

Uranquinty Public School

Newsletter

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Kinder Transition

Our new Kinders had a wonderful day last week and we look forward to having them back tomorrow. Next week the parents of 2015 Kinders will be invited to an afternoon meeting to be introduced to school routines. I would like to ask any parents of the current Kinders to come along and meet the new parents and welcome them to the school community. It would be appreciated if the current Kinder parents would be able to bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

HOW2Learn

Our staff are committed to developing strong learning habits in all children. How2Learn is a way of thinking that holds to the belief that all children can learn and improve, regardless of their current abilities. How2Learn seeks to encourage strong learning habits in children to encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning. Based on extensive current educational research, the twenty two learning habits that we are encouraging in the children are;

Perseverance, Managing Distractions, Absorption, Noticing, Collaboration, Imitation, Empathy & Listening, Interdependence, Making Links, Questioning, Reasoning, Capitalising, Imagining, Planning, Revising, Remembering, Distilling, Metalearning, Accountability, Being Connected, Critical Thinking and Open Mindedness.

"Education is not the learning of facts but training of the mind to think" Albert Einstein.

School Counsellor

Next Thursday we will have a visit from our new school counsellor, Mr Simon Coyle. Unfortunately we have had a number of changes in our school counselling service over the past two years, but in an educational system with a scarcity of school counsellors, we are fortunate to have regular access to counsellors and hopefully Mr Coyle will be able to service our school for an extended period.

Uranquinty Academy Awards

Could all families please send in their children's costumes this week as we need to have early dress rehearsals to organise costume changes between scenes.

Tickets will be on sale in the office this week. I hope you will understand that a family ticket is designed for immediate family units (including Grandparents) rather than extended family members, as the school is merely trying to recoup some of the expenses outlaid in preparing for the concert.

Adult tickets will be \$15.00, Children (up to 18yrs) \$10.00 and family tickets will be \$35.00 Pre-schoolers are free. You will not need to buy tickets for UPS students!

Swimming Lessons

We are currently unable to employ any Austswim Trained staff to teach the School Swimming Scheme. Whilst we are still trying to source trained staff, please be aware that if we are unable to secure the appropriate staff we may need to cancel the lessons.

Professional Learning

I have participated in some excellent maths workshops and how to incorporate the iPads into maths lessons effectively to promote deep thinking in our students. Be assured that all staff will continue to upskill in all areas of teaching to ensure that we stay up to date with the most effective teaching strategies for the benefit of all students.

Science Show

On Tuesday 18th November we are having a visiting Science show come to our school. As the activities are physically designed for older students, Years 2-6 will engage in the show. The science show is sponsored by Origin and brings energy sources to the students in a fun and engaging way.

K/1 Celebrating Halloween



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at last week's assembly:

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| Kinder/1 | Chance Biggs, Kai Pollard, Lylah Kemp |
| Year 2/3/4 | Amelia Tingle, Kasey Kirk, Tyler Forrell |
| Year 4/5/6 | Ryan Finch, Grace Biggs, Lucy Lewington |



Our P & C Meeting will be held tonight in the Library, commencing at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME

Library News



The Library Stocktake will be happening in Weeks 8 and 9 of this term. We ask that all books be returned to the library by the end of Week 7 (28th November). The last week of borrowing will be next week (Week 6) to ensure that all books are back in the library for our annual stocktake.

Mrs Brett - Librarian

URANQUINTY ACADEMY AWARDS CONCERT

WHEN: 21st November 2014
WHERE: URANQUINTY HAL
TIME: 7.00PM START

Tickets available from the office

Cost:

Adults \$15.00

Children (Up 18yrs) \$10.00

Family tickets \$35

Pre-Schoolers FREE



Kinder Orientation

This Wednesday 5th November (9.30am-3.30pm) our new kindergarten students will visit for their second session of orientation in preparation for starting school for 2015. A final session will be held on Wednesday 12th December 9.30-3.30pm. Parents are invited to attend this information session at 2.00pm. During this session parents will be given a 'Kinder Pack' and other useful school information.



Canteen Friday - 07/11/14

HELPERS:

MORNING

Casey Ankers
Sarah Jones

LUNCH TIME

Teresa McDonald
Melissa Tingle



Canteen Monday - 10/11/14

Bacon & Egg Roll - \$3.00 each

HELPERS:

Mel Skates
Kristy Burkinshaw

**SRC will be selling
Jelly Cups - \$1.00 each**



SRC helpers - Chelsea Brown, Jaiden Burkinshaw

**2015 P & C CALENDAR ORDERS
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A
SCHOOL CALENDAR, PLEASE SEND IN
YOUR ORDER FORM WITH THE CORRECT
MONEY.**



SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

to protect your face, neck and ears!

Did you know that when it comes to sun protection, not all hats are equal?

We all know that hats help protect against skin cancer and eye damage. But did you know that baseball caps do not provide adequate protection? There is now very clear evidence that baseball caps leave the cheeks, ears, chin and back of the neck exposed to ultraviolet radiation, increasing your child's risk of skin cancer later in life.



Bucket hat

Bucket or surfer-style hats should have a deep crown and sit low on the head. The angled brim should be at least 5cm for children (6cm for adults) and shade the face, ears and back of neck.



Broad brimmed hat

Brim should be at around 6cm for children (7.5cm for adults). The brim should be proportional to the size of the child's head and provide shade for the whole face.



Legionnaire hat

Legionnaire-style hats should have a flap that covers the neck. The side flap and front peak (brim) should meet to protect the sides of the face.

For more information visit
www.sunsmartnsw.com.au
or call 9334 1761



Year 6 Farewell Dinner

The Year 6 Dinner will be held at the Uranquinty Hotel on Wednesday 10th December, 2014 commencing at 6.30pm.

Mrs Lewington is preparing a presentation of student's photos from Kinder to Year 6, these photos will be shown on the evening, if you have any photos of your child from Kinder to now that you would like to share, she will scan them and give you back the originals

Please contact: Mrs Kylie Lewington.



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ACCESSORIES ETC, AVAILABLE FOR SALE,
AT REDUCED PRICES FROM THE OFFICE.**



NSW Public School Terms & Holidays Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Find out more:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>



Choosing the Right Shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can

vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>