

# **Upper Swan Primary School**

An Independent Public School "Children are the Future"

# Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10

1 July 2019

# **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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# **Upcoming Events**

Faction Cross Country Tues 2 July

P&C Subway Lunch Fri 5 July

Reports Emailed Tue 2 July

Ellenbrook SC Band Performance Years 1—6 Thurs 4 July

Assembly
Fri 5 July
Student Council

Free Dress Day
Wear your team's colours
Fri 5 July

Last Day Term 2 Fri 5 July

P&C Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Ellenbrook Sun 21 July

Students Return Term 3 Tue 23 July

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Farewell to Upper Swan Icons Karen Lee

Karen Lee is synonymous with Upper Swan Primary School. She is a local who loves the school. Like so many others who work here, Karen has made the school a part of her life and in doing so, has made a significant personal and professional contribution. Karen has recently made one of life's big decisions – she is going to take some well-earned leave and then retire later this year. I am sure the broader school community will join with her colleagues in wishing Karen all the very best.



Karen's last day before she takes leave is this Tuesday.

#### Maureen Campbell

While Maureen Campbell's official retirement date (and celebration) was a little while back, this week Maureen's colleagues will be farewelling her with a special morning tea. Maureen will receive a service medal (on behalf of the Director General of Education – Lisa Rodgers). This medal is in recognition of her career and contribution to education in WA, spanning thirty-six years. Twenty-eight years of her service have been at



Upper Swan. Maureen has worked with countless students in both the Early Childhood and Junior Primary areas of the school as an Education Assistant. Thank you to Maureen for her dedication and passion for supporting children.

#### Don't forget - AFL Dress Up Day Fundraiser - This Friday 5 July

On the last day of term – 5 July, students (and staff) are invited to wear their favourite team's colours. It will only cost a gold coin donation to do so. All the proceeds will go toward the Year 6 Graduation. Funds raised will help pay for extras for the graduation such as a photo booth and graduation cake.

Not a football fan? That's OK too – you can wear your team's colours no matter what sport you're 'into'. I'm hoping to see some Matilda's, some Australian cricketers or perhaps Ash Barty fans in the mix!

#### Early Childhood Fun and Learning

Our Early Childhood Education area is full of friendship, fun and learning. Mrs Thomas has shared some examples of learning and fun from Room 13. These lovely photos show just how much fun learning is.





The children love using the Lego blocks to sound and spell cvc (consonant-vowel-consonant) words.





We finished our unit of work based on 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by planning and designing a parachute as an alternative way for Jack to travel down from the top of the beanstalk.







We have started the Three Billy Goats Gruff, and retelling the story with pop stick puppets, using the bridge just outside our room. FUN FUN!!

I look forward to sharing more examples of excellence in teaching and learning next term which is a feature of every Upper Swan Early Childhood Education classroom!

#### School Development Day – Monday 22 July – No school for students!

Classroom and Specialist Teachers along with Education Assistants will be involved in School Development activities on Monday 22 July. Students start Term 3 on Tuesday 23 July.

#### And Finally.....

Stephen Green will be on leave throughout Term 3. I am working to maintain continuity with current staffing arrangements for classes. When I am able to provide definite confirmation of staffing for Term 3 I will be in contact with parents of classes this concerns. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

On behalf of the staff I wish all students a very safe and happy break. We look forward to seeing everyone, bright-eyed and ready for action on Tuesday 23 July.

Ms Pam Hahnel Principal

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Cross Country**

The order of events for the Faction Cross Country race on Tuesday 2 July is as follows:

Year 6	12.00pm
Year 5	12.15pm
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Year 4	12.30pm
Year 3	12.45 – 1pm
Year 2	2.00pm
Year 1	2.15pm

These time are approximate depending on the time taken for each event to be completed.

Mr Taylor will contact volunteers to discuss/confirm availability.

# Andrew Taylor and Pam Hahnel Sports Teacher and Principal

#### Cyber Safety

Thank you to all parents who attended the Cyber Safety Parent Information session.

For those of you who couldn't make it and would like more information, you may like to visit the site below.



Email: Upperswan.ps@education.wa.edu.au

https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents for skills and advice.

What parents and carers need to know, including online safety basics, good habits start young, the hard-to-have conversations and privacy and your child.

#### Semester 1 Student Reports

Semester 1 student reports will be emailed to parent/guardians of students tomorrow, Tuesday 2 July.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> your child's report link will only be <u>valid for 4</u> <u>weeks</u>, you are required to download and save the PDF to another source to be able to access them at a later date.

If you are not receiving correspondence currently via email from Upper Swan Primary School, please update your email address at the front office at your earliest convenience.



All reports will be accompanied by a 'Position Report' for your child. This is an extra report provided by the school for your information.

If your child requires their report to be sent to two different email addresses, please let us know by June 1st.

#### Influenza

We have had a few confirmed cases of influenza throughout the school.

For more information regarding influenza please click on the link below.

https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F\_I/Flu-influenza

#### 2020 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2020 are now open.

Children born between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016 are eligible to attend Kindergarten next year.

Limited places are available.

**Applications Close Friday 26 July 2019** 



Email: Upperswan.ps@education.wa.edu.au

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

If you would like to advertise in the school newsletter for a small fee, please email upperswan.ps@educaiton.wa.edu.au

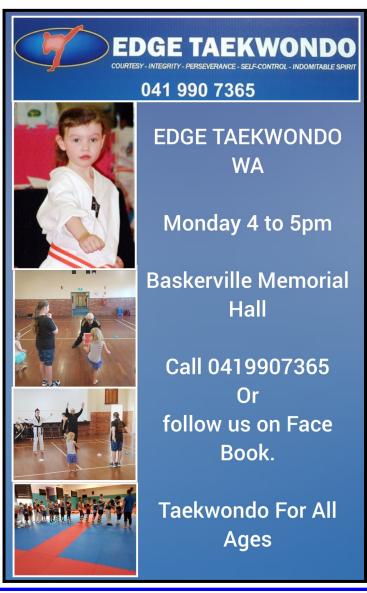
# Middle Swan Dental Therapy Centre School Holiday Opening Hours

This clinic will be **OPEN** 08/07, 09/07, 10/07 and from the 15/07 until the 19/07.

In case of emergency on the 11/7 and 12/7 please call: Guildford Dental Therapy Centre- 92795869

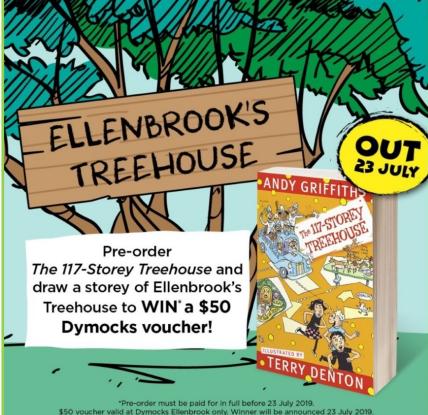
For emergencies on any other days please call 1800 098 818.

Have a safe and happy holidays. Middle Swan Dental Therapy Staff



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To celebrate the release of 'The 117-Storey Treehouse' we're having a competition for kids to design

Ellenbrook's Treehouse.

To enter visit us at Dymocks Ellenbrook, pre-order and pre-pay for your copy of 'The 117- Storey Treehouse and we'll give you an entry form. On the form there's space to draw your design and write a few lines to describe it.

The best design will receive a \$50 Dymocks voucher to use at our store.

**Entries close 22/07/19.**