



UPPER SWAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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Newsletter

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Our Purpose

We will create a caring learning environment that provides students with the opportunity to develop the academic and social skills they need to achieve their individual potential.

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Welcome to 2018

It's always fabulous when the school year begins. There's a sense of anticipation and nervous energy that comes with your children seeing their friends and settling in to their new room. Many of our teachers put in a lot of hours during the holidays to have their classrooms ready for action with many going to the trouble of have *welcome packs* for your children. All staff put in a huge effort to ensure meaningful learning happens from the very first day. I congratulate our staff for their commitment to our school.

I would like to welcome our new and returning families to our school and wish you all a positive time at our school.

We have started the year with an enrolment of close to 500 students. That is a record for Upper Swan and is 57 more than we started with last year. 500 is close to the maximum enrolment for our school as I do not want to add any more classrooms.

School Community Bereavement

Mrs Jenny Johnson, a long standing member of the Upper Swan School Community, passed away suddenly last week. Jenny's association began in the early 1980's when her children attended Upper Swan. Jenny spent close to 35 years working in, and managing our canteen. In recent years she has helped out with her grandchildren; Maddison (Yr 4) and Mitchell (Yr 3). Jenny made many lifelong friends among our staff and community members. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered as "Mrs Johnno". Condolences to Troy, Kelly, Maddison and Mitchell and to Jenny's extended family and friends.

Morning Arrival 8:30 / Before School Care from 6:30

Several families are dropping children off too early, with some children here before 8:00am. The ideal drop off time is 8:30. Staff who arrive before 8:30 are here to prepare for the day. It is valuable time that should not be interrupted.

If you need to drop your children early, I urge you to organise before school care. Camp Australia now runs before school care in the junior block activity area from 6:30am. You are welcome to drop in and check them out before and after school or you can get on to their website to register. <https://www.campastralia.com.au> Be aware we are listed as Upper Swan Valley Primary School.

New Staff

We have several new staff that I would like to acknowledge and welcome. In Pre Primary (Room 16) we have Miss Emily Costley and Miss Amie McGowan. Mrs Jodie Jones is teaching Year 5 (Room 8) and Mrs Tania Lorschy is sharing Year 4 (Room 19) with Mr Johnston. On Fridays, Ms Robyne Healy joins the education assistant team. All of these staff are on 12 month contracts. Mrs Jessica Munro returns to our school as a permanent teacher. Jess has taught here before. All the students she taught here are now in secondary school. Jess is working two days per week as our Numeracy Coach. Her role is to support the professional learning of teachers so they are better equipped to meet the needs of all students. In the coming years Jess will have a full time role.

Mrs Lee (School Officer) is on leave for term 1. As she did in term 4, Mrs Lisa Jones is filling in. Over the next few weeks a selection process will be conducted to determine who will permanently fill the Manager, Corporate Services position. That's the job Mrs Wendy Dailey had that is currently being done by Mrs Alicia Peden.

School Psychologist

I am pleased to welcome our school psychologist, Dr Jedda Crow. Jedda will be here every Wednesday and every second Tuesday working in close liaison with the leadership team, particularly with Ms Pam Hahnel (Associate Principal). Jedda is highly qualified and experienced. I am confident she will be an asset to our school.

School psychologists are educational psychologists. Jedda's main role is to provide expertise and advice in meeting the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of students who need support. Occasionally Jedda will have a role in determining whether or not a child has a specific learning difficulty.

Parent Car Park and the Service Road

99% of the time 99% of people use the parent car park and Kiss and Drop area correctly. I thank everyone for showing the patience and courtesy that is needed to keep your children safe and your cars in good shape.

Attached to the newsletter email is a **map showing how the car park works**. Please take a few moments to refresh your memory.

Inside Lane = Bus Lane

Out the front of the school there is no "kerbside lane". The left lane must be kept clear for buses. Please do not drive in the bus lane. Please be patient. Any accident you cause is not worth the one minute you think you might be 'saving'.

Pedestrians are reminded to please use one of the three the pathways when entering and exiting the school. Please use the crosswalk near room 11 and do not cut through the car park.

Parking at the Front of the School

Parking is available at the front of the school. If you park out the front you need to come in to the school to meet your children then walk them out to your car. For safety reasons, children are not allowed out the front of the school on their own.

Do not block our neighbour's driveway. He will call the City of Swan Ranger. You will be fined. Please keep to the proper entry and exit points to the gravel car park open.

Exiting on to Great Northern Highway

When leaving from the front of the school, you need to use the access road. **You are not meant to pull out on to the highway directly from the gravel area.** It creates unpredictability for vehicles already on the highway and those trying to leave by the correct means.

Turning Right on to Great Northern Highway

There must be only one car at a time in the centre island. When 'double stacking' occurs, the vision of the first driver is obscured. I don't want anyone guessing if it is safe to go.

At all times the staff car park is out of bounds for parents and children.

New Faction – Nolan – Volunteers to Change

All new students will be placed in the new faction, Nolan. I am still in need of volunteers to join Nolan. You may send me an email (Stephen.Green@education.wa.edu.au) or drop a note into the box in office reception. This is a great opportunity to be a part of something new and exciting. If I don't get enough volunteers, families will be chosen at random.

