



Upper Swan Primary School

An Independent Public
"Children are the Future"

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3

28 October 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

Year 6 Camp
Wed 30 Oct—Fri 1 Nov

P&C Subway Lunch
Fri 1 Nov

P&C Quiz Night
Sat 2 Nov

Assembly
Room 2—Fri 8 Nov

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for sending your fabulous children to school with hats, in uniform, with their 'crunch and sip' and great attitude towards school and learning, to start Term 4.

World Teachers' Day

25 October was World Teachers' Day. Thank you to our teachers and education assistants who devote a very significant part of their lives to being the very best they can be, for the children who attend this school. Thank you too, to our office staff, cleaners and gardener, all who play an important part in making Upper Swan Primary School a great school.



Fair, Honest, Safe and Kind

Thank you to Ms Kongras for organizing the signage for the primary section of the school. The signs promote the attributes we value – being fair, honest, safe and kind.



Cup Cake Mania

Another Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser...and more amazing support. Thank you. This photo shows the queues of students keen to purchase a cup cake on Thursday morning.



Thank you to the Year 6 parents and students for baking the cakes, Mrs Hartman and Mrs McDonald, our Year 6 students and Mrs Kerry, Mrs Slater, Ms Kongras and Mrs Holmes for making sure it all happened at recess and again at lunch time.

Parents - Please Consider Nominating for the School Board

Our School Board is seeking nominations for **three** Parent Representatives. One position will be for a term of 1 year for 2020 and two positions will be for 3 years 2020-2022.

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 Tuesday 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>.

If you wish to nominate to serve on the Board, please notify me by email (Pamela.Hahnel@education.wa.edu.au) by Friday 1 November in order to be considered.

Please note – should there be more than one nomination an election will be held.

Please do not hesitate to contact our School Board Chair David Jeffs (kyliejeffs@aol.com) or me if you would like more information.

After School – Supervision of Children

I sincerely urge you to directly supervise your children if you are at the school after dismissal by teachers. Unfortunately, there has been equipment not used respectfully, children injured without a supervising adult being aware, children 'lost' and some quite unruly and frankly unsafe behaviour.

After hours is utilised by teachers for their out-of-hours preparation and meetings and it is not fair on them, nor is it safe, when children are shouting and running around buildings.

Thank you for your cooperation by directly supervising children after school.

PARENTS

Children need to be supervised at all times.

Know where your child is.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs Year 7 2021

Applications are now open for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs for students entering Year 7 in 2021. While applications don't close until February 9 2020 you may wish to access information about the programs that are offered, parent information sessions (currently being held) and more, via this link <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented>

Teaching Practicum Students

We are very pleased to be hosting a number of Pre-service teachers from Murdoch and Edith Cowan and Universities. They will gain a great deal from this experience at Upper Swan.

Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

Attached to this newsletter is information about Triple P hosted by Anne Hamersley Primary School. The Education Department has committed to providing opportunities for parents to access Triple P. If you are interested, please see the flyer on page 6 of this newsletter.

Lost Property

You may have seen Mrs Kerry's photo on the Facebook page, showing the huge number of jackets – abandoned! Many are unlabeled and so remain in limbo. Please claim what is yours and please label your child's uniform. Thank you.

Measles

Schools have received information from the Health Department in response to the recently reported Measles cases. We do not have any reported cases of Measles at the school however we have put the information up on our [website](#) for your information.

Support Your P & C

Our P & C is amazing – and what they do for our school is pretty jolly incredible! Please support the Quiz Night coming up on Saturday 2 November. I have it 'on good authority' the night will have a focus on fun and be filled with prizes.

Thank you for your contributions to this wonderful school.

