

Newsletter Date 13/02/19

Term 1, Week 3

*Learning
Together,
Achieving
Success.*

Our School 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 School Values:

Respect

Responsibility

Learning

Honesty

Collaboration



University Park
Primary School

Dear Parents,

Welcome back

A warm welcome to 2019 for our school community and especially our new Prep families that settled in at the end of last week. It is an exciting year ahead with a new Principal leadership team as well as our newest staff members. I am looking forward to stimulating year filled with positive energy and further improvements for our students, staff and school community.

Parent Information Evenings

This week Parent Information sessions were held on Tuesday 12th February for P-2 parents and Wednesday 13th February for 3-6 students. Thank you to those parents that took the time to become more informed with our new curriculum changes for 2019 and who took the opportunity to tour our new facilities in Building 1.

Curriculum Day Term 1

A curriculum day will be held on Wednesday, 6th March. No students are to attend school on this day. Their care will provide a program on this day and registrations are to be made directly with the company.

School Council 2019

All government schools in Victoria have a school council and parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging

Nominations for School Council are now open and we currently have 6 parent vacancies available. If you would like to be an active member of our school community and work as part of a dynamic team, then School Council is for you!

Please collect parent nomination forms from the office, complete and return to Kathy in the office. **All nomination forms must be returned to the office by 4.00pm on Monday 18th February 2019.**

Parent Information Packs due back

Last week, parents were sent home a student information package for every child, containing relevant documentation that requires updating each year. All parents were asked to complete the documentation, **for each child**, and return it to their relevant classroom teacher. If you have not had an opportunity to return the forms, can you please return them to the relevant classroom teacher as soon as possible. All forms will be collated by the classroom teacher and retained for future reference. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for assisting the school in keeping its data relevant and current. If you did not receive this information, please speak to Kathy in the office.

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Bookpack reminder to parents

A reminder that all parents are to purchase a book pack for their child/ren. The cost to parents is kept to a minimum and is affordable for most families.

If you have not paid for or collected your child's book pack could you please consider the following payment arrangements and contact the office at your convenience.

The following payment options are available for parent payments:

- Full payment due now
- Half year payment due now and at the beginning of Term 3
- Other payment arrangements (negotiated with the (Principal))

Student Leadership 2019

At last week's assembly we announced the successful applicants for the Student Leadership positions for 2019. This is always an exciting time for the Grade 6 students and I look forward to working with them throughout the year. Elections for Junior School Council and the new Class Captains positions being introduced this year will take place soon and be announced at our next whole school assembly. Congratulations to the following students.

Position	Student	Grade
School Captains	Anna Ha William Robertson	56A 56A
House Captain Yellow	Dianne Castillejos Nikita Bartol	56B 56C
House Captain Blue	Long Doan Stella Coleman	56B 56B
House Captain RED	Diego Souphanh Kristian Petrevski	56B 56B
House Captain Green	Samantha Vasilevski Luke Downing	56C 56A

Parents and Friends 2019

The first meeting for the Parents and Friends Committee will take place tomorrow, **Thursday, 14th February, at 9am, in the library.** To all new and existing parents I encourage you to attend and be involved. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you there.

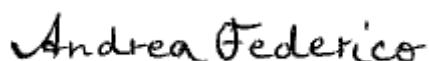
Canteen changes for 2019

This year the canteen arrangements for our school have changed due to a reduction in profit over the past year. Rather than closing the canteen we are trialling an ordering approach to encourage our students to order their snacks and lunches in the morning. Special lunch days will also be held throughout the year to promote healthy eating. Order forms are available from your classroom teacher, the Red room or the office but if your child knows what to order they may write their order on a brown paper bag, as in the past, and put it in the lunch order tub in their classroom. We will keep parents informed of the trial as the year progresses. Thank you for your patience and we pilot this new system.

Quote of the Week:

Education is a once in a lifetime opportunity to open children's hearts and minds to the unbelievable wonder of the universe.
– Sir Anthony Seldon

Regards,



Andrea Federico



Dear Families,

As you are aware we are taking on the dual role of Acting Assistant Principals for 2019. We have both had a wonderful start to the year filled with meeting families, getting to know all the students across the school and settling into our new roles and responsibilities.

