



UPDATE

15th February 2024



Next Weeks Events

Monday—

Tuesday— Curriculum Info night 6pm

Wednesday— Foundation Testing

Thursday—

Friday— Curriculum Day -

Student Free Day

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2024

20th— Curriculum Info session—6pm

23rd—Curriculum Day—**Student free day**

March 2024

1st— 150th Celebration

11th— Labour Day Public Holiday

12th— Dental Van

22nd— School Photos

26th— 2025 Foundation enrolment info session –7pm

28th— Last day of Term 1

Assembly tomorrow will be at 2.45 pm

The new JSC will be presented with their badges at this week's assembly.

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.

Student Free Day

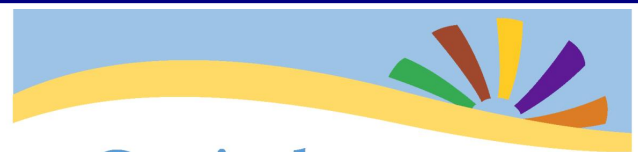
Friday 23rd February is a Curriculum Day and will be a **Student free day**

There will be no students at school on this day.

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Curriculum Information Night

Information about how we structure and deliver the curriculum content at UPPS, incorporating high impact teaching strategies and evidence based practices.

Assessment and reporting across the year levels

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Tuesday 20th February at 6.00pm

Central Learning Space



2025 Foundation Sibling Enrolments

If you have a sibling starting Foundation in 2025, please contact the office so we can note it down. The enrolment forms for 2025 will not be released until the end of Term 1, and there is nothing more than letting the office know, that you need to do until then.

Once the forms are released we will send them home to the families we have on the list.

The enrolment timeline and all the new rules are on our website.

[Enrolment \(upper-plenty-ps.vic.edu.au\)](http://upper-plenty-ps.vic.edu.au)

We will have an information session on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm, that you are welcome to attend.

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:

Rubi Plant for the brilliant effort you put in to your writing. You are a super star, Rubil!

Hailey Kosterman for the effort she has put into all learning tasks this week! Congratulations on an amazing week Hailey!

Raina Prasad for being a super supportive and friendly classmate. Amazing kindness Raina!

Patrick Hannagan - congratulations on your efforts when using 'upgraded verbs' to improve your sentences. Well done and keep up the good work!

Harriet Gannon for always using such polite manners. We are so grateful to have you in our class Harriet!

Benji Robinson for showing his ability to bounce back after tricky times. Well done on your resilience, Benji.

Noah Bell—Well done on changing your mindset and always giving things a go, even if they seem hard. You are learning and growing so much as you try new things at school.

Isla Stokes for brilliant persistence and resilience when tackling complex problems during the Numeracy PAT test. Amazing work Isla!

Gus Williams for showing resilience when his computer was glitching. Awesome job, Gus!

Values Awards will be presented to:

William Leighton for following teacher directions quickly. You are showing great listening and respect. Well done!

Marija Zmejkoska for showing responsibility and always following teacher directions promptly with great focus. Well done Marija!

Taylem Glass for following instructions quickly and encouraging others to do the same. Thanks Tay, you're a star!

Isla Edwards—Thankyou for showing respect and always following directions quickly Isla! You are a fantastic role-model for everyone in Foundation O

Ayla Cay for taking on her responsibility as door monitor with maturity and positivity. Thank you, Ayla.

Ava Ryan-Kennedy for always following teacher directions quickly. Thank you for the respect you show, Ava.

Knox Crichton for listening to instructions promptly. Amazing display of respect Knox!

Annabelle Moffatt—Congratulations Annabelle for following teacher directions quickly and consistently. This has ensured you are on task at all times. Well done and keep up the good work!

Natasha Mouser for always following teacher instructions as soon as they're given. You are so respectful Natasha, thank you.

Student Choice Award will be presented to:

Harriet Gannon for being kind and caring in and outside the class.

Hamza Hasan for showing resilience when things don't go his way

Principal's Awards will be presented to:

Archer Edwards for the responsibility and respect you have displayed at school in the classroom, in the playground and on the bus. Thank you for care for younger students and for your willingness to help others. You're a superstar Archer!

