

20th December 2018

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The Weeks Events

- Monday**– Get ready
Tuesday— **Ho Ho Ho!**
Wednesday—Sleep in
Thursday—Clean up the mess
Friday—

DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 2018**
 20th– **Family Carols Night 6.30pm start**
 21st– Last Day of Term 4 1.15/1.30 pm finish
January 2019
 29th– Teachers start/Student Free Day
 30th– Student Free day
 30th– Uniform Shop open, time to be confirmed
31st– All Students start
 31st– Morning coffee chat 9am
February 2019
 6th– Foundation Interviews commence (No Wednesday classes for Foundation during February)

**Can all LiBRary Books
 Please Be returned to
 the UPPS LiBRary ASAP.**

Many Thanks The Library Ladies



Wallan Community Carols

Asha Hess, grade 5 singing at the Wallan Community carols over the weekend.

Amazing performance Asha!

What's New in this Issue

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Family Carols Night

Arrive from 5.30pm if you wish to bring a picnic dinner.

Bring your own chairs/blankets/aeroguard/snacks

No Alcohol allowed on site.

Concert starts at 6.30pm

All students are expected to sit with their classes during the concert.



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End of term Arrangements

Assembly will be at 1pm. Students finish at 1.15/1.30pm

The school bus will leave at 1.15pm, please allow for the 2 hour earlier arrival home.

Any students who are leaving us and have medication stored in the sickbay will need to come and collect it before they leave for the day on Friday.

Please be considerate as parking will be difficult.

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2019 Start Dates

January 2019

- 29th– Teachers start/Student Free Day
- 30th– Student Free day
- 30th– **Uniform Shop open, 1.30pm-3.30pm**
- 31st– All Students start 9am

February 2019

- 6th– Foundation Interviews commence

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:

Renee Revell: thanks for always giving your best effort and using your growth mindset. We are lucky to have you as a student at UPPS.

James Flemming for always offering to help out around the classroom. Thanks James!

Mia Micallef for her enthusiasm when learning our Christmas Carol! Great work Mia!

Jayde Waddell for not missing a single week of homework this year. Awesome work Jayde!

5/6T for always having a smile on your face and being ready to learn every single day. Thanks for a great year!

Alison Holmberg for being an excellent classroom helper and making our YALP sessions so much fun! Thank you Alison!

Emily Pallant for always doing her best work, this week and every week.

3/4H Swimmers for the excellent manners shown during every session

Amanda Noom for all your help this week! I'm so happy to be working with you in 2019. Fun times ahead!

Values Awards will be presented to:

Aamani Ocean: you have such a caring nature and have been a great friend to many at UPPS. We will miss you next year.

Ryan Stanford for fantastic effort he has put into his learning this year. Keep up the hard work next year Ryan!

Connor Kelly for his hard work this year when working on his learning goals! Keep up the great work next year Connor

Cooper Price for always giving effort and staying up to date during a busy term. Well done Cooper!

Tyler Dennehy for the strength and determination you show every time you are faced with a challenge and overcome it.

Brock Mahoney for showing acceptance and kindness during a busy time of the year.

Foundation Phillips for a wonderful year! Thank you for being so eager to learn and so helpful.

3/4H for the fantastic effort and support you have given Mrs Henderson during the process of moving rooms.

1/2JB for being such a wonderful class to teach this year!! I will miss you!!

Special Principal's Awards will be presented to:

Mrs. Egan would like to thank all of our students for the effort and cooperation they have displayed this year and for the friendship they have shared with each other.

Principal's Report

2018 has been another wonderful year at Upper Plenty Primary with lots of fabulous achievements and also many challenges.

I would like to start by acknowledging our Grade 6 students and their Graduation which was held on Monday at Wallan Secondary College. I was so proud of our students and the manner in which they conducted themselves during the night. They put enormous effort into their speeches and delivered them to the audience very well – overcoming nerves and the challenges of such a big occasion. Thank you to our hard working parent helpers who did lots behind the scenes to make sure everything ran smoothly. Thank you to our 5/6 teachers, who worked tirelessly in the lead up to the event, to ensure everything was perfect for our students. Well done everyone!

We will all miss these wonderful students and appreciate the valuable contribution they have made to UPPS. We wish them success and happiness in their future pursuits.

