Principal’s Message

Early start
Our captains made an early start to their weekend participating in the Wollongong RSL sub-branch Dawn Service on Anzac Day. Fortunately it was a mild morning so Kobie, Ayla and Sam did not freeze in their school uniforms. Of all the schools represented our Unanderra captains had the most professional appearance with full school uniform that included a blazer. Well done captains, a terrific spectacle.

It’s trivial
Last Friday evening a small yet stoic group of staff and community attended the P&C Trivia Night. While in its infancy (last year was the first event) the P&C Trivia Night is a terrific opportunity to have fun socialising with known and new friends. With plenty of prizes on offer there is also the real chance of success in a raffle or game. I for one had a great time and look forward to future Trivia Nights. Congratulations to Jenny Denham and her team...who have now won the event two years running! My thanks to the P&C for their time and effort preparing the evening.

What time?
Understandably families are very busy in the morning with parents off to work and children off to school. However, please be keenly aware that there is no supervision of children at Unanderra PS before 8:30am.

Students are supervised at school between 8:30am – 3:00pm. It is important that families understand this limitation and make suitable arrangements for the supervision of children by known adults before 8:30am and after 3:00pm.

NAPLAN
The 2015 NAPLAN for all students in Year 3 and Year 5 will take place Tuesday 12 May – Thursday 14 May. Friday 15 May is a make-up day where students who missed an assessment can attend to it. Please be aware that no child can undertake more than two assessments in any given day, so attendance throughout that week is paramount. Parents may withdraw their child from any NAPLAN assessment but must do so after consultation with the principal by this Friday 1 May.

Quote:
Perseverance is failing 19 times, and succeeding on the 20th.

Julie Andrews

Craig Redfern
Principal

PBL
Positive Behaviour for Learning
Be Respectful Be Safe Be Responsible

Friday the 1st May 2015 at 12:15pm-1:00pm, students will have the opportunity to participate in the PBL Relaunch. On this day students will be attending a whole school assembly which parents are invited to. We will have guest speakers from the Wolves, one being an ex-Unanderra Public School student. Parents are welcome to stay for a picnic lunch with their children on the grass area near Terry’s Turf.

Michelle Ganero, PBL Coordinator
Stewart House Clothing Appeal and Envelope Drive: The prize for this year’s Donation Drive is a $4,000.00 family holiday to the destination of your choice. If you would like to enter, simply fill in all contact details, enclose a $2 coin donation, seal the envelope and keep the tear-off receipt. Return the envelope to the collection box located in the Office foyer before Stewart House Day, Friday 8th May, 2015. Participation is voluntary.

Please return all donations of good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets by 5th May, 2015. The bags should be placed in the school Hall to the right side of the stage.

There are more envelopes and bags available in the office if needed. Thank you.
Robyn Matts, Stewart House Coordinator

Statewide Eyesight Screening for Kindergarten Students: In Week 6 of this term, on Wednesday 27th May and Thursday 28th May, our kindergarten students have the opportunity to participate in a free eyesight screening program as an initiative of the NSW Ministry of Health.

It is a catch up opportunity made available to any Kindergarten student that may have missed out on the program last year, or who had a borderline result.

A note will go home this week explaining what the eye examination involves.

If you wish your child to participate, notes must be filled out and returned to the office by Wednesday 20th May.
Carolyn White, Assistant Principal

Library Update:
Lone Pine Author Visit: I would just like to extend a big thank you to Susie Brown, one of the authors of the picture book 'Lone Pine', for visiting UPS and talking about her book last week in the run up to ANZAC Day. Her visit and talk to Stages 2 and 3 was a great success and I know the children were moved and learnt not only about one story of loss at Gallipoli but also about the story telling and writing process. As Susie says, never give up and just keep trying.