Free Nolan polos are on offer for children who already own a faction polo. It will be a simple exchange. School will cover the cost of the new polos.

Nolan Logo

I would like to thank Mr Ryan Wilson (father of Noah and Finn) for donating his time to designing the new logo. Ryan re-designed the other faction logos when we changed over to polo shirts.

We have five choices for the new logo. As the Nolan property bordered the river, the design choices represent the Swan River, the trees that line the river and the hills to the east. Have a look at the choices (attached) then let me know what you think.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for Years 4, 5, 6 and Room 17 begin on Monday, February 19. The cost is \$76. Pool entry accounts for \$48 plus \$28 for the bus.

The cost increase on last year is due to pool entry rising by \$1 per day. I understand the cost increases every year and soon lessons may be out of reach. It may be a good time to consider whether or not we continue with swimming lessons beyond 2018.

Coles Sports for Schools

Yes, we are registered for Coles *Sports for Schools*. If you happen to shop at Coles, it would be great for you to collect the tokens then drop them in to the box at office reception. In the past your support has enabled us to get many 100s of dollars in equipment that we otherwise wouldn't have.

Take Home Readers

There are a number of readers that have not been returned from last year. Could you please search at home and return them to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. Our reading books are a valuable resource and are expensive to replace.



P & C News



CommonwealthBank



SCHOOL BANKING

Every **Tuesday** 8.15am – 8.45am in Library
School Banking Coordinator

Uniform Shop

Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm – 3.00pm
Thursday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am

Enquiries: Jenelle 0411 183 099

Term Dates

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 2 Feb | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Assembly (Student Council) |
| 3 Feb | 12 On Entry Assessments all PP + Selected students in Years 1 and 2 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Subway |
| 4 Feb | 19 Swimming Lessons Group 1 Classes | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Assembly (Student Council) |
| 5 March | 26 Swimming Lessons Group 1 Classes | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 |
| 6 March | 5 Labour Day Holiday | | | 8 | 9 Assembly – Peta Holmes Yr 5 Rm 12 On Entry assessment concludes |
| 7 March | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 8 March | 19 | 20 | 21 Harmony Day | 22 | 23 Assembly – Nicole and Tiziana Year 2 Room 4 |
| 9 March/ April | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Good Friday Holiday |
| 10 April | 2 Easter Monday Holiday | 3 Easter Tuesday Holiday | 4 | 5 Assembly – Jade and Julia Year 3 Room 1 | 6 Valley Voices Choir Performance hosted here at USPS |
| 11 April | 9 | 10 | 11 Parent meetings- early close. School closes at 11:45am. Parent / Teacher Meetings 12:15pm to 6:00pm | 12 | 13 ANZAC Assembly Student Council Last Day of Term 1 |

Community News

Paid Advertisements – if you wish to advertise in newsletter, the cost is \$5.50 per week



KIDS MARTIAL ARTS

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REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR
TERM 1, 2018 - LIMITED SPACES

THURSDAYS 5:30PM TO 6:00PM
CAVERSHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

6-11 YR. OLDS

YOUR CHILD WILL DEVELOP

- ⊗ CO-ORDINATION
- ⊗ MOVEMENT
- ⊗ TEAM WORK
- ⊗ STRENGTH
- ⊗ CONFIDENCE
- ⊗ LISTENING SKILLS

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秋風道場

Dance Classes for Girls & Boys Herne Hill & Baskerville Hall...

Classical-Jazz-Tap-Hip Hop-Acro

**** 3-6 years mixed style classes**

Classes start Mon 5th Feb 2018

Please call Nicole 0408 233 138

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Handmade assorted kindly pillows and library bags for all ages
Pillows are \$10 and library bags are \$20
Please call Valma on 0419 944 183

MR PROBERT'S TUTORING CLUB HENLEY BROOK

SUMMER CLASSES - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
(Limited places : First in best dressed)

OFFERING 'STUDY SKILLS'
SESSIONS FOR GRADES 4-8
ALSO CATERING FOR
YEAR 6'S TRANSITIONING TO
YEAR 7

OFFERING 'HEADS-UP'
SESSIONS TO PREPARE
YOUR CHILD FOR THEIR
FIRST TERM IN THEIR NEW
GRADE 2018

Beginning Monday 8TH Jan – Thursday– 25th Jan (weekdays only)
(One day a week minimum attendance)

TO REGISTER GO TO
www.mrprobertstutoring.club



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SESSION TIMES
SESSION 1 3:45 – 4:45
SESSION 2 5:00 – 6:00

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Free Open Air Movie Nights

Gigegannup Recreation Club happy to announce the up coming Open Air Movies

10th of February Despicable 3

Dress up costume competition for children two categories: under 6 and over 6 years of age.

24^h February Sing

10th March The LEGO Batman movie

The movies take place in Gidgegannup at Percy Cullen Oval.

The movies at sunset, approx. 6:30

Bring a picnic basket and blanket

Come along enjoy our free community event.