



What's UPPs



NEWSLETTER NO 16

TUESDAY 20 October 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Book Week Dress up Day

Thursday 22 Oct

Public Holidays

Thank You Day

Friday 23 Oct

Melbourne Cup Day

Tuesday 3 Nov

Japanese Day

Tuesday 10 Nov

Report Writing Day

Wednesday 18 Nov

Dear Families

Our new Grade 4 Learning Centre



The new Grade 4 Learning Centre will be officially opened next Monday 26 October by the Member for Wendouree, Juliana Addison. We are thrilled with the building, which provides a very inviting learning space for our Grade 4 students. The landscaping is also fantastic, allowing us to develop an outdoor quiet area where students can sit and talk or play quiet games.

This area includes a Japanese garden, which Mr Paxton absolutely loves. He has taken our students outside to the garden to explain the significance of the selected components and how the garden should be maintained. We have also upgraded the walkway and provided much more shelter to protect our students from the weather. New furniture has been purchased and unpacked. We hope that the project will be completely finished this week so that Grade 4 can move in. I am so sorry that restrictions have prevented families from watching the development of this project. I hope that you will be able to see the building and the landscaping very soon.

On behalf of our School Council, I would like to thank Juliana Addison for her support in attaining the grant of \$1.5 million dollars for our school, which enabled the project. Juliana shows a personal interest in our school community, regularly contacting us to offer support and assistance. I would also like to thank the Victorian School Building Authority for their support, the project manager, Will Petherbridge from Sensum who so capably led the works and Sue Rolland the Executive Director of KL Modular Systems who managed the on-site team. It was a pleasure working with this team who had the interests of our students and our community at heart.

PYP Exhibition

The **Grade 6 PYP Exhibition** will look different this year due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. The Exhibition is an opportunity for our Grade 6 students to showcase their learning within the PYP, articulating the findings from their inquiries. Thank you to Mr Dixon, Mr Westaway and Mrs Compton for working with our students to explore online presentation options. The Exhibition is an annual celebration of learning for our Grade 6 students. You will receive more information about it in the near future.



No Classes- Professional Learning and Report Writing – Wednesday 18th November and Upcoming Public



Holidays

Please note that students **will not be required at school** on Wednesday 18th November, as teachers will be writing reports and undergoing some professional learning. There are two public holidays this term. Thank You Day this Friday 23rd October and Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday 3rd November.

Book Week Celebration- Thursday 22 October

Many thanks to Mrs Amanda Perrett for her organisation of our Book Week celebration. Our students will be involved in Book Week activities, including a book swap and dressing up as a book character, this Thursday 22 October.



School Uniform

Thank you to the students who are wearing the correct uniform each day. We understand that children have been transitioning back to school and that they may require some time to get back into routines. We would like to maintain our high standard of uniform and I will be asking teachers to follow up when children remain out of uniform.

Classes for 2021

The time is rapidly approaching when teachers will commence the task of creating classes for 2021. If your family will not be with us next year, please inform the office so that we can consider this within our plans. The formation of classes is quite a lengthy process, as we consider the allocation of each child very carefully. As part of this process, the students will identify some children with whom they would like to be placed next year. **Parents may forward any information that is relevant to their child's placement in 2021 to me in writing by Monday 2nd November** and this will be taken into consideration.



Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove



TRP@HOME

[@HOME FOR EVERYONE](#) shares ways to check-in and support the mental health of everyone in your home: yourself, housemates, family and pets alike!

@HOME activities focus on The Resilience Project's wellbeing principles – Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness (GEM). The research shows regular practice of GEM will increase happiness and resilience. ‘

Building a routine and healthy habits that work for you is the key!

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Parents/Carers are asked to please notify the school when your child is absent from school:

Urquhart Park APP

Phone: 5330 5400

Email: urquhart.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.



News from the Specialist Teachers at UPPS



It has been *fantastic* to see so many happy faces getting straight back into their Music work for the start of this term. While the Education Department guidelines make it clear that we are not able to sing in schools at this time, that is certainly not stopping our Music Students showcasing their skills!

Foundation Students have been exploring notation, creating their own versions of pieces using graphic notation and beginning to learn the traditional notations for their first rhythms. **Grade 1s** have been applying their scientific knowledge to music while finishing off their work with the *Music Tree*. Last week they categorized the Music tree instruments in a variety of ways before hanging the instruments on the tree and using it to create soundscapes where they demonstrated their knowledge of the musical elements.

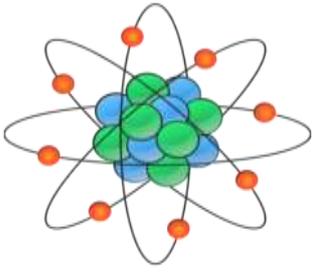


Grade 2B Violinists were *super excited* to take home their bows last week and are steadily working through the repertoire for our program. Our **Grade 2A students** have been using the *BOOMWHACKERS* to perform and will begin their Body Percussion Compositions this week, modelling their work on the outstanding work of Australian Percussion duo **KABOOM!** In **Grade 6**, students have been applying their knowledge of the musical elements by comparing some unusual versions of the classic 1970's song *Stairway to Heaven*. They are also busy learning a range of drumming pieces including Eye of the Tiger and Believer by Imagine Dragons.



