Principal’s Message

Reports ‘R’ Us
Tomorrow is ‘The Day’ as far as student reports are concerned. All final glitches seem to be covered and the reports will be ready for release tomorrow. It has been a tiring yet very enjoyable task reading through reports. Please ensure you share them with your children.

Principal Assistance
On Monday afternoons the Unanderra executive team meet to discuss ongoing events. Yesterday was Mrs. Garnero’s last executive meeting as the role she has been relieving within becomes a permanent position that Ms. Liles was the successful applicant for.

Mrs. Garnero has been a terrific asset to both the executive team and our school in general during her time as relieving assistant principal. Mrs. Garnero has a strong work ethic that is positively supported by her professionalism. It has been a pleasure working alongside Mrs. Garnero in her executive role. Fortunately, Mrs. Garnero will continue in her role teaching the students within 2G.

How many holes?
If you attend our school over the remainder of this week you will notice Mr. Thomas has commenced preparatory work within the foyer area of our admin building. Mr. Thomas and I will be supported by the office ladies as we splash a little paint around during the holidays to revitalise the appearance of our admin building. The changes will continue over the remainder of the year as updated admin furniture and further painting has been planned.

The Sabbatical
Teaching service personal are entitled to participate in a deferred salary scheme. Basically, the Department banks 20% of after tax income for four years and returns the entire 80% in the fifth year providing the participants a sabbatical year to undertake other pursuits. My wife and I commenced this opportunity in 2012, meaning 2016 will be our sabbatical year.

I have discussed my sabbatical year previously with the P&C. As this year progresses I will have more information on the process to fill my position for the 12 months of 2016. It is likely the process to fill the relieving principal role will take place late next term or early Term 4. I will remain as the substantive principal of Unanderra and have every intention of returning to my position in 2017.

Without a splash
Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Batley made a great call last week to squeeze-in the athletics carnival before the rain fell too hard. It was apparent that the day would not have been conducive to the picnic atmosphere required for the 5 – 7 year old aspect of the carnival so they will hold that event later in the year.

I believe there were some very fine performances even though the day was overcast and sprinkled by rain showers. Well done to everyone involved.

Due Dates
Please ensure that due dates appearing on all permission notes are met. The due date is generally set the week before an event and always with the minimum time required to finalise organisation. It is too late the day before or indeed the day of an activity to expect that “…just one more child isn’t going to make a difference”. Due dates have a purpose that it is your responsibility to meet.
Holidays
No doubt everyone is looking forward to the mid-year break we are about to embark upon. Whether you have grand travel plans, localised travel plans or are just considering lazy pyjama days, I wish you all the best for a safe and relaxing time. Please remember that Term 3 commences with a Staff Development Day on the Monday so our student’s first school will be **Tuesday 14 July 2015.**

**Quote:**

Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.

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**Craig Redfern**  
**Principal**

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**Athletics Carnival 2015:** Last Thursday, around 300 competitors, teachers, parents and spectators from the Unanderra Public School community braved the weather at Kerryn McCann Athletic Centre at Beaton Park Wollongong, for our school athletics carnival. The on and off showers did little to dampen the spirits of all involved. The competition was impressive with all students giving their best, competing in a sportsmanlike manner and having a great deal of fun too!

A very big thank you to the wonderful and very capable staff at Unanderra Public School, as well as our awesome parent helpers who gave their time and helped the day run so smoothly.

Also, thank you once again to the Unanderra Public School P&C for subsidising the cost of the carnival. It was a great day to be a part of.  
**Matt Batley, Sports Organiser**

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**The Great Book Swap:** This year our school is supporting the work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, by holding a Great Book Swap as part of our NAIDOC celebrations on Thursday 25 June 2015.

To take part students need to bring along a book that they are happy to swap with another student and a gold coin donation to choose a ‘new’ book to take home.

Books can be donated before the book swap and given to Mrs Lawler, or students can bring along a book on the day (Thursday 25 June 2015). Additional books can also be donated to the book swap stall, to ensure all students have the opportunity to take home a book.

