

UPdate

Trudy Whewell, Principal

30th July 2026

5783 1358 / www.upper-plenty-ps.vic.edu.au



Dates to Remember

July 2026

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- 14th- 2027 Foundation application outcomes sent to families

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

12th- Landcare Planting – Gr 3/4

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

14th-Assembly Presentation – Gr 1/2M

24th-28th – Book Week

25th- Sugarloaf District Athletics – selected students

September 2026

3rd – Father's Day afternoon Activity 2.30pm

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 tomorrow, Friday 31st July.

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

Semester 2 Junior School Council

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to represent their class as this semesters JSC members

Grade 1/2 H – Cooper M and Chayse S

Grade 1/2 K - Hunter S and Aniah C

Grade 1/2 M – Hunter F and Charlotte M

Grade 3/4 DJ – Tucker P and Emily C

Grade 3/4 L – Billie K and Jackson S

Grade 4/5 A – Kamali S and Finn E

Grade 5/6 PR – Milly W and Alice S

Grade 5/6R - Ollie C and Maya K



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

Jaysen D for always being ready to learn and consistently showing our school values!

Grade 1/2 H

Jazlyn M for always coming into the classroom with a smile on her face. Well done Jazlyn!

Grade 1/2 K

Maia L for always having a positive attitude towards learning and trying her best. Keep it up, Maia!

Grade 1/2 M

Kevin S for showing respect and kindness while playing outside. Keep it up!

Grade 3/4 DJ

Steele T, congratulations on your outstanding ability and behaviour during Hoop Time and the Year 3/4 swimming program. We are so proud of you, keep up the good work!

Grade 3/4 L

Chevy S - Fantastic work this week, Chevy! Well done for completing all of your class work. Keep it up!

Grade 4/5 A

Olivia T for the resilience and determination she shows in numeracy lessons! Keep up the fantastic effort!

Grade 5/6 PR

Grace R-K for being so self-reflective during our wellbeing lessons. You are always willing to share your ideas and offer advice that may help others. Thanks, Grace!

Grade 5/6 R

Abel O for the effort you are placing into learning about angles. Love your work Abel!

Principal's Award

Nori M for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship throughout the Hoop Time competition and excelling on the day

Aanav S for settling into his new school this term with confidence and always displaying a smile on his face

Alessia YK for demonstrating exceptional kindness and compassion who consistently supports others and shows a genuine willingness to put others before herself.

Values

Foundation

Reign N for always being a kind and considerate friend and classmate

Grade 1/2 H

Charlie RK for knowing how to solve different sized problems. Keep up the great work Charlie!

Grade 1/2 K

Aniah C for her positive attitude. Good on you for always looking on the bright side, Aniah.

Grade 1/2 M

Alex T - You showed resilience and kept trying even when things felt hard

Grade 3/4 DJ

Ava R, you always show great resilience by putting things into perspective using catastrophe scale thinking. Keep up your positive attitude!

Grade 3/4 L

Huddy G, well done for showing resilience by putting things into perspective.

Grade 4/5 A

Waris C for putting problems into perspective and bouncing back. Well done Waris!

Grade 5/6 PR

Sara Z for always being so kind with your words and actions. Your acts of kindness don't go unnoticed!

Grade 5/6 R

Levi Z for the effort and teamwork you showed at Hoop Time, despite not always winning. Great stuff Levi!

Student Choice Award

Toby R for helping his friend when he was upset.

Ryder T for helping another student in the yard.

Principal's Report

Busy Term

These past two weeks have been incredibly busy, with our classrooms buzzing with learning.

Our Year 1/2 students have been exploring the topic of Matter, learning about solids, liquids and gases, and how substances can change from one state to another. Through a range of hands-on experiments, the students have developed a strong understanding of these concepts while having lots of fun along the way. Today, families will have the opportunity to join us for our Year 1/2 Open Classroom. Students will proudly share their learning by creating volcanoes and finishing with an exciting science experiment. We look forward to welcoming parents and celebrating the wonderful learning that has taken place.

Our Foundation students will attend school tomorrow to celebrate their 100 Days of Foundation! The day will begin with a special breakfast of pancakes, cereal, and toast, followed by a range of fun and exciting activities to mark this important milestone. I cannot wait to see the amazing costumes and creative outfits our Foundation students come dressed in as they celebrate 100 days of learning, growth, and achievement. It is sure to be a memorable and enjoyable day for everyone involved!

Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students recently participated in the Hoop Time competitions. This year, we entered the largest number of teams in our school's history, making it a fantastic opportunity for so many students to be involved. Both competition days were filled with fun, excitement, and great sportsmanship. Our Rookies teams performed exceptionally well, and we are thrilled to congratulate both our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Future Stars teams, who progressed to the finals and finished the day as champions. Both teams have now qualified for the next stage of the competition, which will take place later this term or early next term. I was fortunate enough to attend both days and coach a team at each event. It was wonderful to see the teamwork, encouragement, determination, and outstanding behaviour displayed by all of our students. They represented our school with pride and consistently demonstrated our school values of Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility throughout the competition. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Lock, Lanche, Mr Rees, Luka, Olivia, and Alex Whewell for generously giving their time to coach our teams. Your support, enthusiasm, and encouragement played an important role in making these days such a positive and successful experience for our students.

Yesterday, our Year 3/4 students attended the La Trobe Sports and Aquatic Centre as part of this year's swimming program. Students participated in a range of engaging rotations throughout the day, including water safety activities, rescue skills, and finishing the experience with the exciting Tarzan swing. Based on student feedback, they thoroughly enjoyed the change from their usual daily swimming lessons to this full day event. They shared that the day was fun, engaging, and a great opportunity to build their confidence and skills in the water.

Our F-2 students will continue with our normal swimming lessons at Kilmore towards the end of the year. They will participate in daily swimming sessions over five consecutive days to build their confidence and water skills. Our Year 5/6 students will be heading to Lake Nagambie in December for a day focused on water safety, rescue skills, and a range of other water-based activities in the lake.

Maths Games Day Competition

Each week I have the pleasure of teaching maths extension to selected students who are working above their expected level participate in weekly extension lessons designed to challenge and extend their mathematical thinking.

On 16th July, our Year 5 Maths Extension students attended the Maths Games Day at St Monica's Primary School, Moonee Ponds. Our four students took part in a variety of engaging mathematical challenges, competing alongside students from other schools as well as working together as a team.

The day began with partner games against students from a range of schools, followed by collaborative team problem-solving challenges. The event concluded with an exciting maths relay, where students applied their mathematical skills under time pressure.

While we did not come away with the overall win, all four students represented our school exceptionally well, embraced every challenge, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was wonderful to see their teamwork, perseverance, and enthusiasm throughout the day.

It was a pleasure to accompany the students, and I would like to thank our families for ensuring their children arrived at school bright and early so we could travel to the event on time.

We look forward to participating again later this term, with both a Year 6 team and a Year 4 team already entered in upcoming Maths Games Day competitions.

Congratulations Mr D

Congratulations to Mr D and his wife on the arrival of their fourth child, a beautiful baby girl, Ivy.

We wish the whole family every happiness as they welcome their newest addition and hope they enjoy this special time together at home.

Fundraising

We have a couple of exciting fundraising events taking place this term.

Our Chocolate Drive is currently underway, with order forms already sent home to families. Please ensure all orders and payments are returned to school by Monday 3rd August. Unfortunately, no late orders can be accepted.

We will also be holding our annual Father's Day Stall. More information will be sent home soon from our wonderful FAF team.

Father's Day Afternoon - Save the Date

We are excited to invite our fathers and father figures to a special afternoon at school this term. Join us for a fun activity to enjoy with your child on Thursday 3rd September, from 2:30 to 3:15pm.

More information will be sent home closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you there!

Small Group Programs

This year, we have introduced small group programs at Upper Plenty as an addition to the many programs and initiatives we already offer. These programs provide students with a range of opportunities to access additional support in wellbeing, teaching, and learning. Our small group programs currently include:

- **Intervention** – Supporting students who require additional assistance with their learning. These sessions are delivered in small groups and individually, with students participating at least three times per week.
- **Extension Numeracy (Years 5 & 6)** – Providing opportunities for students to extend their mathematical thinking through two sessions each week.
- **F–2 Self-Regulation and Zones of Regulation** – Supporting younger students to develop strategies for understanding and managing their emotions and behaviours.
- **Years 3–6 Belonging and Connection** – Helping students strengthen relationships, build confidence, and develop a sense of connection within our school community.
- **Wellbeing Dog Program** – Jackie and Ollie now attend every Friday and support a range of students throughout the day.
- **Breakfast Club** – Held every Thursday from 8:15–8:45am, the Breakfast Club is open to students who would like to enjoy breakfast, connect with other students, and build social connections in a welcoming environment.

Students participating in these groups have been selected using a range of data and information collected by our staff. If your child has been selected to participate in a group this term, you will receive a letter with further information. Our regional Student Support Services Team is also preparing to run a weekly **Social Stencil** program at Upper Plenty. This program will run for twelve weeks and will provide targeted support to students in developing their social skills and connections.

