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Dates to Remember

July 2026

17th – Naidoc

17th- Assembly Presentation – Gr 5/6R

22nd- Gr3/4 Hooptime – selected students

24th- Gr 5/6 Sport vs Doreen @ UPPS

27th- Gr 5/6 Hooptime – selected students

29th – Gr 3/4 Swimming – La Trobe

31st- 100 Days of Foundation Breakfast

31st – 2027 Foundation applications close

31st- Gr 5/6 Sport vs Kinglake West @ UPPS

31st- Assembly Presentation – Gr 3/4L

August 2026

3rd- 2027 Foundation application outcomes sent to families

7th- Gr 5/6 Sport vs IGS @ IGS

14th- Gr 5/6 Sport vs Kangaroo Ground @ KGPS

14th-Assembly Presentation – Gr 1/2M

25th- Sugarloaf District Athletics – selected students

September 2026

4th- MAV Games – Year 6 Team

7th-9th- Glasses for Kids – F-3

9th- MAV Games – Year 4 Team

16th- Last day of term 3 for students – 3.15pm finish

17th- Parent/Teacher Conferences- students attend conference only

18th- Curriculum Day – no classes

2027 Foundation Sibling Enrolments

Applications and enrolments for **all** 2027 Foundation students will be completed online this year using the new [Vic Student](#) Portal. The portal is now open to all families.

If you have a child in 4 year old kinder this year and wanting to enrol for Foundation in 2027, please complete an application via [VicStudents](#).

Applications close Friday 31st July.

This is a final date as all available places must be allocated the following week to all applications we have received.

Returning to School After the Holidays

Heading back to school after the holidays can be exciting, but it can also bring mixed emotions. Helping children ease back into familiar routines, re-establish healthy sleep habits, talk about any worries and focus on the positives can make the transition smoother. Remember, it's normal for children to take a little time to settle back into school life. This website has some great tips to make the transition easier for everyone:

<https://clinikids.thekids.org.au/information-hub/blog/starting-or-returning-to-school-after-the-holidays/>



Breakfast Club

– Thursday mornings
8.15-8.45 am

All Welcome

Assembly

2.50pm in the Central Learning Space. – All Welcome

If you need to pick your child up early it must be before assembly starts.

Awards

Student of the Week

Foundation

Toby R for consistently showing whole body listening and working hard.

Grade 1/2 H

Isabelle G for giving her best effort to every task handed to her. Keep it up Isabelle!

Grade 1/2 K

Laylah T for always trying her best. Good job, Laylah.

Grade 1/2 M

Ayla F - Well done Ayla for working hard in class, and always trying your best, even when learning is challenging!

Grade 3/4 DJ

Alice W, your understanding of representing division problems with bar models has been outstanding! You worked both confidently and with independence and should be congratulated.

Grade 3/4 L

Billie-Lee G - Excellent work, Billie G, for catching-up on all of your testing in class!

Grade 4/5 A

Jack P for taking ownership of your learning and setting a positive example for others.

Grade 5/6 PR

Benji R for a great start back to term 3! We have loved having you in the classroom and taking part in discussions. Keep it up, Benj!

Grade 5/6 R

Maya K for the amazing effort you are putting into your learning. Love your work Maya!

Principal's Award

Xavier M for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship on the day of our Athletics Carnival and encouraging and supporting other students throughout the day

Jackson S for showing responsibility and kindness by helping a younger student when they were hurt and upset.

Values

Foundation

Cohen K for showing responsibility by completing challenging learning tasks.

Grade 1/2 H

Isla E for following our classroom routines and procedures responsibly! Well done Isla!

Grade 1/2 K

Jarrah A for settling back into the term and our classroom routines well. Good job, Jarrah.

Grade 1/2 M

Monique R - Well done Monique for showing responsibility by following classroom expectations and always trying your best!

Grade 3/4 DJ

Susie A, thank you for always showing responsibility by following 3/4DJ classroom procedures and routines. Keep up the good work!

Grade 3/4 L

Charlie A - Great work, Charlie, for showing responsibility in following our procedures and routines, the SWPBS focus of the week.

