

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

On Friday, 17th November, we had our annual Movie Night. It was lovely to see so many children and families support this fundraising event. Thank you to our Parents and Friends who assisted in making the night a huge success. Our heartfelt thanks to Yong Naksavath for donating his movie screen and his time and services once again. Such an event would not be possible without Yong's support. I would like to also extend our gratitude to the following parents who coordinated the event: *Maria Venhardt, Brigitte Baker, Cindy Madjak, Brooke Batty, Elissa Doxey, Ruth and Anthony Cuzzupe, Rachael Pearce and Khushi Sidhu*; and to the following Staff who attended and assisted in supervision and management: *Miss Elshaar, Miss Bell, Miss Bekhet and Miss Carey*. The event raised \$1235.40 for our Buildings and Grounds.

Positive Psychology for Parents

'Signature Strengths': When students know and use their strengths they can achieve more in school and feel more confident in their abilities. There are 24 character strengths and every individual possesses all of them, in different degrees, giving each person a unique character profile. You can discover your personal character strengths profile by taking the scientifically validated VIA Survey.

The VIA Survey of Character Strengths is a simple self-assessment that takes less than 15 minutes and provides a wealth of information to help you understand your core characteristics. Most personality tests focus on negative and neutral traits, but the VIA Survey focuses on your best qualities.

Knowing your character strengths isn't just interesting information. When skillfully applied, character strengths can actually have a significant positive impact on your life. Research shows that using your character strengths can help you:

- Buffer against, manage and overcome problems
- Improve your relationships
- Enhance health and overall wellbeing.

If you would like to know what your signature strengths are, complete the free survey via the following link:

<https://www.viacharacter.org/www/Character-Strengths-Survey>

Upcoming events

Our school concert is fast approaching. The ABC Music Crew have been working with our staff and students in order to prepare them for our end of year event. Please note the following date and times:

What: End of Year Music Concert

Date: Wednesday, 13th December **Venue:** Building 3
Time: Grades Prep-2: 3:30-4:30pm Grades 3-6: 5:00-6:00pm **Cost:** Free

We look forward to seeing you there. :-)

Louise Dingley
Acting Principal

Quote: *'Lean on each other's strengths; forgive each other's weaknesses.'* (Unknown Author)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:
SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY TUESDAY

Monday, 27th November: Assembly at 9am in Building 3
Wednesday, 6th December: Grade 3– 6 Science Incursion
Monday, 11th December: Assembly at 9am in Building 3
Thursday, 14th December: School Council Meeting at 6:30pm. Venue
Tuesday, 12th December: Grade 6 Orientation Day
Wednesday, 13th December: UPPS School Music Concert at 3:30pm– 6:30pm

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.



University Park Primary School Fundraiser

Tickets \$1 each
or \$10 per book

[Return to the relevant
Classroom Teacher
by 11th December](#)

Hampers on display in School Office for a sneak peek!

End of Year Raffle



10 Hampers to
WIN!

Beach Hamper



Movie Hamper

Baking Hamper



Games Hamper



Sports Hamper



Return your money, ticket stubs (with names & contact details written on them)
and any unsold tickets to your Classroom Teacher by [Monday, 11th December](#).

Our End of Year Raffle is fast approaching. The Raffle Ticket stubs are due Monday, 11th December. If more Raffle Ticket Books are required, please see Kathy at the office. Any one who has unsold Raffle Ticket Books, please return them to the school Office for redistribution.

Thank you
Parents & Friends