Trudy



Landcare Planting Day

Our Grade 3/4 students are looking forward to taking part in a **Landcare planting session on Wednesday 12 August**. As part of our Bruce's Creek regeneration project, students will help plant indigenous species that will support local wildlife and contribute to restoring this important area. We can't wait to see the positive impact their efforts will have for years to come.

Breakfast Club

Our **Thursday Breakfast Club** continues to be a wonderful success, with many students enjoying a warm breakfast before the school day begins. Sharing a meal together provides a positive start to the morning, helping students feel settled, connected and ready for learning. Thank you to everyone who helps make this valuable program possible! And a special thanks to Kim for bringing us tasty ham and cheese croissants this morning!



Fridays with Ollie

One of the highlights of our week continues to be **Ollie the Dog's** visits every Friday. Ollie brings plenty of smiles, calm moments and wagging tails as students enjoy spending time reading, chatting and connecting with our much-loved four-legged friend.

Performing Arts

Our specialist program has transitioned to **Performing Arts** this semester, and students are absolutely **loving it!** It has been fantastic to see their creativity, confidence and teamwork flourish as they explore drama, movement and performance together.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day will be celebrated next **Tuesday, 4 August**, with this year's theme *Living Our Truth*. This year's theme highlights the importance of truth-telling, sharing knowledge across generations and celebrating the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

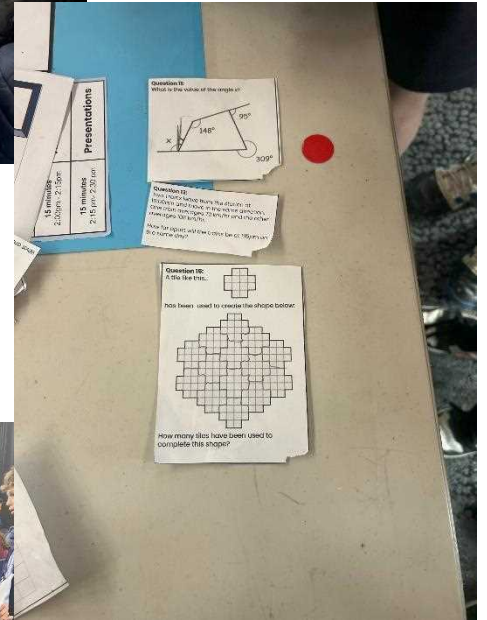
[National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day](#)



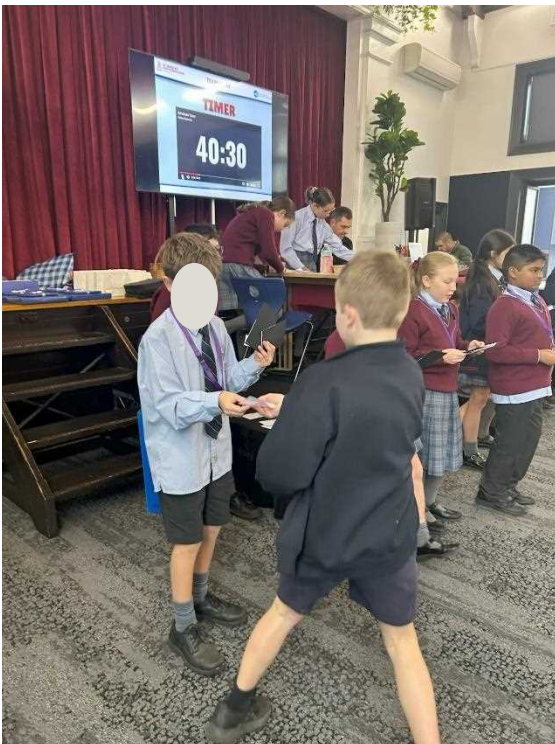
Fun riddles!

What gets wetter the more it dries?
 What has a face and two hands, but no arms or legs?
 What has to be broken before you can use it?
 What goes up and never comes down?
 What is full of holes, but still holds water?
A towel. A clock. An egg. Your age. A sponge.





Grade 5 MAV Games



A Window Into Auslan

Foundation-2

We have been enjoying learning about the signs for different **colours**, **fingerspelling** and **numbers**.

We have enjoyed playing games like **BINGO** and learning different **songs**.



3-6



We have been learning about **time signs** in Auslan. From general time words like 'today, tomorrow and morning' to more specific times like o'clock and half past.

We have enjoyed revising our **alphabet** and **numbers** by playing games such as **battleships**.



We love learning, communicating and connecting through Auslan!



A Window Into 3/4

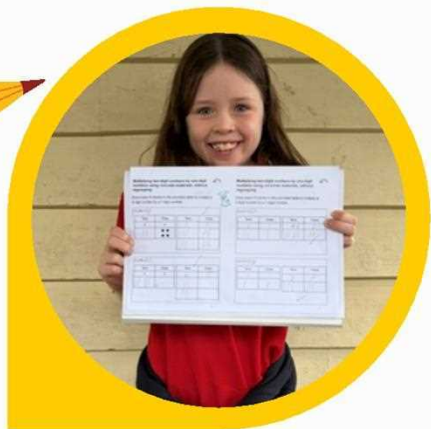
Storm Boy

In Literacy this term, we have been reading 'Storm Boy' by Colin Thiele. Set in the Coorong region of South Australia, a boy and his pelican form a positive friendship after a pelican mother is injured. Storm Boy rescues three baby pelicans and nurses them back to health. After he releases them, his favourite, Mr Percival, returns. The story is centered around the conflict between his lifestyle, the fate of the pelican, and the relationship of the boy, and later his father. Students have gained a deep understanding of the novel and discussed the events of the story during pause points throughout the book.



Numeracy - Multiplication and division

In Numeracy this term, we have been learning a range of strategies to complete multiplication and division facts. Students have enjoyed using manipulatives on a place value chart to arrive at an answer and have become confident in their abilities in the process!



Swimming

Year 3/4's enjoyed the opportunity to travel by bus to the La Trobe Indoor Sports Centre (ISC) to complete six rotations of water safety. Rotations included treading water, water safety games and the rescue reach rope. It was a fun filled day and all students showed their best manners and made the UPPS community proud!



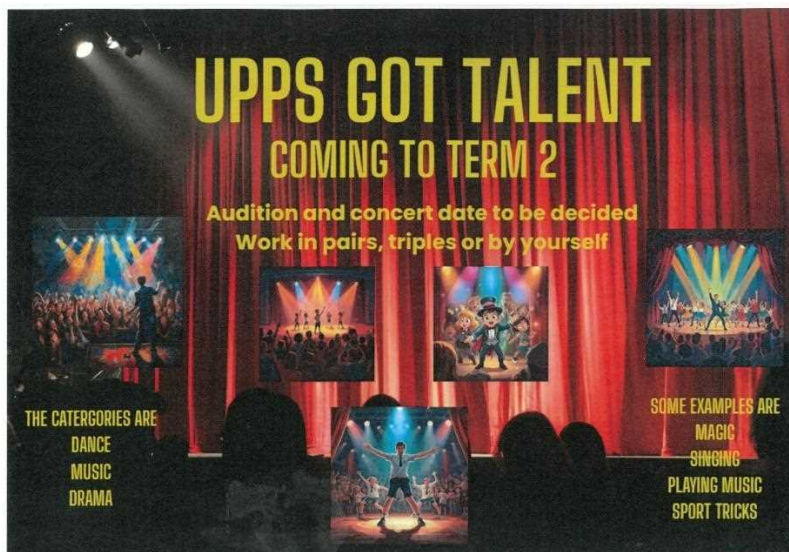


Grade's 3/4 and 5/6 Hoopertime



GRADE'S 3/4 WATER SAFETY EXCURSION





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

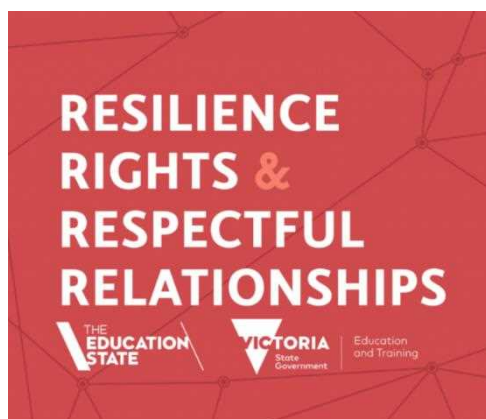
GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

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

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

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



Respectful Relationships: Help Seeking

Over the coming weeks, students will be exploring the **Help Seeking** unit as part of our Respectful Relationships curriculum. Students will learn why asking for help is a strength, identify trusted adults both at school and in the community, and develop confidence in seeking support when they need it. Through discussions and practical activities, students will build skills to recognise when they need help, support others to seek assistance, and understand that everyone benefits from reaching out when faced with challenges. These important skills help foster resilience, wellbeing and a safe, connected school community.

All Things Uniform

64 HIGH STREET
Broadford. Vic. 3658

E : tracey@allthingsuniform.com.au

P : 03 5784 2276

M : 0407 781 455

You can pop in to the store during normal business hours or make an order via phone or email to the store.

Online Ordering now Available

<http://upps.allthingsuniform.getworkgear.com/>



Please 'like' our Facebook page to keep updated & informed
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

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.

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.

