

UPDATE

12th September 2024



Next Weeks Events

Monday—

Tuesday—

Wednesday—

Thursday— dental van

Friday— dental van/**Last day of term 3 - 2.30pm finish—No afternoon bus service**

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 2024

13th Young Leaders—selected students

19/20th— Dental Van

20th— Parent/Carers Opinion Survey closes

20th—Last day of term 3 - Sports Colours day—2.30pm finish—No Bus service home

October 2024

7th—First day of term 4

17th— Gr 1/2 Sleepover

18th— School Saving Bonus cut off

23/24/25—Gr 5/6 Day camps

Assembly tomorrow will at 2.50pm

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.

Hats are Compulsory!

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 office or the uniform shop for \$10



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Are you leaving UPPS at the end of year?

It's that time of year again when we are planning our class set ups for 2025. If you are planning to leave our school at the end of the year, can you please contact the office and let us know - we have a waiting list of families who wish to join our community. We need to finalise our class configuration for 2025. We would be very grateful if you'd let us know as soon as possible.

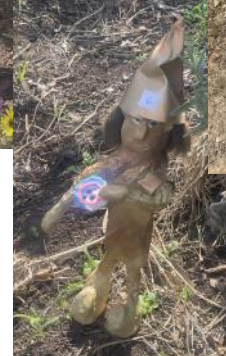
Friday 20th September —last day of term 3

Sports colours day—wear your favourite sports teams colours to school.

School finishes at 2.30pm

Assembly at 2.15pm

No afternoon bus service to Wallan



Weekly Awards

Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:

Ruby Stott for working incredibly hard and achieving her literacy goals. Amazing Ruby!

Huddy Gresham for always showing respect and putting your hand up to contribute your ideas. We love hearing what you have to say, Huddy!

Olivia Tanner for coming to school every day with a big smile on her face and a positive attitude, thank you Olivia for being a ray of sunshine in our class!

Alessia Yates-Kuster for taking initiative and being a super helper when the class had a CRT. Amazing leadership, Alessia!

Chayse Schelfhout for your engagement and hard work during class this term. Keep it up Chayse - the growth in your learning has been amazing!

Taihlar Walsh for the excellent effort she has applied to her maths work this term. Superstar effort Taihlar!

Alice Sillery for your perseverance in Genre Writing. You worked hard and caught back up - well done on your effort!

Zaylia Georges -Congratulations, Zaylia for putting 100% into your maths and using a growth mindset to achieve success in our area and perimeter unit. You're a superstar!

Lucinda Bryant for participating in class discussions and extending her learning. Keep up the amazing work Lucinda.

Values Awards will be presented to:

Beau Floyd for coming back to school from camp ready to learn and participate in class.

Sam Palmer for solving problems and bouncing back quickly. Amazing resilience Sam!

Leo Gravenor for bouncing back when he is in the blue zone! Well done Leo keep it up!

Willow Muratore for showing resilience when solving problems. You bounce back quickly. Well done, Willow!

Jack Palmer for staying calm and seeing the funny side of problems before finding a sensible solution. Well done, Jack!

Jessie Mercer for being able to quickly identify how big a problem is and finding appropriate ways to solve them. You're a great role-model Jessie!

Natasha Mouser for consistently showing resilience by solving problems and bouncing back. Awesome work Natasha!

Nimrat Chhina for showing resilience in the playground when dealing with friendships. You solved your problem and bounced back - well done!

Patrick Hannagan—Patrick, thank you for always being honest, listening to feedback and continuing to learn and grow.

Students Choice Awards will be presented to:

Keith Panakal for bouncing back when he got injured in the playground.

Lucy Norton for always having a smile on her face.

Principal's Report

Gnome Day at UPPS – what a magical day!!!! The sun was shining as we all headed outside to go 'hunting' for gnomes!!!! Our senior students had made them in Art lessons and each gnome was individual, crafted doing an action that represented its maker! We had garden gnomes, football gnomes, cricket gnomes, reading gnomes, artistic gnomes – just to name a few. Students had to go looking for them outside and they were in all sorts of places!!!! In addition, Mrs. Lewis set up an Art Gallery in the 4/5/6 building and students were able to visit and explore the 'around the world' landmark models that had been created. It was a fabulous day and we are very thankful to Mrs. Lewis for all of the work she did preparing this event, and very proud of our students for their incredible work!!!

Today some of our UPPS sporting stars are heading to Meadow Glen to compete in the zone athletics finals. We wish them every success and we are very proud of them!

On Friday our school captains are heading out to participate in a leadership day run by our network. They will learn new skills and be given opportunities to tackle challenges. This day is also a chance for them to mix with students from other schools in the area.

We only have a week left of term and 2025 is getting closer! Our planning has started. If your children will not be attending UPPS next year, please let us know, as we have several students on our waiting list.

