Principal’s Message

P&C

Last night’s P&C meeting was brief and informative. The efforts of our P&C toward ensuring next Friday’s outdoor cinema is a success are impressive. The P&C plays a vital role in not only raising important funds for our students but providing social opportunities for our community. I trust there will be terrific support for the outdoor cinema concept.

2016 Planning

Your child was provided a note today outlining the process for contributing to the 2016 class planning that commences for our staff tomorrow. Contributions can be made by:

- A signed letter outlining considerations.
- The letter to be addressed to the principal.
- The letter to be received no later than Friday 23rd October.

Please remember that we are firming toward having our school structured along stage teams in 2016. The four stages for our school are:

- Early Stage One – Kindergarten
- Stage One – Year 1 & Year 2
- Stage Two – Year 3 & Year 4
- Stage Three – Year 5 & Year 6

Week 3

Next week the NSW Primary Principals Association holds its annual state conference. The majority of NSW public primary principals attend this conference for the three days. As a member of the executive team organising the conference I will not be at Unanderra throughout next week. Our assistant principals are being provided time to support the ongoing management of the school throughout next week. Please feel confident that our service to community will be as per usual.

Selective High School 2017

Applications for selective high schools in 2017 are now open. Apply before 10:00pm on November 16, 2015. Applications can only be made online through this website. [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

Key dates

- Tuesday 13 October 2015, Application website opens.
- Monday 16 November 2015, Application website closes.
- Late applications will not be accepted. Thursday 25 February 2016, Test authority letter sent by mail and email.
- Thursday 10 March 2016, Selective High School Placement Test.
- Early July 2016 Placement outcome information

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation begins at UPS next week. Please be advised of the dates particular to your child. Existing families with children beginning in Kindergarten next year are invited to attend school on Tuesday, October 20 and 27 between 9:15am and 11:00am.

New families to our school are welcome to attend on Thursday, October 23 and 29, from 9:15am until 11:00am. Unanderra Public School staff are looking forward to meeting all of our 2015 Kindergarten students and their parents from next week onwards.
P&C News

P&C Meeting: Last night we held our monthly P&C meeting and a big thank you to those that joined us and contributed to our discussions and event planning. Our next scheduled P&C meeting will be held Monday November 2, at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome so please come along and join us for a fun and informative night.

Woolworth's Earn & Learn: The Woolworth's Earn and Learn program has now closed and all stickers and booklets have now been counted. We successfully collected close to 50,000 points, which will give us the opportunity to secure some fantastic resources for the school. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and we will keep you posted on what resources are purchased.

Spell-a-thon: All money collected from the spell-a-thon is being counted and so far our school community has raised more than $6,000! What a fantastic effort! The top 2 people with the most money raised will earn themselves a $50 gift card and the next 8 people, a $20 gift card. Pizza parties will be awarded to the classes with the most money raised. All our winners will be notified shortly and results included in next week's newsletter. Please note that while additional money received after the final collection date (extended to today due to numerous requests), will not be counted towards the prizes, all money raised is to support the school and our students. So please continue to collect your sponsorship money and return it to the school office.

End of Year Event: Our family outdoor cinema night will be held on Friday October 23, from 5:00pm to approx. 9:30pm. We have a selection of Foster's carnival rides operating before the movie, between 5:00pm-8:00pm, then from 8:00pm onwards our family movie will commence, “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.” A selection of food will be available for purchase including outback steakhouse BBQ, wood fire pizza, hotdogs, Dutch pancakes, ice creams, fairy floss, popcorn, snow cones and more. People are also welcome to bring their own picnic food. Pre-order forms for the cinema and ride tickets were sent home last week and money and forms should be returned by this Friday October 16. Cinema tickets, ride bands or individual ride tickets, can still be purchased on the night, however no discounted rates apply.

Joanne Crawford, P&C President

Dates for the calendar

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<td>Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9:15am – 10:45am. Morning Tea for Year 6 and their parents, cutting of the cake and ringing of the school bell.</td>
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School Banking: Congratulations to 4R and 3S they are the weekly class winners this week. We only had 77 bankers this is quite a drop, remember that there is only this term left to get to 10 tokens to claim a prize.