Ms Pam Hahnel
Principal



MERIT AWARDS

Pre Primary	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emmersyn	Emmy	Naomi	Milli	Marley	Riley
Indiana	Isla	Marcus	Ruby	Adam	Rebecca
Gibson	Caitlyn	Reid	Ollie	Caleb	Nicholas
Aysen	Riley	Connor	Meena	Caitlyn	Mitchell
Emma	Charlotte	Mischa		Ky Bull	
Madison	Sebastian	Imogen		Dante	
Oscar	Emily	Rhys			
Hunter		Jacob			
Eliana					
Mac					
Libby					
Elyse					

SCHOOL NEWS

State Champion of Champions Athletics Competition

This weekend students from Upper Swan Primary School competed in the State Champion of Champions Athletics Competition at WA Athletics Stadium. This event was for all primary school students who were champions at their respective Inter-school Carnivals across the state.

Representing Upper Swan Primary School was Ashlee, Charli, Quentin and Milan. Congratulations to you all on your fantastic effort.

Mr Andrew Taylor
Phys ED Teacher



Student Attendance

Attendance - Teaching and Learning in Term 4

Term 4 represents 25% of your child's learning at their currently year level. As a parent, you are required by the School Education Act 1999 to ensure your child attends school every day unless there is a reasonable cause for them to remain away. If your child is absent from school, please notify the school with the reason for the student's absence as soon as practical.

When is it OK to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that *prevents* your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a bushfire
- an unavoidable medical appointment
- mental or emotional stressful times

The principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

If your child experiences mental or emotional stress related to coming to school, please address your classroom teacher in a timely matter so that we can provide support for you and your child at this time.

Mrs Claire Slater
Associate Principal



Our fantastic Book Club coordinator is looking for someone to assist her with the collection, ordering and distribution of Book Club orders this year and possibly taking over next year. Book Club issues are distributed to students twice a term. A percentage of the Book Club orders is given to the school to spend on additional educational resources for the students. It would be a shame to lose the extra dollars, helping us stretch classroom budgets further. Please contact the front office if you are able to help by phone 9296 4622 or email Upperswan.ps@education.wa.edu.



Dates: Wednesday 30 October to Friday 1 November

Shopping hours: 8.15am – 9.00am and 2.30pm – 3.00pm

Cash and EFTPOS facilities available

Book Fair is a great fundraiser which raises funds that go back into the school for literacy programs and library resources.

Volunteers are required for the event. If you are able to assist, please email Alicia Berne

Alicia.berne@yahoo.com



2019 School Photos

We have been advised by Kapture Photography that all sports and/or special team photos taken this year will be removed from their website at the end of this term in readiness for next year's photography. This is your last chance to view and purchase these photographs. Please visit www.kapture.com.au and access the gallery using our school code; **QCSDZC**

This code can also be used to purchase class or individual photographs should you have missed out earlier in the year.

Are you leaving Upper Swan Primary School?

To assist us in planning, it is important we have a clear indication of student numbers. We would appreciate if you intend enrolling your child/children at another school, you advise us by completing the slip below and returning to the office as soon as possible. If you are unsure of the actual school, simply list the suburb, state or country you are moving to.

☐ Yes my child/children will be leaving Upper Swan Primary School

Last date attending Upper Swan PS ___ / ___ / ___

Student Name

Year and Room

New school attending: _____

Or

Suburb/State/Country: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Parents stay positive

with Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

Our free two hour seminars can help you:

- raise happy, confident children
- manage children's behaviour so everyone enjoys life more
- increase your child's resilience and confidence
- balance work and family with less stress.

Seminar 1

The Power of Positive Parenting

Date Monday 4 November
Time 9am – 11am
Venue Anne Hamersley PS

Seminar 2

Raising Confident Competent Children

Date Monday 11 November
Time 9am – 11am
Venue Anne Hamersley PS

Seminar 3

Raising Resilient Children

Date Monday 18 November
Time 9am – 11am
Venue Anne Hamersley PS

Seminars are for parents/carers of children from about two to eight years of age. Each two hour seminar includes a presentation, tip sheet, discussion and question time.

Seminars are facilitated by School Psychologists: Sarah McLean and Krista Bingham.

To register please visit www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa

(click FIND A SESSION to search for this program)

Or call Anne Hamersley PS on 9297 7000



Positive Parenting Program

Want to make family life easier – and happier? Triple P's Power of Positive Parenting seminar can help you understand why kids act the way they do, and how your reactions and words can make a big difference.