A big thank you to everyone who has welcomed us into our new roles, congratulated us and to all the staff for their patience and support as we navigate through this exciting rollercoaster that is leadership.

A bit more about us.

Natalie: "As the Acting Assistant Principal for Student Wellbeing and Engagement, I will be working closely with students, families and teachers to ensure that all students are safe and happy in their learning environments. I want to ensure that individual learning needs are catered for, and that social and emotional needs of all students are being met, both in and out of the classroom."

Linda: "As the Acting Assistant Principal for Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting, I will be building teacher capacity and overseeing areas such as curriculum knowledge (Information Communications and Technologies) as well as assessment and reporting practices. I will also be strengthening student leadership through the enhancement of student voice in and out of the classroom".

Together we look forward to working in partnership with the school community to ensure that every student learns to their full potential and leaves UPPS as capable, informed, confident and curious learners.

Please feel free to contact us during school hours for any reason. We look forward to connecting with you soon.

Regards,

Linda Bekhet (Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting) and Natalie Cummodo (Student Wellbeing and Engagement)

University Park P.S. Important Dates

TERM 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3 (M) 11th Feb	11	12	13	14 PFA meeting gam in Library	15
		School Banking			
Week 4 (M) 18th Feb	18 Team assembly at gam F-2= Library 3-4 =STEAM room 5-6 = Building 3	19	20 Prep photos Prep BBQ 3:30-5:00pm	21	22
		School Banking			
Week 5 (M) 25th Feb	25	26	27	28	1 Grade 3 - 6 Open Water Experience
		School Banking			

CSEF-Camp Sports and Excursions Fund

How to apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Accepting applications

Parents (including guardians) no longer need to submit a new application form each year in most cases. The CSEF web system has not changed.

Parents only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of these changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2019 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2018
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.
- Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

Parents who did not receive CSEF at the school in 2018

Parents who did not receive the CSEF at the school in 2018 will need to complete an application form in 2019. Schools are able to add new applications in the CSEF web system during terms one and term two, 2019.

The CSEF system will automatically validate the parent's eligibility with Centrelink on 29 January 2019 or term two on 23 April 2019.

Thank you

At UPPS our Sunsmart policy is based on guidelines from the Cancer Council and the Department of Education and Training (DET).



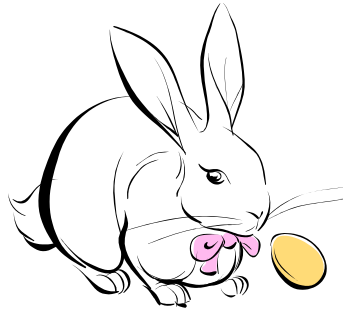
As a result of these guidelines **students are required to wear their school hats from Friday, 1stst of**

September, rather than from the beginning of Term 4, and **whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, until the end of April, 2019.**

During these times, the 'No Hat, No Play' rule will apply. **Please ensure that your child and/or children have access to their own school hat to allow them to play outside.**

Thank you for your cooperation. Further information can be found on the school website.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS



UNIVERSITY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

University Park Primary School will be running an Easter raffle this year to raise some much needed funds for our school.

Parents are asked to please donate large or small items for inclusion in the Easter Raffle prizes and drop them off at the school office.

Tickets will go on sale Friday, 1st March. A book of 20 tickets will be sent home with each family, we appreciate you selling on our behalf, or for your own purchase. **Tickets are \$1.00 each or the book can be purchased for \$20.**

Please ensure the buyer's name, Grade (if applicable) and telephone number is written on the left-hand side of the ticket, tear off the right-hand side of the ticket and give it to the purchaser. Please use **BLOCK LETTERS** for easy identification.

Please return money collected, the left-hand side of the ticket book and any unsold tickets to the Classroom Teacher by **Friday, 29th March**, so they can be accounted for.

Additional tickets are available at the school upon request. Please note we don't encourage children to 'door knock' without the supervision of a Parent/Guardian.

Prizes will be awarded at the final Assembly for Term 1 on **Friday, 5th April**.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Regards

Maria Venhardt
P&F President

Andrea Federico
Principal