The gold coin donation will be given to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation who works to put books in the hands of children and families in remote Indigenous communities across Australia. In the lifetime of the project, with the support of many people and organisations including schools, they have sent more than 120 000 new, high quality books to over 230 remote communities. The Indigenous Literacy Foundation also runs an early literacy project called Book Buzz, which puts board books into the hands of babies, toddlers and their families.

We look forward to your support as we contribute to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation’s efforts!

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| · NAIDOC Day- The Great Book Swap  
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| Please bring a gold coin donation |
| **Friday** **June 26** |  
| · Last Day Term 2  
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| · K- 2 Assembly 10:15 – Item by KM |
| **Monday** **July 13** |  
| · Staff Development Day |
| **Tuesday** **July 14** |  
| · Students Return, Term 3 |
| **Monday** **July 20** |  
| · Regional Performing Ensemble |
| **Wednesday** **July 22** |  
| · Stage 3 Canberra Excursion. Bus leaves at 6:30am sharp  
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| · Year 5 2016 Opportunity Class Placement Test |
| **Friday** **July 24** |  
| · Stage 3 Canberra Excursion. Bus returns at approx. 3:00pm |
| **Monday** **July 27-31** |  
| · Education Week |
| **Tuesday** **July 28** |  
| · Open Day |
| **Wednesday** **July 29** |  
| · Life Saving Safety Visit -Years 2, 4 & 6 |
| **Thursday** **July 30** |  
| · Kindergarten 2016 Expo  
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| · District Athletics – Full Day |
| **Friday** **July 31** |  
| · District Athletics – Half Day |
| **Monday** **August 3** |  
| · P & C Meeting 7:00pm |
| **Tuesday** **August 4** |  
| · Southern Stars Rehearsal |
| **Thursday** **August 13** |  
| · Southern Stars Rehearsal |
| **Wednesday** **August 19** |  
| · Gold Awards Assembly 2:00pm  
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| · Police Liaison Talk |
| **Monday** **Aug 24-28** |  
| · Book Week |
| **Wednesday** **Aug 26 - 29** |  
| · Southern Stars Show Week |
Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2016:
Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted. Thank you to the families that have already completed their Enrolment forms. A detailed letter and invitation to families, who have submitted their enrolment forms, will be going home next term re orientation dates and times.
Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Lodgement now of your application will greatly assist us with our planning for next year and ensure you and your child is enrolled in the Orientation Program.
Carolina Wilkinson, Administrative Manager

Skoolbag - Parent Communication App:
Have you installed our Skoolbag App? Install it now. Paper copies of the school newsletter are not being distributed to the students this year. There are copies available in the front office for parents who do not have access to Skoolbag or the School Website.

Skoolbag iPhone and Android App will enable us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. 420 parents have installed the Skoolbag App so far. To install it, just search for our school name "Unanderra Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

School Website: You can also view the school newsletter and other information on the school website: www.unanderra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au (to view previous newsletters go to the ‘Our School’ page and then go to ‘News & Announcements’)

P & C News

P & C Meeting: Our next scheduled P & C meeting will be held on Monday 3 August, at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. I would encourage everyone who would like to hear more about what’s happening in the school to come along.

Enjoy the school holidays and see you back in Term 3.
Joanne Crawford, P & C President

School Banking: Today we had 92 deposits made. Once again, 3L were the class winners. Keep up the great work, school bankers!