WATCH OUT!

While it is true that we can't sing at school, we can all still be singing at home and it is really important that we do so, especially for our wellbeing and mental health! Please keep an eye out on Seesaw in the coming days for the latest instalment of our Family Karaoke Challenge which will be running again this term. The Golden Microphone will again be up for grabs for the class with the most participants! **Get your entry in now!**



Discovery Centre News



"People might think you're crazy for what you believe or wear or say, but it doesn't matter." - The Cheshire Cat



Book Week is here!

Hello UPPS Community!

We are very excited to be celebrating Book Week at school on THURSDAY!

Students will enjoy lots of fun activities that spark curiosity. Wild creatures will come alive out of our books with a range of hands-on creative creature making.

We will be taking lots of photographs of our creative work and our costumes on the day to share!

It's a **dress up day** so students can come as a favourite book character, or a curious or wild creature! It's not too late to bring in a donated book from home to be part of our **BOOK SWAP!**

Don't forget to check out the CBCA playlist on **STORY BOX**

LIBRARY and watch some of the nominated stories for Book Week!

Thank you to parents for the wonderful job you do in organising costumes and books for your children. As a parent, I know just how much work this can be. As a teacher, I am very grateful for all your support!



Mrs Perrett

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A
FANTASTIC DAY!**



BOOK SWAP

GIVE A BOOK! TAKE A BOOK!

UPPS are having a **BOOK SWAP!**

Donate a book and receive a ticket to choose a "new" gently used book to take home.
Donate as many books as you like!

Bring in your donated books to your teacher between now and Thursday 22nd October.

BOOK SWAP WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER.

Please ensure books are age appropriate for primary school level. No magazines, adult, coloring, or sticker books. No damaged books please.



Family Karaoke Challenge #5

Just when you thought all of the best entries had already happened some new challengers entered the race! Well done to tied winners Elizabeth (5B) and Miley (6B) whose singing gave listeners goosebumps this week. Not far behind the runners up were Amber (6A) with big improvements and Daisy (6A) with yet **another amazing performance** with her mum. And our Encouragement award this week goes to Chase (2B) for his **super fun** family entry.

Family Karaoke Challenge #6

Our final week of the Term 3 Challenge did not fail to impress!! While some of us were winding down for the end of term the 3B were just getting started – they mounted a whole class Webex Karaoke entry that included over 15 participants plus individual entries too. No question here – **3B are the outright winners of this week's challenge!**

Inaugural Golden Microphone Award

So without further ado we now can announce our first ever Golden Microphone Award, for the most Karaoke Challenge Participants across the whole of Term 3 is... **2B** with an amazing **48 participants!**





Minasan Konnichiwa!



JAPANESE DAY

Please note that the date of Japanese Day has been changed to **Tuesday November 10th**. It is a whole school, whole day event.

As we have a beautiful new Japanese themed garden area near the 3/4 classrooms, some activities will be based around learning about and celebrating **Japanese gardens**.

For those of you familiar with the format from previous years, you will not be surprised to learn that it will look a little different this time. It will be largely classroom based, but hopefully no less fun and engaging than in previous years. There will be **competitions, poetry, origami, quizzes** and many other surprises!

Students will be able to wear **Japanese themed clothing** on the day, whether it be a Kimono, Karate outfit, Pikachu Onesie, or even a Japanese themed red and white t-shirt! But, not to fear, for those who attend in their school uniforms, we will be making Japanese themed Hachimaki (headbands) for all our students to get into the spirit of Japanese Day!

Zen Garden, Kyoto Japan



...from our artists at Urquhart Park Primary School!

Through out the school we have been developing drawing skills in stroking, blending, applying a wash, background colours, portraiture and Aboriginal artwork. Here are some works of art for you to enjoy!



Physical Education

Physical Education

This week students have been focussing on Tennis skills such as hand eye coordination and the Fundamental Motor Movement of a forehand strike. Students will further develop their ability to hit a ball using the forehand strike technique. Students will aim for a smooth swing to connect with the ball.

Students will also engage and grow in their knowledge of games and learning to work as a team in modified activities. If you have a tennis racquet, please encourage your child to hit a ball against a brick wall or practice ball control by bouncing their ball using their racquet.



A big thankyou to our School House Captains who have been helping set up and pack away Sports equipment for our Physical Education Lessons. Your help is very much appreciated.

THANKYOU

MRS HEATHER DELAHUNTY

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CBCA BOOK WEEK

"CURIOUS CREATURES
WILD MINDS"

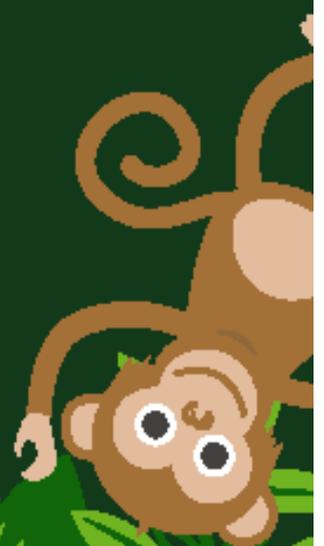
GOING BOOK WILD!!

