



UPPER SWAN PRIMARY 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



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

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 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

Would you like to help at our awesome school?

Please come along to our AGM

When ? 21st Feb at 7.00pm

Where ? in the staff room

\$1 membership to be a member

Office Positions are now open for election President Vice President, Secretary

Come along and be part of the fun.

We have lots of events already in the planning stages.

Bring your new ideas too, we'd love to hear them!

Even if you can help out just once it will make a difference.

Last year we raised around \$20k and let's smash that again this year for our kids!

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

Welcome One and All

I am always inspired by the energy and excitement I see in the early days of the new school year. There is a sense of anticipation that comes with your children finding out who their teacher is and which friends they have in their class. Our teachers have done a lot of voluntary work at home and at school to have their classrooms ready for action. A big thank you to them.

Thanks to all families who brought along all stationery items and made sure your children were in school uniform from day 1.

Our school continues to grow, with our enrolment being 475. That is 32 more than the beginning of last year. I would like to welcome them and their families to our school and wish you all a productive time at our school. I am mindful of the need to keep our school around that number (475) as it is not feasible for us to continue growing as we have in the last three years

School Board – Vacancies

As we are now officially an *Independent Public School*, we have a *School Board*. There are three vacancies for parent representatives.

- 1 x 3 year term
- 1 x 2 year term
- 1 x 1 year term

If you are interested in nominating for any, or all, of these positions, please contact me by phone or email. You are also welcome to drop in for a chat. I am searching for people who may have particular knowledge and skills our school could benefit from such as links to the tertiary education sector, digital technology, financial management, strategic asset planning, community relationships and sponsorship. These skills are not essential, so don't let the list put you off from nominating. If I receive more than three nominations, an election will be held. Nominations are due by 3:30pm on Friday, 17 February.

What Does the School Board Do?

- establish and review the school's *Business Plan* ;
- research, and provide advice on, current issues
- advise and help plan the financial arrangements to achieve the school's objectives;
- evaluate the school's performance in achieving its objectives;
- advising and formulating codes of conduct for students;
- determine the dress code for students;
- promoting the school in the local and wider community and make links between our school and community organisations;
- approve charges and voluntary contributions;
- approve items for student personal use ("booklists");
- approve any agreement the school might make for advertising and sponsorship;
- provide general advice on a range of school policies that are reviewed and developed from time to time.

'Retiring' Board Members

On behalf of the staff and our school community I would like to acknowledge the contributions made by retiring board members Mrs Nicky Ward, Mrs Ingrid Everett and Mrs Theresa Bancroft. All three members were enthusiastic supporters of our school gaining *Independent* status and worked tirelessly reading many documents, researching topics and contributing in many ways to make our school a better place for all children.

I sincerely thank these members for their personal support and their willingness to volunteer their time to make Upper Swan a great school.

Parent Car Park and the Service Road

99% of the time 99% of people use the parent car park and Kiss and Drop area correctly. I thank everyone for showing the patience and courtesy that is needed to keep your children safe and your cars in good shape.

Attached to the newsletter email is **a map showing how the car park works**. Please take a few moments to refresh your memory.

Inside Lane = Bus Lane

Out the front of the school there is no "kerbside lane". The left lane must be kept clear for buses. Please do not drive in the bus lane. Please be patient. Any accident you cause is not worth the one minute you think you might be 'saving'.

Pedestrians are reminded to please use one of the three pathways when entering and exiting the school. Please use the crosswalk near room 11 and do not cut through the car park.

Parking at the Front of the School

Parking is available at the front of the school. If you park out the front you need to come in to the school to meet your children then walk them out to your car. For safety reasons, children are not allowed out the front of the school on their own.

Do not block our neighbour's driveway. He will call the City of Swan Ranger. You will be fined. Please keep to the proper entry and exit points to the gravel car park open.

Exiting on to Great Northern Highway

When leaving from the front of the school, you need to use the access road. **You are not meant to pull out on to the highway directly from the gravel area.** It creates unpredictability for vehicles already on the highway and those trying to leave by the correct means.

Turning Right on to Great Northern Highway

There must be only one car at a time in the centre island. When 'double stacking' occurs, the vision of the first driver is obscured. I don't want anyone guessing if it is safe to go.

At all times the staff car park is out of bounds for parents and children.

Mrs Jane Spencer

Mrs Jane Spencer is one of our terrific Pre Primary assistants. Mrs Spencer is on leave in term 1. We hope to see her back in room 13 in term 2. In the meantime Miss Bedford will work full time in Pre Primary.

Mrs Guy

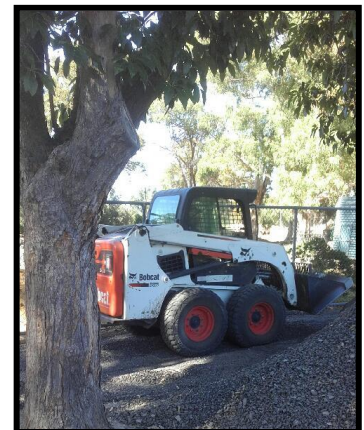
Within the next week Mrs Guy will be taking up the opportunity to be Acting Principal at another school. Her initial appointment is to the end of term 1. There is a possibility of the appointment being extended. I commend Mrs Guy for taking the "leap of faith" that is required to extend and challenge her. Melissa has made an enormous contribution to our school. All that she has done, and continues to do, at Upper Swan will stand her in good stead.