I would like to thank our School Council for their support and for all of their work this year. Everyone in our UPPS community appreciates the time they have contributed throughout the year to do this important job and we are very grateful for all of their hard work. I would like to extend a special thanks to Jazz, our school council president. Jazz is a passionate advocate of our school and cares deeply about everyone in our community.

There are some families who are ending their association with our school after being part of our community for many years. On behalf of everyone at Upper Plenty Primary, we thank you for being part of our community over the years and wish you all the very best as you continue the learning journey into secondary school with your children.

Thank you to all of the staff at Upper Plenty Primary. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated team of professionals here at our school. They care deeply about the welfare of our students, and are committed to providing the very best learning environment for our students. I feel very proud to be part of such a wonderful team. Thank you!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Miss Ashley Triffett, who is leaving us to pursue a year of adventure, travelling around the world. Ashley has made a very valuable contribution to our school and made a positive impact on the learning and the well being of students in her care. We are all going to miss her enthusiasm and we wish her all the very best on her travels.

I would like to thank our students for all of their efforts throughout the year. It's not always smooth sailing, but bouncing back and being resilient, working hard and doing the very best you can is all part of the learning experience. I am proud of everything you have achieved this year.

Finally, in a year that has presented huge challenges to myself, personally, I would like to thank our beautiful families. I have been deeply touched by the trust and support you have given me and I feel very privileged to be part of the UPPS community.

Thank you everyone. Have a safe and very happy Christmas!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”
Nelson Mandela

Sue Egan
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WOW

Word of the Week

Word	Definition	Student	Grade
Soliloquy	A speech in a play made by a character this is alone on stage	Hayley Rowe	5/6S
Pneumonia	Lung inflammation caused by bacterial infections	Rebecca and Jemma	5/6
Petrified	When you are really scared	Sabrina Miskas	5/6 T
Carbon-Dioxide	Colourless gas which has no smell. Humans breathe this out	Milla Lisle	1/2 JB
Excruciating	Intensely painful and hurting very badly	Rebecca and Jemma	5/6 B
Incline	Behaving a certain way	Mia Wright and Mia Blackaby	3/4 V
Extremely	To a great degree. Very.	Max Bishop	1/2 J
Falsify	Change something in order to deceive people	Jemma and Harry	5/6 B
Suspicious	Showing a cautious distrust	Zara S.M and Shelby C	5/6

Last WOW word of the year. Thank you to everyone who entered words during the year!

Morning Coffee Informal Chat

You are welcome to attend a morning coffee and chat with a couple of staff members and other new parents on the first day of classes (Thursday 31st January) for term. There will be coffee and tea and hopefully some nice eats! This will give you a chance to get to know your fellow class parents in an informal way.



UPPS Uniform list:

- ◆ Red broad rimmed hat
- ◆ School logo short sleeved or long sleeved polo
- ◆ Crew neck school logo windcheater or zip up jacket
- ◆ Dry and cosy jacket
- ◆ Red check school dress (purchase outside school)
- ◆ Navy tights
- ◆ Navy drill pants or shorts
- ◆ Navy tracksuit pants
- ◆ Navy leggings
- ◆ Navy bootleg stretch pants
- ◆ Navy skort
- ◆ Plain navy shorts (basketball style)
- ◆ Navy coat/rain jacket

◆ Not school uniform:

- ◆ Shorts with printing, stripes, etc
- ◆ Lycra style stretch shorts (these shorts are okay for underneath dresses)
- ◆ Any t-shirt/windcheater that does NOT have the UPPS school logo

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Inclement Weather/Days over 35 degrees.

Please read the instructions below.

• Where the Melbourne forecast for the temperature is 35 degrees or more (as per the channel seven 6 o'clock news), the lunch break will be shortened by 15 minutes and the dismissal time for school will be brought forward to 3pm.

No Staggered dismissal on these days Staff will remain on duty for the normal hours.

Only students who have been advised by their parents they are being picked up at 3pm will be escorted to the car park by the yard duty teacher. Younger students may wish to bring a note for their teacher advising them they are on the 3pm pick up.

Students not being dismissed at 3pm will be supervised in the Central Learning Space and can be personally collected by their parents from there at any time.

Please advise the teacher on supervision that you have collected your child.

Please do not call the office asking us to send students to the car park.

These remaining students will be escorted to the car park at 3.30pm .

