Principal’s Message

Running wet
Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Bately and Miss. Compton are watching the skies while developing Plan A, B & C for the annual Athletics Carnival scheduled for this Thursday. As with all outdoor events you can never quite rely upon the weather to support the planned activities. We are ever hopeful of continuing as planned, ie. a K-6 carnival this Thursday, however, the weather will play an integral part in what eventuates. Schoolbag notifications will provide updates. If you are yet to put Schoolbag on your smartphone please go to our school website for easy to follow instructions


Progress reports
The Semester One student reports will be available to families by Wednesday 24 June. That is unless technical challenges interrupt the production run.

The reports I have read to date indicate a comprehensive understanding by our teachers of the progress being made by students. While each teacher has their own style of writing, each has provided supporting evidence regarding student progress. When the reports are provided next week, please share the content with your children. For most there will be reason to celebrate, for others there will be cause for thoughtful discussion.

Local area command
Last Friday I attended an annual conference between principals and the two police local area commands. It was a very helpful meeting where principals were informed of current issues within policing and provided an opportunity to ask relevant questions. I met with the School Liaison Officer to discuss the option of him attending our school to provide information concerning the police and their services.

What a performance!!
Last year our school was very fortunate to have the Regional Ensemble perform for our students. This talented troupe of singers, dancers and stage band provide an exceptional one-hour performance similar to a mini- Southern Stars. Mrs. Morgan has been able to secure the 2015 Regional Ensemble who can visit our school on Monday 20 July 2015, ie. Wk 2 next term.

A permission note has gone home with students today. While the due date is Thursday 16 July I would appreciate a quick return of the permission note and minor cost, $4 for an individual or $6 for all siblings in a family. By returning notes and money this term our office staff can conduct the majority of the receipting well in advance and provide certainty to the ensemble that their costs will be covered.

It’s argumentative
Miss. Hezemans informs me that our debate team performed well during last Thursday’s series of debates held at Lindsay Park PS. Our five debaters; Holly. W, Daniel. P, Ella. C, Hannah. A and Skye. N were able to develop greater experience as they undertook several debates throughout the day. They have a single debate this Friday to complete the round. My best wishes go out to the team for Friday.

In addition, four students participated in the Multicultural Public Speaking contest held at Farmborough Road PS last Wednesday. Tiffany. DL and Daniel. P represented Stage 3 while Keziah. W and Alyssa. N represented Stage 2. Mrs. Gamero informs me that the students enjoyed the activity with most suggesting the impromptu section was the most challenging.

My thanks to the many parents who enabled these activities to take place by providing transport, encouragement and support.
**Holiday work**

Hopefully the upcoming school holidays will feature fine weather as parts of our school will receive a coat of paint. All the steel work on the double storey buildings facing the grass area will be painted during the holidays. As this is a very big job a decision to utilise the holiday period was made by Mr. Thomas and the painter to minimise disruption to student learning.

Mr. Thomas and I will also be painting during the holidays. The work we commenced in the staffroom during the January Holidays is about to spread to the foyer of the admin building. We are hopeful of painting the entire admin building a room at a time as our available time allows.

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**Quote:**

Kindness is in our power,  
Even when fondness is not

*Samuel Johnson*

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**Craig Redfern**  
Principal

**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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**Athletics Carnival:** As the weather forecast tells us we will be having rain all week. Our carnival is currently being held on Thursday 18th June, but due to weather we need to have some things in place.

**PLAN A – Carnival will go ahead as planned**

**PLAN B – Students in competing age groups only (8yrs up)**

**PLAN C – An alternate venue and date to be selected (possibly at a high school as no alternate dates available at Beaton Park)**

Mr Batley will make the call early Thursday morning so please listen to i98 FM from 7 o’clock onwards on Thursday and check Skoolbag messages.

*Mrs Garnero*
South Coast Dance Festival:

Last week the UPS dance group performed at the South Coast Dance Festival held at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre. The students thoroughly enjoyed performing in front of a large audience and received multiple accolades from the committee, other teachers and community members at the festival. The dance group represented Unanderra with outstanding performances and exceptional behaviour. I’m extremely proud of their commitment and performance quality!

A huge thankyou to the parents and family members of the performers who supported the dance group in a variety of ways, from hair and makeup at 7am to transport to and from the venue late at night. This would not have been possible without your ongoing support and dedication, and I thank you for that!

Congratulations on an awesome show dance group, you were amazing!

Jenni Hezemans, Dance Coordinator

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

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. We would love to see some more faces at our meetings so I would encourage everyone who would like to hear more about what’s happening in the school to come along.

Athletics Carnival Raffle: The P & C will be holding a raffle at the athletics carnival this Thursday 18 June to assist in covering the additional costs of bus travel for K-2 students. If you are attending the carnival, we are after some volunteers for short allotments of time to sell the raffle tickets. If you can help out please call Joanne on 0439190462.

Joanne Crawford, P & C President

School Banking: There was a great turn out from school bankers today. We had 116 deposits made. Once again, 3L were the class winners.

Keep up the great work, school bankers!

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

Community News:

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

Skoolzout @ 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.

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.