

UPDATE

22nd February 2024



Next Weeks Events

Monday—

Tuesday—

Wednesday— Foundation Testing Catch Up Day

(no class for Foundation)

Thursday—

Friday— 150th Celebration 4-6pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2024

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

Student Free Day— Tomorrow!

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

There will be no students at school on this day.

YMCA are running a day program.

Awards will be handed out at next weeks assembly.

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Choir News

The choir have chosen their first song they want to learn this year which is, Better Place by NSYNC from the Trolls movie, Band Together.

Reminder that choir is every Wednesday at 11.15am in the Art Room. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

School Sores

We have had a case of confirmed school sores in the jnr classes. Please be aware and vigilant as its highly contagious.

Please see the link for full information.

[Impetigo - school sores - Better Health Channel](#)

Thank you.

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.

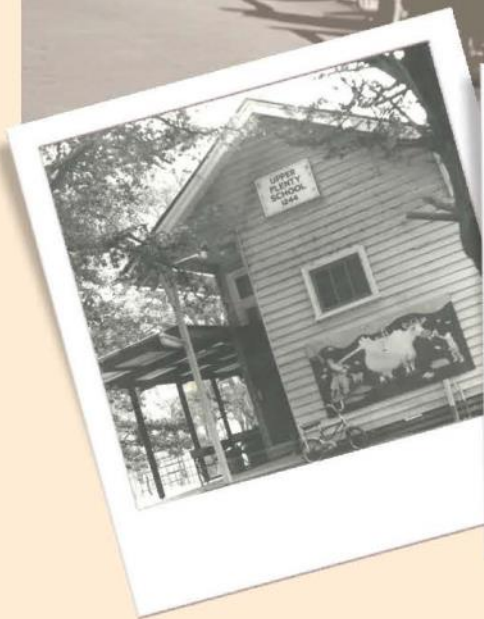
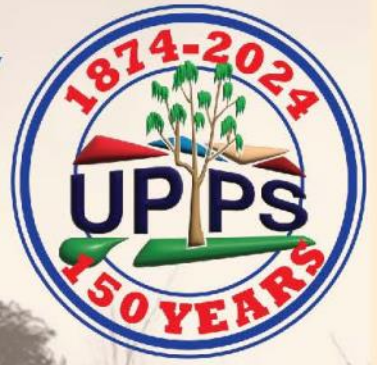
Once the forms are released we will send them home to the families we have on the list.

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.

Upper Plenty Primary School



**Upper Plenty Primary School
is celebrating our**

150th Birthday

To be held on Friday 1st March 2024

**Ice Cream Truck
Coffee Van
Merchandise**

4pm-6pm

All Welcome

Ceremony at 5pm

**All students
attending the
celebration must be
accompanied by an
adult**

Weekly Awards

Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:

Ezra Armitage for always being ready to learn and help your new friends at school - well done Ezra!

Ivy Hutchinson for always challenging herself to write exciting sentences. We love hearing your work, Ivy!

Benji Di Clemente for fantastic persistence and resilience when solving fraction problems. Love your hard work Benji!

Junaid Parhar, congratulations on your enthusiasm and dedication during cooking. Keep up the good work!

Layne Stokes for making our learning discussions more interesting by adding to her own and others' ideas. We appreciate your input Layne!

Izzy Williams for showing great resilience through some tough mornings. Very well done, Izzy.

Linc Segreto for always showing respect by putting your hand up during learning time. Super effort!

Gemma Daniel for the enthusiasm and engagement you've shown this week whilst working on Fractions. Keep it up! You're a 'gem'!

Lylah Hill for challenging herself in maths this week. Keep up the amazing enthusiasm Lylah!

Values Awards will be presented to:

Madison De Paoli for always showing empathy and showing great kindness to her fellow students. Thank you Madison!

Grace Ryan-Kennedy for showing consistent responsibility by checking in on her classmates. Keep it up, Grace!

Laura Stokes for showing empathy to others, even when problems occur. Well done for keeping a level head, Laura.

Rosie Coburn-Senna - Well done Rosie for always being there for others when they need someone to listen to them. You are very thoughtful, kind and always think with empathy before you speak.

Belle Mason for showing empathy with her words and actions when others are feeling down. Excellent display of kindness Belle!

Hunter Singleton for showing the school value of resilience by learning from your actions and making good choices in the classroom. Well done Hunter!

Evie Stott for using kind words always. Well done, Evie!

Jasmine Campbell for speaking to others with such empathy and respect. We are so lucky to have such a kind person in our grade.

Aisha Lindsay for showing kindness towards everyone at school and being quick to help anyone in need.

Principal's Awards will be presented to:

Ben Williams for your positive approach to learning and your perseverance on tasks. You are doing an awesome job Ben!

Charlie Moffatt for the determination she has shown learning new games in the playground, and for the outstanding sportsmanship she has displayed. Well done Charlie - you're a superstar!

Principal's Report

Another wonderful week at UPPS!

Teachers have been engaged in testing our students in literacy and numeracy, in preparation, for our 'Data Day' this Friday 23 February, which is a student free day. Teachers will work in their teams on Friday analysing their data, setting goals, and planning future learning. We will also use the data to plan for future professional learning for staff to ensure high quality teaching and learning.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our curriculum information evening on Tuesday evening. Topics covered included Numeracy and Literacy curriculum, The Resilience Project, and School Wide Positive Behaviour.

Our Wellbeing and Learning Walks and Talks commenced this week. These are designed for our staff to visit classrooms to observe the teaching and learning, as well as the wellbeing of students. This year we are including members of our student leadership team in this process. This week our school captains, Archie and Marija, joined myself, and Miss JD, as we visited classrooms to ask students about their emotional regulation and their understanding of being ready to learn. These two students made a very valuable contribution to this process.

Our big "150" birthday celebration day is only a week away on Friday 1st March! We have organised a coffee van, and an ice-cream truck and possibly a barbecue for the afternoon. We will also be selling "UPPS 150" merchandise so that families can keep a memento of this milestone. The event starts at 4.00pm, with our official ceremony starting at 5.00pm. We would love all of our students to attend - they have been practising a special song to sing. We have special guest speakers who will be talking about their memories of UPPS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Let's all be kind to one another.

Sue Egan

A Window Into 5/6DR

The Renaissance

In 5/6 DR our Core Knowledge unit has been looking at The Renaissance.

We have discovered how ancient Roman and Greek time periods influenced Italy's artists, writers, architects, sculptors, historians etc in the 1400s-1700s.

This week we looked at how art techniques were redeveloped and expanded upon during the Renaissance period.

Two artists by the names of Alberti and Brunelleschi discovered the technique known as 'perspective' in which objects appear like they are disappearing into the horizon.

Our students used this technique to create their own amazing perspective pieces.

We think they look fantastic!



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.



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**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.



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- 5 Press "Place Order" to confirm your purchase.

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School-wide Positive Behaviour

Before you speak:

THINK

T - Is it True?

H - Is it Helpful?

I - Is it Inspiring?

N - Is it Necessary?

K - Is it Kind?

This week's SWPBS Value is Respect.

Students have been discussing what are helpful/kind and unhelpful/hurtful comments when talking with your friends and classmates. Students are learning the importance of how unhelpful comments can be hurtful at times, even when we don't intend it to be.

Taking the time to pause and reflect on what you are about to say is something that we can continually benefit from practising. By taking a few seconds to think about what you are going to say, it is allowing you to reflect on your comment and process whether the comment will be helpful in the conversation.

Students have been practising this skill in the classroom by role playing out scenarios involving conversations with 'unhelpful comments', and changing them into helpful comments. You can help support your child at home with this skill when discussing or reflecting on their day, by talking about what positive or helpful conversations they had today with their peers?

FOUNDATION 2025 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION



Tuesday 26th March, 2024 at 7pm

Upper Plenty
Primary School

- Telephone:
5783 1358
- Email:
Upper_plenty_ps@education.vic.gov.au
- Website:
www.upper-plenty-ps.vic.edu.au

Enrolment timeline

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has developed a statewide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline for students enrolling in a Victorian government Primary School in 2025.

The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including Upper Plenty Primary School.

Full enrolment information can be accessed via our school website on the Enrolment page

2025 Enrolment Information Session - Tuesday 26th March -7pm

We will run an information session for all families, both new and current, wishing to enrol in Foundation at UPPS in 2025 on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm, to explain the DET process and date timeline families will need to adhere too to complete an application for enrolment. This process is consistent across all government schools.

*Please contact the
school via email to
lodge an expression
of interest for
Foundation
enrolment in 2025.*



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.

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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

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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.

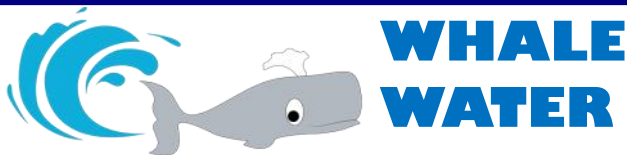
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What we offer

- 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](http://TheHub3756)

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School Bank Account details

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BSB 083001
Account Number 92 466 6216

