Welcome Back
It is a wonderfully positive feeling to be back at school for Term 3. Our teachers held a very productive Staff Development Day yesterday including time to complete our annual update of CPR. I trust you were able to spend quality time with family and friends during the break leading into what will be another busy term here at Unanderra Public School.

Looking Forward
Education Week provides an opportunity for schools to hold an Open Day where parents are invited into classrooms. While our school has many parenthelpers who assist with reading groups, sport, etc Open Day allows all parents the opportunity to engage in a classroom activity. This year our Open Day will be held on Tuesday 28 July.

Next week our Stage 3 students and teachers will be heading off to Canberra for three days of activities in our nation’s capital. This is a major excursion that Mrs. Morgan and her team have worked tirelessly to ensure a quality experience for Stage 3 students. It will be an early start for all concerned next Wednesday 22 July.

Additionally we have a visit from the Regional Ensemble next Monday while later in the term there is a Spelling Bee, the District and Regional Athletics, Southern Stars, an Information Expo and SISA for our K-2 students. Please keep an eye on the Dates for the calendar’ section of our newsletter as Term 3 will be busy.

National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)
All Australian schools have a commitment with the Australian Government through their departments to supply information regarding student disabilities. This annual collection of data is known as the NCCD. Unanderra Public School provides data through the

NCCD in line with the Disability Standards for Education 2005 legislation. Should you wish to know about the NCCD you can access further information at:
http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/
Alternatively a hard copy of the NCCD Fact Sheet for parents and carers can be found in our school foyer.

Holiday Painting
With reference to the foyer. If you visit our school over the next few weeks you will notice a mini-transition. During the holiday period Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hoy, the office ladies and I did a little painting. We wanted to alter the drab blue / green for a more neutral scheme. This work continues to be ‘in process’ as new furniture will be delivered as available and final touch-ups, eg. flat screen TV, re-covered pin boards, etc are installed. The transformation of the admin building will take time as it is a high use area that provides little mid-term opportunities to complete works.

Director’s Visit
My direct supervisor is Ms. Debbie Lowe, Director Public Schools NSW. Debbie commits to two formal meetings with principals annually as an aspect of performance evaluation. Debbie will visit our school next Friday 24 July over a two hour period as part of this commitment. Debbie and I did meet during the holidays regarding other matters, unfortunately Debbie didn’t bring her paint brush with her at that time!

Quote:
The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is to celebrate.
Oprah Winfrey

Craig Redfern
Principal
Library Update: Welcome to Term 3. I can't believe we are here already. I just wanted to thank all my wonderful library volunteers who helped me cover the new books received after our April Book Fair last term. The books have been flying off the shelves. A special thanks to Mrs Kriss, also, who has begun helping me in the library office making sure the books are accessioned and on our library catalogue!!

Have you ever wondered what is in our library collection? All you and your child have to do is to log on to your child's DEC student portal (https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/) with your child's log in details, agree to the department of education's conditions of use and click on School Library under the Kidspace banner to access our library enquiry menu.

On the library enquiry menu you can also have access to a list of Premier's Reading Challenge books our library currently own, ebooks, information skills, online dictionaries and a whole lot of fun, interactive and educational tools for your child's learning.

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.” — Walt Disney
Rachel Prior, Teacher Librarian

P & C News

Welcome back for Term 3. Hope everyone enjoyed the break.

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 new faces at our next meeting so if you would like to hear more about what's happening in the school please come along – all are welcome. If you wish to add an item to the agenda, please drop your details and a description of your agenda item into the P & C box in the front office.
Joanne Crawford, P & C President

School Banking: Welcome back to Term 3 of School Banking, we hope you all enjoyed your holidays. For the first day back of Term 3 we had an awesome 91 bankers, well done and keep those deposits coming. KD and 3L are the weekly class winners – well done!

This term there is a stellar School Banking competition. Prizes available are 75 x iPad minis WiFi 16GB, 125 x Beats by Dr Dre Solo Headphones and 200 x #30 Booktopia Gift Certificates. To enter the competition students must simply make 3 banking deposits during Term 3. They will then be automatically entered into the draw.

Students can also double their chance of winning by completing the Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal

Students can also win one of the 75 sets of children’s books for their school library valued at $200 by simply having one student make 3 deposits in Term 3 the school is automatically entered into the draw.

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

Community News:

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.

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