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Trudy Whewell, Principal

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Dates to Remember

June 2026

- 19th- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Pantom Hill – Home
- 22nd- Whole school Athletics Carnival
- 25th – PJ Day
- 26th- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Wattle Glen– Home
- 26th – Last day of Term 2- 2.15pm finish – No afternoon bus service

July 2026

- 13th – First day of term 3
- 17th – Naidoc
- 22nd- Gr3/4 Hooptime – selected students
- 24th- Gr 5/6 Sport vs Doreen @ UPPS
- 27th- Gr 5/6 Hooptime – selected students

- 31st – 2027 Foundation applications close
- 31st Gr 5/6 Sport vs Kinglake West @ UPPS

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

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](#), and send me an email to be placed on the email list for all information related to Foundation next year.

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Last day of Term 2 is next Friday 26th June
- 2.15pm finish
– No afternoon bus service to Wallan

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

Cami A for cleaning up after yourself and keeping our classroom tidy. Thanks for being so responsible, Cami!

Grade 1/2 H

Vihaan N for trying his best at his ninja math tasks. Well done Vihaan!

Grade 1/2 K

Elliott N for working co-operatively with his partners during maths this week. Fantastic team work, Elliott!

Grade 1/2 M

Star S for always trying her best! Well done Star!

Grade 3/4 DJ

Oakley G, you have been putting in 110% across all areas of learning. Keep up the positive attitude and amazing learning!

Grade 3/4 L

Ikey G - Well done, Ikey, for putting in solid work during lessons. Keep it up!

Grade 4/5 A

Hannah L for her participation in our class discussions! Keep up the great work Hannah!

Grade 5/6 PR

Seb S for always being a responsible learner in all areas and an overall top kid!! Thanks Seb!

Grade 5/6 R

Xavier M for being a great classmate to all by caring about their wellbeing. Thank you Xavier!

Principal's Award

Issy F for great writing and her willingness to come and share it with me

Oli G for demonstrating excellent leadership during each of our school tours for 2027 families and for his willingness to share information about our school with enthusiasm and confidence.

Ivy P for demonstrating excellent leadership during each of our school tours for 2027 families and for her willingness to share information about our school with enthusiasm and confidence.

Values

Foundation

Hunter E for being a good sport and always following the rules of the game. Fantastic, Hunter!

Grade 1/2 H

Calvin C for showing sports man ship when he plays group games. Great work!

Grade 1/2 K

Hunter S for being a good sport and following the rules of games. Thanks for playing fairly, Hunter!

Grade 1/2 M

Noah B for demonstrating our school value of Resilience by bouncing back and continuing to try your best.

Grade 3/4 DJ

Tucker P, well done for always showing resilience by playing by the rules of the game.

Grade 3/4 L

Isabelle S - Great work, Isabelle, for following our SWPBS focus of always playing by the rules of the game. Keep it up!

Grade 4/5 A

Juliet W for being a good sport and a kind friend when we play class games! Keep up the great work Juliet!

Grade 5/6 PR

Ayla C for always playing by the rules of the game and being a fair and good sportswoman! Great work!

Grade 5/6 R

Logan C for showing resilience and asking for a help when needed. Great work Logan!

Student Choice Award

Myles R for including people in his game.

Lydia S for bouncing back after a problem

Principal's Report

Curriculum Day

On Tuesday, staff participated in a professional learning day focused on Numeracy, facilitated by educational consultant Brendan Lee. Brendan is an accomplished primary teacher from New South Wales who is passionate about bridging the gap between academic research and effective classroom practice. Throughout the day, staff worked collaboratively in teams to unpack the stages of learning and explore how student data can be used to develop a clear understanding of what students need to learn next. The professional learning provided valuable opportunities for discussion, reflection, and planning to strengthen our Numeracy teaching practices. Brendan will return in August to work alongside each team during planning sessions, supporting staff to develop and refine their Numeracy lessons based on student learning needs.

Athletics Carnival

Our whole-school Athletics Carnival is almost here! Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours, ready for a fun-filled day of sporting events and activities. Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day. Please refer to our newsletter for further details. Thank you to the families who have volunteered their time to assist with events and food sales. Your support is greatly appreciated. The students are eagerly looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic day!

PJ Day

Next Thursday, our JSC will be holding a PJ Day. Students are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas instead of their school uniform, with a **gold coin donation**. The JSC students will also be selling **hot chocolates at recess for \$1 each**. All money raised will go towards our recess and lunchtime club programs, helping us purchase new resources and enhance the activities we already offer. As part of the PJ Day theme, students will also enjoy watching a movie during the day. We look forward to a fun day while supporting our school clubs!

New Chicken Coop

This week, construction of our new chicken coop has begun. Keep an eye out for updates as the project progresses! Our two Environment Leaders, Archie and Finn, have been working alongside Neville, our maintenance man, to help design the new coop.

They will also be assisting throughout the building process. We are excited to see the project come together and look forward to welcoming new chickens to their new home. 🐔 🐣



2025 Annual Report

Our department of education sets responsibilities, one being to provide the school community with an Annual Report. This report gives a summary of the year that was with a focus on Learning, Wellbeing, Engagement, Highlights, Financial Performance and school profile.

