Principal’s Message

Swimming Carnival Success
Unanderra Public School can be proud of the students that we sent to the Dapto District Swimming Carnival. Not only were our students successful in the water, but their manners and behaviour were exceptional by all accounts as well.

Congratulations to all students who represented UPS on the day. Congratulations also to those students who will be going on to the South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 8th March. Once again, can I take this opportunity to sincerely thank staff and community who attended for their supervision and support.

Driving Dangerously
In the past week I have asked that the exit gate to the staff carpark remain closed in the mornings due to some members of our school community speeding through this area and using the driveway as a U-turn bay after dropping off students. Please be advised, the school carpark and its driveway are for staff only! Community accessing this area due to perceived convenience compromises the safety of our students at a particularly busy period of the day.

Use the drop zone areas on Derribong Drive instead please. Cross the road safely with our crossing assistant. If you continue to access the staff carpark and driveway without authorisation, your vehicle will be noted. For the sake of our children, make better choices please.
School Photographs
School photographs will be taken tomorrow, Wednesday 24th February. For students, tomorrow is the day to dress in full school uniform, take a little extra care with hair (not necessary in my case) and prepare to smile.

For parents/caregivers, remember to return all individual photo envelopes tomorrow. Please ensure that envelopes have the correct money in them. Envelopes will be handed directly to MSP staff when students are called to the hall for their class and individual photographs.

Tell Them From Me 2016
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4th March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Kind regards,

Gavin Hoy
Relieving Principal

Reading Club!
A huge THANK YOU to the parents and students who came to our first Reading Club meet up last Friday!

Tomorrow is World Read Aloud Day, calling attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories. What better way to celebrate then to come to Reading Club this Friday?

Join us in Ms. Liles’ room (room 13) from 8:30 am

See you there!

Ms. Kyleigh Liles, Assistant Principal and Reading Recovery Teacher
Unanderra Wins District Swimming Carnival!

On Tuesday 16th February students and family members from Unanderra P.S. travelled down to Dapto Swimming Pool for the Dapto District Swimming Carnival. It was a beautiful sunny day and the competition in the pool was fierce. All of our students gave their best in and out of the pool and they represented Unanderra P.S. with pride and distinction. We had some outstanding results on the day with 7 of our students qualifying for the South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival in individual events, as well as both of our Boys Relay Teams. After a two year absence we are back on top, winning the overall point score by the narrowest of margins. Yes, believe it or not we actually won by 1.5 points over Lakelands who were 2nd. Lakelands have won the previous 2 years, so this is a great result.

Congratulations to all of our students that represented us at the District Carnival. You should all be extremely proud of your efforts at the carnival, I was certainly very proud of all of you.

Below are the names of the students that will be representing our school and District at the South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 8th March at Dapto Pool:

- Kade (4/5A)
- Lachlan (5/6N)
- Jada (5/6L)
- Elizabeth (5/6L)
- Luke (5/6N)
- Jordon (1/2E)
- Amalie (3/4G)
- Junior Boys Relay Team
- Senior Boys Relay Team

Congratulations on this awesome achievement and good luck at Regional!

Matt Batley, Sports Coordinator

School Photographs: School Photos are being taken tomorrow, Wednesday February 24, 2016. Envelopes are available at the office for those parents who would like Sibling Photographs taken of their children enrolled at Unanderra Public School.

Send your envelopes to school tomorrow. Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer. Please note that the purchase of school photographs is optional and is not eligible for any student assistance. For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP Photography on 4261 3009 or email: Illawarra@msp.com.au
Dear Parents,
Thank you for your support in developing independence and organisational skills in your children by dropping them off at the COLA each morning. Most children are coming to class and getting themselves organised very well. We are very proud of them!

Home reading begins this week, however, some students still need to bring in their ‘bring back book bag’. A large, sturdy pencil case is ideal. It would be appreciated if you could organise this soon so the students don’t miss too many reading nights.

Kindergarten Photos - Please note that our Kindergarten students will need to wear their ordinary school uniforms this Wednesday for school photos, instead of their sport uniform. Thank you,
Mrs White, Assistant Principal

P&C Meeting: Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday March 7th, 2016 following the AGM meeting at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held in the school staffroom.

