Principal’s Message

Education Week Open Day
Thank you to the many parents who attended our Open Day event this morning. As I visited classrooms I found many parents and grandparents joining their children in learning activities. Not only were our families actively engaged in activities they were smiling while doing them. Wonderful!

For those who took the opportunity to participate in the Biggest Morning Tea I offer my sincere gratitude for your contribution to our Cancer Council fund raising. Almost everyone knows someone who has been afflicted by cancer, it is great we can unite in generating funds to fight it.

There are many people who collaborate in ensuring a day like today is a success. All contributions, large and small, are appreciated. My thanks to our promotions team lead by Mr. Hoy, our P&C led by Jo Crawford, to Mr. Thomas and to all our staff, students and community. A big thank you is also extended to Mark Matthews who provided entertainment for our guests in the school hall. Mark is a local musician who undertakes extensive fundraising for Red Kite, a charity supporting children with cancer. His efforts this morning were highly valued.

All in all, we all participated in a terrific morning and a wonderful example of community. Thank you.

Along the Derribong…
As you drop-off or collect your children you will notice two large signs that have remained on our fence since the beginning of term. Those signs are a visual reminder of your responsibility to ensure the safety of all children coming to and from school. The signs will be removed at week’s end and moved to another school. However, the road rules remain. Please use patience, courtesy and common sense when dropping-off and collecting your children, everyone wants to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

July 28, 2015
Stage 3 in Canberra
From most accounts the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra was a success for students and staff. An early start on Wednesday, a tight schedule each day and a three hour drive home on Friday resulted in tremendously tired students and staff upon their return. I extend my thanks to Mrs. Morgan and her team for their professional manner in preparing, undertaking and evaluating this terrific opportunity for your children.

Community Enrichment
The Figtree Community of Schools is an initiative of the public schools associated with Figtree High School. As a community we provide collaborative events for staff and students. Next Monday three of our Stage 3 students have been invited to participate in a creative arts enrichment activity to be held at Lindsay Park Public School. I wish the students well in this endeavour and look forward to their positive reflection after undertaking this activity.

District @ Beaton
This Thursday and Friday our school will compete in the Dapto District PSSA Athletics Carnival. Our students will compete at Beaton Park against the other schools in the Dapto District PSSA. I wish all our students every success as they represent our school, and themselves, with respect and sportsmanship.

Quote:
Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
William Butler Yeats

Craig Redfern
Principal
**Age Champions Athletics 2015:** This Thursday and Friday some of our finest athletes will be representing Unanderra P.S. at the Dapto District Athletics Carnival. On Thursday (30th) the track events will take place: 100m, 200m, 800m and the relays. On Friday (31st) the field events will take place: long jump, high jump and shot put.

**Age Champions from our school carnival:**

*Junior Girls – Alyssa (4H)*  
*Junior Boys - Kade (4H)*  
*11 Yrs Girls – Hannah (6B)*  
*11 Yrs Boys - Mitchell (5/6A)*  
*Senior Girls – Ayla (6M)*  
*Senior Boys – Nathan (5/6A)*

Congratulations to all of our age champions and best of luck to all of the Unanderra P.S. Athletics Team at the Dapto District Athletics Carnival this Thursday and Friday!

Matt Batley, Sports Organiser

**Canberra Camp:** Students from Year 5 and Year 6 travelled to Canberra last week on an education tour of the national capital. They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. With a very busy itinerary students visited Old Parliament House, New Parliament House, Government House, Australian Institute of Sport, National Film and Sound Archive, National Art Gallery, National Museum of Australia and Questacon.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

**Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2016:** Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted. Thank you to the families that have already completed and returned their Enrolment forms.

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| **Wednesday**  
| July 29  
| Life Saving Safety Visit -Years 2, 4 & 6  
| SISA for K-2  |
| **Thursday**  
| July 30  
| Kindergarten 2016 Expo 6:30pm  
| 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 8:00am – 1:30pm W’gong Entertainment Centre  |
| **Wednesday**  
| August 5  
| SISA for K-2  
| Spelling Bee - Stage 2 at 11:30pm  
| Stage 3 at 1:45pm  |
| **Wednesday**  
| August 12  
| SISA for K-2  |
| **Thursday**  
| August 13  
| Southern Stars Rehearsal 9:00am – 3:00pm Illawarra Sports Stadium–Cost $3  |
| **Tuesday**  
| August 18  
| Preschool Visit to Singing Assembly  |
| **Wednesday**  
| August 19  
| Gold Awards Assembly 2:00pm  
| SISA for K-2  |
| **Friday**  
| August 21  
| Regional Athletics  |
| **Monday**  
| Aug 24-28  
| Book Week  
| Literacy Day K-2  
| Book Week Parade  |
| **Wednesday**  
| Aug 26  
| Southern Stars Show Week, rehearsal  
| SISA for K-2  |
| **Thursday**  
| Aug 27  
| Southern Stars Show Week, technical and dress rehearsal  |
| **Friday**  
| Aug 28  
| Southern Stars Show Week, Matinee and Evening Performance  |
| **Saturday**  
| Aug 29  
| Southern Stars Show Week, Matinee and Evening Performance  |
| **Wednesday**  
| Sept 2  
| SISA for K-2  |
| **Wednesday**  
| Sept 9  
| SISA for K-2  |
| **Thursday**  
| Sept 10  
| SIMF Performance  |
| **Friday**  
| Sept 11  
| Gala Day Years 3-6  |
| **Wednesday**  
| Sept 16  
| SISA for K-2  |
| **Thursday**  
| Sept 17  
| ISER Music Camp Concert  |
Kindergarten Orientation Dates are as follows:

