



# Upper Swan Primary School

An Independent Public School

## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3

13 May 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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Years 3 and 5  
Tue 14—24 May

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Fri 17 May

**Assembly** Fri 24 May  
Room 17, Year 3

**School Board Meeting**  
Mon 27 May

**P&C Pie and Toastie Day** Wed 29 May

**Assembly** Thurs 30 May  
Room 7, Year 1

**School Development Day** (Students do not attend) Fri 31 May

**Public Holiday**  
Mon 3 June

**Kindy Screenings**  
Tue 4 to Mon 10 June

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 has started with enthusiasm, energy, community spirit and great learning opportunities across the school. Walking through common areas, around play grounds and into classrooms confirms the positive behaviour, courtesy and friendliness of our students. This reflects a great team effort from families, staff and students. Congratulations Upper Swan.

#### Stephen Green

The whole school participated in a *Green Day* on Friday 3 May. This was the 'brainchild' of Jolene Crosswell. Jolene and Karina Begley took photos and videos to capture the support for Stephen Green as he continues his recovery from cancer. It was very well supported and videos and photos have been collated to send to Stephen as a show of support. Some are on Facebook too if you would like to have a look. This was a fabulous idea – thank you to Jolene and Karina

Mr Green reports his treatment is impacting positively and that markers of his cancer have shown improvement. This means he is on track to progress to the next stage in his treatment which he is very pleased about. Stephen has also sent his thanks to everyone who over the last three months has sent a positive message or made some type of contact.

*"I am convinced you have made a massive difference... This has played a significant role in the success of my treatment."*



### Meet Oscar! He wore green too.

Miss Jess Black and her partner Kyle welcomed their new son Oscar on 12 April. This was the last day of Term 1. Oscar proudly wore green on Green Day which delighted students at the May 3 assembly.



### NAPLAN – This week

Students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) this week along with Year 3, 5 7 and 9 across Australia. Students will take part in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar) and Mathematics tests.

While Year 3 Writing is completed using a pencil and paper, Year 5 students complete the writing Test using iPads. All other NAPLAN tests are on-line. These tests differ to the pencil and paper format (from earlier years) in that the test items presented to each student are modified, depending on the student's responses. More information can be found at <https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

### Parent and Teacher Meetings

Parent and Teacher Meetings took place on 10 April 2019. This was a great success and we thank parents for their partnership and support. Parent and Teacher Meetings for **Rooms 3 and 6 will be held on 17 May**. Online bookings via *Trybooking* are available now via the link sent to Room 3 and 6 parents.

### Year 6 Graduation 2019 - Save the Date

Mandoon Estate has been booked for the evening of **Tuesday 10 December** for the Year 6 Graduation. Thank you to Rhonda Bowman who volunteered to research options. She did a fabulous, thorough job to find the best option. We thank her most sincerely. While families will pay for the cost of the meal, it is anticipated fund raising will be utilised to pay for additional items such as decorations and a photo booth.

Many parents of Year 6 students expressed an interest in helping with the graduation. **If you are a Year 6 parent and would like to coordinate (or help with) fundraising please contact the office by Friday 17 May.** Once it is established how much money has been raised other parents will be invited to be involved in decorations etc. Thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm.

### School Chaplain

Our School Chaplain Mrs Noelene Mercer has recently accepted a position at the *Dalat International School* in Penang. While we will be very sad to farewell Mrs Mercer we are very excited for her as she and her husband embark on this new 'life adventure'. Mrs Mercer's last day will be on 11 June. I will be working with Anglicare to secure a suitable replacement School Chaplain and will keep the school community informed.

### Car Park and Kiss and Drop Changes

The *Car Park and Kiss and Drop Improvements* are managed by a Senior Project Officer from *Capital Works and Maintenance* in the Department of Education. The project has two broad aspects – the Kiss and Drop to be moved to the front of the school and then the improvements to the carpark will take place.



