

URANQUINTY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Debating

Our senior students are now participating in the Premier's Debating Challenge. Yesterday they debated against Yerong Creek PS who won the argument that 'Children should be taught Martial Arts in school'. On Wednesday they will travel to Culcairn and on Thursday they will compete against Sturt PS. We wish them well in the upcoming debates.

Gratitude

At the recent Positive Schools conference I attended in Sydney, Dr Kerry Howells presented some compelling educational research which demonstrated the positive effect of gratitude on student learning outcomes. My paraphrase of one of her messages was that in terms of student learning outcomes; *angry/anxious* students achieve poor results, *calm* students achieve good outcomes, *grateful* students achieve highest outcomes.

In light of this I have decided to invite the many people who help out at school to an informal morning tea on Friday. When we sat to write a list of supporters who have helped; in the classrooms, in canteen, by transporting students, attending P&C meetings, and so on, we found quite a large group. If we have missed anyone, please feel free to come along as we would like to give our students the chance to show you their gratitude for your help in our school.

Student Reports

Whilst we are not having formal parent/ teacher interviews this term, if there was anything arising from the student reports that you would like to discuss, please make a time to see your class teacher.

Professional Learning

Throughout Term 2 our staff have been involved in a number of Professional Learning opportunities to further improve our student's educational opportunities. This training takes place both in and outside of school hours. These include training in Autism, Managing iPads with Apple Configurator, Business Intelligence, Aboriginal Education, School Excellence Framework, Anti-Racism training, Peer Coaching and Leadership Strategy and Taking Off with Numeracy (TOWN).

Please understand that all staff members are committed to providing your children the best educational opportunities possible by pursuing their own ongoing learning.

School Administrative Manager

I would like to congratulate Ms Marguerite Caskie on being successful at interview for the permanent position of Admin Manager at our school. Marguerite has already been doing an excellent job managing the finances and other requirements of the role and we can look forward to this continuing on in the future.

Coming Up Next Term

Next term there some exciting things to look forward to. We will have a number of NRL workshops each Friday in July. There will also be a stage 2 Netball gala day. Miss Fuller will host a CSU Education student throughout term 3. In Education Week we will have a visit from Healthy Harold. Later in the term will we have a book parade for Book Week and Yrs 4/5/6 will head off to Canberra for their major excursion.

Important Dates Term 3

Date	Event	Cost
26 June	Last Day Term 2	
14 July	Students return Term 3	
24 July	Netball Gala Day	\$5
28 July	UNSW English test	
30 July	Healthy Harold	\$10
30 July	Riverina Athletics	
10 August	Book Fair	
11 August	UNSW Maths test	
1 August	MAHS Taster day	
2-4 September	Canberra excursion	\$250
16 September	School Photo's	

Life Education/Healthy Harold

The Life Education van will visit our school next term on the 30th July. The cost for this is \$10 per student. Note and more information will be sent home the first week back.

Students with Medication

Students with medical needs forms were sent home earlier this term. Please return these forms so we have up to date information on the care required for your children.

Assembly 24 June

Please join us for the final assembly for term 2 tomorrow, Wednesday 24 June.

Earn & Learn



Earn & learn is back again and will commence on the 15th July. Every \$10 you spend at Woolies you will get one sticker to go towards resources for the school.

New Additions to School Uniform

We have purchased red vests (at a cost of \$13 each) to add to our uniforms. They do not have a logo on them but if you would like it embroidered you can have it done in town.

We also have some plain red jumpers in with no logos (\$18 each). If you would like to purchase either of these items please see the office or Cassie Bryce.

Canteen News

Don't forget to hand you note in for the Red Day lunch order for this Friday.

Roster for Friday 26th June Lunch;

Teresa McDonald, Cassie Brady and Mel Skates.

March . Sing . Learn . Experience

With the Kangaroo March Re-enactment now less than 12 weeks away, I wanted to make sure you were up-to-date with how you, your family and/or school can get involved.

There are lots of different ways you can get involved - even over the school holidays!

- [Click here to register for the Music and Leadership Camp - 29 June-1 July, Exeter](#)
- [Click here to come and hear the Choir in concert with Peter Coleman-Wright! - 1 July 2pm, Exeter Hall NSW](#)



Kangaroo March Re-enactment

Wagga Wagga - Campbelltown
5 September - 10 October, 2015



Hop to It and get involved now!

- [Register your interest](#)
- [FREE Education Resource Centre](#)
- [Kangaroo March School Competition - for all Stages](#)
- [Holiday Music and Leadership Camp](#)
- [RSL Youth Choir Concert with Peter Coleman-Wright AO](#)
- [Sing with the Kangaroo Chorus](#)

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of history as we re-trace the steps of the original Kangaroo March of 1915. The longest of nine WW1 recruiting marches across NSW, the Kangaroo March started in Wagga Wagga on 1 December, 1915. 88 men walked out of Wagga Wagga through rural towns and villages, recruiting in each town along the way. Over five weeks and 500 kilometers later, 222 recruits reached Campbelltown before heading to Sydney where they joined the 55th Battalion to fight on the Western Front.

The RSL Rural Commemorative Youth Choir will be singing at different points along the March and is encouraging schools to partner with them and join "The Kangaroo Chorus" events. I will send an itinerary once it is finalised.

[Click here for more information about the Kangaroo March](#)

Would you like to speak with me? Please feel free to call.

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