



# UPdate

**11th December 2025**

## Next Weeks Events

Monday— Swimming

Tuesday— Gr6 Graduation

Wednesday—

Thursday— Class Parties—please return form and payment ASAP

Friday— **Last day of term 4-1.30 pm finish**—no afternoon bus service

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December 2025

11th— Carols and Awards Night 5.30-7pm

12th— BER Open Day 2.30pm

16th— Grade 6 Graduation

18th— Class Parties

19th— Last day of Term 4-1.30pm finish—no afternoon bus service

### January 2026

27th—Staff return for 2026

28th—Students return Gr1 –6

29th— Foundation students start

### **Assembly tomorrow will be at 2.40pm**

If you are requiring to pick up your child early on a Friday you need to do so 5 minutes before assembly starts.

We will not be interrupting assembly to retrieve children.

## **Carol's night—food**

Rotary are cooking sausages in bread and selling cans of drink from 5pm

Sausage in bread—\$3

Drinks -\$2

Students are selling snacks

Lolly bags—\$1

Popcorn - \$1

Please bring cash.



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## YOUR VOICE MATTERS



We're planning for 2026 and would love to hear your ideas about how we can make our school an even stronger, more connected community.

Your thoughts will help us plan events, partnerships, and opportunities that bring families, children, and staff together.

Thank you for sharing your voice!

Please Scan Me!



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## **Christmas Raffle**

A massive thank you to everyone who has donated to our fabulous Christmas raffle. We have a huge amount of amazing hampers and prizes.

Special mention to  
Jungle Kids  
Their Care  
Couch's Resin Craft

Tickets will be for sale at tonight's carols and awards night \$1 a ticket. Bring along your gold coins!



# Weekly Awards

## **Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:**

**Kamali Senthil** -Congratulations on a fantastic year of dedicating yourself to your learning and being a wonderful member of 4/5DD. Keep up the great work next year, Kamali!

**Emily Bell** for being kind to all her peers and teachers! Keep it up Emily!

**Nimrat Chhina** for your consistent effort in Formula for Frames - even at the end of the year! Your writing has been incredible.

**Quinn Denholm** for working promptly on your graduation speech. Thank you Quinn!

**Maia Lincoln** for playing nicely and treating every one with kindness. Well done, Maia!

**Sam Palmer** for doing a fantastic job taking turns and sharing at the ping pong table. Fantastic job, Sam!

**Zayn Gorovic** for his participation and enthusiasm at swimming lessons this week. Well done Zayn!

**Evie Kurt** for displaying kindness and empathy to all of your friends and making others around you feel happy. Keep up the great work, Evie!

## **Values Awards will be presented to:**

**Leon Cameron** -Well done for following teacher directions quickly, Leon. Your responsibility for your learning has significantly improved this term and we are so proud of you!

**Josiah Stokes** for being responsible and responding to teachers directions quickly. Great work Josiah!

**Aisha Lindsay** for regularly following teacher directions, especially when transitioning between the floor space and your desk. Well done on showing respect, Aisha.

**Eleanor Bryant** for always responding to instructions quickly and politely. Thank you Eleanor!

**Jayden Cameron** for always following teachers directions quickly. Thank you for being respectful, Jayden!

**Hannah Leighton** for always following teacher directions quickly. Thanks for helping our classroom to run smoothly, Hannah.

**Ellie Hutchinson** for following instructions quickly! Thank you Ellie for keep our classroom moving quickly!

**Addley Tucker** for displaying respect by always following teacher directions quickly and assisting your peers with all activities. We are so lucky to have you in our class, Addley!

## **Principal's Awards will be presented to:**

**Jordan Tilbrook** for being an amazing helper and willing to assist when needed

## **UPPS Legend has been achieved by:**

Brodie Behan  
Finn Edwards  
Samuel DiClemente  
Bella Cassar  
Liam Bell  
Ryder Thomson  
Lucy Norton  
Elyse Hudaverdi  
Hunter Featherstone  
Patrick Shaw  
Elliot Newton  
Jordan Tilbrook

# UPPS Carols and Award Night ~ Thursday 11th December



**Arrive from 5.00pm**—There will be a sausage sizzle run by Rotary with sausages in bread and drinks available for purchase. FAF will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 for our Christmas Raffle. There will be lolly bags and popcorn, please bring your gold coins to purchase.

All proceeds will go towards the new goal posts on the basketball court.

## **5.30pm concert start.—7.00pm finish**

Students can come in Christmas clothes.

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

- ♦ Bring your own chairs/blankets/aeroguard/snacks
- ♦ The concert will be held outside.
- ♦ No alcohol or smoking allowed on site.
- ♦ Please take home any rubbish.

Parking will be limited, so please obey all parking laws and make sure to park safely. Consider car pooling.

Disabled parking only in the staff car park. There has been a huge request for disabled parking and unfortunately we will not be able to fit everyone into the staff car park. Some families will need to drop off in the staff car park and move their car. Please drive extremely slowly in Clarkes road and the staff car park due to this. Cars can not be doubled parked in the staff car park due to safety reasons.