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### *Kiss and Drop*

- This will be relocated to the front of the school.
- Stage 1 includes the consolidation of bus bays so there is one instead of the current three.
- The bus timetable will be slightly adjusted so only one bus at a time is timetabled to be at the school.
- Line marking will indicate the bus bay and Kiss and Drop area – where the current second bus bay is located.
- Some additional signage has, and will be, erected.
- Additional plans show two turning lanes moving out of the slipway rather than the current one.

***Meanwhile please remember...***



***..thank you.***

### **Maintenance and Improvement**

Most visitors to Upper Swan Primary School comment on how nice the surrounds and environment is. However the school does require ongoing maintenance and care so we are continuing to improve and upgrade the grounds and buildings throughout 2019. It's not always obvious what is going on across the whole school if you only visit or frequent one area. You may be interested in the following maintenance and improvements were undertaken in Term 1:

- Early Childhood and Junior Playground upright posts replaced
- Early Childhood, Junior Playground (x2) and Spider sandpits have been filtered/cleaned and topped up with 'fresh' sand.
- Early Childhood Area – clean up and enhancement.
- Ceiling in senior girls' toilet replaced.
- Carpet replacement in Rooms 9 and 12.
- Sinks and benches removed to accommodate storage and furniture in Rooms 1 and 8.
- Brick paving relaid (outside the undercover area entrance and behind the undercover area).
- Cabinetry in the front office area.

*Abundant clean white sand '*



*'Just like snow. I love it,' commented one student as they dug their way towards Antarctica!*



### Music Room Improvements

On Thursday (9 May) work commenced on replacing the ceilings, insulation and tie-downs on the Music Room. The work is expected to take between 1 and 2 weeks. Meanwhile I am hopeful other improvements to this room will commence shortly.

Other work anticipated in Term 2:

- New PA installed
- Additional areas of paving re-laid.
- Additional improvements to the Music Room
- Senior Playground improvement
- Junior Nature Play area work progressed (with the support of the P & C and some mighty clever dads).

### Furniture – Free or Make a Donation – You Choose!

Over the next 2 to 3 weeks used furniture such as adult desks, student desks, chairs and sets of storage drawers will be placed in the breezeway between the Junior Primary Block and the Administration Block. Please take what you would like – it is free. However, if you would like to make a small donation (\$1, \$2, \$5 or \$10) you can do so at the office.



### Year 4 Incursion

Last Wednesday, Year Four students took part in Scitech's 'Nature's Ninjas' incursion as part of their studies in Biological & Earth and Space Science.

Students participated in a live show where they learnt all about the survival skills of various animals such as the hagfish which produces slime to make a slippery exit when attacked by predators.

Students then collected and analysed soil samples. After swabbing agar dishes with a small sample of the soil, students will, over the next two weeks, watch the smallest of living things grow-microbes!



It was a fantastic day with lots of hands on learning!



### Mothers' Day Stall - Thank you to our P & C

It was delightful to see students choosing a gift for their mum last Friday at the Mothers' Day Stall. The stall was a little different this year – teachers brought their classes to the stall during the morning rather than the sales taking place before school. Thanks to our staff for their flexibility and of course to the P & C volunteers: Misty, Jolene, Dorothy and Donna who made it all happen! We hope mums everywhere had a lovely Mothers' Day.



**Ms Pam Hahnel**  
**Principal**



## MERIT AWARDS



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Cody	Molly	Allison	Taj	Eric	Mikaela
Jye	Lara	Leonardo	Jordan	Tyler	Max
Santiago	Dexter	Lucas	Jacob	Jack	Kayla
	Jari	Jayden	Ben	Hallie	Makaela
	Cooper	Ethan	Chase		Noah
	Olivia				

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Student Updates

Student update forms and student accounts are being posted out to all families, over the next couple of weeks. Year 1 to year 6 families will also receive New Online Services and Permission to Publish agreements which need to be signed and returned to the school at your earliest convenience.

It is very important that the school has up to date contact information, especially when an emergency arises.