1st day of banking for next term is Tuesday 14 July.
Elizabeth Ilievski, Dajana Castagna and Jenny Evans, School Banking 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

The St George Illawarra Dragons Holiday Clinic: Thursday 9th July for ages 5-12 years. Venue Win Stadium 2, Wollongong (entry via gate C). Time 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Applications close 5pm 8th July. Cost $45 or $40 for Red V members. Includes: Dragons footy, T-shirt, afternoon tea, other goodies. Limited numbers apply, please book early. For further enquiries please call Jenna on 9587 1966

Wollongong Botanic Garden School Holiday Activities: Wollongong Botanic Garden will be hosting the popular school holiday activities from Monday 30 June to Friday 3 July between 10am and 12.30pm daily. This season’s program, Bags of Fun will provide both engaging and educational outdoor activities that will examine the world of waste and the impact of plastic bags on our fragile environment. A treasure hunt, wastewise crafts and an outdoor garden show, ‘Ziggy’s Incredible Recycled Time Machine’ will be included in the daily activities. Activities suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is $10 per child, $20 for a family of 2 or more children. Bookings aren’t necessary for families and individuals. Wollongong Botanic Garden Discovery Centre, closes care park: Madoline Street, Keiraville.
Phone 4227 7667 for more information.

FREE fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier! Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun runs during the school term for 10 weeks after school and children attend a fun filled 2 hour session each week with their parent or carer. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes, cooking classes, a supermarket tour plus much more!

Your child will receive a start-up pack including a: Go4fun backpack, t-shirt and water bottle. Your child can also earn bonus rewards including wristbands, bouncy
balls and $30 sports equipment voucher* Registrations are now open for Term 3 programs at: Corrimal Mondays 4-6pm and Dapto Saturdays 1:30-3:30pm We’d love to welcome you and your child into a Go4Fun program and encourage you to secure your child’s place by contacting 1800 780 900 or www.go4fun.com.au

Wollongong City Libraries June/July School Holidays: Bookings Essential, All Free!

ACTIVITIES AGES 5+
LEGO SCIENCE!
Come and create Science Experiments with us using Lego! Will it float? Will it fly? Come and find out! Also includes time to Free Build.
HELENSBURGH Tuesday 30 June 4-5pm (Free Build only)
THIRROUL Tuesday 30 June 10.30-11.30am
CORRIMAL Thursday 2 July 10.30-11.30am
WOLLONGONG Thursday 9 July 10.30-11.30am
DAPTO Thursday 2 July 10.30-11.30am AND 2-3pm

HOME GROWN SCIENCE
Don’t have a lab? No worries, we will show you how to experiment with objects you can find at home!
HELENSBURGH Wednesday 1 July 10.30am-12noon
CORRIMAL Wednesday 1 July 10.30am-12noon
WARRAWONG Thursday 2 July 10.30am-2.00pm
DAPTO Tuesday 30 June 10.30-12.00noon

SCI-FI STORYTIMES AND STORYSTORMS
Stories and Robots, Space, Aliens and Rockets. We will be reading the weird and the wonderful! These sessions are Drop In - no bookings required!
WOLLONGONG Tuesday 30 June 10.30am-12noon
DAPTO Wednesday 1 July 9.30am-1pm,
DAPTO Wednesday 8 July 9.30am-1pm

HAPPY PARACHUTE
We are breathing new life into this awesome Matt Ottley book with a special presentation! Come and make your own parachute person and see how far you can make it fly!!
DAPTO Thursday 9 July 10.30-11.30am
UNANDERRA Wednesday 8 July 10.30-11.30am

ACTIVITIES AGES 8-13
BRUSH BOTS
Combining magnets and electronic circuits these toothbrush robots really work!
CORRIMAL Tuesday 30 June 10.30am
DAPTO Monday 29 June 10.30am
HELENSBURGH Wednesday 8 July 10.30am
THIRROUL Tuesday 7 July 10.30am
WARRAWONG Wednesday 1 July 10.30am

KNITTING
Click Clack and learn how to knit from the experts.
THIRROUL Wednesday 1 July 2pm

ELECTRONIC CARDS
LED lights, electronic circuits and craft combine in this fantastic workshop.
WOLLONGONG Thursday 9 July 10.30-11.30am
WARRAWONG Wednesday 8 July 10.30-11.30am

ZOMBIE FILM CLASS
Make your own zombie film with this awesome hands on workshop!
WOLLONGONG Tuesday 7 July 10-11.30am
DAPTO Tuesday 7 July 12.30-2pm
CORRIMAL Tuesday 7 July 3.30-5pm