Grade 4/5 A

Lylah H for following classroom routines quickly and encouraging others to do the same. Keep up the great work Lylah!

Grade 5/6 PR

Tommy F for starting the term off well-prepared and always ready to learn. While we've been practising our routines and processes this week, you've consistently been one of the first people ready. Well done, Tommy!

Grade 5/6 R

Hunter A for always demonstrating our school values and following our classroom routines consistently. Thank you Hunter!

Student Choice Award

Luka K for always helping out with problems

Taylan G for bouncing back after an injury

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break, spending quality time with family and friends and taking the opportunity to do the things together. It has been wonderful hearing our students share stories from their holidays, with many talking excitedly about trips to the movies, visits to Disney on Ice, and catching up with school friends.

Although Term 3 has begun with some very cold weather, it has been fantastic to see our students return to school settled, engaged, and happy to be back with their friends. The positive atmosphere in our classrooms has made for a wonderful start to the term.

We have another busy and exciting term ahead, with many events and learning opportunities planned, including our Foundation students celebrating 100 Days of School, Hoop Time for our Year 3-6 students, Division Athletics, Maths Games Day for our Maths Extension students, Book Week and many other exciting activities. We look forward to sharing these experiences and celebrating our students' achievements throughout the term.

Holiday Work

While students were enjoying their holiday break, a number of maintenance and improvement projects were completed around the school. Work was carried out on our oval and septic system, and a water leak that was detected over the break was successfully repaired.

Neville, our school maintenance person, who spent part of the holidays continuing work on our new chicken coop. You many have noticed it taking shape in the same location as our previous one. It is certainly looking like a mansion! Since returning to school, our leaders have enjoyed working alongside Neville and have taken great pride in contributing to this exciting school project. We look forward to seeing the finished coop and having new chickens settle into this new home very soon.



Athletics Carnival

Our Athletic Carnival at the end of last term was a fantastic day filled with energy, teamwork, and school spirit. I was incredibly impressed by the way our students embraced every event with enthusiasm, demonstrating determination and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day.

The carnival featured a range of track and field events, including sprints, distance races, relays, long jump, high jump, shot put, and discus. Students' participation was exceptional with all students proudly represented their house teams. One of the highlights of the day was the encouragement and support students showed one another, creating a positive and inclusive environment.



Our F-2 novelty events also brought plenty of laughter and excitement, with students enjoying the opportunity to participate together.

Congratulations to all students who competed and to those who received ribbons for their achievements. A very big congratulations to Blue House for taking out the overall day and winning! A special thank you goes to Mr D, our dedicated staff, parent volunteers, and student leaders whose organisation and support ensured the carnival ran smoothly. My thanks go out to our many families who came along to cheer on our students and share in the day's celebrations.

The Athletic Carnival was a wonderful celebration of participation, perseverance, and community spirit. I am incredibly proud of the way our students encouraged one another and approached the day with such enthusiasm. We look forward to another fantastic carnival next year!

Industrial Action

Many families will be aware that members of the Australian Education Union (AEU) have voted to decline the recent agreement offer. As a result, industrial action has recommenced this term. We have recently been advised that AEU members will be taking further industrial action on **Thursday 23 July**. At this stage, I do not yet know which staff members will be participating.

As soon as we have further information, I will communicate with families about what the school day will look like, including any changes to school operations. If required, we will provide details about arrangements for students, including whether on-site supervision will be limited to the children of essential workers, as occurred during previous industrial action.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this situation. We will keep families informed as soon as more information becomes available.

Staffing Update

This term, we are delighted to welcome two new staff members to our school community.

We welcome Tenille, who has joined our Foundation team and will be teaching three days each week alongside Sarah. Tenille brings valuable experience to the role and has spent this week getting to know our students, establishing classroom routines, and settling into our school community.

We also welcome Lanche to our Education Support team. Lanche completed her placement with us last term, working across a range of classrooms, and we are thrilled she has now joined our staff. We know she will be a wonderful addition to our team, and we look forward to the positive contribution she will make to our students and school.

