



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.

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NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. All Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students sit the test; meaning children sit NAPLAN twice in primary school and twice in secondary school.

This year's NAPLAN testing takes place next week; on 9, 10 and 11 of May. Friday the 12 May is a 'catch up' day for students who have been absent earlier in the week.

You may have seen this letter put out by a Queensland school last year that sums up the place of NAPLAN very well. I support what the letter says.

The letter was sent to remind their students that no matter how the children "perform" on the day or how they "score in the test" it is not a reflection of whom they are or who they will become as young adults.

It was sent to remind children that they are each, in their own way, *exceptional and unique* and that they deserve to be recognised for that.

The letter said that the test "does not assess all of what makes each of you *exceptional and unique*. It goes on to say: "The people who mark the tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program".

"They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They don't know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that you play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. These attributes cannot be tested."

The principal reassured students that NAPLAN scores "tell you how you did on that day", but "the tests will not tell you everything."

"They can't tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are."

"So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to 'test' all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!"

ANZAC Assembly

Thank you to Miss Black and Mrs Stotter's incredible Year 1 class for the outstanding job they did of presenting our ANZAC Commemorative Assembly. It was terrific to have so many family and community members present to help us mark the occasion.



Staff Changes for Term 2

At the end of term 1 Miss Martin retired. We will see her around from time to time as she fills in for people on leave. Miss Niki Zakarias is now working two days per week in Year 4 with Mr Johnston.

Mrs King is on leave for all of term 2. Mr Michael Cohen will teach four days in the Year 5/6 class.

Mrs Kylie Church has joined us in the Drama specialist role two days per week.

Mrs Jane Spencer, the Education Assistant in Pre Primary, Room 13, was on medical leave in term 1. She is on a graduated return to work as she recovers her health.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

Last year the Education Department gave all public schools a "STEM" kit containing a range of items to assist with the introduction of the updated *Digital Technologies* curriculum. Starting in term 1, each class has been working with at least one resource in the kit. You can ask your children which one they have been using.

Over the next few years we will be building up class sets of these items. School funds will pay for some things and we will be asking our P & C to pay for some. That's why it is always encouraging to see so much support for fundraising activities.

When we became an Independent Public School, a parent survey indicated much interest in providing learning opportunities in robotics and programming. The STEM kit is enabling us to do this.

What is in the STEM Kit?

- Sphero - is a spherical robot toy. It is a white orb wrapped in plastic and can roll around. It is controlled by a smartphone or tablet.
- Scratch Junior - is an introductory programming language that enables young children to create their own interactive stories and games. Children snap together graphical programming blocks to make characters move, jump, dance, and sing.
- Snap On Circuits – electrical circuits.
- Edison – a lego compatible programmable robot.
- Little Bits - is a series of electronic building blocks that snap together with magnets, no soldering, no wiring, no programming is needed. Many different combinations are possible.
- Osmo - is an educational gaming accessory that opens up your iPad to the infinite possibilities as it has reflective artificial intelligence.
- Dash and Dot - are robots that teach children to code while they play. Using apps and a compatible tablet, children learn to code while they make Dash sing, dance and navigate around the room. Sensors on the robot mean they react to the environment around them.

NO PARKING ZONE

Please do not block our neighbour's driveway, it is clearly marked No Standing. No parking on the driveway means the whole length of the driveway, not just where the gate is,

Please park back from the edge of the road so people who are leaving have a clear view of the highway.

Sports Carnivals – Term 2

Friday, 23 June: Winter Sports Interschool Carnival – Mostly Year 5 & Year 6 students
Thursday 29 June: Faction Cross Country from 9:00am.

Toastie Tuesday Dates

Our band of volunteers are on the ball once again with “Toastie Tuesday” happening every second week of Term 2: May 2, 16 and 30. June 13 and 27.

Subway Dates

Friday May 12 and 26. Friday June 9 and 30. (June 30 is the last day of term 2).

No Dogs at School

Due to a few minor incidents at the end of term 1, it is timely to remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on school premises especially during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

Assemblies – Term 2

Friday, 12 May	Year 1/2 Mrs Condo
Friday, 26 May	Year 2 Ms Ireland
Friday, 9 June	Year 3 Mr Anthony
Friday, 23 June	Year 1 Ms Lack
Friday 30 June	Student Council

**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!

Wednesday 17 – Friday 19 May.

HELPERS NEEDED

Contact Kellie 0407 701 120



CommonwealthBank



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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Athena Calisthenics Club – Ellenbrook

There is a flyer attached for a new calisthenics club that is opening in Ellenbrook.



BOOK LAUNCH

This page turning novel follows Welsh surfer, Rhys Evans, who travels to Sri Lanka to escape his girlfriend's infidelity. While there, amongst other adventures, Rhys is attacked by wild dogs, almost eaten by crocodiles, endures jungle surgery without anaesthetic and is held at gunpoint by battle-hardened guerillas. Then, as if this isn't enough, things get a whole lot worse when Rhys' girlfriend pursues him to rekindle their love and they are unwittingly drawn into Sri Lanka's corrupt and frightening underworld to face a thirty year sentence at the island's most notorious prison.

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