



UPPS UPDATE

12th November 2020

UPPER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Next Weeks Events

Monday—
Tuesday—
Wednesday—
Thursday— Icy Poles \$1 at lunchtime
Friday—

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2020

December 2020

1st– 2021 Foundation Small group transition
8th– State Wide Transition Day
15th– Grade 6 Graduation
16th– Class parties
17th– Last Day of Classes for students– 3.30pm finish
17th–Carols and Awards Night
18th– Last Day of Term 4—Student Free day

Assembly Tomorrow

Assembly tomorrow will be at 3pm.

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number: 874 095 039 Password: school

We ask that all students and parents please leave their microphones on mute during the entire assembly.

Students catching the bus will leave at 3.05pm.

Thanks

Reminder Parents Onsite

Parents and Adult carers of students should **not** be coming into school grounds without contacting the school office first via phone.

Under no circumstances should you enter the school grounds once you have contacted the office without wearing a properly fitting and approved face mask.

At no stage should any adult be entering any of the buildings without prior approval and definitely should not be in a classroom of students.

If you have someone coming to collect your child for you at any stage, please explain the guidelines to them before they arrive.

Your assistance in following these guidelines keeps everyone safe.

Thanks

What's New in this Issue

◆Wow Word

◆Weather over 35 degrees

- ◆Assembly
- ◆Parents onsite
- ◆Uniform Sale
- ◆Hayfever Season
- ◆Awards
- ◆Principal's Report
- ◆Bushfire Procedure

Uniform Sale \$5.00 items

We have **selected** uniform for sale for \$5 an item. Not all sizes are available
Short sleeve polos not available in sizes 4-10. Limited adult sizes available

Available items (not all sizes available)

Long Sleeve polos
Tracksuits
Cargo Shorts
Skorts
Bootleg pants
Cargo pant
Zip jackets (mainly small numbers of size 12 and up) and the odd smaller sizes
Windcheater (most sizes)
Tracksuit pants(straight leg)
Tracksuit pants(double knee)
House color tshirts

Please send an envelope with name,order and payment with your child to the office
If we have your items they will be sent home with your child
If item is not available refund will be sent home

Due to COVID restrictions orders will only be accepted this way

We ask that you please be patient waiting for your order as it is a very busy time in the office.

Thank you

Hayfever Season

With hayfever season in full swing, its very important that your children do not attend school if they are unwell with uncontrolled symptoms. Any student presenting to the office unwell will be sent home.

Please follow your recommended medical plan if your child suffers from hayfever and medicate them appropriately before they arrive at school.

Thank you

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Weekly Awards

Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:

Matilda Robinson for excellent work in continuing to work hard to develop your reading skills. It is paying off!!

Beau Floyd for the determination he showed in maths this week, well done Beau!

Eva Hill for being a kind friend to all of your classmates! We are all going to miss you very much.

Jarvis Cavanagh for consistently applying yourself in all your classes and adding to classroom discussion in a positive way! Well done!

Nikita Young for working hard on her writing goal. Well done, Nikita.

Isla Hess for the outstanding effort she has put into working out division problems, love your determination Isla!

Connor Hill for always following instructions and being a great friend. Good luck at your new school. We will miss you!

Crystal Brunn for constantly trying her best in our maths lessons and participating in our mini lessons. Keep it up Crystal!

Henry Rohde for trying really hard work to stay on task this week. Well done Henry!

Values Awards will be presented to: Special Principal's Awards will be presented to:

Ali Cay for showing great enthusiasm and effort on your preparation for Grade 6 graduation.

Annah Stokes for having a positive attitude and a growth mindset when approaching new learning goals.

Hunter Armstrong for being resilient and bouncing back quickly after hurting your knee in the classroom. You were very brave, Hunter!

Bella Hardwick for always being kind to others and dealing with issues in a mature way. Well done Bella!

Maya Hopper for continually showing your flexibility and dedication towards your daily learning, including all your extra commitments you also need to do. Well done!

Gemma Daniel for having a positive 'can do' attitude to all learning tasks. Keep up the good work, Gemma.

Daniel Hemphill for displaying resilience when dealing with problems that arise. Keep it up Daniel!

Oscar Walton for moving away from distractions and enthusiastically joining in with our book discussions. Keep it up Oscar!

Grace Ryan-Kennedy for always smiling and being so positive in our classroom.

Special Principal's Awards will be presented to:

Sienna Vasilevski for your enthusiasm for learning, for the friendship and kindness you give to other students and for the resilience you have shown every day at school!

