Principal’s Message

Fond Farewell
Terry Thomas has been an integral member of our school staff for quite a few years as our general assistant. In Terry’s role he has developed positive relationships with community, staff and students. He will be sorely missed by all stakeholders as he undertakes 12 months leave at the start of Term 4. I am certain you will join with me in wishing Terry all the very best for the next 12 months. We hope to see him back with us in October 2016.

When do we return?
School resumes for students and teachers on Tuesday 6 October, straight after the Labour Day long weekend.

Next term is an 11 week term. The term is already filling quickly with loads of activities. A few off the top of my head are:

- Sport & Rec
- Stage 1 Excursion
- Dad’ Arvo
- Gold Assembly x2
- Presentation Day
- Kinder Excursion
- Kindergarten Orientation
- P&C Movie Night

I trust all our students will have a relaxing holiday and come back to start Term 4 fully refreshed. From the growing list of planned activities, they will need to be.

Expressions Of Interest
Temporary staff members at Unanderra Public School are usually selected after a merit process. There are a few exceptions to this norm, however, each process is supported by a P&C representative to maximise the potential of securing the most suitable staff members for our team. Currently, Jenny Evans is representing the P&C for selection of 20 16 temporary teachers and Amanda Hampton will be representing the P&C early next term with the relieving assistant principal opportunity made possible by Mr. Hoy’s appointment as relieving principal next year. My thanks to both ladies in advance for their expertise and support.

September 15, 2015

Term’s end
This Friday marks the end of Term 3. It has been a busy time throughout the past ten weeks and we have accomplished much. It is important to relax and refresh over the next two weeks. I wish our students, parents and staff a very relaxing and safe holiday period.

Quote:
There are two great days in a person’s life; the day we are born and the day we find out why

William Barclay

Craig Redfern
Principal

Southern Stars: 28 students from years 5 and 6 participated in this year’s Southern Stars performance “Beyond the Frame” at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre. These talented and committed performers rehearsed twice a week leading up to the performances and represented UPS proudly. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience, showing off their retro dance moves!
This would not have been possible without the continued encouragement and support from the parents and carers of these students and our community members including Elders Real Estate and Ray White Unanderra who donated prop supplies, and for that we say a huge thank you!!

Congratulations on a great show UPS, you were amazing!
Jenni Hezemans and Elissa Nikolich, Southern Stars coordinators

Glee Club Performance: Over 60 UPS Glee Club children performed at the South Coast Country Music Gospel/Gala Concert, at The Builders Wollongong, on Sunday. Ages ranged from 5-12.

Thank you to SCCMA for providing the opportunity and experience for our students to be showcased in your annual show and for the invitation to continue to feature UPS students for many years to follow.

I would like to extend my thanks to the parents and families of our students for your wonderful support and encouragement. To the staff of UPS for their assistance and positivity. Special thanks to Miss Jenni Hezemans and Mr Scott Thornton for their dedication and talents, couldn’t have done it without you!

Finally, a big thank you to all of the children for your hard work. You were awesome, I couldn’t be prouder. Congratulations on a fantastic performance, can’t wait for the next concert!

Love, Mrs Stephanie Rodden

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P&C News

P&C Meeting: Our next scheduled P&C meeting will be held after the school holidays on Monday October 12, at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome so please come along and join us for a fun and informative night.

Woolworth’s Earn & Learn: The Woolworth’s Earn and Learn program has now reached its closing date. Please return all stickers and booklets to the school by the end of this week so all stickers collected can be tallied towards our total. If anyone has receipts they were not able to redeem for stickers due to the Woolworth stores running out, please send in your receipts, as we are able to include these in our total. This is a great opportunity to secure fantastic resources for the school and we don’t want to miss out. Thank you to everyone who has been supportive of this program.

Spell-a-thon: All spelling tests for the Spell-a-thon have now been completed and it’s time for students to start collecting their sponsor money. All monies and sponsor forms need to be returned back to school office by Friday October 9. Remember there are great prizes on offer for those students with the most sponsor money collected and pizza parties awarded to the classes with the most money raised.

End of Year Event: Will be held on Friday October 23, from 5:00pm to approx. 9:30pm. This year we are holding a family outdoor cinema night with a selection of Foster’s carnival rides operating before the movie (5pm-8pm). A selection of food will be available for purchase including outback steakhouse BBQ, wood fire pizza, hotdogs, Dutch pancakes, ice creams, fairy floss, popcorn, snow cones and more. People are also able to bring their own picnic food. Information flyers and pre-order forms for the cinema and ride tickets will be sent home this week.

Enjoy the school holidays, stay safe and see you all back in Term 4.

Joanne Crawford, P&C President

School Banking: Well done to 1J, third week in row winners of the weekly draw! We had great effort with 93 bankers today, for the last week of term 3.

The following items are no longer available from the prize selection:- Planet Handball, Cosmic Light Beam Torch and Luner Light Band, new items will be advised next term by school banking.

Thank you for your efforts and support this term. Have a safe holiday everyone. First week back October 6, 2015 will be the first banking day.

Elizabeth Ilievski, Jenny Evans & Nicole Martin, School Banking Volunteers and Coordinators

Community News

Smith’s Hill High School Expo Night: Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500. Wednesday October 7, 2015 between 6:00pm – 8:30pm Smith’s Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students. Applications for Year 7 2017 close on November 16, 2015. Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2017. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2016 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and programs. Phone enquiries: 4229 4266

Manna House Food from Heaven: Providing food, friendship and hope. No cost meal, Thursdays at 5:00pm. Bus picks up each week at Unanderra Station at 5:00pm. Or simply turn up at Figtree Anglican Church and join us. We meet to enjoy a meal together, chat and share life. There is time included for those who wish to join with others to look at what the Bible says about God and Jesus. We can’t wait to meet you.

