



# 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.*

**School Website:** [www.upperswanps.wa.edu.au](http://www.upperswanps.wa.edu.au)

**Editorial** If you wish to contact the Principal - [Stephen.Green@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Stephen.Green@education.wa.edu.au)

### **Drone Photography / Harmony Day – March 21**

On Wednesday, March 21, all classes will celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day links to the goal of the United Nations to eliminate racism. We encourage your children to wear national costume or something orange.

One activity we would like to do is have every student on the oval to spell out “Harmony” then get an overhead photo from a **drone**. If you are able to help us source a drone, please let me know. We can fit in the photo at a time that best suits the drone operator.

### **Nolan – Faction Update**

Do you want your children to be in more than two events at the term 3 athletics carnival? If so, then Nolan is the place for your children. The whole idea of the new faction is to increase the number of events each child can participate in.

Thanks to the many families who have supported the new faction, Nolan.

Volunteers are needed as listed below.

Pre Primary	2 girls + 3 boys
Year 1	2 boys
Year 2	5 girls + 3 boys
Year 3	3 girls
Year 4	4 girls + 2 boys
Year 5	4 girls + 2 boys
Year 6	3 boys (Not from Loton) + 5 girls

### **Assemblies**

Mrs Holmes’ Year 5 class is hosting our assembly this Friday, March 9. Assemblies are held in the undercover area from 8:45 to around 9:30.

Mrs Shambrook and Mrs Skehan’s Year 2 class is next in line on Friday, March 23.

### **Early Close – Parent / Teacher Meetings, Wednesday April 11**

On April 11 school will close at 11:45. From 12:15 until 6:00pm teachers will be available to meet with you to discuss your child’s progress. Bookings are not open yet. We’ll let you know when they open. Students who are not able to go home at 11:45 will be supervised until the normal 2:50 closing time. More information will follow to let you know what the process is for children who leave at 11:45 and for those who stay until closing time.



### Merit Award Recipients – Friday, February 23

Congratulations to the students who received merit certificates at the Student Council Assembly on February 23.

### NAPLAN Online – Year 3 and Year 5

We are one of many schools trialling NAPLAN Online in May. We successfully completed a network system test last year and we will again be testing our hardware to make sure everything is functioning properly. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will have the chance to have a practice run before test day.

Year 3's will still complete the Writing task in hand written form and every other test online. Every Year 5 assessment is online. Both groups will be using iPads.

Online tests are different to the traditional pencil and paper tests. In the traditional format all children answered the same questions. With the online versions, the questions children get in Reading, Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation may vary for each student.

Tests begin with the same group of questions. When the first lot of questions have been completed the test program takes children to the next group of questions based on their answers to the first group. (I hope that makes sense). Basically, children follow individual pathways to complete the tests.

### Test Days

Because we're doing NAPLAN Online, we get two weeks instead of one to complete the assessments. That said, we're aiming to have all assessments completed in the first week then use the second week to 'catch up' students who have been absent.

Tuesday, May 15      **Writing:** This test must be done first. If you child is absent on this day, they can't do any other tests until this one has been done.

Wednesday May 16      **Reading**

Thursday May 17      **Language Conventions** (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)

Friday May 18      **Numeracy / Maths**

### NAPLAN Withdrawal

The parent information pamphlet that went home last week outlines how to go about withdrawing children from NAPLAN. If you are considering this you need to act quickly. You're welcome to meet with me or Mrs Kerry to discuss your thoughts.

### No Dogs on Premises Please

Unless by prior arrangement for special events; dogs are not allowed on school grounds. This is a safety rule. With recent events in the eastern states and in Perth, we need to be vigilant. Thank you.

## Absence Notification

Absence notifications need to be given by parents / legal guardians. At times friends and relations may offer help by doing it for you. Unfortunately that is not allowed. Notifications can be made in writing, by phone or by email.

## Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>6 March</b>	5 Labour Day Holiday	6	7	8	9 <b>Assembly</b> Year 5, Room 12 Peta Holmes
<b>7 March</b>	12	13	14	15	16 <b>Subway</b>
<b>8 March</b>	19	20	21 <b>Harmony Day</b>	22	23 <b>Assembly</b> Year 2, Room 4 Nicole Skehan and Tiziana Shambrook
<b>9 March</b>	26	27	28	29 <b>Assembly</b> Year 3, Room 1 Julia Spencer and Jade Poulter	30 <b>Good Friday</b> Holiday
<b>10 April</b>	2 Easter Monday Holiday	3 Easter Tuesday Holiday	4	5 Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Team Sports Carnival	6 Valley Voices Choir expo at Upper Swan
<b>11 April</b>	9	10	11 Early Close 11:45 for Parent / Teacher Meetings	12	13 <b>Subway</b> ANZAC Assembly Last Day Term 1

## P & C News



**Commonwealth**Bank



### 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

## Learning at Home – Reading

### Reading Together

When you are reading with your children:

- ✓ encourage them to read to you
- ✓ talk about what is happening in the story and the pictures
- ✓ point out key words in the story and explain words they might not know
- ✓ get them to show you words they do know
- ✓ stop and ask: What do you think will happen next? and What makes you think that? – accept their answers, even if they aren't quite right
- ✓ encourage them to join in with rhyming words or phrases repeated through the story
- ✓ ask why questions for example: Why do you think the author put that in the story? • answer their questions even if they interrupt the flow of the story – remember you asked for their opinions!

Playing pretend games such as shop, school, garage, house and restaurant help children learn about words and how reading is used in everyday life.

### After you have finished reading with your children:

- ✓ get them to retell the story in their own words to you or another family member
- ✓ ask about events and characters, for example: Who was your favourite character? and Where did that event happen?
- ✓ compare the characters in the book with people you know
- ✓ talk about why the book was written and the messages in the story
- ✓ ask them what they learned if the book contains lots of facts
- ✓ point out the name of the author and, if they enjoy the book, suggest reading another book by the same author.

Read things your children really enjoy so they learn to love reading!

When your children come to a word they don't know, encourage them to look at the letters of the word and get them to attempt to sound out all or parts of the word – give them time to do this.

The way you read a story to your children can make a big difference to how much they enjoy it. Make sounds of different animals and change your voice for different characters.



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### We've been cooking up a storm in OSHC

In After School Care we love cooking healthy, delicious meals and snacks from our Healthy Eating Cookbook. All the recipes in our cookbook support our healthy eating program and are officially endorsed by Nutrition Australia. Hummus is a popular recipe from the cookbook, so we thought we'd share the recipe with you to try at home.

#### You'll need:

- 1 tin of chickpeas (drained but reserve some liquid for blending)
- 1-2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- Juice of one orange
- 2 tablespoons of cream cheese (optional)

#### Method:

1. Blend all ingredients until smooth
2. Use as a spread for sandwiches and/or wraps, toasted bread or rice cakes.  
Serve as a dip with corn chips, veggie sticks or crackers



#### Come along and see what we're cooking up

You can visit us in the program to see what healthy meals and snacks are on the menu and enjoyed in every session.

#### Program details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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## FREE Triple P 0-12 Years Seminar The Power Of Positive Parenting

Seminar Series Triple P provides an introduction to the principles of positive parenting for parents of children aged 3 – 12 years.

All parents are invited to attend free seminars to learn practical and positive ways to:

- strengthen bonds with your children;
- encourage social and language skills;
- develop children's emotional self-regulation, independence and problem solving ability;
- manage common behavioural concerns.

### DATES

- Monday mornings**
- 12<sup>th</sup> March - Children's behaviour - the tough part of parenting*
- 19<sup>th</sup> March - Raising confident children*
- 26<sup>th</sup> March - Raising emotionally resilient children*

### TIME

9 – 10.45am

### VENUE

Arbor Grove Primary School

### COST

Free

You may attend one, two or all three seminars.

### BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION

You can book online by visiting <http://www.trybooking.com/UDMM> or collect a printed registration flyer from the front office at Arbor Grove PS.



[www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net)

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<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u> <small>(now sessions available due to increased demand)</small>
<u>Session 1</u> 3:45 – 4:45 <b>MATHS YEAR 6</b> 1 place available	<u>Session 1</u> 3:45 – 4:45 <b>ENGLISH YEAR 7/8</b> 3 places available	<u>Session 1</u> 3:45 – 4:45 <b>MATHS YEAR 6</b> 3 new places available
<u>Session 2</u> 5:00 – 6:00 <b>COMBINED MATHS/ENGLISH YEAR 4</b> 2 places available	<u>Session 2</u> 5:00 – 6:00 <b>MATHS YEAR 8</b> 1 place available	<u>Session 2</u> 5:00 – 6:00 <b>MATHS OR ENGLISH</b> 4 new places available <small>(This session is currently vacant therefore the grade and subject will be determined by the first student to attend)</small>