



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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Are Your Children Moving to Aveley North Primary Next Year?

Next year Aveley North Primary opens to all year levels; Kindergarten to Year 6. If you live in Aveley North's local intake area you have two options. One is to maintain your children's enrolment at Upper Swan. The other is to enrol at Aveley North. If you decide to stay at Upper Swan you don't need to do anything. If your children are moving to Aveley North I would appreciate you letting me know at your earliest convenience. You will need to complete an *Enrolment Application* form that can be collected from our office reception or you can call in to Aveley North to collect the form.

Having accurate student numbers is important to both schools as we plan our teacher needs for 2019.

Aveley North's Local Intake Area

Do you live in Aveley North's local intake area? Some of the main streets are: Millhouse, Aveley, Chateau, Ellen Brook, Hermitage, Verdelho, Burgundy, Vines, Shiraz, Holdsworth, Cashman, Thredbo, Bellazario, Wistful, Torres and Duvall.

Kindergarten and Pre Primary Enrolments 2019

Any time from now on 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 is the first Friday of Term 3.

Application / Assessment Result

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

Nolan Polo Order - New Faction Shirts

All children who nominated to change over to Nolan have been accepted. You may go ahead and order your new shirt.

If your children are swapping to Nolan and they already have a Belhus, Loton or Shaw polo shirt, you don't have to pay for a new shirt. You just need to hand over the 'old' shirt to get the Nolan one. However, you must still place an order.

New families in Nolan have to pay for their Nolan shirt. The shirts won't be ready until August. With the faction cross country scheduled on the last day of this term, June 29, Nolan students can wear their normal school shirt or, if they still have it, their colour run shirt from last year.

Classroom teachers have a list showing each child's faction. The lists can also be viewed in the breezeway. **It's not too late to join Nolan.**

School Facebook Page

Our Facebook page has been running as a *managed page* rather than a *closed group*. Today a new group has been set up. It's called Upper Swan Primary School (Est 1905). Hopefully you might find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/578790845827672/?fref=mentions>

Within a few weeks the "old" page we have been using will be shut down.

We are doing this for child protection purposes. In the meantime, please do not tag people in your posts. This helps keep our news stories within our community.

Generous Donation

Thank you to the Carija Family for donating the garden seat for use by students in rooms 18 and 19.



Student Reports

Over the next four weeks teachers will be very busy writing semester 1 reports. Our aim is to have them ready for collection on the last Tuesday of term, June 26.

WA Day

A reminder that Monday, June 4, is a public holiday for W.A. Day. School is closed.

Other Dates and Events

Friday May 15	Mrs Lorsch and Mr Johnston's Year 4, Room 19, assembly
Tuesday May 29	Cheesies at recess
Wednesday May 30	Dental Screening for Pre Primary, Year 3 and Year 6
Friday June 1	P & C Subway lunch + Kindy and Pre Primary farm incursion
Friday June 8	Mrs Hocking's Year 1, Room 7, assembly

NAPLAN 2018

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their effort and cooperation during NAPLAN testing last week. Because we are doing NAPLAN online, we have until Friday to *catch up* with students who were absent on the first test day. Mrs Kerry is doing a mighty job in managing our digital network and overseeing the testing program. Our Year 3 and 5 teachers and education assistants were well prepared, giving every student the opportunity to give the assessment their best shot. We're hopeful the results will be available by the end of this term or very early in term 3.

Making Science Interesting and Fun at Home

The following are tips on how you can foster in your children an interest in science. Some links to websites are included for you to explore.

1. Ensure that "I don't know" becomes an opportunity for science

Children begin posing questions early in their development. Eventually, they ask a question that you do not know the answer. When this happens, instead of looking up the answer immediately, consider incorporating this follow-up question: "How can we figure out the answer?"

Encourage your children to develop experiments that help them answer their own questions. Even if the means of discovery are unavailable, contemplating how to locate answers to a question is a key component of scientific thinking — and will most likely satisfy your children's curiosity.

2. Take it outside

Going outdoors enables you to combine interests. A bush walk can easily become a scientific trip if you simply take time to observe what's around you and ask questions. Bring a notebook and a camera. Encourage your children to write down any interesting animal behaviour, plant growth, and geological features. If you go to the beach, what plants and animals can you discover? What behaviour do you observe?

3. Reward right thinking, not right answers

A major part of the scientific process is being wrong. This includes either stumbling across new information that disproves an idea of one's own or finding results that are different from what you predicted. If a child is thinking creatively about uncovering answers, then you should reward the process and not the result. Research shows children who are praised for making a good effort and using process-based skills enjoy learning more and do better in school than students who are only praised for being "right" or "smart" or "clever".

<https://wehavekids.com/parenting/Fun-science-activities-for-kids>

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2018/0301/How-to-make-science-experiments-as-common-at-home-as-bedtime-stories>

Antique Road Show – The Pines Retirement Village

The Pines is a Retirement Village in Ellenbrook and we are hosting an event with Free Antique Valuations along with market and craft stalls, Devonshire Teas, Food trucks and Music. It will be similar to the Antique Road Show . Vintage Village Show , Saturday 09 June 10 am – 1 pm, The Pines , 21 Ponte Vecchio Blvd , Ellenbrook.

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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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