

Upper Plenty Primary School

STUDENT AWARDS

POLICY

Rationale:

- This policy should be considered in conjunction with our Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policies.
- Encouraging our students is more than a learning and teaching strategy, it is deeply embedded in our ongoing interactions with the students. Encouragement is positive feedback in any form that focuses primarily on effort or improvement rather than only outcomes. With encouragement a student feels worthwhile and appreciated regardless of the results he or she achieves after doing their personal best – the child does not have to be the best!
- Achievement, effort, appropriate behaviour and doing our personal best in all areas are valued and acknowledged in many ways at Upper Plenty Primary School and are linked to the Essential Learnings in the AUSVELS curriculum. This policy describes the school's **formal** student recognition program.

Student Recognition Programs:

Throughout the year

1. Student of the week Awards

- These awards are presented at each school assembly and published in the weekly newsletter.
- The criteria is determined by each teacher and the class should be aware of these.
- Generally one award per class is awarded each week.
- It is generally understood that each student in the class will receive at least one during the course of a year however, the class teacher has sole discretion in the decision.

2. Weekly School Values Awards

- These awards are presented at each school assembly and published in the weekly newsletter.
- The awards take form of value-specific certificates which embodies each of the school's five core values: Honesty, Giving Effort, Friendship, Co-operation and Respect.
- Generally one award per class is awarded each week.
- Specialist teachers and other staff also have the right to award School Values Awards.
- It is generally understood that each student in the class will receive at least one during the course of a year however, the teacher has sole discretion in the decision.

3. Principal's Special Awards

- These awards are presented at school assembly and published in the newsletter.
- The criteria is determined by the principal and seeks to recognise exceptional behaviour that reflects the school's values.

4. House points

- House points are awarded for model behaviour, effort in learning and other good deeds.
- Students also participate and compete in competitions and events at various times throughout the year and earn house points.
- The class house points are collected each week and the winning house is announced at each weekly assembly.

- At the end of term the house that has accrued the most weekly wins is awarded with a special event.

End of Year

An awards evening is conducted in correlation with the End of Year Christmas Carols Evening. At this evening the following awards are given.

1. Overall Merit Award

- The Overall Excellence Award is presented to a male and a female student from each **class** at the end of each year.
- The criteria for this award encompasses the following elements:
 - **academic growth** based on pursuit of personal excellence.
 - on-going and consistent excellence of behaviour and attitude.
 - outstanding role models and who are able to sustain this conduct throughout their time at the school.
- The recipient will be selected by the class teacher in collaboration with other staff and the principal.
- Each specialist will have the opportunity to nominate one recipient relevant to their specialty field

2. Ruby Thomson Memorial Award

- Awarded to one child each year
- Award to the student who demonstrates an exceptional ability to make the most of everyday and every opportunity, to present with a positive attitude and love for the opportunities that school provides.
- Staff and students will be given the opportunity to nominate a recipient
- Staff will make a collaborative recommendation to the principal who will have the final say in collaboration with Ruby's parents.

3. Salvi Gulli Memorial Award

- Awarded to one student each year
- Awarded to the student who displays courage and determination in the face of challenges
- Staff and students will be given the opportunity to nominate a recipient
- Staff will make a collaborative recommendation to the principal who will have the final say in collaboration with Salvi's parents.

4. Mitchell Shire Citizenship Award

Wandong Lions Club Citizenship Award

Whittlesea Lion's Club Citizenship Award

- The criteria for these awards are:
Being Kind, helpful, respectful, well-behaved, showing respect for others, polite, trying hard, honest and truthful
- Staff will nominate candidates for this and make a collaborative decision

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed at the end of the first, second and third year and then every three years.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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