Fundraising Update

Towards the end of last term, we held a couple of very successful fundraising events for our school.

Our Sausage Sizzle, snacks and drinks at our athletics carnival raised \$620. A special thank you to Their Care for their donation and assistance on the day of our sausages and bread.

Our JSC students held a PJ Day and sold hot chocolates at recess which were very popular, especially during this cold weather. This day raised \$297

Over the holidays, I purchased some new board games for our recess and lunchtime Clubs and diggers for our sandpit.

Trudy



UPPER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A DAY OF FUN, SPORTSMANSHIP
AND TEAM SPIRIT!



WINNERS!

CONGRATULATIONS PACIFIC HOUSE
WELL DONE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!



**NAIDOC
WEEK**
**50 YEARS
DEADLY**
5-12 JULY 2026

NAIDOC Week:

This week we proudly celebrated **NAIDOC Week**, a time to recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

At Upper Plenty Primary School, students took part in learning experiences that encouraged them to deepen their understanding of Australia's First Peoples, reflect on the importance of Country, culture and community, and consider how we can all contribute to reconciliation.

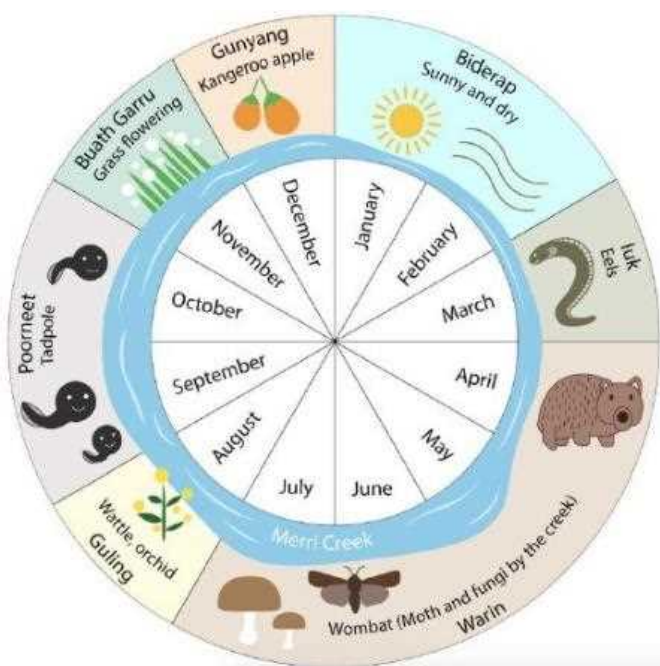
This year's NAIDOC Week theme, "**The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy**," celebrates the achievements of those who have come before us while recognising the important role young people play in shaping the future. We are proud of the thoughtful discussions and respectful engagement shown by our students as they continue their journey of learning and walking together.

Wurundjeri Seasonal Calendar

As we move through **Waring**, the Wurundjeri season of cold winds and shorter days, nature reminds us that this is a time of rest, renewal and preparation. Waring is marked by crisp mornings, increased rainfall and the quiet activity of native plants and animals adapting to winter.

Soon we will enter **Guling**, the season when orchids begin to flower and signs of spring start to emerge. The Wurundjeri seasonal calendar is one example of how the First Nations Peoples have observed and cared for Country for tens of thousands of years through a deep understanding of the natural world.

