Principal’s Message

Induction Assembly
This Wednesday, 2nd March at 2:15pm, we will be holding our Annual Induction Assembly for students serving in leadership positions throughout 2016. Parent and caregivers are most welcome to attend.

The assembly will be the first assembly for 2016 at which our entire cohort of students will be present. Students receiving badges on the day include our 2016 captains and vice captains, sports captains and vice captains as well as members of our 2016 SRC.

At Unanderra Public School we are committed to providing leadership opportunities that showcase student capability across our school. Please join us if you are able to as we recognise a number of students, elected by their peers, who will serve in vitally important leadership positions throughout the year.

Figtree High School Expo
Tomorrow evening (Wednesday, 2nd of March) at 6pm Figtree High School will be hosting their 2016 Expo Night. Parents/caregivers who are considering enrolment at Figtree High School in 2017 are encouraged to attend with their children.

The informative format features school tours, faculty displays, games, student guides and technology. The Expo Night is a great way to learn all about what Figtree High School has to offer in one informative event. For further information regarding Expo at Figtree High School, please call 4271 2787 or email figtree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

What’s due

- 3-6 University Exams Permission and money

This Week

Tuesday 1 March

Wednesday 2 March
- Figtree High School Expo Night

Thursday 3 March

Friday 4 March
- Clean Up Australia Day

Monday 7 March
- P&C AGM 7pm

What’s coming up

Tuesday 8 March
- Regional Swimming Carnival

Thursday 10 March
- School Cross Country

Monday 21 March
- Harmony Day
- Kindergarten Eye Screening

Thursday 24 March
- Easter Hat Parade (K-2)
- Orders close for Canteen Red Day

Friday 25 March
- Good Friday

Monday 28 March
- Easter Monday

Tuesday 29 March
- Canteen Red Day

Thursday 31 March
- Year 6 Trials at Illawarra Sports High School for the Selective Sports Program 8:00am to 12:30pm

Friday 8 April
- Last Day Term 1

Monday 25 April
- ANZAC Day

Tuesday 26 April
- Staff Development Day
P&C AGM
On Monday, 7th of March the Unanderra Public School P&C will be holding its AGM for 2016 at 7pm in the staffroom. A strong parental voice within our school is vital as staff, students and community continue to work together to further enhance student learning outcomes.

Please consider attending the AGM as office bearers for 2016 will be elected and a number of important agenda items will need to be covered.

Have a great week,

Gavin Hoy
Relieving Principal

We are now into our 6th week of teaching and learning in the iHub with last week being a very productive and prosperous week.

Ms Prior and I presented to approximately 65 teachers within our community of schools (COS) last Wednesday afternoon as part of a Science initiative within our COS. We were joined by two other presenters, including one from Figtree High. We received very positive feedback with some of the local schools wanting to visit us again in the iHub for further insight into its daily runnings.

We also received confirmation from South 32 that the grant application for $20 000, (submitted at the end of last year) has been approved! Thank you to the P&C for your support and hard work at such short notice and a special mention to Nikke Gladwin-Paffett for her invaluable contribution and expertise with assisting us in writing the grant.

Now that the grant has been approved, our next step will be to organise an expression of interest (EOI) for both students and community members to be involved in the design of the ‘Outdoor learning space’. This will involve a consultant external to the school. Further information will follow in the next few weeks.

iLab – As mentioned in Wk 4, students have started to take home either investigation sheets or other tasks for their science topics. Any work sent home will be required back the following week on your child’s iHub day.

Please find following the tasks sent home Wk 5 and this week.

ES1: “All About My Pet” Going home this week, due back Wk 7 (iHub day)
Stage 1: “In my own backyard” Going home this week, due back Wk 7 (iHub day)
Stage 2: “Home explorers” due back this week
Stage 3: n/a
Thank you again, for your support.

(Pictured: Stage 1 students on a Schoolyard Safari)
iLibrary – Students have continued to practice navigating the school library using the Oliver system. They can now look at what books they have on loan, their loan history, search for books in the library and then go to the shelf to locate them and even reserve a popular book that is currently on loan. Next week we will be learning to use the book review system.

