



Upper Swan Primary School

An Independent Public

"Children are the Future"

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3

15 May 2020

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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School Development Day—Students Do Not attend
Friday 29 May

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent/caregivers

We are very pleased to have almost all of our students at school. We have averaged between 90% – 92% attendance this week. Students are generally settling into school routines and have continued with the 'new normal' regarding health and hygiene measures.

If your child is experiencing some difficulty returning to school, please see the resources Mrs Slater posted on Connect on May 8. Please contact Mrs Slater if your child requires additional assistance to return to school.

It is really important, possibly now more than ever, students maintain regular attendance and schooling routines. Starting the day by arriving on time is an important part of the social and 'settling into the day's learning' routine.

Ensuring appointments are made out of school hours whenever possible is another important part of supporting continuity of learning. Of course if your child is sick they must stay at home. Thank you.

Please find the latest COVID-19 Update from Dr Andy Robertson – Chief Health Officer with this newsletter.

Arrangements for Schooling from Week 4

Compulsory Attendance

As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students **medically referred** to learn from home.

This means students are either:

- at school;
- have a medical referral to learn from home; or
- recorded as absent if they do not attend.

For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school, we will work with you in partnership with the School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to support your child's learning from home. If you feel your child is in this category, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will work together on next steps.

If your child does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program.

Parents and Non-Essential Visitors Remain off School Site

At USPS we will continue with our current drop-off and pick-up arrangements with some fine tuning and adjustments. Please refer to the information on Connect Notices – *Term 2 – Detailed Information* if you would like further clarification. This was posted on Sunday 26 April. Thank you for the courtesy and understanding shown by parents and families.

K – P Drop Off and Pick - Up

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students will continue to finish school earlier than normal at 2.30pm. Students will be escorted to the K and PP Kiss and Drop Area to be collected by their parents **from 2.35pm**. If your Kindergarten or Pre-Primary child has an older sibling, they too can be collected from this area from 2.35pm. The gate to the K–PP Kiss and Drop cannot continue to be opened significantly ahead of the pick-up time as staff members must attend to other duties at his time. The gate will be opened at 2.25pm. USPS recommends K and PP parents arrive from 2.30pm. Thank you for your support.

Families with students in Years 1-6, please continue to use the existing *Kiss and Drop* at the usual drop of and pick up times. Thank you for arriving from 2.50pm.

A map to help explain the *drop off* and *pick-up* has been included in this newsletter for your reference. Thank you to Allan Mayes for producing this.

Assemblies

School assemblies provide an opportunity for acknowledgement of achievements and celebration of school culture. The school will be streaming assemblies to classrooms for the foreseeable future. Award winner's photographs will continue to be posted on the school Facebook page for parents to see. Classroom Teachers will contact parents if their child is receiving a *Merit Certificate* or *Aussie of the Month Award*. Assemblies cannot be viewed beyond the school due to privacy and safety protocols. Thank you for your understanding.

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports will look different this year. Details about Upper Swan Primary School reports will be forwarded to you in the near future.

Interschool Winter Carnival

Unfortunately, the *Interschool Winter Carnival*, originally timetabled for Week 10 cannot go ahead. Information will be sent out regarding the (school and interschool) Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals planned for later in the year, as soon as it is available.

All Things Bright and Beautiful – A Celebration of Happiness and Returning to School

Our celebration of happiness and returning to school was very well supported. Rainbows, footy colours and high visibility clothing were all in the range of colourful garments worn last Thursday.



Thank you

Allan Mayes and his father-in-law used part of their weekend to lay the pavers purchased by USPS families through the P&C. Thank you to the P&C and thank you to both gentlemen.

Thank you to Travis James who brought his chainsaw to remove a troublesome branch in the slip road. Appreciated by all.



Thank you to everyone who has been considerate, kind, happy, patient, friendly, thoughtful and so much more.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our staff who continue to do all that they can to ensure quality teaching and learning, health and hygiene and providing a secure and predictable environment for Upper Swan students. The additional measures all staff are taking is acknowledged and appreciated.

Pre-Primary Enrolments – 2021

Enrolment for Pre-Primary is not automatic. Kindergarten students must be enrolled for Pre-Primary. Next week (Week 4) Kindergarten students will have enrolment information in an envelope in their school bag. Pre-Primary enrolments for 2021 close on 24 May 2020.

School Board Position available for Parent Representative

We are very keen to fill the remaining Parent Representative position on the School Board. The position is for one year. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 9296 4622 or by email Pamela.Hahnel@education.wa.edu.au.

The School Board is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents, staff and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by the school. The School Board currently meets the 3rd Monday of each term at 3.30pm.

The Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct are available on the [school's website](#).

[Click here](#) to view the Public Schools and Boards Information Package.

Additional information is available at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/school-councils-boards>.

Water Bottles

Students can't drink directly from water fountains. Please make sure your child brings a labelled drink bottle to school each day. Thank you.



Ms Pam Hahnel
Principal

MERIT AWARDS



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harrison	Kupa	Isla	Nyla	Hudson	Caitlyn
Roxy	Kayla	Jari	Ella	Ashlyn	Jack
	Kou	Levi	Liam	Chalise	Harvey
	Calais	Cooper		Sienna	Lina

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Accounts

If your child has credit on their account, you would have received a phone call or email requesting bank details for a refund.

