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 Blueearth 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 enlightenment. 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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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](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

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

**It's 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: