Reports were released yesterday, by now you should have had the opportunity to share them with your child. It is vitally important for you to discuss your child’s report with him / her. Some students mentioned to me yesterday they would be financially rewarded for how many ‘A’s or how many ‘B’s are on the report. Please remember the report is a period in time snapshot of your child’s formal learning. Your child will not be defined by teachers within our school due to the number of ‘A’s or ‘B’s.

In my home we often celebrate reports with a favourite dinner or lunch, and we always attempt to celebrate some positive aspect of the report. That positive could be a good comment for a particular key learning area or for an overall positive general comment. As both a parent and an educator the calculation of ‘A’s to ‘E’s is not my focus. What I need to know, as both parent and educator, is the current capability of my child and how I can support him / her to be their best.

Let It Go
Miss Hezemans started with a terrific idea to organise a staff item at the beginning of the End Of Year Show. The item was a lot of fun, however, quite possibly not the polished performance that Miss Hezemans initially imagined. The many student performances that followed the staff item were very entertaining and provided a terrific interlude after this week’s formalities of Presentation Day and Year 6 Graduation. Thank you once again to Mr Bennett for your excellent efforts in organising the show. To the students who performed today, thank you. Each of you are talented and confident, two character traits that will hold you in very good stead throughout your life. Well done!

Year 6 Graduated
Mrs Morgan and her team provided a fitting farewell for our year 6 students today. Thank you to the many parents and extended family members who arrived to ensure a terrific send-off for the 71 students who leave our school tomorrow.

January 2016
Tomorrow is the last school day for students in 2015. It has been an amazingly busy year and no doubt your child(ren) is ready for the holiday season ahead.

I wish each and every family the very best and hope that you all remain safe during the summer months, returning healthy and well on 28 January 2016.

January 2017
This is new to me, writing a farewell message knowing that I will be back!?!? I have every confidence that when I return in January 2017 Unanderra will be a new experience once again for me. Well it should be. I continue to be amazed and uplifted when people who have held association with our school talk about the positive changes made over the last two years. I expect those comments and changes will continue as Mr Hoy leads our school through another 12 months of the Unanderra story.

I appreciate the support provided to me by students, staff and community throughout the past 24 months. There are many positive memories that will entice me back to the role I have enjoyed. Thank you, see you in January 2017...or at Figtree Grove where I often see many of our parents.

Quote:
Listen once in a while, it is amazing what you can hear.

Russell Baker

Craig Redfern
Principal
P&C News

P&C Meeting: Our first scheduled P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on Monday February 8, at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. Please join us for our planning of activities and events for 2016.

AGM for 2016: Will be held on Monday March 7, at 7:00pm in the staffroom followed by our normal P&C meeting. Executive positions in the P&C will be open for 2016 so if you are interested in being involved please join us for our first meeting in February 2016 to find out more details.

Move to Stage Based Classed for 2016: Early next year the school will release to all parents information in relation to the move to stage based classrooms answering all questions you may have. If you do have any questions, please direct them all through Phillip Evans at upsparents@gmail.com. All questions need to reach Phillip by January 18, 2016 to be collated and forwarded to the school. Please ensure that questions are specific. An interim set of questions will be posted on the P&C Facebook and provided to anyone who provided input by January 11, 2016 for review before they are forwarded to the school.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the school community, Mr Redfern, Mr Hoy and the staff at UPS for their assistance in the success of the P&C in 2015. We have been able to make valuable contributions to the school and provide enjoyment to our students.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone. Please have a safe and enjoyable school break and the P & C looks forward to another successful and fun filled year in 2016.

Joanne Crawford, P&C President

School Banking: Thank you to everyone that remembered to bank today, we had 34 deposits and to finish the year off 3L were the winners again! Well done.

Thank you to everyone’s continued support throughout the year, to all the parents that remembered each week and to all the students for helping their parents remember!

First banking day for 2016 will be Tuesday February 2, we hope to see all UPS bankers on board.

Most prizes are out of stock, tokens count has been carried through to 2016, we will write your current token count on your deposit book.

Thank you again for your continued support.

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

Community News

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 visit: bigfatsmile.com.au/artspace

Dates for the calendar

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