Faction Polos

As we have now upgraded our faction shirts to be sun-smart polos, your children are welcome to wear them on days they have physical education classes and sport.

Upgraded Path

During the holidays, on one extremely hot Saturday, our resourceful superman, Lex Stowell (gardener) put together a team a champions to upgrade the path on the south side of the parent car park. The whole thing was made possible by the generosity of one of our family members, Mr John Donovan. If it wasn't for John's willingness to help us out with his earthmoving equipment, the job would not have happened. We also had assistance from our neighbour, Kevin, and his brother, Neville. It is a great improvement on what we had. Just obey the cheeky signs that were put up!



Staff Line Up

Kindy: Mrs Casilli + Mrs Myers (EA)

Kindy + Kindy: Mrs Harrington-Tighe + Mrs Jefferies + Mrs Liddle (EA) + Mrs Lyon (EA)

Pre Primary: Mrs Hocking + Mrs Green + Mrs Power (EA) + Mrs Lyon (EA) + Mrs Burghall (EA)

Pre Primary: Miss Dhue + Mrs Casilli + Mrs Brooks (EA) + Mrs Hampshire (EA) + Mrs Myers (EA)

Pre Primary: Miss Mc Kerchar + Mrs Melican + Miss Bedford (EA)

Year 1: Ms Lack – Mrs Fenton-Bodis (EA)

Year 1: Miss Black + Mrs Stotter – Mrs Fenton-Bodis (EA)

Year 1/2: Mrs Condo + Mrs Holman (EA)

Year 2: Mrs Shambrook + Mrs Skehan – Mrs Harkins (EA)

Year 2: Ms Ireland – Mrs Fenton-Bodis, Mrs Stewart (EA)

Year 3: Ms Poulter + Mrs Spencer

Year 3: Mr Anthony

Year 3: Ms McGarry + Mrs Harkins (EA)

Year 4: Mr Johnston + Miss Martin + Mrs Fenton-Bodis (EA)

Year 4: Miss Reichenberg + Mrs Holman (EA)

Year 4/5: Mrs Slater

Year 5: Mrs Holmes

Year 5/6: Mrs King + Mr Probert

Year 6: Miss Kongras + Mrs Stewart (EA)

Drama: Miss Zakarias (term 1)

Music + Physical Education: Mr Taylor

Visual Arts: Mrs Cepo

Languages (Mandarin): Mrs Anna (Hui) Li

Literacy Support – Mrs Campbell, Mrs Minus and Mrs Sedgeman (EA's)

Term Dates

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Feb	6 Swimming Lessons Years 4, 5 and 6	7 Staff meeting 3:15-4:15 pm	8	9	10 Assembly: Student Council
3 Feb	13 On Entry Assessments PP-2 Swimming Lessons Years 4, 5 and 6	14	15	16	17 Subway Lunch
4 Feb	20	21	22 Staff meeting 3:15-4:45 pm	23	24 Assembly: Student Council
5 March	27	28	1	2	3 Subway Lunch
6 March	6 Labour Day Holiday	7 Staff meeting 3:15-4:45 pm	8	9	10 Assembly – Year 5 Room 12 Mrs Holmes
7 March	13	14	15	16	17 Subway Lunch
8 March	20	21 Harmony Day	22 Staff meeting 3:15-4:45 pm	23	24 Assembly – Year 2 Room 4 Mrs Skehan & Mrs Shambrook
9 March/ April	27	28	29	30	31
10 April	3	4	5	6	7 Assembly – Year 3 Room 1 Ms Poulter & Mrs Spencer Subway Lunch Last Day of Term 2

“Heat Rule”

The Department of Education does not have a *heat rule*. We have our own *heat rule* that kicks in when the temperature hits 35 degrees. {I reference RAAF Pearce to get the temperature.} Once the gauge hits 35 your children are kept indoors. This includes lunch time, physical education classes and sport. We are a **crunch and sip** school, meaning your children are allowed to have water bottles in class that can be refilled when necessary.

Ellenbrook Netball Association

The 2017 Netball Season is near. We have Net-set-go (Year 2 to Year 4) and full rules for Year 5 and Year 6 right through secondary school then to our ladies' teams.

New and experienced players are all welcome to join ENA. We train Thursdays at Coolamon and play on Saturdays in Midvale.

Registration days at Coolamon oval/courts clubrooms.

- Saturday 11th February 1pm to 3pm
- Sunday 12th February 9am to 12pm.

Or contact our club President Kelli Kilmurray: ellenbrooknc@gmail.com

Community News

Paid Advertisements – if you wish to advertise in newsletter, the cost is \$5.50 per week.

Other Avenues Collectables

We stock an everchanging range of vintage, retro, antique, secondhand & garden pieces. We sell all kinds of 'wonderful' to reflect your individual style



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