ACTIVITIES AGES 14+
SCI-FI FILM WORKSHOP
Love sci-fi? Think you could make the next Alien movie? This hands on workshop will give you the make-up and film technique you need (BYO lunch and snacks).
WOLLONGONG Monday 6 July 12.30 – 5.30pm

+ OPEN DAY WARRAWONG LIBRARY is hosting an Open Day to celebrate their birthday on Monday 6 July featuring a Marvellous Magician Show at 10.30am for children 5+. Booking essential.

Super Wrestling Heroes School Holiday Disco Party 2015: Looking for some great kids entertainment during the school holidays? Dapto Leagues Club. Friday 10th July 2015 11am- 12.45pm Tickets $10.00 each (FREE Entry for parents) Includes:- Live Stage Performances, Interactive Games, Dancing, Disco Music, Photo opportunity for the Kids, Official Merchandise Prize Giveaways

Be sure to come dressed as your favourite Superhero Or Wrestler for a chance to win the best dressed competition! Proudly supporting local Illawarra Charity The Kidzwish Foundation. Tickets are available from Dapto Leagues Club Reception so be sure to pop in and grab yours early or call 02 42611333

***Birthday Tables are available upon request *** Contact the Super Wrestling Heroes anytime on 0401543035 or info@superwrestlingheroes.com.au for more details or visit www.superwrestlingheroes.com.au ARE YOU READY TO PARTY?

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
PCYC June/July School Holiday Program:
PCYC Lake Illawarra will be running their KidzCare vacation care program each day from 8.30am – 5.30pm. KidzCare daily rate is $35. Parents & guardians receiving Child Care Benefit will only pay the gap!! This program is catered for primary school aged children (5-12years). Places are limited to 30 children for club based activities - with the rebate now available I would encourage anyone interested to get in quick! If you would like any further information or would like to book your children in for childcare, please do not hesitate to contact our club on 4296 4448.

TAFE Certificate III in Employment and Training Course:
Prevocational Programs at Wollongong Campus, TAFE. This course would be suitable for anyone wishing to return to the workforce or further education, such as carers and single parents. Please contact the course coordinator on 02 42290104 or 02 42290683 for further information. Alternatively, Information sessions will be held at Wollongong Campus. Building L, Room L.2.17 on the following dates: Wednesday 17 June, Monday 22 June and Wednesday 24 June at 10:30am, Wednesday 24 June at 4:30pm

Football South Coast School Holiday Clinics:
Week 1 at Thirroul, Wollongong Uni, Balgownie and Dapto. Week 2 at Albion Park, Helensburgh and the Futsal Clinic at The Frat. Outdoor clinic 4 days $85, Goal Keeper Clinic 4 days $85 and Futsal Clinic 3 days $60. For more information and bookings go to www.footballsouthcoast.com or phone the office on 4285 6929

Pupil Free Fun Day:
Figtree Anglican Church is holding a Pupil Free Fun Day for children in years K-6. This coming pupil free fun day, the 13th of July, will have an Amazing Race theme to it, and we are excited to see as many children as we can, come and have a fun day. Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm. Price: $15 per child or $25 per family. Café open for parents9:00am – 10:00am and 2:00pm – 3:00pm. 4-10 Gibsons Road, Figtree (next to Figtree High School) Phone to register 4272 1322

Toy Brick Fair LEGO Show:
Wollongong Central Shopping Centre is excited to be hosting the Toy Brick Fair LEGO Show these school holidays. The LEGO activation will run from Saturday 27 June to Sunday 5 July 2015. Discover over 100 super-sized LEGO displays on exhibit as well as LEGO building tables, competitions, prizes and kids’ activities. Treat you and your family to this exciting, great value school holiday activity. More information about the activation can be found on the Wollongong Central website - http://www.wollongongcentral.com.au/what-s-happening/toy-brick-fair