

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.

UPPS Update

Our Grade 6 students graduated yesterday. What a lovely ceremony it was. Thank you to the UPPS Graduation Team responsible for planning and preparing for this auspicious occasion. A special thank you to Monique Federico for choreographing the student dances and taking the time to teach them to our Grade 6 students over the past few weeks. Parents, you will get a post-view of the outcome at our Final Assembly for the term, on Friday, 22nd December.

Our final Assembly will be held at 10am in Building 3, following our final step-up session. During this session, students will meet their 2018 teachers and have an awareness of the students who will be their classroom peers next year. Student Academic reports will also include information regarding 2018 Classroom Teacher and Grade and will be received, via post, by Friday.

Staff and students are very much looking forward to this Thursday. This day will be spent with our Buddies, engaging in Bluearth activities prior to lunch, and then we are all being transported to Highpoint Hoyts Cinema Complex to enjoy a viewing of Paddington 2.

Students are encouraged to bring a snack in a plastic bag and a water bottle for the afternoon in the cinema. A reminder that there is no canteen on this day, as a P&F Sausage Sizzle is taking place, during lunchtime.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Administration Team, Classroom Teachers and Education Support Team for a productive 2017 year. Returning to us, as Principal, is Mrs Andrea Federico, and joining UPPS, in 2018, are the following staff:

Miss Bernadette Brennan—Classroom Teacher

Mrs Jeannette Muscat—Classroom Teacher

Mr Mitchell Gabriel—PE/Health Teacher and

Mrs Suzi Gospic—Education Support.

An exciting year ahead will fast approach, so please enjoy the festive season and return to UPPS safely on Wednesday, 31st January (Foundation students begin Term 1 on Monday, February 5th).

Upcoming events

Our final culturally themed **Morning Tea** is on Friday, 22nd December, following Assembly, from approximately 11am. Please join us in celebrating our **Polynesian** population. **Bring a plate of food to share and stay for some cultural enlightening.** As this day will be the last day of Term 4, the Polynesian celebration will follow our Final Assembly for the year, so all Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend our **Assembly at 10am** and our **Morning Tea from 11am.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Louise Dingley

Acting Principal

Quote: *“There will always be a reason why you meet people. Either you need to change your life, or you’re the one that will change theirs.”*

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:
SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY

Thursday, 21st December: UPPS BluBuddies & Movie Day

Friday, 22nd December: Final 2017 Assembly at 10am in Building 3

Friday, 22nd December: Polynesian Morning Tea at 11am in Building 3
Students dismissed at 1pm

Wednesday, 31st January: Start of Term 1 (Grade 1 to 6)

Monday, 5th February: Start of Term 1 (Foundation)

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.

An end of year message from our P&F President:

My Reflection to share:

Thank you to the hard working P&F team of 2017

Maria Venhardt

Steve Terrill

Michele Barbirotto

Brooke Batty

Galina Dimitrova

Khushi Sidhu Dhanoa

Cindy Majdak Terrill

Elissa Doxey

Rachel Pearce

Mary Cuzzupe

The Parents and Friends of UPPS would like to thank Michele Barbirotto & Daniele Lockey for obtaining the following vouchers:

Deer Park Hotel - Rozlyn Gibson (General Manager) & Ian Puchalski (Assistant Manager)



Ashley Hotel, Braybrook – Sajal Dhir (General Manager)



YPA Real Estate, St. Albans



Amy Koo for obtaining Intencity Sunshine vouchers



Mohamed Mustafa for obtaining sausages for our sausage sizzles throughout the year and Michelle Hodges for obtaining a Coles voucher and Sandra Collins, Community Relations Representative for McDonalds, for her ongoing support and donations...



and a big thank you to all our families who donated to our 2017 Raffles and for their ongoing support.

Many of us have had some experience with the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Sunshine Hospital ie: Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). Today we had an opportunity to be a part of such an amazing community.

Khushi, Jodie (my sister-in-law) and I volunteered at Watergardens Shopping Centre, in order to raise money for the RMHC, by wrapping Christmas presents for a donation.

RMHC creates, finds & supports programs across Australia in order to help seriously ill children and their families.

I am very humbled and proud to be part of such a dynamic group. I will be organising this event next year again, so, if you are interested in taking part in this amazing cause, please don't hesitate to see me and register your interest.

Maria Venhardt

P&F President



It almost the end of the school year - get your parents ready with FlexiBuzz!

Its time to

- Notify parents to update their box subscriptions
- Notify parents who are leaving the school to unsubscribe
- Remind term dates and also canteen closures

Get ready for new starters in 2018

Connect to FlexiBuzz Admin Communications Site

As an admin, from time to time we want to share important updates with you. We will now be doing this via the "FlexiBuzz Admin/Editor Communications" site within the app. Please ensure you are connected to receive our updates. To connect simply:

- Open the FlexiBuzz app
- Search by typing "FlexiBuzz admin"
- Choose "FlexiBuzz Admin/Editor Communications"

Connect to the group for your location

Notify parents to update their communication group subscriptions...

Create a new post on your school newsfeed to notify parents to update their communication group subscriptions as their students change year level. We have created a sample post for you on the FlexiBuzz Admin/Editor Communications newsfeed that you can use for inspiration (or simply copy). We have also added the image used on that post to the resources page on our web site – so you can download it:

<http://www.flexibuzz.com.au/resources/>