# URANQUINTY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# TERM 4 WEEK 1 2016

#### **Welcome Back**

I hope all the students have had a refreshing break and are ready for the busy term ahead. We will be learning, performing, creating, revising and developing new skills. I will soon be seeking feedback from parents and students to inform planning for 2017. I am thoroughly enjoying the spirit of cooperation and new initiative being shown by school community members to ensure this school continues to grow and prosper.

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Cassie, Ryan, Ryley and Chloe Miegel on the birth of Lachlan. We are thrilled to join in the celebrations wo welcome Lachlan and I have already been informed by Chloe that he also will attend Uranquinty Public School in the future — I have an enrolment form ready for him!

#### **School Concert**

Quinty's Got Talent – Voice of the Century! We are not far now to the big concert and preparations are well under way. For the next three Wednesdays we will be walking students to the hall for practice for part or whole days depending on their roles. We will use general walking permission notes for this. The Concert will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at the Uranquinty Community Hall. Tickets are on sale at the school office – Adults \$15, Student (up to 18yrs)\$10, Family \$30. Pre-schoolers and UPS students are free. Seats will not be allocated. All students need to arrive in fully black outfits and girls with long hair need to wear braids. There is still some costume sewing required so please contact us to volunteer if you are able.

#### **NAIDOC Celebrations**

This event was postponed due to rain last term and will be held next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We will have an excursion to the Riverina Environmental Education Centre where we will spend the day investigating Traditional Aboriginal Culture. The children will travel by bus but families are welcome to arrange their own transport to Wagga and join us for the day.

# **P&C Meeting**

There will be a P&C Meeting tonight at 7pm in the Library. All welcome!

# Mini – Olympics Day

The five small schools joined together for a lovely spring day on the last day of the term to celebrate the Mini-Olympics. The kids participated with all the "Spirit of Friendliness" and sportsmanship expected at the Olympics. Many thanks to Mel and her merry band of helpers who catered so efficiently for the many lunch orders on the day. It was another opportunity for students to collaborate with their peers from our community of small schools and all Year 6 students did an excellent job of demonstrating their leadership skills. We did not have to deal with one issue of poor behaviour across the 200 students on the day, which shows they were happily engaged on the day and demonstrating the core values of our small schools which focus on learning and respect.







#### **School Photos**

Advanced notice that school photos will be taken on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Summer school uniform please.

#### Kinder 2017

Orientation for next years Kinders will commence on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for three Wednesdays. If you have not yet enrolled your child for next year, please let us know your intentions so I ensure you get all the info about transition to school program.

# **Swimming School**

We will be holding a swimming school for any student K-6 who cannot confidently swim 25m. This will be held at The Rock pool and operate 3 days a week in Weeks 7,8 & 9. Notes will be sent home next week to gauge interest.

#### The Rock Show Cancellation

The Annual Rock show, which was to be held this Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, has been cancelled due to flooding.

# **Dental Hygiene Visit**

Bright Smiles dental clinic will be visiting UPS on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November to provide an information session to our students. This session aims to education children on the importance of Oral Hygiene. This is a free program and the children will each receive an information pack.

### **Mosquito Repellents**

Due to all the surrounding water in the area we are currently seeing more and more mosquitos at school. If you wish to send some repellent to school we are happy to assist your child in the application to protect against mossie bites. Alternatively you may like to apply repellents before school. There are also child friendly wrist bands available at chemists which students may like to wear to school.

#### **P&C Bunnings BBQ**

Don't forget the P&C Bunnings BBQ is on this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 8am. Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist on the day, please contact Katherine or the UPS Parents Group Facebook page.

# **Jump Rope for Heart**

If anyone still has donation money at home to hand in to the school, could you please do so by the end of this week. Thank you.

#### **Book Club**

Book Club Issue no.7 will be sent home today. We have now activated the LOOP payments option which allows parents to pay online with a credit card. The instructions are attached to this newsletter for anyone wishing to use this as a payment method. Issue 7 orders are due back on the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

# **Catholic First Reconciliation**

If you have a child/children in Years 3 and 4 and are interested in participating in this event please contact Father Paddy Sykes at Our Lady of Fatima Parish on 6925 2111 for further information.