If you would like to read our 2025 Annual Report, it can be found on our webpage. [Reports & Plans](#)

The 2026 AIP and current school strategic plan are also available on our website.

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UPPER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2026

Monday 22 June 2026 (Backup: 24 June)
Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium

Events start at
10am for grades 3-6 (finish 2.30pm)
11.15am for grades F-2 (finish 1pm)

Event Overview

Years 3–6: Track and field events including 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, relays, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus and triple jump.

Foundation–Year 2: Novelty events including sack race, egg and spoon, foam javelin, rubber chicken throw and long jump.

What Students Need

- School sports uniform/ house colours - You can find out your child's house by clicking on their photo in the Sentral Parent app
- Water bottle
- Appropriate clothing for the weather
- Lunch and snacks

Families Welcome

Families are welcome to attend. Food will be available with a BBQ and other snacks.

Canteen

There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks available to be purchased.
Food prices: Sausages \$2, Pasta \$3, Water \$2, Juice boxes \$1, Popcorn \$1, Lolly bags \$1



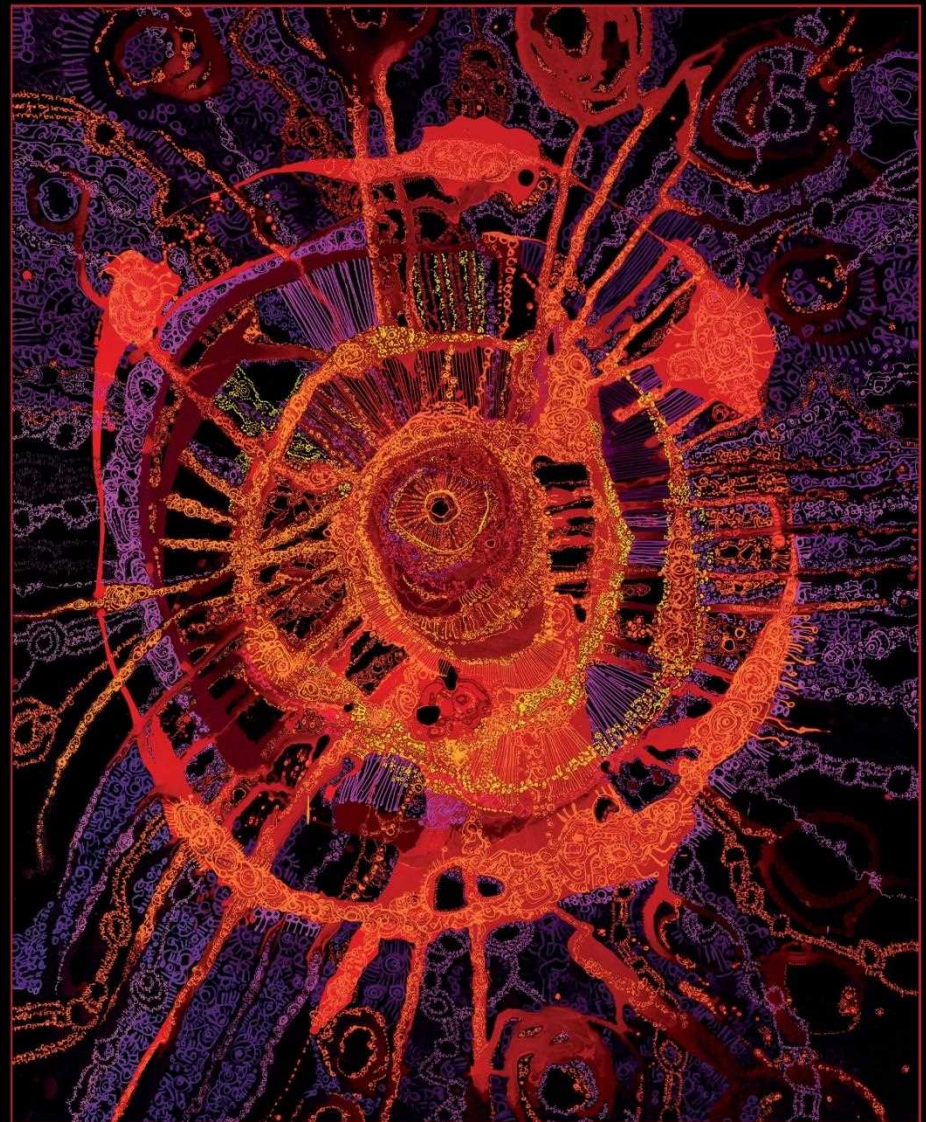


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NAIDOC Week:

NAIDOC Week will be celebrated during the upcoming school holidays, from 6-13 July. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme, *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*, celebrates the achievements of the past while looking ahead to the future and the important role young people play in shaping it. We encourage families to explore local NAIDOC Week events, stories and activities during the break as a way to learn, connect and celebrate First Nations cultures.



