Principal’s Message

Find out about Cyberbullying
The Australian Federal Police have developed an engaging presentation for parents to provide an informative insight into the modern phenomenon of Cyberbullying. Do we really know what, or more importantly who, our children are engaging with on social media? The Lake Illawarra Command’s Youth Liaison Officer, Scott Burgess, has organised for this presentation to be provided as follows:

What: Cyberbullying Presentation
When: Thursday 26 November 2015
Where: Oak Flats High School Auditorium
Time: 6:00pm for 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Contact: Scott Burgess – 4232 5329

Please note, this is an adult only presentation and no children should accompany parents on the night.

Definitely a Select group
Select Mutual Bank provides opportunities to receive community funding. Recently, Ms. Liles was successful in securing our school a $500 grant through Select’s Tartan Science Education Program. It is a valuable contribution Select Mutual Bank has made to our school and I wish to thank both the bank and Ms. Liles for providing this educational funding.

Discussions @ P&C
Last night the November meeting of the P&C was held in the staff room. With a number of usual P&C members not able to attend I believe for the first time this year Unanderra staff equalled the P&C numbers with five a-piece. Regardless of the numbers in attendance, discussion is always vibrant and last night was an extension of that. With the majority of fundraising over for the year the P&C is focused on supporting the end-of-year school activities and planning for 2016. I value the efforts of our P&C and appreciate the support, both in person and financial, they provide to all within our school.

3D Print
Ms. Liles is excited by the possibility of purchasing a 3D printer to support student learning in 2016. Please read how you can support this process in a blurb found on the following pages of this newsletter.

In time supervision
While our teachers are generally at school well before 8:30am and well after 3:00pm on any given school day, they are not on active duty outside of school hours. As effective professionals our teachers are on site during these out of school hours planning, preparing and resourcing learning experiences for your children. Please ensure your child is dropped-off at school from 8:30am in the morning and collected as close to 3:00pm in the afternoon as is practicable.

Quote:
We may encounter defeats, but we must not be defeated.

Maya Angelou

Craig Redfern
Principal
Library News:

Book Fair: Book Fair! Book Fair! Book Fair! We have gotten off to a great start with lots of parents and students coming to the library to browse the great selection of books available at the UPS Book Fair. Come and take a look for yourself. Just follow the dragon footprints through the library and you will find us. Book Fair opening hours are before school 8:30am – 8:55am, at lunch time 1:15pm – 1:45pm and after school from 3:00pm – 3:45pm Monday to Friday this week. As the quote says... 'There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.'
Rachel Prior, Teacher Librarian

School Bus Pass: Opal cards will replace school travel passes from 2016.

Students with a paper school pass this year will be issued with an Opal card at school from the start of term in 2016.

Students starting kindergarten, moving from Year 2 to 3, starting high school, changing school or changing their address next year will need to apply online for their School Opal card.

To order a new School Opal card, go direct to www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500.

3D Printer for UPS:
With your help the students of Unanderra Public School could be getting a 3D printer! We have joined the Seed3D program, hosted by Australian 3D printer manufacturerMe3D.

The program allows families, individuals, businesses and organisations in our community to help us get a 3D printer for the school.

If anyone purchases a 3D printer online from Me3D, they just need to provide OUR SCHOOL’S UNIQUE COUPON CODE at checkout: UPS2526

That’s it! Then we will be 10% of the way to a free 3D printer.

So if you or anyone you know are considering a 3D printer for the home, office or garage check out this great printer at www.me3d.com.au and don’t forget to checkout using our COUPON CODE.
Kylie Liles, Assistant Principal

Dates for the calendar

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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

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

Annual Giving Tree: From next week our Christmas Tree will be decorated and placed in the foyer ready for donations from our school community. All donations of dried and tinned food as well as toys can be made up to 11:00 am Friday December 11. All items will then be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to Illawarra families in need. Thank you for your support of this extremely worthwhile project.
Carolina Wilkinson, Administrative Manager

P&C News

P&C Meeting: Thank you to everyone who attended last night’s meeting. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday December 7, at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Santa Photos: For our last fundraising event for 2015, the P&C will be organising photos for our UPS families with Santa in the Village. Flyers will be sent out shortly advising package costs and how you can book.
Joanne Crawford, P&C President

School Banking: A big congratulations to 3L, 3 weeks running weekly class winners, well done. Today there was only 72 UPS bankers, a big decrease from the last few weeks, please remember that you only have this term to reach your 10 token count and to claim a prize.

The following items are available to order once you reach 10 tokens: Galaxy Glider (Frisbee), Outer Space Moneybox, Invisible ink pens, Intergalactic Rocket, ET DVD, Scented pencils and a Swimming Bag.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to see an increase in bankers in the following weeks.
Elizabeth Ilievski, Jenny Evans & Nicole Martin, School Banking Volunteers and Coordinators

Community News

Cyber Safety Talk: We would like to take this opportunity to invite the parents and teachers from your school to attend an information session in relation to cyber bullying and social media. As police we have seen an increase in issues relating to cyber bullying, sending “nudes” and other concerns in relation to social media. This session is not for students, it is for parents and teachers to provide them with information and strategies.

The information session will include a presentation from the Australian Federal Police, which was well received at our last principal’s forum. We strongly encourage your P&C Families and any other families who are interested to attend this valuable information session.
Where: Oak Flats High School (Auditorium) (Entrance via 42 to 44 The Esplanade, Oak Flats)
When: 6.00pm for a 6:30pm Finish 7.30pm Thursday November 26, 2015.

Should you have any questions in relation to this forum, please contact Youth Liaison Officer, Scott Burgess on 42325329.

Spark Kids Club: Figtree Anglican Church invites you to join their ‘Spark Kids Club’ starting November 6, 2015. For children in Years 3 to 5 at 4:30pm Friday afternoons. Cost $3 per week at the Figtree Anglican Church 4-10 Gibsons Road, Figtree. For more information call 4272 1322

Figtree Community Carols: Save the date. Saturday December 12 at Figtree High School. 5:30 – 9:30pm. Free entry.

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.

School Canteen and P&C Workshop: The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District is hosting a School canteen and P&C workshop on November 12 at the Shellharbour club. If you are involved with your school canteen or P&C and would like to attend. Please contact Rosi Johnston on 4221 6795 to reserve a spot. The day will consist of guest speaker James Reeson from Alive and Cooking, workshops, prize give-a-ways and more. The event is FREE so please register today.

City of Wollongong Giving Tree 2015: This initiative will be launched on Thursday 12 November 2015 at the stage area in the City Mall which will include Christmas storytelling; Christmas songs from Wollongong Public School and of course the arrival of Santa by motorcycle to promote the Bikers Run on 5 December 2015 back in the Mall.

The Giving Tree distributes toys by the St Vincent de Paul Society and Anglicare to the children of needy families registered with them. In these harsh times when the number of families registering with charity groups has increased dramatically, I call upon your generosity to ensure these children do not miss out on the joys of Christmas.

Gifts can be dropped off at Council’s Administration Building, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong prior to Friday 18 December 2015. Representatives from the agencies are happy to come and collect the gifts/donations by making arrangements with Lee Cramer on 4227 7796 or events@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

The Wollongong Cartoon Camp is Back:


All camps held at Gwynneville Public School, 10a Acacia Street, Gwynneville. Phone enquiries only 02 9343 0833 Bookings: www.illustrating-man.com.au

Unanderra Public School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news for no 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.