Principal’s Message

Thank You
This morning a good number of school helpers enjoyed a morning tea as a gesture of thanks from our school’s staff. It is wonderful to know that our school is actively supported by mums and dads, nans and pops and other community people who make a valuable contribution to our school. The support of community helpers enables our teachers to better utilise learning groups, extend sporting opportunities, deliver funds that promote programs and ensure choice is available across a number of learning areas. Schools rely upon the goodwill of its staff and community to ensure quality teaching and learning in the classroom, we are fortunate at Unanderra to gain maximum benefit from that goodwill. Personally and on behalf of our teachers thank you for your efforts across the year.

Tell Them From Me
This year we trialled the Department’s Tell Them From Me survey. While that survey provided clarity around generic aspects of schooling, we still need to consider particular aspects relating directly to our school. All students will bring home one back-to-back page that is this year’s self-evaluation survey. It is envisaged that the survey should take no longer than five minutes to complete.

Please complete the anonymous survey and return to the school office by next Wednesday December 2. I will discuss the results of both the Tell Them From Me and our school specific survey at the next P&C Meeting on Monday 7 December 2015. Please take the time to contribute to the survey as it provides everyone an opportunity to ‘have a say’.

Presentation Day
Over the next week or so teachers will be making telephone calls to families regarding students who will be receiving an award at this year’s presentation day. It is a wonderful surprise for students so we ask that you do not share your child’s achievement until after he/she receives their award on Monday December 14.

Please remember there are two assemblies on Presentation Day, one before recess for K-2 and one after recess for 3-6. Mrs. Lowe, our school’s Director, will participate in our 3-6 assembly after recess.

Swim Scheme
Yesterday signalled the start of Swim Scheme for many of our boys and girls. From all accounts this is a very successful program that runs annually as part of the Department’s commitment toward students. The scheme is heavily subsidised and is great value for our families leading into summer, where being an able swimmer is very important.

16 classes in 2016
Our teachers and executive have completed draft groupings for 16 classes in 2016. While there always remains the possibility of changes due to teacher appointments and student movement, we believe the draft groupings will be reasonably close to the 2016 reality. Our plan is to return to 2015 classes in 2016 before we know the final make-up of student numbers. We envisage forming 2016 classes by the end of the first week, ie. our second day at school.

Our executive team and Mrs Dobinson will be in contact with selected families over the next week to provide transition information. General knowledge regarding class structures will be provided next year.

Quote:
Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Craig Redfern
Principal
Cyber Safety Performance: On Friday, Smith’s Hill High School students will be presenting a highly anticipated production of ‘Cyber’ in our hall. ‘Cyber’ is being toured to a limited number of local schools and we are very excited to have secured this 2015 production for our students.

The performance centers on the theme of cyber safety. This is highly entertaining and informative production is available to students in years 3-6 for a gold coin donation only! Please assist in supporting the students of an excellent local secondary school who are attempting to bring an important message to our students through the creative medium of theatre.

The Smiths Hill High School production of ‘Cyber’ will take place at 9:15am this coming Friday and should conclude at approximately 10:00am. All students in Years 3 to 6 will attend. A gold coin donation to assist Smiths Hill High School to cover the costs associated with touring their production will be collected at the door. Thank you in advance.

Gavin Hoy, Assistant Principal

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 manufacturer Me3D.

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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Captain-elect Speeches: Due to the HS Orientation on Thursday 3rd December, I have moved the captain-elect speeches to 9:15am on Wednesday December 2. This will be in the hall. Please change this on your calendar and inform stage teams.

Kylie Morgan, Assistant Principal
Annual Giving Tree: Our Christmas Tree has been decorated and placed in the foyer ready for donations from our school community, thank you to the many families. 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: Our next scheduled P&C meeting will be held next Monday December 7, at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome so please come along and join us for a fun and informative night. This will be our last meeting for the year. Drinks and nibbles will be available.

Santa Photos: Book your Santa photos now with Mrs Rodden & her business - Santa at the Beach for our final fundraiser of the year. The special package available to UPS families is comparable to that offered in the shopping centers and the photos are stunning!

