blanch and Miss. Hezemans were instrumental in organising our school’s performance while Mrs. Lawler organised our audience participation. Mrs. Morgan undertakes a great deal of organisation before, during and after Southern Stars. Without all the efforts of these fabulous teachers our students could not participate. Thank you ladies, your efforts are valued and appreciated.

Relieving Principal
Wednesday 10th September will be my last day for this term. My wife and I are taking Long Service Leave between 11th September and 15th October. During my leave the following arrangements have been made:

Relieving Principal – Mr. Gavin Hoy
Relieving Assistant Principal – Mrs. Stephanie Rodden
3H Class teacher – Miss. Vanessa Macdonald-Brown

An expression of interest process was managed earlier this year for the positions of both relieving principal and relieving assistant principal to cover contingencies that may arise. I have every confidence that Mr. Hoy and Mrs. Rodden will be effective within their respective relieving positions. Mrs. Rodden will continue to teach 1/2R while Mr. Hoy will move into the office during this time. Miss. Macdonald-Brown has undertaken regular roles as a teacher at our school and has my confidence in this temporary role.

Operation Christmas Child
Mrs. Lisa Jones, one of our kindergarten parents, is committed to supporting disadvantaged communities in 3rd

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World countries through the Operation Christmas Child initiative. Mr. Bennett organised our own school’s participation in the same program several years ago. Together, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Bennett hope to encourage community support in 2014 through our school. It is a wonderful initiative and I thank both Mrs. Jones and Mr. Bennett for their efforts in supporting the initiative within our community. A brochure outlining the initiative accompanies this newsletter. Mr. Bennett will coordinate our school’s collection. A limited supply of standard boxes, as depicted on the brochure, can be requested from Mr. Bennett.

Presentation Day
The annual presentation day awards that take place in Term 4 have been a topic of discussion recently. I will further discuss considerations regarding presentation day awards at the next P&C meeting on Monday 8th September. If you would like to participate in this discussion I encourage you to attend the P&C meeting from 7:00pm next Monday 8th September 2014.

Back Gate
Earlier this year I proposed the locking of the back gate to limit access to our school throughout the day. An agreement was reached whereby parent volunteers would sign-out a gate key and unlock the gate from 2:30pm every school day. Three committed parents have provided this service for two terms now. May I remind everyone who uses this gate that our three parents are volunteers. They undertake this volunteer role to support access to our school by the many who live behind our school or who prefer to park their vehicle nearby. I value the service of these volunteers and believe their efforts should be applauded. If you believe you can support this committed trio by offering your services please come to our P&C meeting on Monday evening and discuss your availability.
SASS Recognition Week
Our terrific SASS personnel enjoyed a delicious morning tea yesterday courtesy of our teachers. It is a small gift to our wonderful staff who do so much for and with teachers in an ongoing effort to provide a positive learning environment for your children. Members of our school executive team will staff the front office tomorrow morning to provide a little extra time for our office team as they enjoy breakfast with colleagues in recognition of their daily efforts.

2015 Student Enrolments
With kindergarten enrolments starting to flow-in I am cautiously aware that 445 student enrolments will be about the point that determines whether our school will manage 17 classes or 18 classes in 2015. As we currently manage 18 classes it would be ideal to continue in this manner. Staffing ratios are just one of the matters reliant upon student enrolments, please keep our office ladies well informed of possible movements.

WAVE FM Rock School Breakfast
Please remember that this Friday morning WAVE FM will be at our school as part of their Rock-School Breakfast Promotion. The WAVE FM team will be here between 7am – 9am. A breakfast of cereal, fresh fruit and milk will be provided by WAVE FAM to all students who wish to participate. Please provide a plastic bowl and spoon to support the breakfast. This Friday is also a P&C Mufti-Day in support of raising funds toward the organisation of our School Fete next term.

Quote
We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.
Aristotle

Craig Redfern
Principal

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.