Taylan Gorovic for being a responsible student and making excellent choices in the classroom and in the playground.

You've made an excellent start to the year Taylan - well done!

Miranda Micallef for the super start you've made to the school year - you've been using your time well on learning tasks and you've shown care and kindness to students and teachers. What a wonderful role model you are Miranda! Thank you!

Principal's Report

We've had a week of weather extremes – from sweltering heat to thunderstorms! We were very fortunate NOT to lose power yesterday when most of the schools around us were without it!

Out in the playground students have been playing lots of different games including basketball, soccer, cricket, gaga, sand pit games, chasey and of course there have been lots of acrobats on the bars!

Our captains have done a wonderful job in their first week on our leadership team and conducted their first assembly very capably!

Classes have elected their Junior School Council representatives. This is a very important role in our school as these students work together cooperatively to run special events and fundraisers for good causes.

Congratulations to our JSC reps for semester one:

1/2K (Ballard)	Reid Azzopardi Emily Cassar
1/2B (Boskoska)	Charlie Miller Layne Stokes
2/3A	Tahlia Chenhall-Gruevski Cooper Blackaby-Eydems
3/4H	Zayden Blackaby-Eydems Miranda Micallef
3/4K	Alyra Crichton Keith Panakal
4/5LJ	Elaina Dwyer-Henderson Oliver Gravenor
5/6DR	Annah Stokes Charley Anderson
5/6R	Madison De Paoli Benji Di Clemente

These students will receive their badges and certificates at Friday's assembly.

Just a reminder that our 150th birthday celebration is on Friday March 1 from 4.00 – 6.00pm, here at school. Please put this date in your calendars! Students have started preparing a special song to sing during the ceremony. We o be sold on the day so have ordered '150' anniversary merchandise to sell on the day so people can purchase a little memento of the occasion if they wish to.

We are all a team here at UPPS and I believe that we succeed by working together and supporting each other. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Let's all be kind to one another.
Sue Egan

Student Information Updates and Permission to Photograph

Please return the Student information Updates to Kylie Butler in the office, these came home via email this week.

Permission to photograph only needs to be returned if you do **NOT** want your child to be included in photographs during school, or included in the school newsletter.



**LUNCH ORDER
DIRECT LINE
0491 640 487**

A reminder of our lunch order hotline, if you have any questions about the system, how to order, how to cancel an order if your child is sick/absent and so forth.

Happy to help anytime!

>>> Classroom Selection <<<

Please review your child's classroom when placing your order to ensure the classroom number is correct, to save confusion at delivery.

If anyone needs a hand on how to check this, give us a shout out on our lunch order hotline.



HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER WITH flexischools

- 1 Click "Order food" at the top of the home page on your app.
- 2 Select the child you want to order for, then the date you wish to receive your order on.
- 3 Choose the food items you wish to purchase, then select "Confirm Order".
- 4 Choose your desired payment option.
- 5 Press "Place Order" to confirm your purchase.

ENJOY!



Download Flexischools app

School-wide Positive Behaviour



This week's SWPBS value is follow teacher directions quickly.
This is a way of showing respect.

Students have been looking at how we can follow the teacher's directions when asked. They have been discussing this expectation by describing what it would look like and the steps to showing this expectation.

They have brainstormed ways they can improve on following teacher directions quickly.

Students have been learning that when we follow instructions given by an adult or teacher, it is for their safety, but also to maximise the learning opportunities students are participating in.

By following teacher instructions, it allows all students to feel safe and happy within the classroom, and enjoy what they are learning.

You can foster this at home by acknowledging and praising your child when they have followed an instruction given by you, and model the benefits of following adult instructions.

Welcome to The Resilience Project

PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Resilience Project is committed to **teaching positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill-health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.**

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on **TRP@HOME.**

EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The **University of Adelaide** and The **University of Melbourne.** Click the links or

scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on **emotional wellbeing** and **behavioral changes.**



The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.



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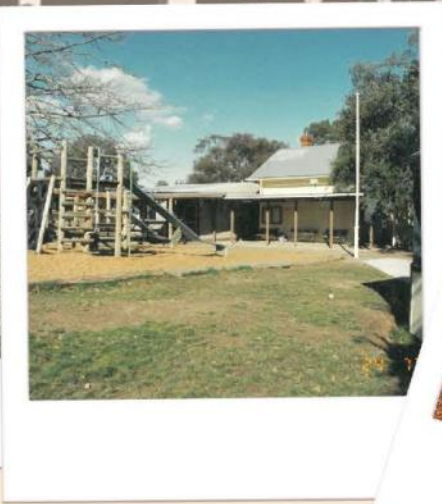
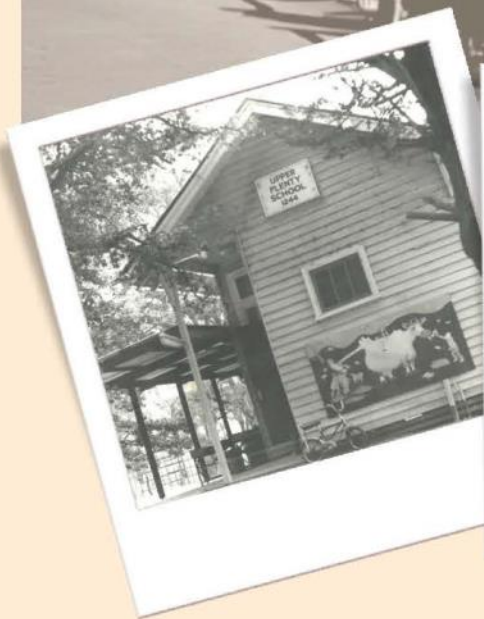
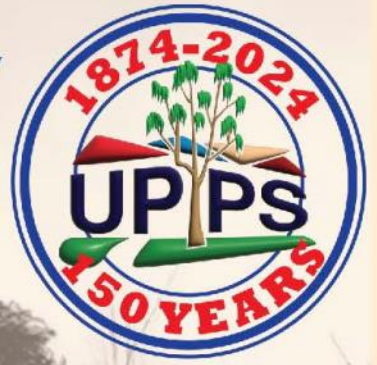
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Upper Plenty Primary School



**Upper Plenty Primary School
is celebrating our**

150th Birthday

To be held on Friday 1st March 2024

4pm-6pm

All Welcome

Ceremony at 5pm

Conveyancing Allowance

To be eligible for a conveyance allowance a student attending a mainstream school must attend:

- their **nearest government school/campus** appropriate to their year level – being the closest school determined by the shortest practicable route from the student’s residence, or the student’s **Designated Neighbourhood School (DNS)** – refer to [Find my School](#) website to identify a student’s DNS
- Students not attending their nearest government school or DNS may still be eligible under this criterion if they fall within any of the exceptions listed below.

The eligibility of any sibling of a student receiving or eligible to receive the conveyance allowance is assessed individually and will not be impacted by their sibling’s eligibility.

Next nearest school

A student may be eligible for a partial allowance to assist with the cost of travel to their next nearest government school if:

- they reside 4.8km or more from their nearest government school
- private car is the only means of transport to the next nearest school

The partial allowance is set out in the chapter – [Conveyance Allowance Rates](#).

Students who can access spare seats on a government funded school bus or public transport do not fall within this exception and are ineligible for a conveyance allowance.

Private car conveyance allowance rates

Distance (kilometres)	Amount paid annually
4.8 to 10	\$460
10 to 15	\$576
15 to 20	\$690
20 to 25	\$806
25 to 30	\$921
30 to 35	\$1,034
>35	\$1,152
Additional student	\$230
Next nearest school (government schools only)	\$345
Next nearest additional student (government schools only)	\$173

Application forms are available at the office and Term 1 claims must be lodged no later than 8th March 2024

If you have any questions please call the office.

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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

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.



School Council Elections

We are calling for Parent nominations for school council this year.

Nomination forms are available from the office.

Depending on the amount of nominations we receive we may need to hold an election.

Working With Children Check

We require all school volunteers to have a current WWCC. Applications are available from the Department of Justice website.

If you are new to the school and already have a WWCC you will need to add the school to your card. This can be done online or over the phone, with the Dept of Justice, and they will advise us via mail.

Welcome

to Upper Plenty Primary School OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program at Upper Plenty Primary School complements your child's school experience with engaging activities and opportunities to socialise with peers.

PROGRAM DETAILS

We tailor our OSHC program to support each child's individual interests and ideas. We perform a variety of planned and spontaneous activities that help children develop life skills and enhance their autonomy.

Children are actively encouraged to engage with their peers from all year levels.

Some of our activities include:

- Active play outdoors
- Board games and puzzles
- Construction and engineering
- Cooking and baking
- Music, singing and dancing
- Dramatic and imaginative play
- Homework items and reading
- Sustainability initiatives

HOURS, FEES AND CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

SESSION TYPE	HOURS	SESSION FEE	FEE AFTER MAX CCS*
Before School Care (permanent booking)	7.00am - 9.00am	\$28.00	\$5.60
Before School Care (casual booking)		\$33.00	\$6.60
After School Care (permanent booking)	3:15pm - 6:00pm	\$34.00	\$6.80
After School Care (casual booking)		\$39.00	\$7.80
Pupil Free Day (numbers pending)	7.00am - 6:00pm	\$80.00	\$16.00
School Holiday Program* (in house activity)	7:00am - 6:00pm	\$80.00	\$16.00

*MAX CSS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fees above are calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.

Quick step-by-step guide to enrol



STEP 1 – REGISTER

www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au



ADD CONTACT AND CHILD



BILLING AND DECLARATIONS



MAKE A BOOKING

CONTACT US

E: upperplentyoshc@ymca.org.au

P: 0499 799 284

W: childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au





Preparing for the Unpredictable

Building inclusive disaster resilient communities

It has never been more important to reduce disaster risk and build resilience in our communities. With science telling us that disasters will become more frequent and severe, the urgency of communities being more resilient is clear.

6pm to 8pm, Thursday 15 February 2024

Wandong Public Hall, 19 Rail Street, Wandong

KeyNote Speakers: Anne Leadbeater OAM and Jason McCartney OAM (Bali Bombings survivor) with opportunity for Q&A

Opportunity for residents to consult with Council's Emergency Management staff and Working Groups on the Vulnerable Eastern Ridgeline Community Emergency Management Plans.

Booking essential. Light supper provided.

Book online using the QR code or call us on 5734 6250.

Contact us

t. (03) 5734 6250 e. mitchell@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au
www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au



Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- * Amharic
- * Arabic
- * Dari
- * Gujarati
- * Mandarin
- * Somali
- * Sudanese
- * Turkish
- * Urdu
- * Vietnamese



School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by nbn

To support students that do not have access to internet at home, the Australian Government has committed to providing up to 30,000 families with free nbn-powered broadband internet at home for one year.

You may be eligible for the School Student Broadband initiative (SSBI) if you:

- Have a school-aged child
- Have no active nbn connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days
- Live in a premise that is serviced by the nbn network.



Scan the QR for more information.

To check your eligibility:

Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)

www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet

Callback and webchat functions are also available via the website.

Translating and Interpreting Services are available.

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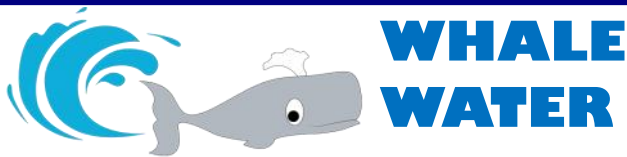
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TheHub 3756 is a FREE early help program offered by Kids First, Wellways, FamilyCare and Mitchell Shire Council.

Our team of Family Coaches are here to support families and children aged 0 - 12 years within the Wallan community.

What we offer

- Tailored and practical support to meet your individual needs
- 1:1 coaching to build your parenting skills and confidence
- Regular group programs where you can connect with others and grow your support network
- Help to access a variety of safe and supportive specialised services

Get in touch

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



TheHub 3756

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School Bank Account details

Name: Upper Plenty Primary School Council
BSB 083001
Account Number 92 466 6216