Payment for accounts can be made the following ways: *EFTPOS, Credit Card, Cash, Direct Deposit* BSB: 306 041 Account: 4194582 Please include your child/children's surname, initial and what you are paying for.

## 2020 Enrollments

*Enrollments for 2020 are now open.*

Our current Kindy students will receive an Enrolment Application pack from their classroom teacher this week.

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**

## **Waste Free Wednesday Reboot.**

*Did you know that we are slowly running out of landfill sites in Australia?*

Researchers predict that in 47 years we won't have any options for our landfill.

At Upper Swan we are trying to do our bit by educating our school community on the importance of reducing our waste and recycling/reusing where we can. Can you imagine how much waste we create in our classrooms? In fact every class usually fills one black bin bag of general waste every day. 19 classrooms can create 95 bags of rubbish a week, that's 3800 bags of rubbish in a year! That's a lot of rubbish, even after we feed the chooks, worms and recycle our paper waste.

This concerned many of us so we have sent out a call to all classes to reduce our rubbish:

Each class has been given a small bucket to be their general rubbish bin for the day on Wednesdays. Classes have been challenged to limit waste (including recess and lunch time waste) to that one small bucket. Successful classes will receive a certificate of their 'Eco Warrior Success' and go into the draw to be the W.F.W Champions for the fortnight.

We would appreciate your support to reduce the waste generated from our snacks and lunches. One example for you to consider: Arnotts Shapes – buying the bag of pre-packaged serves can create 15 pieces of rubbish.

Buying a box and then putting serves in a container only creates two pieces of rubbish, one of which, the Cardboard box, can be recycled.

*Let's be the Eco Warriors of the Swan Valley.*





## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### PEOPLE AT PLACE

Wednesday, May 22  
6.30pm - 8pm  
Ellenbrook Library Sun Room  
and cafe space,  
90 Main Street, Ellenbrook

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**FREE!**

### PEOPLE AT PLACE


The key to a thriving community is staying connected. Come along and meet your local community groups and not for profit organisations.

The event, hosted by the Friends of the Western Swamp Tortoise, will be an opportunity to:

- Connect and network with other community members and groups and enjoy a light supper
- Share information and promote other initiatives community members can become involved in.
- Learn about the Friends of the Western Swamp Tortoise, the programs they run and their upcoming events
- Hear from special guests including Dave Blyton, Branch Manager Ellenbrook Bendigo Bank

The People at Place series is aimed at individuals looking to meet new people, and for new and established community groups to share and celebrate their achievements.

For further information or to RSVP, please email  
[CDEllenbrook@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:CDEllenbrook@swan.wa.gov.au)




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Group Inc.



**Open Friday  
9am – 11am**

Activity Room 2  
Ethel Warren Bullsbrook  
Community Centre  
Maroubra Avenue  
Bullsbrook, WA 6084

f Pearce Community Toy Library  
& Social Group  
E: [pctls@gmail.com](mailto:pctls@gmail.com)  
W: <http://pearce.mibase.com.au>

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**UPPER SWAN  
RUNNING  
CLUB**

Join us to start  
training for your  
cross country NOW!

Meet fellow runners,  
have fun, improve  
your running technique  
and posture





Every Wednesday  
15 May - 3 July 2019  
3.15 - 4pm  
School oval

Early-bird  
registration fee:  
\$96/child  
(if paid by 15 May)

Late registration fee:  
\$106/child  
(if paid after 16 May)

To register, text  
"UPPER SWAN" to:  
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**Want to help prepare children for  
emergencies?**

Are you interested in helping school children in years 3 and 4 learn about getting ready for emergencies?

Become a part of a network of volunteers that deliver a fun and engaging Pillowcase Project lesson teaching students how to make an emergency kit and really make a difference.

**You can apply here**

<http://volunteering.redcross.org.au/cw/en/job/494075/volunteer-pillowcase-project-presenter-wa>

For more information  
contact the Red Cross on  
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COMMUNITY SAFETY

# School road safety guide



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## Research suggests children develop their road safety behaviour and attitudes as young as three years of age

Most parents know that children are very keen to learn at this age, but may not consider how driving habits may influence their child's future attitudes and behaviour to road safety.