School Security Hotline
1300 880 021
Reading News: Comprehension strategies to use at home - Making connections. We make personal connections with the text, by comparing it to:

- something in your own life (text to self)
- another text (text to text)
- something occurring in the world (text to world) (From School A to Z)

Don’t forget to talk to your children, as they read, to help them make connections.

Wow, our list of students who have read for 100 nights continues to grow. Great work

1/2R Tiago Tahlia Charlotte Payton
2W Hunter Zach Sarah Freya
3/4L Luka Kathy Dobinson, Learning and Support Teacher

Dad’s Arvo: On Friday, 10th October (Week 1, Term 4) Unanderra Public School will be holding it’s 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

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: Money was due last Friday and we will continue to accept money this week. 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. So return your sponsor money as quick as you can.

Father’s Day Stall: will be held on 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. Please remember to bring along your money on Thursday.

P & C Mufti Day: will be held on 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 school fete fun day to raise much need funds to purchase items for our stalls.

Back Gate Volunteers: If any parent could help in volunteering to open the back gate could you please provide details to administration at the front office. The back gate is opened between 2:30pm to 3:00pm by our volunteers to allow access in and out of the school grounds before 3:00pm. Additional volunteers are required to ensure this continues to run smoothly.

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 next 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
Unanderra Public School Fete Fun Day

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

Our next fete meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th September at 1:00pm at the school in the banking room. Please join us to help out with this exciting event.

Our latest update:
- Sample bags pre-order forms with be sent home this week and will need to be returned by the 19th September. A limited number will also be available on the day.
- 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 are being prepared and will go home shortly.
- Our raffle tickets books will also be sent home shortly with one family member. Prizes include $2000 cash, an IPad mini, IPod touch, and a tandem skydive among other things. A $20 gift card will be awarded to the student who sells the most tickets
- Class and P & C stalls are 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 the coming weeks.
- Matilda’s Farm Animals and pony rides will also be joining us on the day.
- Spots for market stalls are still available so contact Karen Soulis on 0401064006 if you know anyone who would like to hold a stall at the fete.
- Donations of prizes for our “chocolate wheel” are still required. If you can help out with donating any items big or small, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Food stalls arranged for the day are Outback Steak House, Woodfire Pizza’s, Dalvinder’s Indian, Ken’s Cones, Mel’s Munchies and Espresso Mobile Café.
- Our fete banner is complete and flyers, posters and a map for the day’s events will be available soon.
- Entertainment for the day will include displays from 4 community groups as well as our own talented students.

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

Joanne Crawford and Katie Byrne, Fete Fun Day 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 Benefits are also available.

Wollongong Art Gallery School Holiday Workshops: Workshops are led by tutors who are assisted by Gallery volunteers; all staff have undergone working with children checks. Workshop supervision is conducted by authorised Gallery staff. No other adults are permitted to attend school holiday workshops. Prices include GST. Places are limited. Payment reserves your booking. All materials are included in the workshop unless otherwise stated. School holiday workshop schedules and enrolment forms are also available to download from our website: www.wollongongartgallery.com Contact the Gallery to check vacancies first, complete an enrolment form and make payment for the workshop via Visa, Mastercard, EFTPOS, cash or cheque (cheques made payable to Wollongong City Council). Children are advised to wear covered shoes and old clothing or a paint shirt. Children should arrive with carers at advertised times and should not be left prior to these times. Participants arriving 15 minutes after the start of a class will not be admitted. The Gallery will cancel any class if there are insufficient bookings to proceed. If this occurs, a full refund or credit will be provided. FOR BOOKINGS & INFORMATION Please call Wollongong Art Gallery on 4227 8500 2 hour workshops $20 per child Full day workshops $50 per child

NSW Sport and Recreation Camps: NSW Sport and Recreation have a number of fun and exciting holiday camps for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Led by qualified instructors, our popular camps get kids outdoors learning new skills while making new friends. There are plenty of activities on offer, including fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing and cooking camps. If you have any further queries, please don’t hesitate to contact us. The best holidays happen at camp Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays. Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love. Kids’ Camps from $45 per day fb.com/nswsportandrecreation www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps 13 13 02

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