The school bus will depart at its normal time.

Skoolbag App Update

Skoolbag has released a new version of their app, that all families will be prompted to update too when the log into their app over the next few days. I have been running both apps on my phone for the last couple of months.

The advantage of the new app is the ability to have multiple accounts in the one place and easily swap from one to the other within the app.

The look is quite different as can be seen below in the screen shots.

All the latest notifications from **all** your accounts will show on the home page and by tapping on the school logo within the app will take you to the school specific information.

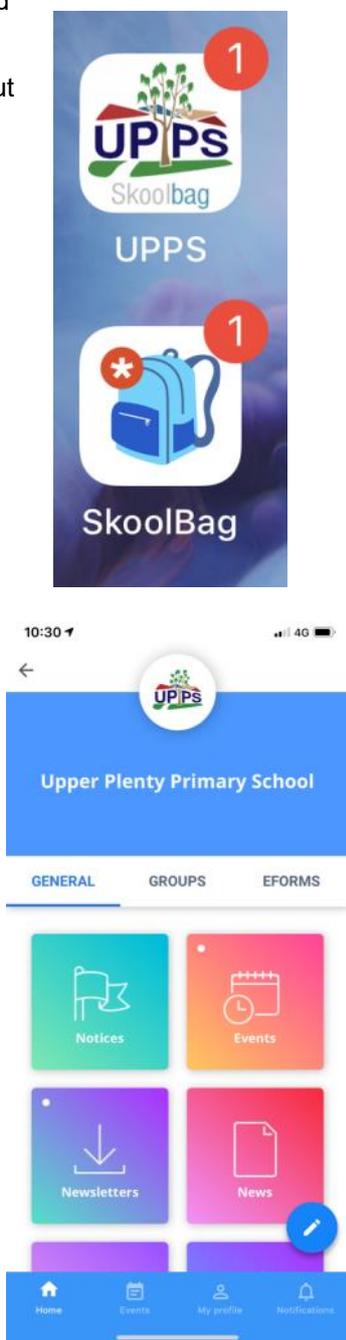
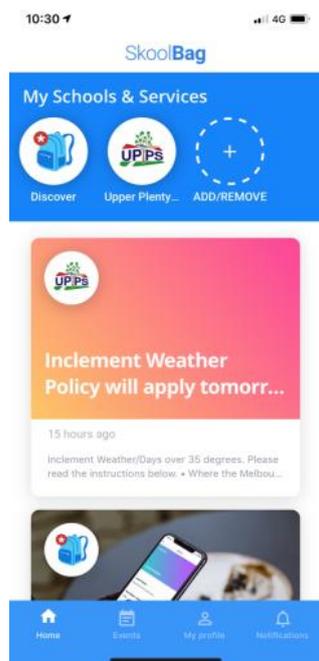
You will need to remember your account details from the old app to activate the new one.

It is available for both IOS and Android.

The old app will be phased out over the coming weeks.

OLD App

NEW App



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REMINDER -ANAPHYLAXIS



Please remember we have a few student with an Anaphylaxis allergy to all nut products (including Nutella type spreads). Please be mindful not to bring lollies or treats that contain nuts for children's birthday celebrations or other special occasions for the 3/4 or 1/2 area.

We have a newly diagnosed student with anaphylaxis to **egg and nuts in 1/2V**, we ask where possible that either of these products are not used in lunches, snacks or treats for that classroom.



Nut Free chocolate spreads are causing quite a bit of confusion in the classrooms, with both staff and students, as it is impossible to tell the difference from sight, so we ask that where possible these are also not consumed at school.

Thank You

Office Hours—

Monday

Gail 8.45am to 3.00pm
Kylie 9.30am– 2.30pm

Tuesday

Gail 8.45am to 3.00pm
Kylie 9.30am– 2.30pm

Wednesdays

Melissa 8.45am to 3.30pm
Gail 9.30am to 3.00pm

Thursdays

Melissa 8.45am to 3.30pm
Kylie 9.30am– 2.30pm

Friday

Melissa 8.45am to 3.30pm
Kylie 9.00am to 3.30pm



Internet Banking

Just a reminder that any fees and excursion payments can be made via Internet Banking

Account Name: Upper Plenty Primary School
BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 1544 88 100

In the **reference** section please put in your name as this is how we know who the payment belongs to.