### What can you do to help?

There are a number of things that parents and guardians can do to ensure the safety of children within school zones. These include:

- Always be aware of children - both yours and others
- Encourage walking or cycling to school to drop off or collect children
- Plan your trip so you arrive with time to spare in case you have to walk a distance
- Use pick up/set down areas where possible
- Be aware of any speed and/or parking restrictions and adhere to them
- Use crosswalks at all times
- Drive, park and behave responsibly – saving a couple of minutes is not worth the risk



### What are the restrictions around schools?

#### School zones 40km/h

Main Roads WA has speed zones applicable to roads located around schools. The 40km/h school zones contribute to reduce risks for school aged children.



School zones are applicable from 7.30-9am and 2.30-4pm during terms and speeding penalties may apply.

WA Police are responsible for enforcement of these restrictions and requests for attendance can be made via **131 444**.

#### Sign restrictions

Vehicles should not stop, park, drop off or pick up children at all where sign restrictions are in place.



**No Stopping** signs consist of a red 'S' in a circle with a line through it.



**No Parking** signs consist of a red 'P' in a circle with a line through it.



**Bus Zones** prohibit vehicles stopping within 20m of the approach side and 10m of the departure side of a bus stop.





### Traffic Warden crossings

Children's crossings provide the highest level of protection of all crossing types. Trained and equipped traffic wardens operate the crossing and traffic is controlled by stop banners held by the warden.

When using this type of crossing you should:

- Stop back from the edge of the kerb
- Wait for the Traffic Warden to blow the whistle for you to cross

- Keep your eyes on the traffic and Warden while crossing
- If you are on a bike, skateboard or scooter, wheel or carry it across the roads

Enquiries for Traffic Warden crossings should be directed to the school in the first instance.



### Footpaths

Footpaths are considered any area which is intended to be used for the safe passage of pedestrians, including those requiring wheelchairs or parents with prams. Parking is not permitted at any time on a footpath. Additionally, vehicles are not permitted to obstruct a carriageway, intersection, crossing or a private drive, crossover, passage or right of way.

### Safe drop off and pick up

Always endeavour to park a vehicle so children can enter or exit at the kerb and ensure your vehicle is facing the same way as the direction of traffic flow.

### Verge parking

Verge parking within the City is generally regulated with signage. Where no signage is in place, permission from the adjacent land owner/occupier is required in order to park on their verge.

### Crossings

A pedestrian crossing is a regulatory device that requires the Commissioner of Main Roads approval to install or modify. They are broken lines painted on the road together with a

walking legs sign on each side of the road on the approach side of the crossing. These crossings impose a mandatory *No Stopping* prohibition of 20m on the approach side and 10m on the leaving side of the crossing.

- Always use crossings when available
- Walk up to the crossing
- Stop, look and listen
- Think
- Keep looking and listening while crossing
- Do not run, ride or skate across

### School buses

Studies of children commuting to school in Western Australia have consistently shown that children are most at risk when they are entering and exiting buses. When in close proximity to buses in school areas please ensure you:

- Stand back until the bus has stopped within its desired parking area
- Wait until the bus has moved away before you attempt to make a crossing within close proximity





### **Fines and penalties**

The City of Swan enforces parking restrictions around schools and has a dedicated annual program.

Our School Parking program commences in Term 1 each year and the City endeavours to educate drivers prior to enforcement action.

Officers will patrol schools, take photographs of vehicles parked incorrectly and infringement notices are then issued to the registered vehicle owner.

For a current list of modified penalties, please refer to the City's website.

You may be issued an infringement if you:

- Stop or park on the footpath
- Stop or park on a verge without consent
- Park in a *No Parking* area
- Stop in a *No Stopping* area
- Park to obstruct an intersection
- Park vehicle facing the wrong way
- Park to obstruct a driveway, accessway or crossing
- Park on a median strip
- Double park
- Park in a *Bus Zone*

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