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.

Free Online Tutoring with Wollongong City Libraries! Wollongong City Libraries now has more help for students. You can gain help with your assignment or resume through a new service called Your Tutor. Your Tutor connects a student to an expert teacher who can help with writing and schoolwork. Students either connect online for immediate help or upload a draft and get feedback returned in less than 24 hours. Students can use the service from home or in any of Wollongong’s seven libraries.

The service joins students with a fully qualified, Australian tutor between 3pm and 10pm on Sundays to Fridays. All library members need to do is visit the library home page. Tutoring is available for Years 3 to 12 and for Tafe and University undergraduates. The resume service is available for anyone! All that is required is a Wollongong Library card. For more information see the library website http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library
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.

Artspace School Holiday Program: From Teddy Bear Printing, Plaster Cast Model Making, Wax Painting to Set Design, Clay Slab Illustrations and loads more! The creative juices will be flowing at Artspace these school holidays.

On another note, Artspace is hosting a professional exhibition in November at The Gallery @ Big Fat Smile. It will be a showcase of the work produced at Artspace. If you have ANY questions or problems with the booking system, please don’t hesitate to call us or email us on 4283 9967 or artspace@bigfatsmile.com.au

Wollongong Botanic Garden School Holiday Activities: We will be hosting the popular school holiday activities from Monday September 28, to Friday October 2, 10am and 1pm daily. This season’s program, The Great Plant Explorers will provide both engaging and educational outdoor activities that will examine the life and times of the great plant hunters on wild adventures in far off lands. A treasure hunt, waste-wise crafts and an outdoor garden show, ‘Flora the Explore’ Garden Show will be included in the daily activities. Cost $10 per child; $20 for family of 2 or more children. Payment with debit/credit card (except Amex) only. No bookings required. Food and beverages available from the Lion’s Club.

Football South Coast WIN Network School Holiday Clinic: Mon Sept 21 – Thurs Sept 24, (4 days) Three locations to choose from: Thomas Gibson Park, Thirroul Oval 2, Wollongong University, Wollongong Terry Reserve, Albion Park. Cost: $95 per person. All participants receive a School Holiday clinic training jersey. Go to www.footballsouthcoast.com for further details or call Debbie on 4285 6929

Super Wrestling Heroes School Holiday Disco Party 2015: Looking for some great kids entertainment during the school holidays? Where: Dapto Leagues Club. When: Friday September 25, 2015. Time: 11am-12.45pm Cost: Tix $10.00 Each (FREE entry for parents) Tickets Available at Clubs Reception phone 42611333 Proudly supporting local Illawarra Charity The Kidzwish Foundation. Birthday Tables are available upon request. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Dressed Superhero or Wrestler. ARE YOU READY TO PARTY?! www.supewrestlingheroes.com.au

Illawarra Dragon Boat Club: Juniors 12 – 18yrs. Dragon boating is a fun and accessible sport for all ages and fitness levels. If you are a team player and enjoy being on the water this could be just what you are looking for! When: Saturday October 10, 2015. Where: Illawarra Rowing Centre, Northcliffe Drive, Warrawong (adjacent to Illawarra Yacht Club) Time: 10am -11.30am (BBQ after paddling) RSVP Helen on 0403 844880 or illawarradragonboaters@y7mail.com

Corrimal Cougars School Holiday Footy: The Corrimal Cougars and CareSouth have teamed up to run a school holiday footy clinic on Thursday September 24, 2015. NRL Dragons players will be attending. Where: Robert Ziem Park, Corrimal. Clinic: 9:00am to 3:00pm. Ages 6-12 years. Cost $40 per child: includes: Dragons Backpack, Skill Training, Games, Outback Steakhouse Lunch, Nutrition Talk, Activities. Please register by Monday September 7. Registration form and payment must be sent together to the Corrimal Cougars RLFC, P.O. Box 85, Corrimal 2518 or email for further details or call Debbie on 4285 6929

Junior Water Polo: Illawarra Water Polo is preparing for the upcoming season of Junior Water Polo on Monday nights at URAC. With Flipper Ball for the under 12’s and Water Polo for the 12 and overs, we will have a fantastic time learning new skills and making friends. Register your interest now by emailing juniors@illwo.com and reserve your place. Spots are limited.

Lord Mayor’s Picnic In the Park: For 2016 School Starters and their families! Free entertainment and giveaways for all 2016 school starters. Join in the fun while finding out more about starting school! Sunday October 25, 10am – 12pm at MacCabe Park (southern end) Cnr Church and Ellen Street, Wollongong. www.transitontoschool.com.au for more information contact Carrie Panozzo on 4283 9943

Free Family Fun Open Day at Parliament of NSW: Following a successful day last year, NSW Parliament House will again be opening its doors to the public this year for the Family Fun Open Day. From 10am to 3pm on Friday October 2, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Visitors, families, friends all are welcome to come in and experience Parliament through a range of free family-friendly fun and educational activities such as children’s trail, craft, mystery object guessing competition, roving historical charters. Visit the Legislative Chambers and media room. If you have any questions about this program, please phone 9230 2047

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