Bonnie Fowler for your persistence and effort in working on your writing. You have made huge progress Bonnie—you're a superstar!

Principal's Report

This week our students have enjoyed the sunshine. There have been lots of different games played outside including basketball, football, downball, chasey, and imaginative games.

Students in grades 3 to 6 have had the opportunity to participate in rugby clinics and netball clinics. These will continue for the next few weeks.

The department has announced this week that will receive additional funds available in 2021 to support students with 'learning gaps'. Plans are now underway on how we will implement this program. Our students are enjoying their additional 'Fitness and Cooperation' sessions.

Congratulations to Kate Hopper, Shanina Stafford, Josh Wallis, Natalie King, Seb Stokes and Jo Sanders on gaining their 'UPPS LEGEND' status! This is an achievement to be proud of. These students have consistently demonstrated our school values of respect, resilience and responsibility. They have maintained a positive attitude to learning and shown kindness to others in our school community. We are so very proud of them!

This week staff have spent time evaluating our Annual Implementation Plan, celebrating our achievements and discussing our possible goals for 2021.

Class structures for 2021 were announced last week. Staff have already spent a great deal of time in their efforts to place students in classes. When doing this we consider social and wellbeing issues, friendships, personalities, and learning needs. All of our teaching teams work together to plan for the learning needs of every student in a cohort and take collective responsibility for all students. Thank you for your support of our decision making processes in this.

Mrs. Ballard will be out visiting our future students at their kindergartens over the next few weeks. She's very excited to meet our future students in person.

Thank you for continued support and for the care you give to your children.

Please stay safe. Be kind. Hug your families.

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Our resident baby birds, photographed by Mrs Lewis earlier this week

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School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.



Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, Skoolbag and Facebook. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- ◆ No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- ◆ School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- ◆ All bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan,

What can parents do?

- ◆ Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- ◆ Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website <http://www.upper-plenty-ps.vic.edu.au/> Facebook group page and via Skoolbag and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- ◆ <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- ◆ Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- ◆ Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ◆ ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- ◆ VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)





WORD OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 1	Proud	Feeling happy with your achievements	Nathaniel Hansa 1/2 JV
Week 2	Submerged	Beneath a surface of water	Maks and Connor 3/4 S
Week 3	Distinguished	Recognise the difference between two things.	Ashton York 3/4 S
Week 5	Team	A group of people working together	Leadership team

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 BOM website the night before), 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.

Medication at School



Guidelines from the DET, any student who is to take **any** medication at school **must** have a completed Medical Authority Form, available from the office and attached below, outlining the type of medication, dose and times and must be signed by a parent/guardian.

All medication is to be brought to Admin for safe storage. No student is to have any type of medication in their school bag.

It is encouraged that where possible, students requiring anti-biotics time the dosages so that they do not fall in school times.

Hats are Back!

The school Sunsmart policy states that all students will wear a broad brim hat at all times they are outside from the **start of September until the end of April.**

Peaked caps are **NOT** acceptable at any time.

Any student without a hat will have to stay undercover or in the gazebo.

Hats are available from the uniform shop for \$7



Update of Contact Details

As we approach the fire danger period, it is vitally important that we have up to date and accurate contact details for all our primary carers and parents.

Please contact the school via email if you have changed your home or mobile phone number, or changed your email address, as we will use these to contact you if we have any incidents.

It is also imperative that all families are using and accessing the Sentral for Parents App, as this is our main source of information directly from the school to your mobile.

Thank you

Email: upper.plenty.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Important Reminder from the Art Room

Dear Families,

This is a reminder that, due to hygiene issues, we are no longer using communal smocks in the art room.

Students are now required to bring their own smocks to the artroom to protect their uniform from messy materials. While waterproof material provides the best protection, an old t-shirt would suffice for most activities.

(Students should be able to put on their own smocks, therefore ties at the back are not advised)

Smocks will be stored in the student's bag lockers in between classes.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Kind regards, Mrs Lewis.

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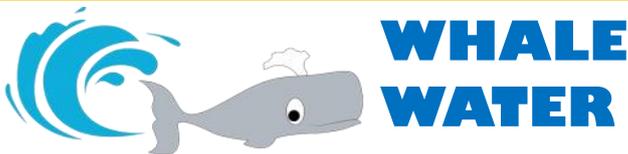
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Term 1 2021	27th Jan (Staff Return)	1st April
Term 2 2021	19th April	25th June
Term 3 2021	12th July	17th September
Term 4 2021	4th October	17th December

Office Hours—

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesdays

Melissa 8.45am to 3.30pm
Gail 8.45am to 3.30pm

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

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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.