



What's UPPs



NEWSLETTER NO 19

TUESDAY 1 December 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Colour Fun Run

Friday

4 December

Junior Unit

Gymsports

15-17 December

History Box

Grade One

11 December

Last Day of Term

Friday

18 December

1.30 finish

Dear Families

COVID-19 and the Easing of Restrictions

We can all be very proud of our community for the way that we have worked together to manage very challenging circumstances. While there has been some easing of restrictions, we must consider all of our processes and the ways by which we can continue to keep everybody safe. Contact tracing remains the challenge for us and so we are unable to open the gates for everybody. There are some changes to school operations of which parents and carers need to be aware.

1. Bubble taps are back in use.
2. Playgrounds are no longer being cleaned during the day.
3. Assemblies may be held with students and staff in attendance.
4. Incursions and excursions are allowed.
5. Parents may come into the school administration building for meetings or to speak with office staff. We ask parents to sign in and to wear a mask if you come in to the office. Please make appointments if you would like to speak with teachers. The other buildings still have restricted access.
6. Drop off and pick up arrangements will remain the same until the end of the year.
7. Sharing of food is not encouraged.

Uniform



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that **all children are expected to wear black shoes.**

There are quite a number of students wearing black and white shoes. Parents may choose whether children wear black leather school shoes with laces or buckles or black runners/sneakers with laces or Velcro. The shoes are to be **plain black** please. When

purchasing the children's shoes over the next few weeks for 2021, please purchase **plain black** shoes. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Colour Run and Resilience Day

Friday is going to be a special day for our school with our Colour Fun Run and some resilience activities. Many thanks to Mrs Heather Delahunty for her organisation of the Colour Fun Run. As you would be aware, this year we have taken a different approach to this event, and we have raised a significant amount of money for the school. Thank you everybody for your support! We are hoping to use this money to upgrade the furniture in the Multi-Purpose Room. A huge thank you also to Mr Matthew Merry and Student Voice for organising the resilience activities for the school. The students will be engaged in worthwhile activities such as mindfulness and empathy exercises.

Booklists for 2021

It has been necessary to change suppliers for our booklists. In 2021, we are working now with Ballarat Books (Campion Education) and using an online format. Notes have been sent home to families about this. I can appreciate that this change may cause difficulties for some families. Please contact the office if you have questions or concerns.

Scholarships

Congratulations to Piper, Jordyn and Tara for being awarded scholarships to Phoenix Community College in 2021. Piper was awarded a Community Scholarship while Jordyn and Tara received Sports Scholarships. Piper, Jordyn and Tara certainly deserve this recognition.



Classes for 2021

Many thanks to the parents who have followed the established process and lodged written requests with me for the placement of their children in 2021. Forming the classes takes a great deal of time as we balance the academic, social and behavioural needs of the children. Over the last few weeks, parents have had the opportunity to contribute to the process and students have nominated some children with whom they would like to be placed. As students, parents and teachers have had the opportunity to contribute to the process, we will be reluctant to move students once classes are finalised. We appreciate your support of this process.

Commencement of 2021 School Year – Dates for your Diary

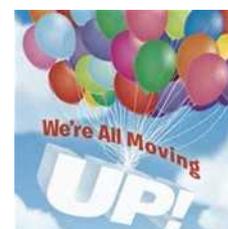


2021 will soon be upon us! I have included the following dates to assist with your planning.

Staff return to school on Wednesday 27th January 2021 - this is a student free day (no classes) for teachers to plan and engage in professional learning. On Thursday 28th January or Friday 29th January, **all students** are asked to attend an assessment session with their teacher, which will allow teachers to meet individually with each child to determine learning needs. Details of how to book for these assessment sessions will be in upcoming newsletters. **The first full day of school for all students at Newington PS will be Monday 1st February 2021.**

Grade Up Day

We have been informed that our Orientation Day may go ahead. Grade Up Day will be held on Tuesday 8th December. This is an opportunity for students to spend a day in their 2021 classrooms, with their 2021 classmates and teacher. Students will begin the day in their 2020 classrooms and finish the day in their 2021 classes. They will be departing via their 2020 assigned gates at the usual time. I would like to thank our teachers for the hours spent developing classes. Thanks also to parents for supporting our policies and processes related to class placements. The staffing for 2021 is nearly finalised and will be released to parents on the final newsletter of the term.



Foundation 2021- Virtual Parent Information Session

We welcome our new Foundation families to our Remote Parent Information Session on Wednesday 2nd December at 6.30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about our school and to develop relationships with other parents and staff. We look forward to seeing you there.

Graduation

Grade 6 Graduation will take place on Thursday 10th December. This will be an afternoon to honour our Grade 6 students for their incredible contribution to our school. The families of our Grade 6 students will be provided with videos so that they can be a part of the celebration. Each child will be able to bring along 1 guest to the presentation ceremony.

Upcoming Events

The calendar is very busy. Please be aware of the following school events:-

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 nd December	Foundation 2021- Parent Information Session 6.30pm on WebEx.
Monday 7 th December	Final School Council Meeting for 2020
Tuesday 8 th December	Year 7 Orientation and Grade Up Day
Thursday 10 th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Monday 14 th December	End of Year Reports emailed to families.
Friday 19 th December	Last Day. Classes will be dismissed at 1.30pm

Best wishes,
Janet Hillgrove

RECRANKED – Second Hand Bikes Available



This term we have been working in partnership with the Ballarat YMCA to offer the 'ReCranked' bike recycle program. A group of students, under the guidance of Wallace and Chris from the YMCA, have worked hard to fix up a number of bikes, and these are now ready to distribute to our community.

We have 3 bikes, in a variety of sizes ready to give away. If you or someone you know is in need of a bike, **please contact the school office on 5330 5400.**



Approaches to Learning Awards

FA	Millar Forde	For always having her belongings organised, allowing her to begin tasks quickly.
FB	Braxton Burns	For being organised, persevering with all tasks and having good manners and a positive attitude in class.
1A	Indiana Atkins	For always completing her work to a high standard. Indiana listens carefully and is an independent worker who manages her time well.
1B	Evania Brown	For being consistently organised and ready to learn. Evania works independently to achieve her best.
2A	Sumayya Rassool	For her admirable effort to grow from many difficult experiences during her transition to a new school and classroom. Sumayya has displayed a strong sense of resilience, always bouncing back! Keep shining Sumayya!
2B	Mitchell Belfrage	For really trying to make an effort to keep a positive mindset when things don't go to plan the first time. Mitchell should be proud of not giving up when sharing his experiment with the class. Well done, Mitch!
3A	Maddison Hawke	For the way you inspire others in our classroom. Your ability to self-manage your learning this term has been outstanding.
3B	Olivia Brand	For displaying a respectful nature in the classroom at all times and for her wonderful participation and use of self-management skills during our interactive read-aloud sessions this term.
4A	Natasha Herrington	For working hard to develop her self-management skills. She strives to complete all her work on time and to a high standard.
4B	Zachery Quinton	For the effort he has made to manage his own learning. Zachery consistently begins work on time, takes on feedback and completed all set work to the best of his ability.
5A	Ava Yeoman	For your effective time management in the preparation for our Cultural Celebration Presentation.
5B	Isabella Perrett	For effectively working with your team to set goals for your Cultural Celebration Presentation.
6A	Shayleigh Wallis	For her improved organisation skills.
6B	Mitchell Simmons	For the positive attitude he has toward school, learning and his peers and the wonderful way he is finishing his time at UPPS.
Inquiry	Ruby McKenzie	For her ability to listen and communicate her conscious and informed choices about online safety in the classroom. Congratulations!
Art	Tayah Stuart	For the way she is able to capture the audience's attention while presenting her artwork, using the tone of her voice and positive body language.
Music	Joseph Lewis	For his fantastic work unpacking and explaining our Music Vocabulary to his peers this term.
Japanese	Thomas Crellin	For his excellent Japanese speech set at Tokyo Skytree. Thomas used a number of Long Japanese sentences, spoken with fluency and excellent pronunciation,

JUNIOR UNIT

The Junior Unit can't believe we have less than three weeks left! Students are still busy across the curriculum, with our intention to end on a high!

In Foundation, Reading books written by a variety of authors has encouraged the students to try new words in their writing. Courageously, many of the students have recited nursery rhymes to the class and shared their own illustrations. They have been making lists of word families and have had some fun creating rhyming sentences with these words. Thank you to the parents who have assisted in preparing students for their show and share tasks over the last few weeks.

The Grade One classes have been enthusiastically learning about the past by watching clips from 'My Place', reading books and handling artefacts. Students are also looking forward to the 'History Box' incursion coming on December 11th, so please get money and permissions back ASAP.

Finally, the Grade 2's have finished presenting their Science Experiments to the class and loved showcasing their learning on iMovie. Over the next couple of weeks, they will have a focus on self-management skills and will begin their own personal inquiry projects as they prepare for Grade 3!