<https://mcmc.org.au/featured/waring-on-the-merri>

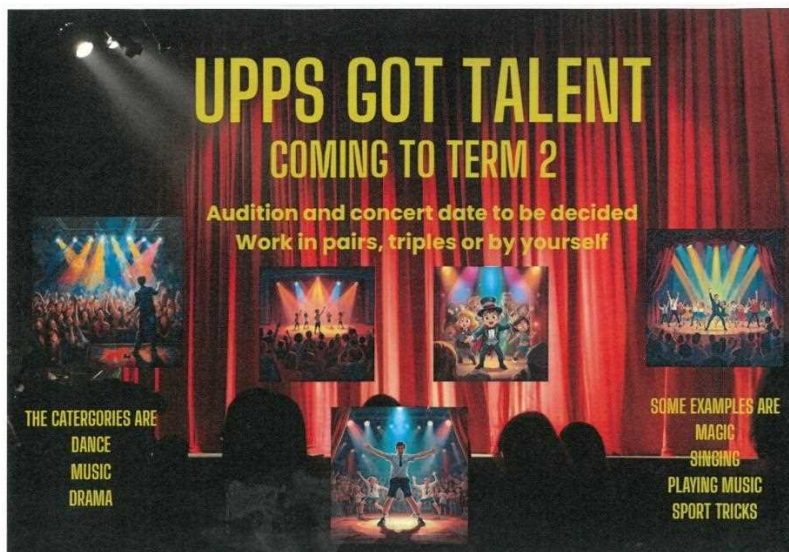


Upper Plenty Merri
Catchments
Landcare
Group

Bruce's Creek Planting Project

We are excited to share that Upper Plenty Primary School has been awarded a grant to help regenerate **Bruce's Creek Reserve** at the front of our school. Throughout this semester, students will take part in a series of hands-on planting sessions alongside **Upper Merri Landcare Group**, helping to restore local habitat while learning about native plants, biodiversity and caring for Country.

To ensure your child can participate in these exciting experiences, please return your **Local Walking Permission Form** as soon as possible if you have not already done so. We look forward to seeing our students make a lasting difference to our local environment!



UPPS Got TALENT - Coming in Term 2!

The school leaders will be holding a UPPS Got Talent competition in term 2, students can perform by themselves or in groups and can perform in the following categories: Dance, Music, Drama including acts like magic, singing, playing an instrument, sport tricks.

A concert date to be decided once we have entries, but aiming for late term 2.

Parents/Carers will need to give permission for their child to perform, these permission forms can be collected early next term from the school leaders.

Student Late Arrivals and Early Departures

All students **must** be signed in by an **adult** if they are arriving after 9am and leaving before 3.15pm.

Any student who is not signed in by an adult at the office could receive an “unexplained absence” SMS message.

All Early Departures and Late Arrivals should be communicated to the office directly.

Program for students in Foundation to Grade 3

A logo featuring a pair of blue-rimmed glasses with a book and a pencil inside the lenses.

GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide eligible students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)

A photograph of three young children (two girls and one boy) smiling and wearing their glasses. They are outdoors in front of some greenery.

Scan this QR code to find out more on the GFK website

A square QR code with a black and white pixelated pattern.

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF **GLASSES FOR KIDS** **VICTORIA** Department of Education

A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief initiative
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via info@glassesforkids.com.au

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More exciting developments to come



Thank you Bendigo Bank

Community Bank Wallan, Kilmore and Broadford are thrilled to fund the upcoming African Drumming Workshop for Upper Plenty Primary School students.

Thanks to your support we've already contributed over \$5M to our region.



School Bank Account details

Name: Upper Plenty Primary School Council

BSB 083001

Account Number 92 466 6216



Crumbs and Co Lunch Orders – Wednesday's and Friday's



Our school is online with Flexischools

Step 1

Register with Flexischools

- 1 Download the Flexischools app and click "Sign Up."
- 2 Enter your email to create an account.
- 3 Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email.
- 4 Follow the prompts to complete your registration.



Step 2

Enter your child's details

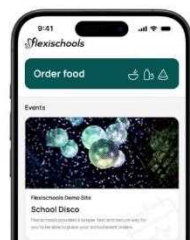
- 1 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under "Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."
- 2 Add your child's details to the new student profile.



Step 3

Place an order

- 1 On the home page, click the "Order food" button.
- 2 Select the student you would like to order for. Choose a service and order date.
- 3 Select the items you would like to order
- 4 Click "View order" and select "Checkout and pay" to place your order.



Crumbs & Co provide lunch orders to the students and staff here EVERY WEDNESDAY.

Information on Flexischools the ordering platform used to help with getting setup is included.

Don't forget to update your students class name ready for ordering.

ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 7AM ON DAY OF DELIVERY.