The Cost- $35 per family (for 1 high res image for you to print or upload however you'd like) with $10 per session going to the P&C.

If we book 20 families we will raise $200. We require a minimum of 20 families commitment to cover the costs. You can choose either the Santa at The Beach or Santa in The Village location. The Village location is in Mount Kembla Village so nice and close.

The parents would get a high res image sent to an email account or the preferable option is for you to bring a USB on the day and that will be handed back to parents by Mrs Rodden a few days later.

School Banking: What an outstanding effort from 3L. Six weeks running at 1st place and 10 bankers this week, keep up the awesome effort 3L. We had a slight drop with only 80 bankers overall. Just a reminder there are only 3 school banking weeks left to make your deposits, and get closer to your 10 token count.

The following prizes are still available for order: Galaxy Glider (Frisbee), Outer Space Moneybox, Invisible ink pens, Intergalactic Rocket, ET DVD and Scented pencils.

Thank you for all your efforts and continued support each week, hopefully we see an increase in numbers next week!
Elizabeth Ilievski, Jenny Evans & Nicole Martin, School Banking Volunteers and Coordinators

Canteen Red Day - Tasty Tempter Pack: Wednesday December 9. Choose one of the following:

Pack 1:    Pack2:
Meat Pie             Sausage Roll
Popper    Popper
Popcorn   Popcorn
Ring Pop       Ring Pop

All Packs are $6. $1 from every order donated to the school from the canteen. Please Pre-Order before December 7 at the Canteen. No Orders Accepted On Day. Limited menu of sandwiches and hot dogs only on December 9 (enquire at canteen). Please drop all orders off at the canteen. Thank you
Danielle, Canteen Manager

Dates: Santa At The Beach - Saturday November 28, 8am - 11am Santa In The Village - Saturday December 5, 8am - 11am Please note that the $35 special will ONLY BE ON THESE DATES as These are the reserved dates especially for UPS parents. Each session will take approx. 5mins

If you are interested in one these or their other packages (there are other options for dates) please visit the Santa At the Beach facebook page and book your appointment with Roberta.
Joanne Crawford, P&C President
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.

Fun Club @ Unanderra School Holiday Program: Located at Unanderra Public School. This service is provided by Big Fat Smile 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 www.bigfatsmile.com.au/5-12-centres Child Care Benefit is also available.

Art Space School Holiday Workshops: Workshops are available for 3-5 year olds, 5-9 year olds, 8-13 year olds and 7-13 year olds. For more information and booking online: bigfatsmile.com.au/artspace

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.

Riding The Wave - Surf Life Saving Program. Families of children of all abilities are being introduced to the fun of the beach and Surf Life Savings Nippers program through the Illawarra Branch’s Riding the Wave Nippers program. This program provides the opportunity through the clubs for children of all abilities to participate in beach and water based activities such as beach ball games, relays, flags, boards and wades.

Get involved and have some fun! Riding the Wave program aims to: Provide an opportunity for all to be a part of a Surf Life Saving Club. Provide an opportunity for participants to be involved in a non-competitive, flexible Nippers program. Provide an opportunity for participants to enjoy the beach and its surrounds in a safe manner. Have dedicated and trained water safety personnel deliver the program.

The Riding the Wave initiative is a joint program between Illawarra Surf Life Saving Clubs, Surf Life Saving Illawarra Branch and the Office of Sport, Sport and Recreation. Riding the wave is a four week program conducted mid February to mid March.

For further information and an application form please contact Catherine on 4228 5355 or email catherine.campbell@sport.nsw.gov.au

Kids Uni Summer Vacation Care Program: OOSH Vacation Care Program Dec 17 to Jan 27, 2016. Children who are enrolled to commence School in 2016 may attend Vacation Care in January. Any information or enquiries – please contact Kids Uni Administration P: 42 218035

Wollongong Art Gallery (WAG) School Holiday Workshops: For bookings and information please phone 4227 8500 2 hour workshops $20 per child. Full day workshops $50 per child. For full day workshops students must bring their own morning tea and lunch.

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