MIDDLE UNIT

Isn't it incredible to think it has now hit December? The year feels as though it has gone so quickly, yet quite slow at the same time. Everyone in the Middle Unit deserves a wonderful finish to the year.

Middle Unit students are continuing to work wonderfully in class. Grade 3 students have been completing many different experiments to learn the procedural text. This has been a wonderful opportunity to combine writing with hands-on learning. They have also been learning about area, which has involved many engaging learning experiences.

Grade 4 students are busily finishing their two assessments for this Unit of Inquiry. They have been given agency time to direct their learning, and work on the task they need to spend the most time on. The students are writing their narratives about an invention, as well as finishing their models for the Invention Convention. The narratives are extremely descriptive and are highlighting the growth in the students writing.

We are very excited for Grade Up Day next Tuesday. It will be sad to have the current Grade 4's move into the Senior Unit, but we are most excited to welcome a new group of students into the Middle Unit.

SENIOR UNIT

What an amazing year in the Senior Unit! We have faced so many challenges and persevered, staying strong and resilient. We have all enjoyed the term at school, collaborating to inquire. We all missed working together in the classroom! I'm sure we will all crawl to the finish line this term, exhausted but proud of all we have achieved this year.

The Grade 5 students have been developing their teamwork skills in the preparation for their 'Cultural Celebration Presentation'. Students have developed a presentation including engaging research, pictures, posters, interview questions and an interesting artefact. They will share their learning with peers this week.

Our wonderful Grade 6 students are preparing for their graduation. They are travelling down memory lane, reminiscing about their halcyon days, when they were young! As they finish their learning journey at our school they have been exploring how people's appearance can lead to perceptions and misconceptions. They have engaged in deep discussion and analysis of stereotypes, diversity and identity.



News from the Specialist Teachers at UPPS

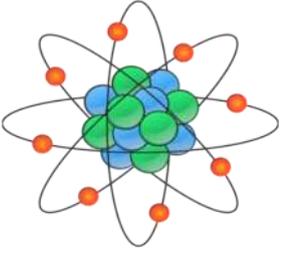


...from our artists at Urquhart Park Primary School!



Paper craft is a collection of crafts using a variety of papers as the primary artistic medium for the creation of one, two or three-dimensional objects, such as sculpture and layered pictures. Our artists at Urquhart Park Primary School are very proud of their creations.

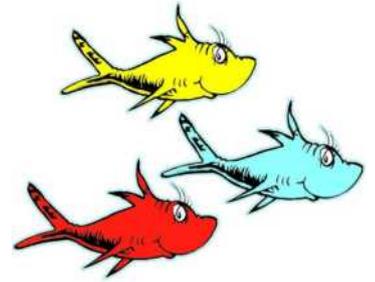




Discovery Centre

"If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good!"

Dr Seuss—*One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish.*



Maker Space

It was wonderful to be able to run some lunch time clubs again across a single Grade level. Last week Foundation took part in an exciting Maker Space challenge, with the aim to build the highest free-standing tower possible!! They sparked their creative genes, and even amazed themselves, building higher than they could reach!!



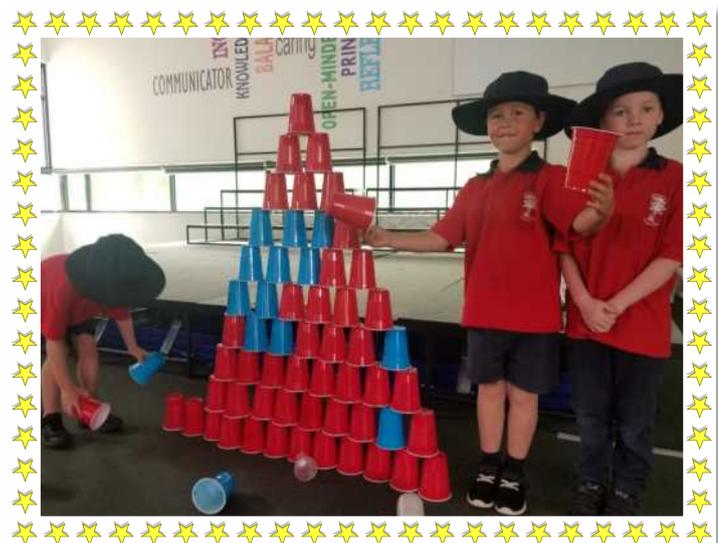
REMINDER:

Our Discovery Centre will close on Friday 4th December. Please return all books back to school.

