



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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Would You Like to See This Bloke Fully Kitted Up in Eagles Gear?

P & C Busy Bee – Saturday, June 30

The more volunteers we get, the more blue and gold I have to wear. It seems this may have to happen when I attend a Dockers game, meaning public humiliation is involved. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?

The busy bee runs from 8:00am to 12:00pm. You don't need to come for the whole time. There is a free sausage sizzle to round things off. The focus is on stage 1 of developing a nature play area next to the staffroom.



Semester 1 Report Pick Up

Reports will be ready to pick up from classrooms next Tuesday morning, June 26. You may also collect them in the afternoon or on Wednesday morning.

This may be the last time our reports go out in hard copy. We now have the facility to email them. This means you can store the reports in digital form then print them if you need to.

Kindergarten and Pre Primary Enrolments 2019 – Due by July 20

With the July holidays fast approaching, there is only 2 ½ weeks of "school time" left for families to lodge enrolment applications for next year's Kindergarten and Pre Primary classes. Applications received by the due date have priority over late applications.

Crazy Hair Day

I thought you might like to know the *Crazy Hair and Free Dress Day* in support of our fundraising for the *Friends of the Western Swamp Tortoise* raised \$475. That works out very close to \$1 per student. That is an amazing effort and well over my guess of \$250.

Faction Cross Country – Friday, June 29

The faction cross country will be held on the last day of term. We begin with Year 1's at approximately 9:15am. We then go through the events in year level order. The final Year 6 races are usually finished by 11:00am. Girls and boys run separately. The start and finish lines are on the main oval. Spectators and family members are most welcome to attend.

Children in Nolan may wear their colour run shirt from last year or their normal Upper Swan polo. Unfortunately the polo order for all factions won't be ready until August.

Plant Sale at the Cross Country

Lex Stowell (gardener) and Barbara Bates (volunteer grandparent) will be holding a plant sale with proceeds going to our grounds development fund.

Assembly – Mr Anthony's Year 3, June 28

This is a reminder that Mr Anthony's Year 3 assembly will be held on **Thursday** morning, June 28 as we are holding the cross country carnival on Friday.

Staff Change

Next week Mr Barry Johnston (Year 4) is retiring after working in public education for 33 years. Mr Johnston has spent the vast majority of those years working in what may be described as challenging primary schools and in Education Support schools. I wish Mr Johnston the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

Miss Brooke Ashman has been appointed for the remainder of 2018. She is new to our school.

Education Assistants

Due to government rules on the way people are selected for jobs, we are now running an applicant pool for the jobs currently filled by Mrs Minus, Ms Sedgman and Ms Healy. Details can be found on the Jobs W.A. website.

Teaching Maths Through Shopping and Cooking

I am confident you are up for a challenge in the holidays. Being creative in the kitchen is one of those things that has got to be near the top of the list. You can use shopping catalogues and a set budget to plan your shopping trip. When you get home from your expedition you can then have fun with measurement skills in your Masterchef kitchen.

If you really want to get into it, you might try some of these activities, but not all at once.

Estimation

- Before shopping, have your child write down an estimate of the cost of each item on the grocery list.
- Use the produce scale: Explain that each kilogram is 1000 grams. Let your child know how kilograms of fruit you wish to purchase, and estimate how many pieces of fruit you will need to bring it to the desired weight.
- Let your child hold different types of vegetables that weigh approximately the same amount (potatoes and onions work well). Put one in each hand and estimate which one is heavier, then use the scale to test the estimation. (Maybe do this at home.)
- Before you check out, let your child examine the full cart. Ask for an estimate of how many bags it will take to pack away all of the items and estimate the total cost of the trolley.

Addition/Subtraction

- Use the shopping list on which your child estimated the cost of the items. Add up the estimated total and subtract it from your budget. Is the estimation under budget? Use subtraction to see how much money you'll have left over. If it's over budget, figure out by how much and where you can cut that cost.

Comparison

- Compare the costs of different brands of items, looking at the size of the package and deciding which is the better deal for the money.
- Compare the actual cost of your groceries to your child's earlier estimation.

Money

- Sit down with your child and the sales catalogue. Use an assortment of coins and bills to work with. Then, pick a few items in the catalogue and your child to show you the money needed to purchase the items.

Term 2: Other Dates and Events

Friday June 22	Assembly: Year 1, Room 5, Miss Lack
Monday June 25	Year 2/3 and Year 3 Scitech incursion
Tuesday June 26	Report pick up
Thursday June 28	Assembly: Year 3, Room 17, Mr Anthony
Friday June 29	Subway lunch; Faction Cross Country; Last day of Term 2.

Term 3 – A few key dates

Monday, July 16	Pupil Free Day; office is open.
Tuesday, July 17	First day for students
Friday, July 27	Interschool Cross Country Year 3 to Year 6
Monday, July 30	Kalamunda excursion Rooms 8, 18 and 19.
Friday, August 10	Mrs Slater Year 4/5 Room 9 Assembly
Friday, August 24	Miss Reichenberg Year 4 Room 18 Assembly
Wednesday, August 29	Learning Journey 5:00pm to 6:30pm
Friday, August 31	Mrs Jones Year 5 Room 8 Assembly
Tuesday, Sept 4	Faction jumps and throws Year 1 to Year 6
Friday, Sept 7	Faction athletics – sprints, relays and team games Year 1 to Year 6
Friday, Sept 14	Miss Zakarias Year 2/3 Room 2 Assembly
Monday, Sept 17	Interschool jumps and throws
Wednesday, Sept 19	Interschool athletics carnival
Friday, Sept 21	Talent Quest Assembly

P & C News



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SCHOOL BANKING

Every **Tuesday** 8.15am – 8.45am in Library

School Banking Coordinators
Jo Whitehouse
Petra van Amerongen

Uniform Shop

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

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