Session 1: for Existing Families to Unanderra Public School. Tuesday October 20 and Tuesday October 27, 2015.


A detailed letter and invitation to families, who have submitted their enrolment forms, will be going home in the near future, regarding orientation details. (Please note that Session 1 and 2 have changed for this year)

Carolina Wilkinson, Administrative Manager

Library Update: Book Week is fast approaching and the annual book parade will be held on Monday August 24th, Week 7 to get us in the mood to celebrate. We encourage everyone to dress up as a character from a book and to bring that book along (so that we know who they are). There will be prize draws for children who dress up and the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) book award winners for 2015 will be announced. The book parade will start at 2:00 pm and, weather permitting, be held on the games court. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come and watch.

Also, the Premiers Reading Challenge still has a few weeks to go so log in to the Premiers Reading Challenge site and enter in the books you have read. Congratulations to those who have finished already. If you are having trouble logging in, come and see me and I will be happy to help or feel free to send a list of books read along to the library and I will process them for you. Happy reading.

Rachel Prior, Teacher Librarian

P & C News

P & C Meeting: Our next scheduled P & C meeting will be held on Monday 3rd August, at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. Prior to this meeting at 6.00pm, there will also be a meeting to discuss the new School Plan. If you would like to hear more about what’s happening in the school, please join us next Monday night in the staffroom. All are welcome!

Woolworth’s Earn & Learn: Is back again this year so start collecting your stickers. In previous years we have able to purchase a number of great resources from points earned through this program. Collection booklets can be obtained from Woolworth’s or sheets are available at the office. A collection box is located in the front office once your booklets are completed. The more we collect the more we earn.

CUA Grant: Help us win $5,000 to improve our school! Through our participation in the Adidas School Fun Run we are eligible to enter a program called “CUA Community Care” that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice. This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest community-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to construct a life size chessboard and an additional handball court area. We’re up against 10 other schools in the area to take out the prize and as the winner will be determined by community voting – we need your votes! Voting is open now until 24 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Corrimal branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. Also, voting is open to anyone so please feel free to get friends and families involved and voting. Please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

Joanne Crawford, P & C President

School Banking: This week we had an awesome 94 bankers, well done and keep those deposits coming. 1J, 3L and 3S are the weekly class winners – well done!

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

Community News:

Avondale Touch Football Association: Registration Information. Fees: $60 – 1 Child $100 - 2 children $140 - 3 children (includes shirt). Competition start: Tuesday 6th October at the Avondale Junior Rugby Fields/Dandaloo /Hotel. Competition end: Tuesday 15th December (Grand Final Day) Age Group: 5 to 16 years. Online registrations go to: www.avondaletouch.sportingpulse.net

Online registrations open 1st June and Close 10th August Payments: Preferred payment is direct deposit, bank cheque or cheque. Any inquiries please call Lee Mills on 0412 939886 or Natalie Manning on 0412 042812

Figtree Junior Oztag Registrations: West’s Illawarra Leagues Club. Wed 19th and Mon 24th August 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Organise your team or be placed in a team (not guaranteed) For further information www.wollongongoztag.com.au under Figtree Juniors. Registrations will not be accepted once the comp has started.
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.
Dear Parent or Guardian and staff, 27/07/2015

A child from the Unanderra Public School has been diagnosed with pertussis (whooping cough). I am writing to provide advice and to ask that you watch out for the symptoms of pertussis in your child, especially over the next 3 weeks.

What is pertussis?

Pertussis is an infection of the respiratory tract that can cause bouts of coughing, sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

What should people who are sick with pertussis do?

If your child or a family member develops symptoms, contact your family doctor as soon as possible and take this letter with you.

This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in your household.

Your doctor can advise whether pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

To help prevent this infection spreading, people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should not attend child care, school or work until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken, then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.

How is it prevented?

Vaccination is the most important way of reducing pertussis in our community. It is important to double check that your child is fully up to date with his or her immunisations against pertussis. If in doubt, please ask your doctor to check.

NSW Health recommends adult booster vaccine every 10 years to protect from Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough.

Need more information?

For more information, please see the Pertussis Factsheet, or call the Public Health Unit on 02 4221 6700 or visit the NSW Health www.health.nsw.gov.au

Yours Sincerely,

Curtis Gregory
Director
Wollongong PHU, Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD