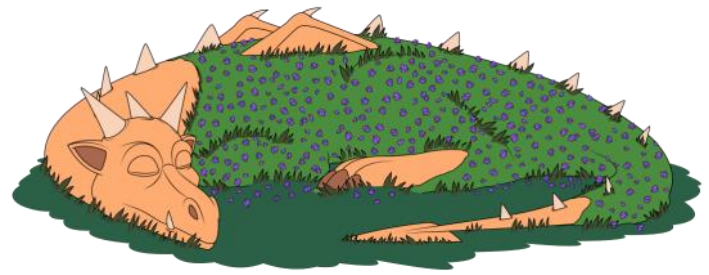


UPDATE

14th November 2024



Next Weeks Events

Monday—

Tuesday—

Wednesday—

Thursday—

Friday—

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2024

26th- 2025 Foundation Session—3.45pm-4.30pm (students with parent/carer)

29th- Fun Run

30th-Last day free delivery for COS

December 2024

3rd- 2025 Foundation Transition—9.00am – 1.30pm (students only)

6th- Special Farewell Assembly 2pm

10th—Statewide Transition Day (including 2025 Foundation) - 9.00am-1.30pm (students only)

9/11/12/13/16th—Swimming Lessons

16th—Grade 6 Graduation

17th—Parent Helper Morning Tea

18th- Class Parties

19th- Awards and Carols Evening

20th- Last day of Term 4—1.30pm finish

January 2025

28th- Staff return

29th- Grade 1-6 students return to school

29th- Foundation Assessments start—individual dates and times to be advised

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.

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School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities. To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:

Natalie King for the happy and positive attitude that you bring to our classroom each day. We appreciate you Natalie!!

Sam Palmer for working hard during fluency time to achieve his math goals. Amazing Sam!

Charlie Ryan-Kennedy for being able to show your amazing learning when you put your mind to it. Keep kicking those goals Charlie!

Zayden Blackaby-Eydems for your positive attitude towards learning and the good choices you have been making at school. Keep up the great work Zayden!

Aryan Shandilya for having a growth mindset and approaching learning with a positive attitude. Keep up the great work, Aryan!

Ana Zmejkoska for having a positive, can-do attitude to all her learning tasks, and for always completing her work to a high standard. Well done, Ana.

Waris Chhina for his impressive work with multiplication and division in maths this week. Well done Waris!

Charlotte Walsh—Charlotte, your insightful views about our class novel 'The Last Bear' always show your deep understanding and provide others with new ideas and knowledge. Keep up the good work!

Evie Stott for trying your best at school and showing respect by listening carefully. Super effort, Evie!

Values Awards will be presented to:

Isla Stokes for always understanding her zone and thinking about ways to stay in the green zone. Great work Isla!

Kai Roarty for knowing his zone and using strategies to get back into the green zone. Well done Kai!

Nicholas Hansa for knowing your zone and responding appropriately by asking for help or taking a break. Excellent display of resilience Nicholas!

Rubi Plant for treating your classmates nicely. You are a great friend, Rubi!

William Beasey for the resilience you have shown at school, bouncing back from difficult situations and moving forward positively. Well done William!

Lucy Norton for using strategies to help regulate her emotions. Excellent resilience Lucy!

Xavier Moore for being aware of his zone and using strategies to return to green zone. Great job turning your day around, Xavier.

Kurtis Ritchie for knowing your zone and responding appropriately and for showing kindness to younger students when they were upset. Thanks Kurtis!

Claire Stokes for responding to how she feels and taking steps to feel better. Claire, you should be extremely proud of your growth in resilience this year!!

Guneet Thandi—Guneet, well done for always knowing your zone and responding if needed!

Students Choice Awards will be presented to:

Aisha Lindsay for bouncing back when getting hit in the head.

Ezra Armitage for bouncing back when getting hit in the head with a soccer ball.

Principal's Awards will be presented to:

Charley Anderson for the excellent choices you have been making at school. Thank you Charley for being a responsible member of our school community. Well done!

Charlotte Walsh for the empathy and kindness you show towards others - you really are an excellent role model Charlotte! Thank you!

Logan Cauchi for the excellent attitude you bring to school every day - always putting in your best effort in class and being resilient, and a good friend to others in the playground. Well done Logan!

Tahlia Chenhall-Gruevski for showing resilience at school when faced with an uncomfortable situation. You persevered Tahlia, and made excellent choices. What a superstar! Well done!

Principal's Report

Week 6 folks – I can't believe we are half way through the term!

We have exciting news – CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Hull on the early arrival of his new little baby boy – Leo!!!! Leo is a very welcome addition to the Hull family and we all send them our love!

Kat Stokes will be taking over the Grade 3/4 for the rest of term, with Sarah Henderson filling in on some of the days.



Congratulations to Bella C who competed in the recent Canberra Boxing Competition and came home with a gold medal!!! You're a superstar Bella!

Teachers have been spending time this week updating IEPs and conducting further assessments with their students.

We have had lots of visitors this week at school. On Tuesday we had teachers from our network schools visit classrooms to observe our Numeracy lessons. Today we have had the network curriculum leaders visit our school to learn more about our instructional model and how we teach at UPPS.

Regular attendance at school is hugely important for our students, not just for their learning, but also for their wellbeing and for their social relationships. Please support your children to come to school every day. If you are experiencing any challenges, please contact me so I can provide support. Please take the time to have a look at your child's attendance on the Sentral app. If you click on 'Attendance' you will be able to see their percentage attendance for each term, and from that you can click on the 'Attendance Summary' to see a graph of daily attendance each term. The green squares indicate a full day's attendance. Our goal is for every child to have 90% attendance every term.

DODGE BALL is the latest craze at school. We have students from all ages playing this game at recess and lunch play – in fact – it's so popular – we've had to make a roster! It is wonderful to see students all interacting together and showing sportsmanship as they encourage each other in this game!

We will be finalising classes next week. Thank you to all families who have contacted me with their feedback and concerns. When we make up the classes we take special time and care to consider the needs of every child carefully. We will not be changing the classes once they are done as it is such a complicated process. Thank you for supporting us and trusting our judgement in this complex process.

Our whole school fun run is coming up in a few weeks on Friday 29th November – everyone is excited about this event which is always a highlight for our students.

Let's all take care of each other!
Please be kind!
Sue Egan

UPPS Legend will be presented to:

Charlotte Rohde
Jasmine Campbell
Tahlia Chenhall-Gruevski
Charlotte Gannon
River Ford

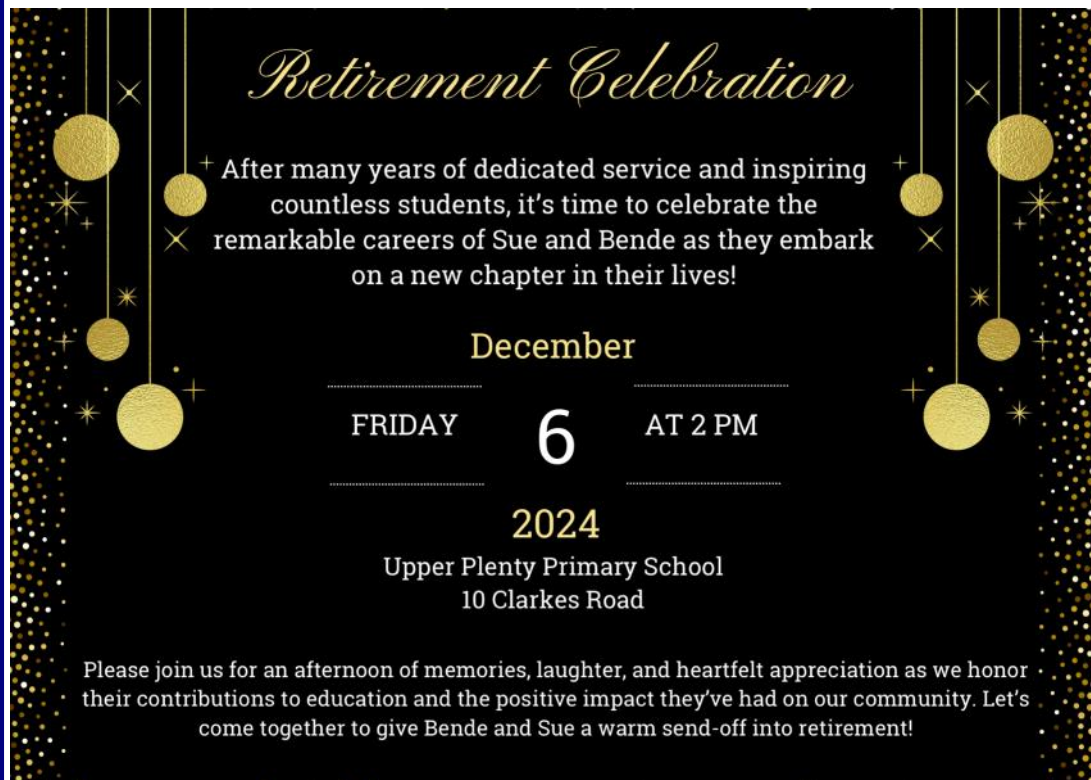
School Bus— Myki Cards

Many students have not had sufficient funds, no myki card or are refusing to tap on or off the school bus.

Students who refuse to comply with the PTV regulations may be refused travel by the operator and parents will be contacted to collect their child.

Please discuss this with your child to make sure they are able to travel on the service.

If this practice continues it may impact the viability of the service due to low numbers of official travelers on the service and the run may be cancelled, impacting everyone.



Retirement Celebration

+ After many years of dedicated service and inspiring countless students, it's time to celebrate the remarkable careers of Sue and Bende as they embark on a new chapter in their lives!

December

FRIDAY 6 AT 2 PM

2024

Upper Plenty Primary School
10 Clarkes Road

Please join us for an afternoon of memories, laughter, and heartfelt appreciation as we honor their contributions to education and the positive impact they've had on our community. Let's come together to give Bende and Sue a warm send-off into retirement!



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UPPS Facebook Group Page

The UPPS Facebook group page is available to all current school community members who use Facebook. It is for parents/ immediate carers of our students and **not** for extended family and friends

No current students will be given access to the page.

Do a search for Upper Plenty Primary School and the group page should show up. Please answer the entry question and read and agree to the group rules.

Due to the increased security issues regarding cloned accounts and people not using their names on their accounts and locking profiles, we ask that you contact the school office and tell us you wish to be allowed entry to the group. Once we have had confirmation that the application is actually a current students parent it will be approved by one of the Admin of the page, we are very careful with who we allow access, so if we can not figure out how you are linked to the school we will not allow you in. If this happens please call the school office.

Due to changes on Facebook, it appears we are no longer able to post links to the school newsletter. This may affect other posts as well, if your post is removed it may not have passed the new Facebook cyber safety rules, that are now in place. There is nothing we can do about posts removed by Facebook itself.

School-wide Positive Behaviour

What **ZONE** Are You In?

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Not Safe Frustrated Worried Stressed Shouting/Whining	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Excited Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Billy/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

This week's SWPBS Value is Resilience.

Students have been learning about the Zones of Regulation, and the way our body feels and behaves when we experience different emotions. This is otherwise known as 'Self-Regulation' (the ability to control your own behaviour).

Classes have been participating in activities and discussions designed to help students recognise when they are in each of the different Zones, and how they feel during each zone. Students have also been brainstorming effective strategies to help them bounce back to the 'green zone' quickly.

You can help support your child/ren with this by using the 'Zones of Regulation' language at home to model how to regulate your own behaviours, and reinforce the use of 'regulating strategies', when we move out of the 'green zone'.