STEM - Creating bird feeders with limited materials (pipe cleaners, string and Cheerios) has been this week's new challenge. Our local birds have been enjoying the creatively designed ‘extra treats’ placed amongst the trees here at UPS.

iSeeiThinkiWonder - Last week, students gained an insight into the life of a Gorilla called Ivan who was captured as a baby in the African jungle and grew up in a small enclosure within a suburban mall. Based on a true story that was turned into a picture book, students were given the opportunity to compare the lives of wild animals kept in captivity versus those in their natural habitat. Students were encouraged to express their emotions and ask an iWonder question before drawing a gorilla in an environment that they felt met the gorilla’s needs. This activity sparked many poignant questions and a book has been created from student work.

Thank you
There has definitely been a change happening in our iHub area. A wonderful selection of plants have been arriving with many families being very generous with their donations. Thank you to those who have sent in pot plants along with some great items to help us with gardening.

Book covering is now up to date, however, there will be more books to cover shortly. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Ms Prior and I will be hosting an iHub induction for parents and careers who would like to assist in various ways on Monday 7th March at 3:15pm in the iHub. Look forward to seeing you then.

From Mrs Rodden and Ms Prior
Clean Up Australia Day: This year it has been 26 years since the national event started in 1990. Students will be participating in this event on Friday, March 4. Please bring gloves to school on this day to be a part of Clean Up Australia Day. Thank you!

Angela McLeod, Organising Teacher

Cross Country 2016

Thursday 10th March 2016

This year we will be running a whole school tabloid style carnival. The actual cross country race will be part of the rotational activities (cross country race is also the Adidas Fun Run). Students will be placed into a group based on the age that they turn this year. They will remain with their age group for the entire carnival and rotate around the 6 different activity stations.

Age groups:
- Kindergarten
- 1/2 non-competitive (students that do not turn 8 this year)
- 8/9 Years
- 10 Years
- 11 Years
- 12/13 Years

• Please remind your children that their age group is based on the age that they turn this year.
• Year 2 students that are turning 8 this year need to understand that they will be competing in 8/9 Years age group.
• All students are expected to compete and complete at least 1 lap of the cross country course.
• To qualify for the District Carnival they must finish in the top 7 runners and complete the set distances below:
  - 8/9 and 10 years = 2 laps of the course (2km)
  - 11 and 12/13 years = 3 laps of the course (3km)
• Students can wear either house colours or school sports uniform on the day.
* The kindergarten and 1/2 non-competitive age races are novelty only. Students cannot qualify for District until the year they turn 8.
Carnival Program

Rotational Stations:

- **Station 1: Cross Country Race** (Sheargold Park – field)
- **Station 2: Spectator Station** (Sheargold Park – hill)
- **Station 3: Obstacle Course** (Area C – grass strip)
- **Station 4: Parachute Games** (Area B – grass)
- **Station 5: Handball** (Area A)
- **Station 6: Bin Ball** (Games Court)

* Rotate through stations in a clock-wise direction (see below)

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The carnival will conclude at 1:00 pm for a normal lunch time and afternoon session.

We hope to see you there!

**Matt Batley, Sports Organiser**

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**AGM:** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2016 will be held next **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 be a current financial member and attend this meeting. For any information regarding positions please contact Joanne Crawford on 0439190462.
P&C Meeting: Our scheduled P&C meeting will commence after the AGM.

Adidas Run Fun Fundraiser: Is to 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 booklets have been sent home with online fundraising available. Sponsorship is based on participation in the event and not on distance travelled. Great prizes are available for everyone!

Easter Mufti Day and Raffle: On Friday 11th March the P&C will be holding a mufti day. Donations for the mufti day will be Easter eggs. All Easter eggs collected will be used to fill our Easter baskets for the Easter raffle that will be drawn after the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March. Additional donations of Easter eggs will also be greatly welcomed and can be dropped into the school office. Raffle tickets for the Easter raffle will be sent home this year one-week the hat parade and will also be available for purchase on the day.

School Hats:  School hats are available for purchase at the canteen for $11.

Joanne Crawford, P & C President

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.

Figtree High School Expo Night 2016

6pm Wednesday 2nd March 2016
Figtree High School Auditorium

Parents and Year 6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Year 7 2017 are invited to the annual Expo Night.

School Tours
Faculty Displays
Games
Student guides
Technology

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