

ISSUE 1  
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**Our vision:**

At University Park PS, we work collaboratively to ensure every individual learns to their full potential and is a respectful and responsible member of the community.

**Our Values:**

Respect

Responsibility

Learning

Honesty

Collaboration

**Our School Improvement Goals:**

**Student Achievement:**

To ensure that the annual learning growth for every student in literacy and numeracy is greater than one year.

**Student Engagement:**

To improve engagement by building student voice in their learning.

**Student Well-being:**

To enhance support for every student to thrive in a safe and stimulating learning environment.



# University Park Primary School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the beginning of Term 4. We hope that all of our students, and their families, had a safe and memorable break. This term will be an eventful one, as we prepare our Year 5 students for future leadership roles within the school and our Year 6 students for those outside of the UPPS environment. In addition, our Prep 2018 Orientation Program will commence on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing our future Prep students on this day.

**If you have not yet enrolled your future Prep child, please see Kathy at the School Office so that your child is included in the Orientation Program upon commencement.**

Our Orientation Program Outline is:

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| <b>TUESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER</b>  | <b>2.15-3.15pm</b>   | <b>LITERACY PROGRAM<br/>(HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP DAY)</b> |
| <b>FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER</b>   | <b>10.00-11.00am</b> | <b>NUMERACY PROGRAM</b>                              |
| <b>TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b> | <b>2.15 -3.15pm</b>  | <b>SPECIALIST PROGRAM</b>                            |
| <b>FRIDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b>  | <b>10.00-11.00am</b> | <b>SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM</b>                         |

**UPPS Update**

During the term break, the building of a structure to provide us with a sheltered walkway from Building 1 to Buildings 2 and 3 commenced. The framework is complete and the 'skin' to provide cover is currently being built offsite. We look forward to seeing the completion of this project over the next couple of weeks.

**Positive Psychology for Parents**

In 2011, I completed a Master's Degree in School Leadership. The underlying philosophy during my study was 'Positive Psychology'. This philosophy focuses on improving outcomes (for all) by modifying one's mindset. As a result, the practices that support the philosophy have been 'our way' at UPPS since 2012. Perhaps you have noticed some of these practices?

This term, in each newsletter, I will explain one area of Positive Psychology that we are practising at UPPS, in order to promote community understanding and awareness of this philosophy. It may also encourage you to practise some of the strategies at home, if you are not using them already.

I hope you look forward to learning with us.

**Upcoming events**

Our Prep-Year2 Swimming Program will run from Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. Swimming is a part of the Physical Education Curriculum at UPPS. This year we have managed to keep the cost of the program at the same price as last year and have liaised with the Sunshine Swim Centre, in order to ensure that all children are able to participate. Please complete the consent and payment process promptly. More information is provided on the other side of this page..

Regards

Louise Dingley

Acting Principal

*'Successful people never ask if things will work. They are willing to try and find out.'* Brad Gosse

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY**

**Friday, 13th October:** P & F meeting at 9am

**Monday, 16th October:** Assembly at 9am in Building 3

**Monday, 23rd October:** School Council Meeting at 6:30pm

**Tuesday, 31st October:** Halloween Dress-Up Day—JSC Fundraiser

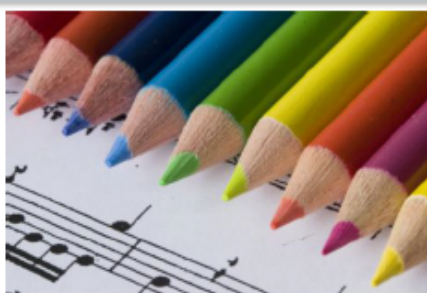
**Tuesday, 31st October:** Prep 2018 Orientation - Day 1: Session 1 at 2:15pm

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### Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

P: 1300 362 824 E: [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

### Sunsmart Policy

The UPPS Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee of the School Council developed our Sunsmart Policy in 2015. The Policy is available to view on the School's Website. The information and expectations formulated are based on guidelines from the Cancer Council and the Department of Education and Training (DET). As a result of these guidelines, **students are required to wear their school hats from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September**, rather than from the beginning of Term 4, and **whenever UV levels reach 3 and above\***, until the end of April. During these times, the 'No Hat, No Play' rule will apply and additional sun protection measures will be promoted via the school Newsletter, Website and Assemblies. As a result, parents are encouraged to be vigilant by checking the UV Index and responding accordingly to promote safe sun practices. This information can be found on the following site: <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/uv/melbourne.shtml> **Please ensure that your child and/or children have access to their own school hat to allow their full participation in the playground during break times.**



### Learn to Swim and Water Safety Lessons!

**Exciting news! Our Swimming and Water Safety Program will commence this term, for students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2.**

The program will run over five days during Week 6, beginning Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> of November, and concluding Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> of November. Each lesson includes 45 minutes of learning to swim (strokes) and 45 minutes of water safety. Therefore, each day, students will be in the water for 90 minutes. Students will be assessed and placed in groups based on their ability, instructors will teach students according to this assessment. This intensive 'Learn to Swim' program forms part of the school's Physical Education curriculum, **all students are expected to attend these lessons.** This experience teaches your child important lifelong skills of swimming. All swimming lessons will be conducted by professional instructors from the Sunshine Leisure Centre. Students will be supervised by UPPS Teaching and Support Staff. **The total cost for each child attending is \$95.00. This must be paid in full by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.** If you have any questions or concerns regarding payment, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Regards,  
Miss Elshaar  
Physical Education