P&C Membership: To become a financial member of the P&C it only costs $1. Membership allows you to vote on any items raised at our P&C meetings. P&C membership forms will be made available prior to the next meeting at the school office and can be printed from the Current Parents of Unanderra Public School and P&C Association Members Facebook pages. Forms and $1 membership can be placed in an envelope and left at the school’s office marked P&C Treasurer. I would encourage everyone to become a member of the P&C as our fundraising events and the contributions we make to the school can only be made possible by continued support from our parents.

AGM Meeting: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2016 has been scheduled for Monday 7th March 2016, at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. At this AGM all executive positions of the P&C will be declared vacant. These positions include President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in filling an executive position for 2016, you will need to become a financial member prior to this meeting. If you require information on what any of these positions entails, please contact Joanne Crawford on 0439190462.

Adidas Run Fun Fundraiser: Will be held on Thursday March 10th in conjunction with the School's Cross Country. This year the Adidas Fun Run will be a whole school event with a modified or alternative fun run course available for Kindergarten to Year 2. Information packs will be sent home this week providing full details of how to obtain sponsors and the prizes that will be available.
Mirrors in the Hall: The mirrors in the school hall require curtains to cover and protect them. The curtains have been made and the school requires some handy volunteers who may be able to make/provide tracks or rods in which to hang them. If you are able to assist please speak to Miss Kyleigh Liles.

School Hats: School hats are available for sale at the canteen for $11 each. To assist the ladies, could you please have the correct money available for your purchase. Thank you Joanne Crawford, P & C President

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE
We had 85 bankers last week. 3/4M were last week’s class winners, congratulations and keep up the great effort.

We have 240 students registered for school banking, unfortunately not even half of these students are banking weekly. We are asking all registered students to get behind your P&C and school and make a minimum 5c deposit, in return you will be earring some great rewards along the way once you make 10 deposits. All funds that are raised go towards resources for your school. We are hoping to see an increase in numbers over the coming weeks!!!

We have been working on updating your child’s token count in their deposit books and we will continue to do this for a few more weeks, we ask that you please leave your tokens in your child’s yellow wallet.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, if you are interested in volunteering with school banking please come and see us on a Tuesday afternoon in the old uniform shop from 2:00pm or please see the office staff and leave your details with them, we have had a parent that is no longer available and require someone to help for about an hour as soon as possible

Thankyou to everyone that has started banking, we remind you that there is an end of year class pizza party to be won, so start banking and help your class win!!
School banking coordinators & Volunteers Elizabeth Ilievski and Jenny Evans

Figtree Australian Football Club: Play AFL. Welcome to the 2016 South Coast AFL Season. Whether you’re an experienced player or new to the great game of Aussie Rules, you’re welcome here at Figtree AFC. Juniors Training Tuesday or Thursdays 4:00pm and Seniors at 6:00pm. Visit our website to Register On-line, or for more information contact www.figtreeafc.com Registrations: Paul 0418787610 Juniors – Glen: 0430791930 Figtree Oval, 11 Princes Hwy Figtree.

Unanderra Public School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news for non profit organisations and charities, which may be of interest. UPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.
SIZZLING MEAL DEALS

AS WELL AS OUR USUAL MENU WE NOW OFFER DAZZLING MEAL PACKS:

PACK 1:  Pie + Popper + Popcorn  $5.00
PACK 2:  Chicken Burger + Popcorn + Popper  $6.00
PACK 3:  Hot dog + Quench + Popcorn  $5.00
PACK 4:  Hot Dog + Sumpy’s + Choc/Straw Milk  $6.00
PACK 5:  Sausage Roll + Choc/Straw Milk  $5.00
PACK 6:  Chicken Nuggets (x2) + Popper + Sumpy’s  $8.00
PACK 7:  Pie + Popcorn + Choc/Straw Milk  $6.00
PACK 8:  SALAD BOX & WATER  $3.50

We are trying to improve our menu all the time. Thank you for your support. With your continued support we can together make a healthy and happy canteen for all children.

EXCURSION PACKS AVAILABLE ALSO:
A Sandwich, Piece of Fruit, popcorn & Water $5.
Please Pre-order to ensure your child receives their pack.

CRUNCH N SIP PACKS AVAILABLE:
A Piece of fruit/ or Diced Fruit tub & Water $2.