As always, if you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me. We are here to work together with you, to support your children.

Please be kind!
Sue

Principal Awards will be presented to:

Ellie Hutchison for the respect and kindness you show to everyone in our school community and for the positive way you approach all of your learning tasks! You're a superstar Ellie!

Kamali Shri Senthil for the beautiful manners you show at school every day, and for the friendship and kindness you extend to everyone at UPPS! Thank you Kamali!



A Window into Foundation: Exploring Weather

Foundation students are diving into the fascinating world of weather!

Understanding Sunlight: We observed how sunlight warms sand, soil and water, seeing firsthand that shaded areas are cooler than areas in direct sunlight.



Engineering Shade: we became little engineers brainstorming and testing ideas to create more shade to slow down a piece of ice from melting.

Weather Patterns: we have been recording weather data to spot patterns and understand how weather changes with the seasons.

Severe Weather Awareness: for the rest of the term are learning about severe weather and how to prepare for it by observing weather warnings and planning for emergencies.

By engaging in these activities, we are not only learning about weather but also developing problem-solving skills and an understanding of how weather impacts our daily lives.

2024 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS
TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 20 September 2024**.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. We need to get a survey return of at least 40 families to make the data useful.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

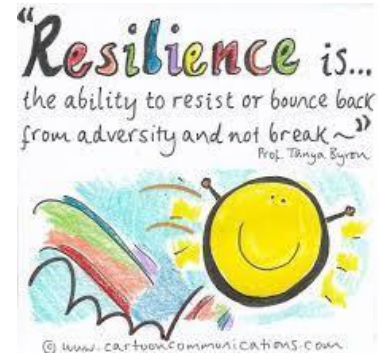
More information and the link to the survey came home via Sentral on Monday 29th July.

Last year we used the survey results to support our future planning.

Please contact the office if you would like more information.

**Survey Extended until
end of term**

School-wide Positive Behaviour



This week's SWPBS Value is Resilience.

Students have been working on their ability to bounce back when a problem occurs or something doesn't go to plan.

We have been focusing on good strategies we can use to help us bounce back quickly, and make sure we are happy and healthy minded for longer.

Students have learnt about having a positive mindset, and being able to choose how to respond to a situation. For example, Bob didn't get to be in a group with his best mate. Bob could choose to be upset and refuse to work in the group, OR he could make the most out of the situation and work well in a group of people that he may get to know and end up liking.

Improving children's resilience helps them to deal with the adversities they experience throughout their lifetime. This skill can be fostered at home, when children experience a problem that tests this skill. Remind your child that they always have a choice in how they choose to respond, and praise them when they make that right choice.

Parents using the staff carpark

The car park in the school grounds is for staff, deliveries, picking up sick children and visitors to the school.

We ask that all parents use the Shack car park for pickup and drop off. **Unless you have asked the office for permission, no parent should be using the staff car park unless you are picking up an ill child.**

Please make sure that all adults dropping off or picking up your children are aware that the staff car park is not to be used. **No student should be walking through the staff car park without an adult.**

Parking on the side of Clarkes road is illegal and sign posted as such.

If you have exceptional circumstances and require the use of the staff car park please contact the office so we can arrange it.

Parents using the OOSH/Care can use the staff car park before and after school hours.

Supervision of students starts at 8.45am and students should not be dropped at school prior to this. If you require your child to be at school prior to this time, you may need to use the YMCA Before School care program.

Thank you.

Sentral Parent App

All families should be accessing the Sentral Parent App for all their information. If you are having trouble with the App please contact the office.

Thanks

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sentral.mobile>

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/sentral-for-parents/id1238744022>

Absence Notification

The DET Attendance policy requires us to contact parents any day their child is absent without explanation, ON THE DAY.

All roles will be marked right after the morning bell, any student arriving after the bell MUST be signed in by an adult at the office.

Parents/Guardians will need to contact the school no later than 9.30am to explain their child's absence. This can be done via the Sentral Parent App or via phone to the school office, or direct email to the school or your child's teacher. You can also send a written note in with a sibling.

All notes require a brief explanation of your child's absence as we must code it for the different reasons. A date is also essential for legal reasons.

If we have not received a notification of an absence you will be sent an SMS message, which you can reply to, or you can reply via any of the methods above.

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WATERWATCH FIELD DAY

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SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER -10:30AM - 1:30PM

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School Saving Bonus

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus. The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until [30 June 2025](#). It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

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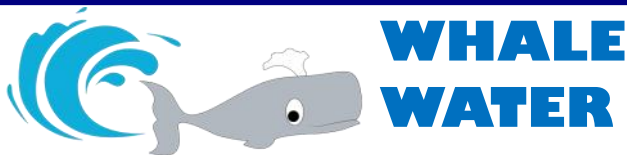
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Get in touch

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