Book Fair: It is time for our first book fair for the year. The fair will commence Monday May 4th and conclude Friday May 8th. Students will be able to purchase books before school from 8:30am – 8:55am and after school from 3:00pm – 3:45pm as well as during lunch. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome during these times to purchase books. Donations of books to the library are also welcome and a donor name plate will be placed inside any books donated.

Additionally, a percentage of the sales from the Book Fair will provide us with funds to boost our classroom and library resources. The brochure that will be sent home with the children shows a small sample of the books that will be on sale. Looking forward to your support once again.
Rachel Prior, Teacher Librarian

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**P & C News**

**P & C Meeting:** Our next scheduled P & C meeting will be held next **Monday 4th May**, at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. If you would like to hear more about what's happening in the school, present ideas, share opinions, vote on items raised and help out with any events, please come along and join us at this next meeting.

**Trivia Night:** Our Trivia night was held last Friday night and what a fantastic night it was. A good number of people attended and together we raised $750 for the school. We had lots of fun and laughter with terrific hosting once again by Mr Redfern and Mr Hoy. Thank you to the parents, friends and teachers that came along and made the night a success and to everyone who stayed and helped clean up. The P & C would also like to thank the following businesses that supported the night with their generous donations for our raffle and lucky door prizes:

- Woolworths Unanderra
- Abode Interiors and Design
- Country Grocer Unanderra
- D’Amatos Restaurant
- Lowes Westfield Figtree
- Unanderra Hardware Man
- Phoenix Hair
- Maxie’s Meats
- Flowers Nails
- Unanderra Pharmacy
- Flowers On Central
- Sweet As Lolly Shop

**Mother’s Day:** Our Mother’s Day stall this year will be held on **Thursday 7th May**. We have a lovely range of gifts available this year all for $5. Grandmother gifts are also available. If you are able to assist on the Mother’s Day stall, please return the slip with your contact details to the office.

**Interrelate 2015:** Interrelate is a community based, not-for-profit organisation that, as part of its services, provides Sexuality Education Programs for primary aged children. The two sessions, to be held on **Wednesday 27 May**, “Where did I come from?” and “Preparing for Puberty” are open to Y3 – Y6 students and their families only. The cost is $25 per family for one session or $30 per family for both sessions. For full details please see the information sheet which will be sent home this week with the students. Please complete the section at the bottom and return it together with payment in an envelope marked ‘Interrelate’ to the school office by **Friday 22 May**. Please make cheques payable to Unanderra Public School P&C.

Joanne Crawford, P & C President

**School Banking:** There was an increase in the number of bankers today – 87 deposits were made. This week’s class winners are KD Well Done!

If your child’s deposit book has not been returned to them by Thursday, please ask them to check with the teacher. Deposit books are returned to the teachers on Tuesday mornings after school banking deposits are taken. The school banking coordinators do not hold on to deposit books. Thank you

Elizabeth Ilievski, Dajana Castagna and Jenny Evans, School Banking Coordinators

**Community News:**

**Illawarra Women’s Health Centre:** Free support group within the Illawarra community to support single women and their children, non-formal on Monday morning’s 10-12pm at the Illawarra Women’s Health centre and fortnightly Friday’s at the Berkeley Neighbourhood centre 10-12pm.

**Children’s Sleep Study:** Research Participants Wanted. The University of Wollongong is conducting a study investigating the role of sleep in children.

We are seeking families (children and their care givers) who are willing to participate in this research. We will be seeking both healthy participants and participants with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity (ADHD) diagnosis.

Your child may be eligible if they are: Between the ages of 8-12 and willing to engage in a two week in home sleep study.

Participation will involve attending the University of Wollongong on two occasions to undergo testing. Both children and adults will be compensated with $50 for their participation.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like more information please contact:
Dr Sarah Loughran: loughran@uow.edu.au or Patricia Joannou pj200@uowmail.edu.au or phone 4239 2116

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

**P & C Mother’s Day Stall Helper**

I can help at the Mother’s Day stall on Thursday 7th May.

Name:

Phone Number: