



UPPER SWAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent 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



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SCHOOL BANKING

Every Wednesday 8.15am – 8.45am in Library

Regards Helen Ainsworth - School Banking
Coordinator

Uniform Shop

Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm – 3.00pm

Thursday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am

Enquiries: Jenelle 0411 183 099

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

Our School Board

Yesterday we welcomed four new board members. The new parent representatives are:

- Mr David Jeffs (Ashton Year 5 and Olivia Year 4)
- Mr Colin Brown (Connor Year 5 and Kieran Year 3) and
- Mrs Angela Johnson (Lilly Mai Year 1 and Koen - Kindy)

Mrs Melissa Lynn has joined as the P & C representative. The Lynn family is new to our school. We have Ben (Year 4), Cody (Year 3) and Jedi (PP).

I would like to thank our new members for their willingness to volunteer their time, skills and expertise to our school. You may approach board members at any time to raise matters that may potentially align with the business of our School Board.

Continuing board members are:

- Mrs Jenelle Booth – Chairperson (Lincoln Year 3, Chelsea Year 1)
- Mrs Charlotte Gosatti – Business Manager (All of Charlotte's children have completed primary school)
- Mrs Karen Corica (Mia Year 4)
- Mrs Heather Hunt and Mrs Val Long - Community representatives
- Mrs Louise Cepo and Mrs Belinda Condo – staff representatives

Meeting Agenda

The following topics were discussed at our meeting. When the minutes are ready they will be emailed to all families.

1. Confirm chairperson
2. Confirm secretary. Update on vacant positions
3. Confirm length of term for each member
4. Review our school's mission and vision statements
5. Review Code of Conduct for board members
6. Review the board's Terms of Reference
7. Skim through Board Members' Induction booklet
8. Training for board members
9. Upper Swan Primary Annual Report – Draft for consideration
10. School funding agreement with the Education Department
11. Finance update
12. School Business Plan update – summary of what we did on January 31



2017 Faction Captains

Classroom Volunteers

Mrs Condo is looking for a volunteer to help out in her classroom three times per week from 1:50 to 2:50 (Tuesday / Thursday / Friday). The volunteer would be responsible for supporting a small group of children in the classroom, working under Mrs Condo's supervision. Mrs Condo will provide training so the volunteer knows what to do. If you are interested or you know someone who might be interested, please see Mrs Condo or pop in and see Mr Green.

P & C Office Bearers

Our school is fortunate to have a number of parent and community helpers who volunteer their time to make our school a better place for all children. Over the years our P & C has made an enormous contribution to the upgrading of our resources and facilities that make us the envy of many communities.

Ms Natalie Gasson will continue as treasurer and Mrs Donna Stewart has taken on the role of secretary. These two roles are the ones with the greatest workload.

President: We are still looking for someone to “drive the bus”. The main job of the president is to work with the treasurer and secretary to organise and manage meetings twice per term. If you are interested in being president or vice-president of the P & C, please pop in and see Stephen.

Swimming Lessons

Thank you to all families who supported swimming lessons. Our staff had a lot of positive feedback from the swimming teachers and members of the public about how well behaved and well mannered your children are. I am grateful to you and your children for portraying a positive image of our school.

Thank you to Mrs Kerry and Mrs Dailey for organising everything and to all staff involved in supervising our terrific students.

Pre Primary, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children have swimming lessons in October.

Pay in Advance for Excursions and School Activities

For families that would like to, you are able to pay \$100 per child in advance to cover the cost of visiting performers and excursions. This saves you from having to pay separately for each activity. Mrs Dailey keeps a record of what is spent so, at any time, she can tell you how much of the \$100 is left. If you would like to take up this option, please phone Mrs Dailey (9296 4622) or drop in to the office to talk to her about it.

Swan Valley Little Athletics Superstars

On Saturday 25 February, the following students competed in Swan Valley Little Athletics' Centre Championships: Ky Bull-Kendal, Summer Hage, Thor Hage, Liam Hrabar, Olivia Jeffs, Nicholas Lyon, Logan McKeon, Riley McKeon and Jack Roney.

They competed well all day in 40 degree heat to earn a swag of medals and a team trophy. Several personal bests were recoded and a few centre records were broken!

All children displayed exemplary sportsmanship and had heaps of fun. Congratulations to you all on your amazing achievements this season.

Good luck to all Upper Swan students participating in the "zones" competition this weekend. It's going to be another scorcher, so remember to slip – slop – slap and drinks lots of water.

Year 5 / Room 12 / Mrs Holmes Assembly – Friday 3 March

Mrs Holmes' Year 5 assembly is this week – Friday 3 March from 8:50am in the undercover area.

The Next Assembly will be hosted by Mrs Shambrook's and Mrs Skehan's Year 2 class on **Friday 24 March**.

Merit Awards – February 24

Emily Fernie
Noah Gale
Henry De Haan
Gabriel
Ashlyn Everett
Katie Temessl
Ryka Faithfull
Kobi Paul
Kelly Taylor-Maher
Isabel Arvella
Oliver Lorsch
Kaiden Brown
Mikayla James
Ebony Renzullo
Ryal Burke



Poppy-Anne Robinson, Josh Smith, Judd Benson, Tarah Kemp, Ella Nadenbousch, Connor Van Amerongen, Haydn Reeves, Claire Everett, Ruby Dutailis, Justin Skilton

Art : Ben Groves, Jaydn

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Welcome to the new school year. Voluntary Contributions for 2017 are \$60.00 per child, per year. We do encourage payment of the Voluntary Contributions for your child/ren at the beginning of each school year, directly to the school office. Payments can be made via EFTPOS, cash or direct deposit into the school bank account. Reminder Statements of outstanding amounts will be issued at the beginning of each Term to parents. If you would like to make arrangements to pay instalments on either Contributions or Charges please contact Wendy Dailey on 9296 4622.

Thank you to the families that have made payment to date. Your continued support enables us to provide the extra resources we need to enrich your child's/ren's learning. The money we collect is a vital part of our school budget.

There is an expectation that all students pay for incursions/excursions, or make arrangements for a payment plan with classroom teachers or directly with the office. Charges for each optional activity should be paid into collection envelopes and placed into the collection tin outside reception. Permission slips should be returned to the class teacher for their records.

EFTPOS FACILITIES

For your convenience we have an EFTPOS machine in the front office for processing your payments.

PAYMENTS FOR INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS

Please complete all the sections on the yellow payment envelope, especially writing the **full name of your child**, to ensure that your payment is allocated to the correct child and event. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

If paying for more than one child, they can all be put in the same envelope.

Slips go to the teacher; money in envelopes goes in the black box outside admin.

PREPAYMENT OF 2017 CHARGES

Last year the School Council approved a prepayment of **charges only** option for those parents that would like to make a lump sum payment at the beginning of the school year; i.e. excursion, incursion, swimming etc charges that are applied throughout the year. This would alleviate counting and handling of cash and will make it easier for families that operate under a cashless budget. Voluntary contributions will remain as in previous years, where there is an expectation parents will be able to pay at the beginning of the school year or on statements issued at the beginning of each term.

As a trial for 2017 the amount has been set at \$100.00 and can be paid either by Direct Debit, EFTPOS or cash at the **beginning** of the 2017 school year. This amount is set and not optional, if you wanted to pre pay charges for the year it would be \$100.00. This amount will be reviewed at the end of next year and will enable the school to ascertain whether it will need to be increased.

If you would like to pay the amount as a Direct Deposit into the School Bank Account please see below for details:

Account Name: Upper Swan Primary School
BSB: 306041
Account Number: 4194582
Reference: **Student Surname and first initial**

If you have any other queries regarding Voluntary Contributions and Charges please do not hesitate to come and see me in Admin. Thanks Wendy

Community News

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