Our 90-minute seminar is free for all WA parents and carers, and packed with ideas to help you give your children the best start in life, and get more enjoyment out of being a parent. Book your free place now at <http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa>.

Healthy Lunch Box Choices

Click here to view the video.



Come for a Shocking Night Out!

Family Science Show

Lightning: So Frightening

Thursday November 14, 2019
6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Parkwood Primary School, Parkwood, Perth

For Keen Science Students (Primary and Secondary) and Parents/Guardians

Increase your Interest and Enjoyment in Learning

- What is the difference between volts and amps? Which one is deadly? Does a lightning flash travel upwards or downwards? Why shouldn't you lie down on the ground when there is a thunder storm around? Why do so many people die unnecessarily after an electrical accident or being struck by lightning? And more.

Highly Visual and Entertaining

- See the long sparks from a one-half-million-volt Tesla coil, the effect of electricity on your muscles (ouch!), how lightning caused an Italian church to explode, what happens when lightning strikes a car, and more, and hear some fascinating stories involving lightning.

Examine Interesting Phenomena Using Equipment That is Not Readily Available

- Study different types of lightning strikes to people and other animals, ways to protect yourself from being struck by lightning, why lightning can affect different types of trees in different ways, and more.

Cost: \$12 per person.

Presenter: Dr Peter H. Eastwell
Director, Science Time Education (www.ScienceTime.com.au)

To Book

To book, please email the name(s) of those in your group wishing to attend, as well as the name of your school, to parkwood@sciencetime.com.au by November 13. You will receive confirmation of your booking by return email. Payment will be by cash (\$12 per person) at the door on the night, please. Booking is important to ensure that the show is not overbooked or that you are alerted in the event that bookings are insufficient to support the show.



Murdoch
UNIVERSITY

PREPARATORY CLASSES FOR PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

For age 10 years and above

Room ES2.059A Environmental Sciences Building
Murdoch University South Street Campus

Classes commence second week each school term
Students may start any time

Preparatory Chemistry

Thursdays 4.30 – 6.30pm

Students are introduced to problem solving and when older are able to study the *Open University Australia* subject **Introduction to Chemistry**. Students also have the opportunity to train for the **Australian Science Olympiads Examination for Chemistry**.

<http://media.murdoch.edu.au/chemistry-pupils-make-top-21-in-australia>
<http://media.murdoch.edu.au/bright-minds-bound-for-russia>
<http://media.murdoch.edu.au/chemistry-success-an-olympic-feat>

Cost: \$199/student/term

Preparatory Mathematics

Fridays 4.30 – 6.30pm

Students consolidate their Arithmetic and are introduced to Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry.

Cost: \$199/student/term

Preparatory Physics

Mondays 4.30 – 6.30pm

Students wishing to study Physics must first study Mathematics.

Cost: \$199/student/term

All subjects require a scientific calculator

To enrol and obtain registration forms please contact:

Adjunct Professor Jennifer Searcy

Email: j.searcy@murdoch.edu.au or Phone 0427 86 4740

Early payment to Murdoch University cashier is essential

Postal address for payments

The Cashier, Attention C Bathols, Murdoch University, South Street, Murdoch WA 6150

Payment may also be made online: <https://payments.murdoch.edu.au/PrepCourses>

Bottled water is permitted in classrooms

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VACSWIM 2019-20

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the summer holidays.

Choose from three programs:

8 Days	10 Days	5 Days
Program 1 31 Dec - 10 January 45 minute lessons Enrolments close 10 November	Program 2 13 - 24 January 35 minute lessons Enrolments close 17 November	Short program 6 - 10 January 35 minute lessons Enrolments close 10 November

\$30 per child / \$20 concession \$81 for a family of three or more / \$54 concession (plus pool entry).	\$16 per child / \$10.50 concession \$41 for a family of three or more / \$27.50 concession (plus pool entry).
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Enrol now
Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412.



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