THANK YOU!!



Mrs Perrett





Composing is COOL...

In the last newsletter we showed some examples of our student compositions that our Grade 1 and Grade 2 had been working on. But music isn't written to exist on paper so in the past two weeks our Grade 1 and 2 students have been performing and recording their pieces. In Grade 1 students transformed their compositions into performances using a range of percussion instruments. Grade 2 Students have written their 4 bar pieces to include a range of body percussion sounds. Students performances have been posted to Seesaw for families to share in—check them out! Grade 2 Violin Performances will be posted in the next couple of weeks so stay tuned...



...so is Performing!

CrashBangWallop! is BACK!!! We rehearsed for the first time since 1st term this week and we were pumped! As clubs are only allowed to be a single grade level, our Grade 5s are taking the lead, getting back into the groove and starting some learning ready to train our new intake next year. We have been asked to perform at the Begonia Festival already so be ready to see us strut our stuff in 2021!

Physical Education

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This fortnight students have been focussing on softball. All students received two coaching sessions with Kelly Sports coaches. Students completed many drills and games working on their under arm and over arm throw, catching, batting and teamwork. These sessions were fantastic and it was great to see so many students that were very talented Softball players.



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

Please support those who support us. Urquhart Park Primary receive 5% of all purchases at Rebel sport. Please sign up to be a member at the counter when purchasing and choose Urquhart Park Primary.



THE COLOUR CRAZE THAT'S SWEEPING THE NATION™



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am thrilled to announce that our School Colour Explosion™ Run Fundraiser was a huge success!

With your assistance we were able to raise over \$16,000 which will be used for so many great things for our students throughout the coming year. On behalf of Urquhart Park Primary School I would like to thank you for your time and effort that was put into this year's School Colour Explosion™ Run Fundraiser.

The student incentive prizes will be ordered shortly and will be delivered to the school. Please if you haven't already selected your prize please jump online and do so.

Now the Fun begins for our students! This Friday the 4th of December children will get to experience the fun and enjoyment of the outdoors while being covered in coloured powder. Please send your child along wearing a white T-shirt. Students will be all supplied with a pair of brightly coloured sunglasses and headband. Students will then participate in a range of resilience activities organised and ran by our student leadership team.

We can't wait for a day filled with fun and excitement for our students!

Thank you again.

Kind Regards,

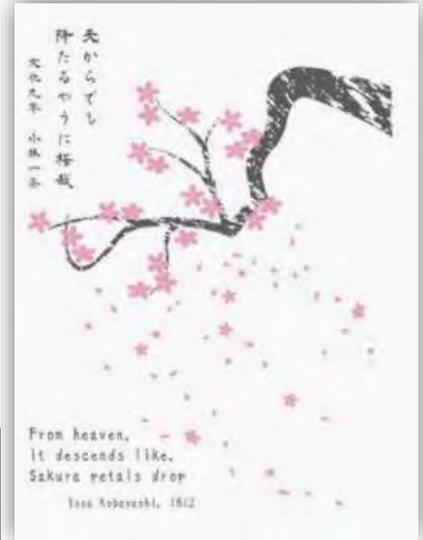




Japanese: Mr. Paxton

NUMBERS IN JAPANESE

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二 2 ni	十三 13 juu san	万 10.000 man
三 3 san	十四 14 juu shi	百万 1.000.000 hyaku man
四 4 shi	二十 20 ni-juu	億 100.000.000 oku
五 5 go	二十一 21 ni-juu ichi	兆 1.000.000.000.000 choo
六 6 rok	三十 30 san-juu	
七 7 nana	四十 40 shi-juu	
八 8 achi		
九 9 kyuu		
十 10 juu		



Minasan konnichiwa!

Our students have been super active in Japanese class this fortnight.

Foundation students are learning to talk about their likes in Japanese, using the grammar pattern '___ ga suki desu'.

Grades 1, 2 and 3 have been learning to count to 100+, and to write numbers using Kanji characters to complete their own Santa advent calendar (see pic).

Grades 4 and 5 are writing Haiku poetry, the shortest form of poetry in the world with 3 lines and 5,7 and 5 syllables in each line. Students are using a 'fude' (calligraphy brush) and black ink to complete their poems, which are based around the theme 'Japanese Gardens'.

Grades 5 and 6 have just completed their extended skits in Japanese, and grade 6 students have made their own origami 'tsuru' (paper crane).