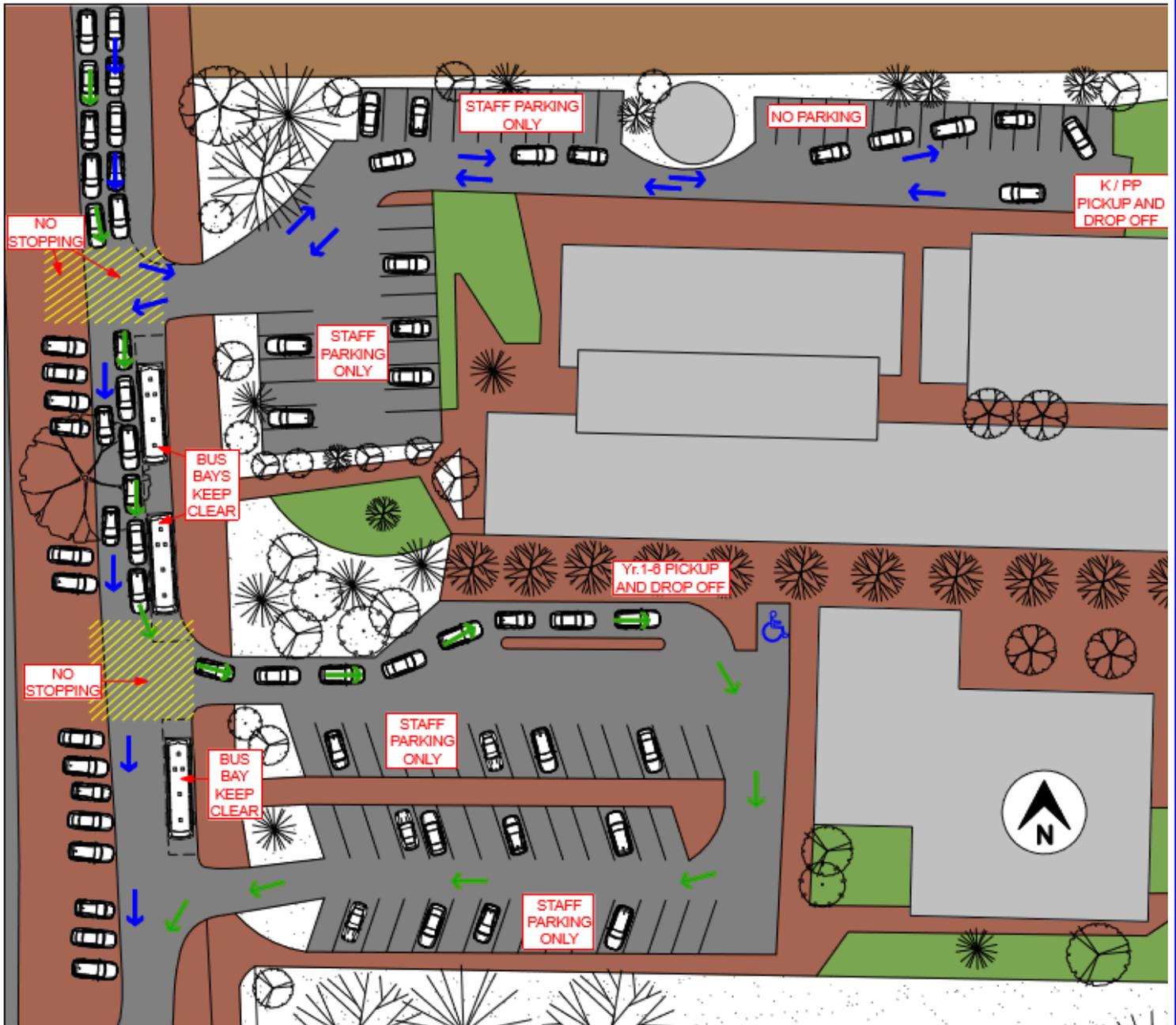
The school is required to check and clear unallocated credit on student accounts where possible on a monthly basis.

As requested please email your details to Upperswan.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC FLOW MAP

KINDY & PRE-PRIMARY PICK UP AND DROP OFF, FOLLOW BLUE ARROWS

YEAR 1-6 PICK UP AND DROP OFF, FOLLOW GREEN ARROWS



Kindergarten

2021

Children born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017 are eligible to attend Kindergarten next year.

Limited places are available.

Application forms are available on our school website www.upperswanps.wa.edu.au.

Please Note: The submission of applications is via email or by placing them in the mail box at the front of the school. No applications will be accepted via the front office due to current access restrictions.

Applications Close Friday 24 July 2020

Upper Swan Primary School 9296 4622





Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear parents and students

Updated Advice from the Chief Health Officer

Schools have now been open for students since the commencement of Term 2 and I am very encouraged by the way the school community, parents and students are caring for their health and attending school in a responsible way. This is building community confidence in the safety of our schools with the overall attendance rate reaching over 82%.

WA recently recorded 14 days with only 2 reported cases, both of whom were rapidly identified and are in isolation. With over 56,000 negative tests and only 7 active cases, there is no evidence of community transmission.

The WA State Government has recently announced further decisions about the easing of restrictions in our state as part of a phased approach in the management of the pandemic. These decisions have been based on public health advice and will continue to be carefully monitored in the weeks ahead.

Public health measures already in place to protect the community will remain a focus during this time, including broad testing, comprehensive contact tracing when a case is identified, isolation and quarantine measures where required, and education about social distancing and hand hygiene. Plans remain in place to ensure immediate response to any reported infections in the school setting when needed to prevent the spread of any illness.

I continue to recommend that schools should remain open to all students and families should be encouraged to return their children to the classroom. If your child is more vulnerable due to health problems or you have a vulnerable adult living in your home, then I would recommend seeking advice from your specialist medical practitioner as to whether returning to school remains the best option for you.

We need to remain diligent during this time and I encourage you to please make sure you keep your child home if they are unwell and, if you or your child have fever, cough or cold symptoms, get tested for COVID-19. We should all continue to follow the social distancing guidelines when interacting with other parents, teachers and school staff.

Thank you again for your leadership and support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

DR ANDY ROBERTSON

Chief Health Officer

May 2020