

Newsletter Date 27/02/19

Term 1, Week 5

*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

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Dear Parents,

I find it hard to believe that it is already half way through the first term and we are heading towards our Easter break. Students have completed our UPPS start program and have now settled in to our core curriculum. If you have any queries in relation to the newsletter items below, please feel free to contact me, during school hours, on 9366 1356.

**What are the new changes to the curriculum in 2019?**

In 2019 University Park PS will initiate a directed inquiry based curriculum to complement its reading, writing and numeracy programs. This curriculum will incorporate geography and science at all levels from prep to 6.

To maximise the learning opportunities for our students the school has restructured its curriculum overview to incorporate 10 weeks of uninterrupted classroom instruction followed by two action weeks at the end of each inquiry unit. During these action weeks students will take part in extracurricular activities such as school camps, parents and friends events, excursions, incursions, buddy visits, and junior school council organised events etc.

To minimise financial burden to our families all events that take place during the action weeks will be advertised at the beginning of each term. Parents will have the opportunity to make advance payments rather than having to make a lump sum payment at short notice.

Please note that the largest extracurricular costs are associated with school camps and swimming which takes place in terms three and four. Families are welcome to begin making partial payments for these activities using CSEF money from term one onwards.

An overview of the 2019 curriculum program and action weeks for Semester 1 is attached for your information. If you have any further questions please talk to your child's classroom teacher or myself.

We are excited by the engaging directed inquiry curriculum that has been developed over the past six months in preparation for these units of work and we look forward to celebrating the student learning with you during celebration weeks.

## Who are my parent representatives on the 2019 School Council?

Congratulations to the following parents that were the success applicants for the 2019 School Council. Parent involvement is always appreciated at UPPS and I look forward to working with the council to improve outcomes for our children and school.

- EMY TURNER
- ROMINA TARABOLS
- STEPHEN PIGHIN
- ELISSA DOXEY
- EMILY RICHARDS
- RACHEL PEARCE
- JOSEPH GHALY
- TAMEKA GRAY

## Thank you for attending UPPS Parent information evening.

The recent parent information evening was an opportunity for parents to listen to the positive changes taking place at UPPS in regards to curriculum and organisation. Thank you to those parents that were able to attend and we look forward to you participating in our action weeks and celebration weeks throughout the year.

## What happens if my child does not have a hat, at school?

UPPS has a sunsmart policy to ensure all students and staff are well protected from too much UV exposure.

- **ALL** students are required to wear the UPPS hat that will protect their face, neck and ears, whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps and visors are not considered part of the School Uniform.
- Parents may purchase school hats by placing an order at the office. Hats are \$12 and available in S, M, L.

**At UPPS, if there is NO hat, then there is NO play** So please ensure your child is responsible for attending school, with their hat, every day.

Thanks for you cooperation in this matter.

Quote of the day:

We want the education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet.

– Swami Vivekananda

Kind regards,

*Andrea Federico*

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Principal

### University Park P.S. Important Dates for Semester 1

TERM 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>W5</b> 25/2 - 1/3  F - 2 Mon 3 - 6 Weds	<b>PLANNING</b> Cairnlea Kindy 5A/1	<b>PLANNING</b> Jindi 5C/1 Willis St (Greengroup) 5B/1  School Banking	<b>PLANNING</b> Dynamic Young Leaders Day swap 9 - 11am	<b>PLANNING</b> Epalock Bandi- coots 5B/2	<b>PLANNING</b> 3 - 6 Open Water Experience
<b>W6</b> 4/3 - 8/3	Whole school assembly  District Swim- ming	DET Principal Forum  School Banking	Curriculum Day - Coaching for staff		Willis St (Blue group) 5C/2
<b>W7</b>	Labor Day	School Banking	Eppalock Quolls 5A/2		
<b>W8</b> 18/3 - 22/3	Team assembly  <b>Halogen Young</b>	School Banking			
<b>W9</b> 25/3 - 29/3		SIT at instructional coaching PL	SIT at instruction- al coaching PL		<b>Easter raffle                      closes</b>
<b>W10</b> 1/4 - 5/4		School Banking			Whole school assembly  End of Term 1 dismiss at 2.30pm

TERM 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W1 22/4 - 26/4	EASTER MONDAY			ANZAC DAY	
W2 29/4 - 3/5	Whole school assembly  Girls Soccer Gala	School Banking			
W3 6/5 - 10/5	<b>CELEBRATION</b>	<b>CELEBRATION</b>  UPPS Fun run  Jindi 5C/1 Willis St (Green group) 5B/1  School Banking	CELEBRATION  <b>Mother's Day stall - Whole school</b>	CELEBRATION SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS  <b>Mother's Day stall - Lunch time</b>	CELEBRATION
W4 13/5 - 17/5	<b>ACTION WEEK 1</b>				
	Book Fair  Team Assembly  Parent transition tour Epalock Bandicoots 5B/2	Book Fair NAPLAN Language conventions Writing  School Banking	Book Fair NAPLAN Reading  Open tour for other kinders	Book Fair NAPLAN Numeracy  Teeth on wheels  SIT/Team leaders	Teeth on wheels
W5 20/5 - 24/5	<b>ACTION WEEK 2</b>				
	Cross Country  Parent transition tour Cairnlea Kindy 5A/1  Parent transition tour Willis St (Blue group) 5C/2 Parent transition tour Willis St (Green group) 5B/1	Parent transition tour Jindi 5C/1  Parent transition tour Cairnlea Kin- dy 5A/1  School Banking	Epalock Quolls 5A/2 Open tour for other kinders	Epalock Bandicoots 5B/2	Willis St (Blue group) 5C/2  Grade 1/2 zoo excursion

## 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 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

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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, 1st<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, 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.



## Calling for volunteers – we need your help!



Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is **Tuesday morning**.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to the office.

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**Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Availability: \_\_\_\_\_



## Fun Tactical Games!!!

\* Inc. Dodgeball with Foam Balls & Shields



Starts  
March 7th  
2019



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### University Park Primary School

**Thursday Nights: 4pm - 7pm**

Brendan Newman

\* \$10 per 1hr session

Ph: 0430080488

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#### Thursdays Nights:

4pm - 5pm: Under 10yrs (8yrs & above)

5pm - 6pm: Under 12yrs

6pm - 7pm: Under 14yrs



**Limited Spaces Available: Prior Bookings Preferred!**

**Parent Waivers MUST be signed prior to commencing first session!**

**For Enquiries, Bookings or Parent Waivers contact:**

Brendan Newman      Ph: 0430080488

Email:                      [info@bestbattlefield.com.au](mailto:info@bestbattlefield.com.au)

Parent Waivers can also be located at University Park Primary Front Office

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INSTRUMENTAL  
MUSIC PROGRAM  
FOR SCHOOLS



**Want to learn Keyboard, Guitar or Singing???**  
**YES PLEASE!!**

**ABC Music offers music lessons during school hours every Tuesday  
during the school term at UPPS!!**




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