The following items are no longer available from the prize selection: Planet Handball – out of stock, Cosmic Light Beam Torch – recalled and Lunar Light Band – recalled. The following is available: Galaxy Glider (Frisbee), Outer Space Moneybox, Invisible ink pens, Intergalactic Rocket, ET DVD, Shark Key Ring, Scented pencils and a Swimming Bag.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see an increase in bankers next week.

Elizabeth Ilievski, Jenny Evans & Nicole Martin, School Banking Volunteers and Coordinators

Community News

Lowes Unanderra School Uniforms 20% Sale: One day sale Thursday 15th October 20% off original prices for school wear and everything storewide.

Lowes Unanderra School Uniforms 3 Day sale: Special Promotion for Kindergarten Orientation and for whole school community. 15% Discount on Monday October 26, Tuesday October 27 and Wednesday October 28. Also receive an Bonus Ezy-Way 5% Discount additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers. Or an additional 5% rewards for Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers to the value of 5% of their purchase. Plus Lowes will pay your school annual 5% rebate on every uniform purchased in-store.

Manna House Food from Heaven: Providing food, friendship and hope. No cost meal, Thursdays at 5:00pm. Bus picks up each week at Unanderra Station at 5:00pm. Or simply turn up at Figtree Anglican Church and join us. We meet to enjoy a meal together, chat and share life. There is time included for those who wish to join with others to look at what the Bible says about God and Jesus. We can’t wait to meet you.

Emergency Food Relief now at Unanderra: ADRA Community Pantry is being conducted weekly here at the Unanderra Community Centre on Thursdays from July 9. Between 1:00pm and 2:30pm for a donation cost of $7 for a food parcel to help those who are struggling to make ends meet.

A Berry Big Day Out: A day of family fun, health and fitness. Saturday October 31, 11:00am to 4:00pm at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre. Bring the whole family along to experience great activities run by Sport and Rec including, Flying fox, giant swing, climbing wall, leap of faith, water rafting and archery. Also running activities in the event will be together local community groups including: Berry Board Riders, Berry Shoalhaven Heads Cricket Club, Shoalhaven Heads Berry Football Club and Kiama Little Athletics. Raffles and Auctions and great food and music. Dress for action and be sure to bring a costume to swim in. Early bird tickets are $25pp / or $30pp on the day. Children under 5yrs free. On sale at http://www.trybooking.com/162384

Term 4 Parenting Courses:

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
Parents will learn “mindfulness” techniques to increase awareness of their thoughts & feelings. Parents will learn to be more aware of their children’s needs & how to better respond to their child’s behaviour to improve children’s self-identity, decrease parental stress & enhance the parent / child relationship. Family Services Illawarra, two locations:- Figtree 6 Tuesday Evenings 6pm to 8pm 12, October 20 to November 24 and at Warrawong 6 Wednesday mornings 10am to 12pm, October 21 to November 25 Workshop Free: Phone 42567333 for bookings

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explore loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grabs & impact on children. CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong Workshop Fee: $20 per session Thursday October 22 to Thursday November 19 6:30pm to 9:00pm Phone 42271122 for bookings

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting. CatholicCare, Wollongong Wednesday Mornings 10:00am -12:30pm November 4 to November 18. Workshop Fee: $20 per session Thursday October 22 to Thursday November 19 6:30pm to 9:00pm Phone 42271122 for bookings

ROLLERCOASTERS 8-12 years
An 8 week program developed to assist children who are experiencing parental separation, divorce, or parents who have re-partnered. Rollercoaster helps children to understand change and loss; develop strategies for anger management and problem solving; and understand a whole range of feelings and emotions. CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn Street, Wollongong 8 Tuesday Afternoons 4pm - 5pm October 13 to December 1. Workshop Fee: $15 per session/family. Phone 42271122 for bookings

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