



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.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Since announcing my resignation on Monday, students and parents have touched me by stopping to have a chat and wish me well. The last five years, as Principal, have been the most rewarding of my career. I am appreciative of the wonderful staff I lead, the diversity and connectedness of our student community and the involved parent community that have supported me over this time.

In my absence, I am proud to announce that Ms Dingley will be the Acting Principal whilst the School Council and DET enter a Principal Selection process. This merit process will determine the Principal for the next five years.

Thank you for taking the time to say goodbye. I know that the school is in a strong position and will continue to prosper but I will miss the everyday interactions that I have experienced with students, parents and staff.

Positive NAPLAN results for UPPS.

At UPPS we have much to celebrate with our students performing extremely well in all domains.

Year 3 results:

- 37.6% of students performed in the top 2 NAPLAN bands for Numeracy
- All students performed above the National Minimum Standard in Reading
- The UPPS mean score for Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation was the highest for the past 5 years

Year 5 results:

- 33.3% of students performed in the top 2 bands for Grammar and Punctuation (best result for 5 years)
- 29.6% of students performed in the top 2 bands for Spelling
- No students were below National Minimum standard in Reading, Numeracy, Spelling

Growth from Year 3 to Year 5:

- 36.0% of students showed HIGH growth in Grammar and Punctuation
- 28.0% of students showed HIGH growth in Spelling
- 54.2% of students showed HGH growth in Writing

Congratulations to our students and teachers for their continued high quality learning and instruction. At UPPS we will continue to implement high impact teaching strategies that will improve outcomes for all students.

State analysis for NAPLAN

Across the State, 2017 NAPLAN results show the proportion of Victorian students in the top bands for Numeracy and Reading has increased across almost all tested year levels. Victoria's mean scale score increased in Reading (Years 3, 5 and 7), Spelling (Years 5 and 7), Grammar and Punctuation (Years 3, 7 and 9) and Numeracy (Years 3, 7 and 9). Victoria is now leading the country across many of the test areas including Reading, Numeracy and Writing.

Buildings and Grounds update

Last week I met with the Department (DET) to discuss further upgrades for our school. Next term, architects will meet with Ms Dingley to begin designing disability access from the staff carpark to our front area as well as upgrading our entrance to the school and ramps to Buildings 1 and 2.

In addition, a new covered walkway has been designed to link Buildings 1, 2 and 3. These works should commence over the holidays and will ensure that all members of our community can walk to any building in the school without being exposed to the elements.

Over the weekend the final art work will be completed on the canteen walls. Our school logo and our school values will feature prominently.

Auskick 2017

At our last Assembly, Stephen Pighin presented our students with awards for taking part in AusKick this year. Some statistics to share with you are:

- University Park Auskick had 52 registered children in 2017, 40 students being from UPPS.
- 36 UPPS students attended more than five weekly sessions and graduated from the program.
- Elissa Doxey (School Council Member) was accredited as a Level 1 AFL coach...congratulations.
- Three parents have expressed interest in the level 1 AFL coaching accreditation classes for next year.
- Five University Park PS Auskickers will transition to play for the Under 9's St Albans team next year.

The Auskick program was a new initiative at UPPS this year and I would like to thank the UPPS families that participated and Stephen for his organisation and leadership. We look forward to the 2018 season.

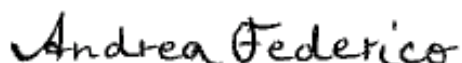
Do you have a spare hour each week to volunteer for School Banking?

We are looking for a Parent Volunteer to assist with the School Banking program. If you could spare some time, please see Kathy in the office. The school will support and train you to complete this weekly initiative. Your assistance and time would be greatly appreciated.

Quote of the week:

You're off to great places, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting so get on your way '– Dr Seuss.

Regards,



Andrea Federico

Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY

Friday, 15th September: UPPS Footy Day and P&F Hot Dog Lunch Day

Monday, 18th September: UPPS Community Afternoon Tea—Asian Theme

SA Kitchen and Dining Room: Building 2 from 2:15pm. All welcome.

***Please bring a plate of food to share :-)**

Tuesday, 19th September: Last day for UPPS Earn & Learn

Friday, 22nd September: Assembly at 1pm in Building 3.

NB: Student dismissal at 2:30pm on this day.

Monday, 9th October: Start of Term 4 begins

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

Start collecting for your school now

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources.

Make a difference for your local school

- Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent.*
- Stick the Woolworths Stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet inside.
- Once it's complete, pop it into a Collection Box at your school or local store. You can download more Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets from our website woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

*excluding tobacco, liquor and gift cards.

Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It's easy to earn valuable resources to help your local school, so start collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers today.

Go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn for more information, terms and conditions and answers to frequently asked questions.



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It's time to register

Whether you're a new or returning school it's time to register. Use your unique User Name and Password provided in the letter sent to your School Principal or Early Learning Centre Director. Visit teaching.com.au and follow the registration instructions from there. If you can't locate your User Name and Password, you can contact Modern Teaching Aids Customer Service on freecall 1800 251 497.

It's simple to participate

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

Same great partnership with MTA

We're proud to say we're partnering once again with Modern Teaching Aids - Australia's biggest supplier of resources for schools. This means you can choose your resources based on your unique needs, across every category possible including Science, Sports, Mathematics, English, Arts & Crafts, and more.

Next Steps

Inform and encourage your school community

Be sure to encourage your parents, teachers, and kids alike to support the Woolworths Earn & Learn program by collecting Earn & Learn Stickers at their local Woolworths between 15th July and 8th September 2015. Templates for emailing and writing to parents can be found on teaching.com.au.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet

Once collected, the Stickers need to be stuck onto a Sticker Sheet. Please print out Sticker Sheets for your students. These can be downloaded from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Use your Earn & Learn Collection Box

Put your Collection Box in a prominent place at your school. Be sure to let everyone know to place their completed Sticker Sheets in the Collection Box.

Nominate for a Collection Box at your local store

Visit your local Woolworths to nominate your school for a Collection Box that will be displayed in store. Each store will have up to five boxes, so be sure to get in early and claim your box. You'll need to ensure that you regularly empty your box to enable customers to keep filling it up with Sticker Sheets. At the end of the program, you'll need to compile all of your completed Sticker Sheets to send back to Woolworths - a mailbag will be provided closer to the time.

For more information, including Sticker Sheets and answers to frequently asked questions, please go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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 1st 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.



FOOTY COLOURS DAY!

WHO: ALL UPPS STUDENTS AND STAFF

WHAT: WEAR FOOTY COLOURS TO SCHOOL (AFL, SOCCER OR RUGBY)

WHEN: FRIDAY, 15TH OF SEPTEMBER

WHERE: LUNCH TIME (THERE WILL BE LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES)

WHY: TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP FIGHT CANCER BY BRINGING A GOLD COIN DONATION

FOOD AVAILABLE ON THE DAY: HOT DOGS



No Canteen on this day!!!

ONE TEAM. ONE FIGHT!
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footycoloursday.com.au