

### 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,

### Welcome back

A warm welcome to 2018 for our school community and especially our new Prep families that have joined us last week. It was wonderful to return to UPPS, as Principal, and introduce you to our new Assistant Principal, Mr Sam Carlton, as well as our newest staff members. I am looking forward to an exciting year filled with positive energy and further improvements for our students, staff and school community.

### 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 by **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February**. 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.

### Student Leadership 2018

At last week's assembly, we announced the successful applicants for the Student Leadership positions for 2018. This is always an exciting time for the Grade 6 students and I look forward to working with them throughout the year. Mr Mirovic and Mr Gabriel will be the mentors for the House Captains, Mr Azzopardi will mentor the Environmental leaders and Mr Carlton and myself will mentor the School Captains. Elections for Junior School Council will take place soon and will be coordinated by Ms Blandthorn. Congratulations to the following students.

Position	Students	Grade
School Captains	Amy Le Kenny Tran	5/6C 5/6B
House Captain Yellow	Chau Le Julia Wang	5/6B 5/6C
House Captain Blue	Thien Le Lina Luu	5/6A 5/6C
House Captain Red	Thuy Tran Raphel Obi	5/6A 5/6B
House Captain Green	Jia Liang Zhao Crystal Tran	5/6A 5/6A
Environmental Leader	Alexander Nguyen Angela Yang	5/6B 5/6B

### School Council 2018

Nominations for School Council have been called for and we currently have 4 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 and complete parent nomination forms from the office and return to Kathy in the office. **All nomination forms must be returned to the office by 4.00pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.** Our School Council President, Mr Stephen Pighin has written to the community in this newsletter. Please take the opportunity to talk with him about how you may contribute.

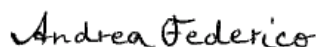
### Parents and Friends 2018

The first meeting for the Parents and Friends Committee will take place tomorrow, Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Quote of the Week:

**Every day is a new beginning. Stay away from what might have been and look at what can be.**

Regards,



Andrea Federico

## 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](http://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 2018 if any of these changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2018 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in 2017

Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

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 2017**

Parents who did not receive the CSEF at the school in 2017 will need to complete an application form in 2018. Schools are able to add new applications in the CSEF web system during terms one and term two, 2018.

The CSEF system will automatically validate the parent's eligibility with Centrelink on 29 January 2018.

### **School Bookpack 2018**

To help teachers run their programs effectively, it is essential that all children in a grade have the same materials. We therefore request that all parents purchase a Book Pack through the school. The total cost of the Book Pack for 2018 is \$160 for the year. If you haven't paid for your child's book pack, please contact our office ASAP or to discuss a Payment Plan option for you.

#### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

#### **SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY**

**Thursday, 15th February: P & F meeting at 9am in Library**

**Monday, 19th February: Prep BBQ 'Meet the Teacher' 3:15-6:00pm**

**Tuesday, 20th February: P & F Easter Raffle**

**Friday, 2nd March: P & F Sausage Sizzle at 11am**

### 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.**

### Parents and Friends Welcome – Maria Venhardt P&F president

On behalf of the P&F Committee, I would like to welcome everyone back, especially all of the new parents to the school. We have an exciting year ahead and are thrilled to be bringing the children lots of excitement throughout this new school year.

As President, I sometimes ask myself why I do this, and it's because I enjoy seeing the children's faces when they participate in these yearly events.

We are running various events this term such as, the Billy G's gourmet cookie dough fundraiser, which is a brand new and exciting initiative. As well as the annual Easter raffle, which is always a huge success, and the sausage sizzles which we hold every term. We would really appreciate your commitment and help with the organisation of any of these events.

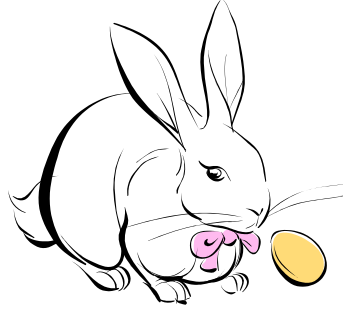
In previous years, we have had such an amazing response to our Easter Raffle, and are again asking for any donations towards the Easter prizes such as, chocolate eggs, Easter toys etc. All contributions will help and if you have any unwanted gift boxes or cane baskets to hold the prizes that would be helpful. Any contribution to this event will help us tremendously.

I would also like to thank the School Council President who has kindly donated a 10kg slab of Cadbury's chocolate worth over \$200, which will be our major prize in the Easter raffle.

Thank you to everyone who participates in our events and supports the school with donations, as it is much appreciated.

Kind regards,  
P&F President  
Maria Venhardt

# 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 Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. A book of 10 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 \$10.**

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 **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Regards

Maria Venhardt  
P&F President

Andrea Federico  
Principal

Dear Parents & Staff

On behalf of the school council, welcome to the 2018 school year and a special welcome to our first-time prep parents, as well as new and returning staff. Parents, we are here to help and rest assured your children are in good hands. As a community we are looking forward to the exciting year ahead with a lot going on in 2018.

We have a fantastic group of dedicated educators at UPPS and a significant number of volunteers who help and do a fantastic job supporting the school through fund raising events. We are always looking for more help though. So, whether it's being part of the parents and friends, nominating for the school council, helping at a working bee, or being a part of one of the many other support positions which require filling, let us know. The more parents we have helping the better the school becomes, and your children will also get a buzz seeing you around and being a part of their school.

This year UPPS will have 2 Auskick programs; Wednesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm, will be a dedicated community Auskick. This will be a 6-8-week free program for UPPS children who register. Saturday 9am to 10am is a normal Auskick centre which requires registration via the NAB Auskick web site.

If anyone is interested in becoming a level 0 (coach support) or level 1 Auskick/AFL junior coach, please contact me on 0419 532 879. Otherwise keep an eye out for the posters and flyers which will be posted around the school in the next few weeks.

Next month the new 2018 school council will form, there are several positions available this year for a 2-year term on council. We have 10 meeting per year (of an evening). If anyone is interested in being part of this, please feel free to nominate a person who is interested or self-nominate yourself. If we have more nominations than positions, we will then ask the school community to vote on the new members. Once appointed the names and contact details of your council members will be published and our photos will be on the school contact wall. We are here to help and be another point of contact, so if you have any questions please feel to contact us and we can point you in the right direction. If you need more information about what a School Council member does or are interested, please let me know and I can help you.

I would like to thank all councilors, whose term on council is up, for their commitment, support and effort over the past years and wish them and their children all the best in their future endeavors.

#### **Uniform shop**

This year we are looking to change how we run the uniform shop, more information will be published very soon. We are looking for 1 or 2 people who can volunteer an hour or two per week to prepare and pack orders to support Brigette with a view to take over the responsibility of the uniform shop in 2019. If anyone is interested, please see Kathy in the office.

I wish you all the best for this and coming years at UPPS.

Regards

Stephen Pighin  
School Council President