Especial Edition

GRADE 4/5 NEWS

THE LAST BEAR NOVEL STUDY



Students in Grade 4/5 at UPPS have been diving into a heart-wrenching and thought-provoking novel this term, *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold. The book, which tells the story of a young girl named April who befriends the last polar bear on an island in the Arctic, has sparked an incredible interest in climate change, animal conservation, and the environmental challenges facing our planet.

"At first, I didn't know much about polar bears and how serious climate change is for them," said Annabelle, "But now I feel like I have to do something to help. The book made me realize how much we need to protect the environment before it's too late." This text has not only sparked empathy for these endangered creatures but have also motivated students to take action. Students have produced some fantastic persuasive letters urging the Arctic Council to take action to save this incredible species.

10 Clarks Road
Upper Plenty
VIC 3756

8/11/2024

To whom it may concern,

My name is Charlotte and I am researching how the Arctic has drastically changed over the years due to climate change. It's truly heartbreaking how much the polar bears health has decreased year after year. I believe the easiest way to help save our Arctic environment is to ban plastic as a whole.

Firstly, polar bears need to be protected more than ever currently. They reflect their environment's health, so if they go extinct then we may as well be doomed! They are estimated to be extinct by 2050 if we stay ignorant, and they are currently listed as vulnerable. Polar bears are apex predators, so they are the key to a balance in the ecosystem. If we cannot keep our own home safe, how can we expect a clueless, sorrowful and hurt animal to? Polar bears, despite being a protected species, are still illegally hunted.

Furthermore, polar bears can no longer hunt. Yearly, their sea ice melts 150 billion tons. Not to mention that ice now melts a whole week earlier every year! Bears come back to the shore 10 kilograms lighter and with less energy. Bears are sea ice dependent, so when it melts they move slower and eat less. According to the WWF, polar bears struggle to survive without having their natural hunting grounds, sea ice. How do we expect polar bears to live without food?

Most importantly, plastic is seriously affecting their health. Even the smallest plastic bag can make the biggest difference when it comes to the shore. Although only .5% of plastic goes to the ocean, that's still around 79 to 199 million tons of plastic. The contaminants that plastics spread as they break down make a big difference, as they travel everywhere, including the Arctic. Plastic floods the Earth everyday and the only way of saving ourselves is to stop it from the source.

I appreciate your consideration for reading into this letter and what has happened to the polar bears. I hope you now see the critical need of saving the Arctic and stopping pesky plastic pollution. However, if we don't act quick, then polar bears, and consequently humanity, will be doomed. I trust that you care about these issues, so I urgently ask you to fill out petitions, write letters or anything to ban plastic usage.

Kind Regards, Charlotte

Stakkevollan
P.O box 6606
296 Tromsø, Norway

Hi my name is Quinn, a year 5 student who goes to UPPS, and I'm quite concerned about the pollution and danger the arctic animals face.

First of all, I request you give sudden action to protect and preserve the arctic and in turn saving the cute and helpful animals. In addition, you will also be able to save the Arctic and Antarctic poles while doing it! The poles are losing around 82 000 km² a year and there's only around 25 thousand polar bears left, so I must insist you help save it!

Moreover as the sea ice and snow melts, the Arctic and Antarctic heat up at twice the rate of the rest of the world does. With all those animals feeling the change and suffering. They are losing food, habitat and even getting poisoned and choked by plastic, oil and pollutants and we do practically nothing to help! How would you feel in this situation?

Additionally, with polluting oil spills and plastic getting sent out into the ocean, all the animals get affected one way or another, for example polar bears drink the oil and get it in their coat when they swim! Fish get the oil in their gills and get choked by plastic. Seals eat the fish and get both plastic and oil in their stomachs. Worst of all, every animal's babies will not have the needed nutrition or warmth to stay alive and healthy. Walrus and seals get forced to land because of the melting ice and oil, we will lose 30 percent of our polar bears by 2050 because of sea ice melting the orcas can reach areas that have lots of narwhals in them the arctic foxes have to move closer to the dens of the red foxes (which are twice the size of the arctic foxes) and get killed and scared away by the red foxes. shipping and fishing can impact the beluga whales extremely with the noisiness that blocks their ability to find food, mates, to communicate and navigate. If you also include the illegal hunting of polar bears, these arctic animals have a lot of problems we don't help with, and their numbers are quickly dwindling.

I understand that you do your job with an amazing work force, and I expect you will know what to do to save our lovely animals. I hope these facts on what our animals have to face will allow you to try your best to help save the arctic and all the animals in it, and with all this weight on your shoulders of people hoping you succeed, although if you fail to protect our planet, it will not go unnoticed with most of our arctic animals disappearing forever.

Denholm

-Sincerely Quinn

Whooping cough

We have a confirmed case of Whooping cough in the school community.

Please read the below information and seek medical attention if your child/ren are unwell.

Whooping cough cases are [continuing to increase across Victoria](#), particularly among school-aged children.

[Whooping cough](#) is a very contagious infection, mostly spread through coughing or sneezing. Symptoms include:

- blocked or runny nose
- tiredness
- mild fever
- severe bouts of coughing, often followed by a 'whooping' sound on breathing.

Whooping cough can lead to life threatening infections in babies.

If your child is unwell, they should not attend school. Please see a doctor if you or your child develops whooping cough symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment will help reduce the spread of the infection.

Students diagnosed with whooping cough must not attend school

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, they must not attend school for 21 days after the onset of the cough, or until they have received 5 days of antibiotic treatment. You must notify the school if your child is diagnosed with whooping cough.

To further reduce the spread of infection to your child and the school community, the [Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019](#) require that some students who were in the same classroom as a student diagnosed with whooping cough should not attend school.

Your child should not attend school for 14 days after they were last exposed to a person diagnosed with whooping cough, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment if they are:

- aged less than 7 years; and
- not fully vaccinated with 3 doses of whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine.

This exclusion is required by law – refer to the [School exclusion table for primary schools and children's services](#).

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, please contact the school to let us know.

More information

For more information about whooping cough, refer to [Whooping cough](#) on the Better Health Channel.

Vaccination is the best way to reduce the risk of whooping cough. The Department of Health recommends staying up to date with immunisations, including booster doses. A free booster dose of the pertussis vaccine is covered under the national immunisation program for students aged 12 to 13. If you are unsure about your child's vaccination status for whooping cough, please discuss with an immunisation provider, such as your doctor.

We really appreciate your support in keeping our students safe and well.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

**2025 New student
applications open
term 1, 2025**



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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ALL THINGS UNIFORM FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Important information about School uniforms 2025

With the \$400 School bonus available to **ALL** students (*that's right ALL*, not means tested) attending public schools, we are expecting extraordinary demand on uniforms leading into 2025.

It's really important to **ORDER NOW** & WE WILL **HOLD YOUR UNIFORM ORDER UNTIL NEXT YEAR**, AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT WITH STOCK OUTS - (*& there will be!*)

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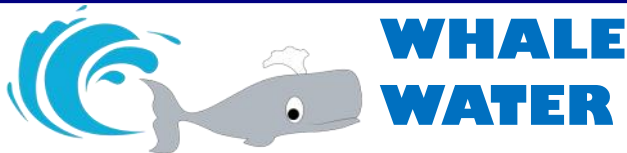
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What we offer

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Get in touch

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- ☎ 1300 253 961
- ✉ thehub3756@kidsfirstaustralia.org.au
- 📍 Wallan Community Services Hub
42/80 Bentinck Street, Wallan VIC 3756



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BSB 083001

Account Number 92 466 6216



Upper Plenty Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways.

We pay our respect to their rich cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging, and other First Nations people who live, work and play in the area.

