



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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Editorial If you wish to contact the Principal - Stephen.Green@education.wa.edu.au

Staff Changes – Term 2

Lisa Reith is our new School Officer, working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Lisa has a wealth of experience and expertise gained from working in other schools in our area. In line with Public Sector Standards, Lisa was appointed following a merit selection process.

Thank you to the students, families and staff who have given her a warm welcome.

I would like to acknowledge the exceptional contribution Lisa Jones made while in an 'acting' capacity while Karen Lee was on leave. For terms 2 and 3 Lisa Jones will be working as an Education Assistant in our Year 2 classes while Mrs Maureen Campbell is on long service leave.

Mrs Karen Lee has returned to her School Officer role in a part-time capacity, working Mondays and Tuesdays.

Families of students in Pre Primary (Room 16) have been informed of teacher changes. Miss Emily Costley was on a fixed term contract here. She was selected on merit to a permanent job at Hillcrest Primary. Miss Amie McGowan was on a fixed term contract working one day per week here. She was selected on merit to a full time job at North Balga Primary.

Mrs Cindy Merillo and Mrs Tarquin Allen have been appointed for the balance of 2018. Thanks to the fabulous children in Room 16 for taking the change 'in their stride' and to the families for being so understanding and welcoming.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2019

Parents and carers are able to call in to office reception to pick up an enrolment application form. You may fill in the form on the spot or you can take it away then bring it back later. Applications are due on Friday, July 20. That's the first Friday of Term 3. All enrolments received by the due date are put through the same assessment. Application received after July 20 are at the bottom of the list.

Enrolment Application – Assessment Process

The same system is used by all public schools. Applications are placed in to one of four categories.

Priority 1: Students within our local catchment area with siblings already at Upper Swan.

Priority 2: Students within our local catchment area with no siblings at Upper Swan.

Priority 3: Students outside our local catchment area with siblings already at Upper Swan.

Priority 4: Students outside our local catchment area with no siblings at Upper Swan.



Students with equal priority are then ranked according to their distance from the school “as the crow flies”.

If recent years are anything to go by, all priority 1 and priority 2 students will be accepted. It is most likely, but not guaranteed, that most priority 3 students may get a place. The number of priority 4 students to receive an offer depends on how many places are left.

Application / Assessment Result

By late August families are informed of the outcome of their application.

Aveley North 2019: Are Your Children Moving?

Next year Aveley North opens for all year levels: Kindy to Year 6. Students at Upper Swan who are now in Aveley North’s zone have the option of staying at Upper Swan or moving across to the new school. It is important for both schools to know how many students will be moving to Aveley North. Please let me know as soon as possible if your children are moving.

A map of Aveley North’s local intake area is attached. Some of the main roads in their area are Millhouse, Aveley, Chateau, Ellen Brook, Hermitage, Verdelho, Burgundy, Vines, Shiraz, Holdsworth, Cashman, Thredbo, Bellazario, Wistful, Torres and Duvall.

Pre Primary Enrolments 2019

The same timeline and process is used to assess Pre Primary enrolment applications. Only students in Priority 1 and 2 categories are 100% guaranteed of a place in Pre Primary. Those in Priority 3 and 4 categories are highly likely to get an offer, but no guarantee can be given.

Mrs Lee (Mondays / Tuesdays) will soon have enrolment applications for all families to collect from your child’s classroom.

Office Hours 8:15 to 3:45

To help Elecia, Karen and Lisa manage their workload, official office opening hours have been introduced. They will now be ‘open for business’ from 8:15 to 3:45. This will give them time to set up their schedule at the beginning of the day and to complete any last minute business before they go home. I will appreciate it if you can make your inquiries between these hours.

P & C Notice Board

To a major degree, our school is what it is because of the activities organised by our P & C and the families who step up to support their events. If you would like to know what is going on or you volunteer to help out once or twice per year, please check out the pin up board and the mobile white board in the breezeway.



One sheet on the pin up board is a request for volunteers for Term 2 Events.

Term 2 Events

A full list of term 2 events can be found on our website <http://www.upperswanps.wa.edu.au/>

May

Assemblies: May 11 – Mrs Condo May 25 – Mr Johnston and Mrs Lorsch

Mothers’ Day Staff – this Friday, May 11

P & C Pie Day: May 22

P & C Recess Cheesies: May 29

P & C Subway: May 18 & June 1

Dental Screening: May 30 for Pre P, Year 3 and Year 6

NAPLAN – Year 3 and Year 5

We aim to have all NAPLAN online assessments completed between May 15 and May 18.

It is important that “NAPLAN days” are treated as any other school day. Make sure your children have a good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast and arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:40. These are the things I expect you would do every day.

As much as possible, it is important for parents to manage any anxiety their children may have. While we want all students to give a good account of themselves, the way a person’s life is going to turn out is not determined by a Year 3 or Year 5 NAPLAN test. NAPLAN does not measure the importance of your child to their family, their friends, their class and our school. It does not measure their personal qualities or their attitude to life and learning. Albert Einstein is credited with saying something like: “Not everything that can be measured is important and not everything that is important can be measured.”

Drive to Stay Alive

That was the catchcry in the late 1970s when I first started driving. To keep this idea going, please drive on the road and not the footpaths. Thank you.

P & C News



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<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u> <small>(now sessions available due to increased demand)</small>
<p><u>Session 1</u></p> <p>3:45 – 4:45 MATHS YEAR 6 1 place available</p>	<p><u>Session 1</u></p> <p>3:45 – 4:45 ENGLISH YEAR 7/8 3 places available</p>	<p><u>Session 1</u></p> <p>3:45 – 4:45 MATHS YEAR 6 3 new places available</p>
<p><u>Session 2</u></p> <p>5:00 – 6:00 COMBINED MATHS/ENGLISH YEAR 4 2 places available</p>	<p><u>Session 2</u></p> <p>5:00 – 6:00 MATHS YEAR 8 1 place available</p>	<p><u>Session 2</u></p> <p>5:00 – 6:00 MATHS OR ENGLISH 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></p>

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