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE
BOOK CHARACTER

OR DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE

**WILD CREATURE
TO MATCH OUR THEME!**

THURSDAY
OCT 22, 2020



JUNIOR UNIT

It's hard to believe we are in week 3 already! The Junior unit is in full swing and work has begun on our final Central Ideas of the year.

In Foundation the students are working on, 'Authors Express Themselves In Many Ways'. Throughout this Unit of Inquiry they will explore rhyme and how authors and illustrators communicate.

The Grade 1 classes are investigating 'Exploring The Past Helps Us Understand Our Life Today'. Students have been enjoying researching their own past, with work beginning on personal timelines.

In Grade 2, the students have been exploring change through scientific observations. Keep an eye out on SeeSaw for some exciting news regarding experiments!

Thanks for a great start to the Term, Junior Unit families! We all love being back in the classroom and can't wait to have some fun dressing up this Thursday, for Book Week!

MIDDLE UNIT

The Middle Unit has transitioned wonderfully back into on-site learning. It has been wonderful to have all students back together and enthusiastic to learn.

Grade 3 students have recently completed their passion project into their favourite form of creativity. They were given the opportunity to present to their peers, with a big focus being on their presentation skills.

Grade 4 students have finished their persuasives about an animal or environment of their choice. These will be uploaded to Seesaw later in the week. Students did an amazing job of organizing their writing and including persuasive language.

Thank you to all Middle Unit families who are dropping off and collecting children at the correct times.

SENIOR UNIT

Term 4 is well under way and it is hard to believe that soon our Grade 6's will begin their official transition to year 7 and our Grade 5's will begin to consider applying for leadership roles for 2021!

The Grade 6's are making their finishing touches to their websites for their Exhibition. There has been a lot of great learning taking place as students develop their ICT skills by learning how to create their own websites. The Exhibition will go live next Monday from 3pm and the school community is invited to visit the students websites and see all of their hard work.

In Grade 5, students are working hard to develop their solar power presentations. They have also been focusing on leadership and the skills required to be a good leader. In Math, the Grade 5's have been building their understanding of division in different contexts.

This Thursday is book week and we look forward to seeing everyone dressed up. Thank you to all Senior Unit students and their families on a great start to Term 4.



JAPANESE GARDEN

Autumn Garden



Our school has a beautiful new Japanese themed outdoor area!

It is already a very popular place for all students to spend their recess and lunchtime.

Our outdoor area is a place to relax, read, chat to friends, all on soft grassy rolling hills with a view over two Gardens.

The first garden is our "Autumn Garden", two Japanese maples and a Pagoda.

The yellow and red Momiji (Autumn leaves) are something to look forward to in 2021!

The second is a Zen raked garden. The rocks represent islands, with the raked gravel signifying the ocean. Beside the garden is a Sakura, commonly known as a Cherry Blossom.

Next Spring, we'll be hoping to see some Sakura, symbolizing the transience from birth to death in Japanese culture.

We look forward to the bamboo fencing completed in the Zen raked garden in the not too distant future.

Raking the Zen Garden



"Sakura" Cherry Blossom



View from Grade 3/4 rooms



Stone Pagoda



Japanese Captains, Liam & Tahlia





Primary Years Programme PYP Term 4 Inquiries

During Term 4, students will explore their final units of inquiry for the year. Our Grade 6 students are currently finalising their Exhibition preparations. We are really looking forward to learning from them and finding out more about the way 'Cultural traditions have impacted contemporary Australia.'

The table below outlines all of the central ideas and lines of inquiry being explored across the school during Term 4.

Grade Level	Central Idea	Lines of Inquiry <i>An inquiry into:</i>
Foundation	Authors express ideas in many ways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How authors use rhythm and rhyme➤ How illustrations support the text➤ How authors, as communicators, share their stories➤ How musicians communicate their ideas through music
Grade 1	Exploring the past helps us understand our life today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How individuals have changed over time➤ How daily life changes over time➤ Using research skills to find out about the past
Grade 2	Exploring change through scientific observations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Properties of different states of matter➤ How materials change, combine and react with one another➤ Using creative thinking to make predictions and scientific observations.
Grade 3	Science defines our place in the universe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How science knowledge helps people understand the effects of their actions➤ The changes caused by Earth's rotation➤ How we use research skills to conduct scientific investigations
Grade 4	Humans are driven to inquire, imagine and invent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sequencing steps to produce a design➤ Inventions that make a difference in the world➤ Applying our self-management skills to different processes.
Grade 5	Energy use affects society and the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Renewable and non-renewable energy➤ Responsible energy choice➤ Generating novel ideas through a design process
Grade 6	Cultural traditions have impacted contemporary Australia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Exhibition – students have written their own lines of inquiry

Keep wondering and inquiring!
Mrs Compton, PYP Co-ordinator



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School Photos

Our school photos have been tentatively booked for Monday 9 November, 2020. This date will be confirmed when we have received further advice from the Department of Education in relation to COVID-19 restrictions.

SAY CHEESE!