# Principal's Report

## END OF THE YEAR

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, there is a wonderful sense of excitement and anticipation across UPPS. Thank you to our students, staff and families for your ongoing support as we wrap up a successful year of learning and community. A special thank you to our dedicated teaching staff who work with passion and determination with our students throughout the year. I congratulate all of you on a successful year. Thank you also to our School Council and FAF Committee for their commitment to help improve our school. You are a wonderful team, and I appreciate your time, commitment and energy. I look forward to continuing the work in 2026.

## STAFFING 2026

Our staffing for 2026 is almost complete. Our classes have been completed and students attended transition day on Tuesday with their new teacher and class mates. Our staffing for 2026 is:

- ♦ Trudy Whewell – Principal
- ♦ Alex Campbell – Assistant Principal
- ♦ Belinda Joy – Leading Teacher
- ♦ Kylie Ballard – Learning Specialist
- ♦ Jaimi Darwell – Mental Health in Schools Leader
- ♦ Violetta Boskoska – returning for a few weeks before heading off on maternity leave

## Foundation Teachers:

- ♦ Kylie Ballard & Sarah O'Keefe – (sharing)

## Year 1/2 Teachers:

- ♦ Hannah Kenny
- ♦ Paige Humphreys
- ♦ New

## Year 3/4 teachers:

- ♦ Laura DeLuca & Belinda Joy (sharing)
- ♦ Gavin Lock (new)

## Year 4/5 Teachers:

- ♦ Tilly Ashby

## Year 5/6 Teachers:

- ♦ Kristin Ramona & Amy Placek (sharing)
- ♦ Brett Rees

## Specialist Teachers:

- ♦ Andy Demetrius – PE & STEM
- ♦ Emily Renwood – Auslan
- ♦ Andrea Lewis – Semester 1 – Visual Art; Semester 2 – Performing Art

## Education Support Staff (ES):

- ♦ Luka Kennedy
- ♦ Moana Carland
- ♦ Monique Santon
- ♦ Alison Holmberg
- ♦ Jacqui Humphreys

## Office Staff:

- ♦ Kylie Butler
- ♦ Melissa McPhee
- ♦ Gail O'Donnell - Business Manager

## **FAREWELL**

We have several staff members we will be farewelling at the end of this year: Nick Hull, Mel Bennett, Josie Westcott, Lynda Sheen, Lana Mounsey, and Nikki Ridgeway. I would like to thank each of them for their dedication to our students, hard work, and the contributions they have made to UPPS. We wish them all the very best in their next adventures, and a happy and fulfilling retirement to Lynda and Josie. We also farewell a number of families who will be leaving us next week as they begin the new school year at their new schools. I wish all of these students every success as they continue their learning journeys. Our Year 6 students are now nearing the end of their primary school years and will soon begin their secondary school journey. Many are feeling a mix of nerves and excitement as they look ahead to new experiences and opportunities, and we know they will approach this next chapter with confidence and curiosity.

## **K.K. & CLASS PARTIES**

A reminder to please send in your \$5 payment, which will allow us to provide a hot chips and potato cake lunch for every participating student. If payment is not made by the due date, we will assume that your child will be bringing in their own lunch.

We also ask that you send in your child's K.K. gift early so we can ensure every student receives a gift. Your support helps the day run smoothly and ensures no one misses out on this fun event.

## **HOLIDAY WORK**

Over the school holidays, work will commence on our new septic system. Today I met with the team who will be overseeing this project. They will be installing a high-grade system that meets the needs of our school size, along with an upgraded filtration system.

The aim is to complete the works during the holiday period. However, as some equipment still needs to be ordered, there is a possibility of delays.

An arborist will also be on-site to remove several trees and trim branches as part of the preparation for this project.

## **START OF SCHOOL YEAR 2026**

I will return to work in the week of 19th January to continue preparing for the 2026 school year. The first official day back for staff is Tuesday 27th January.

The most important dates for families are:

- ◆ Wednesday 28th January – Students in Year 1 to Year 6 return to normal classes.
- ◆ Thursday 29th January – Foundation students commence their first day of school.

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

As we come to a close on the 2025 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all member of our school community for your support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a well earned holiday break. I hope you are able to spend quality time together with your families and enjoy a chance to rest and recharge. My own family will be heading to the beach for a while, and I hope whatever your plans may be, you have a safe and enjoyable break. I look forward to seeing you in the new year and continuing to work together in 2026.

Trudy



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Delivery Charges: All orders over \$55 (incl. GST) and placed before **1st December** are eligible for FREE delivery! Please make sure to have your booklist delivered to your home and not the school.

## 2026 ENROLMENTS OPEN GRADES 1-6 Limited Places



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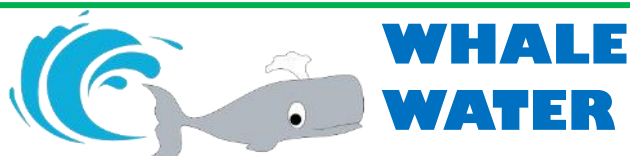


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