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Paralpi by Zaachariaha Fielding

Paralpi extends Zaachariaha's acclaimed *Inma* series and reflects a deeply cultural and immersive narrative grounded in Country. The artwork depicts the sounds of *Paralpi*, a significant place just outside Mimili on the eastern APY Lands in South Australia. As Zaachariaha describes, *Paralpi* is a place where people come to embrace and celebrate children, where they are taught by Elders to move and mimic their Clan emblem — for Mimili, this being the maku (witchetty grub).

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Wellbeing:

As we head into the school holidays at the end of next week, it's important to take time to rest, recharge and look after our wellbeing. Holidays provide a great opportunity for children and families to slow down, connect and enjoy simple moments together. Here are some wellbeing activities for families to try over the break:

YOUR DAILY Routine

Focusing on your social, physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual wellbeing can help you to thrive!

Across Monday to Friday, try to complete one of the below activities to support your wellbeing. You don't need to complete all 5 tasks on each of the days, but think about completing 1 or 2! If you have some ideas of your own, use the following page to fill out your own personal grid.

	SOCIAL	PHYSICAL	EMOTIONAL	COGNITIVE	SPIRITUAL
MONDAY	Write a letter to your teacher.	Go for a walk.	Keep a journal.	Organise your books into alphabetical order.	Sit down for 10 minutes and listen to relaxing music.
TUESDAY	Write a letter to a loved one.	Dance to music.	Find 5 jokes to tell your family at the dinner table.	Create an artwork using materials from outside.	Keep a journal.
WEDNESDAY	Prepare 5 questions to ask your family at dinner.	Create an obstacle course.	Think of 5 things that you are really good at.	Learn 5 new phrases in a foreign language.	Set a new goal.
THURSDAY	Connect with your friends. Make sure you ask, "how are you?"	Participate in a 'Just Dance' YouTube video.	Notice the trees, flowers and plants that are outside.	Learn 1 thing new about your family and friends.	Using chalk, write a positive message on the walkway.
FRIDAY	Look through photos with your family.	Participate in a family challenge.	Think about what your parents do for you.	Read a new book.	Spend 5 minutes focusing on your breathing.

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Activity 1 - Family Shout Out Board

Using Post-It notes or paper, create a SHOUT OUT board for your home.

STEP 1: Find a space to stick your pieces of paper.

STEP 2: Write a family member's name down and recognise them for something wonderful they've done.



Activity 2 - Gratitude Letter

Write a letter to someone you know. Thank this person for how they help you or make you feel safe and happy.

STEP 1: find some paper and a pencil to write your letter. (You could type your letter instead.)

STEP 2: Give your letter to the person you wrote to.

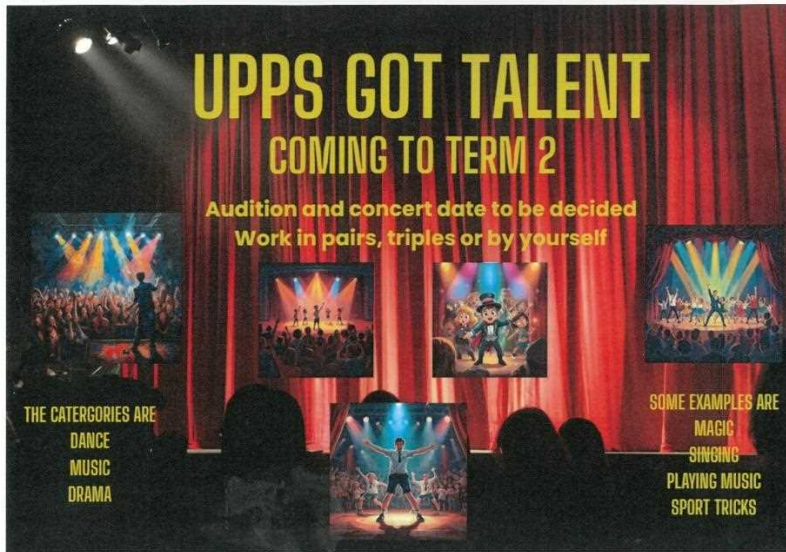


HEALTH Get Active

Complete the activities that match the letters of your first and last name. Remember to do this only if you know how to properly, with your family and under the supervision of an adult!

A run on the spot for 2 minutes	N sit down and stand up
B 10 star jumps	O nominate someone to do 5 sit ups
C run on the spot with high knees for 1 minute	P 10 sit ups
D 4 somersaults	Q 1 somersault
E jump as high as you can 6 times	R 5 push ups
F walk to every room in the house	S 2 somersaults
G 10 squats	T walk to the front door and back
H nominate someone to do 20 star jumps	U run on the spot with high knees for 2 minutes
I touch your toes 10 times	V 15 lunges
J 20 star jumps	W run on the spot for 1 minute
K 20 squats	X sit down and stand up 6 times
L 2 star jumps, 2 squats and 2 sit ups	Y nominate someone to do 10 star jumps
M 30 jumps	Z 10 push ups

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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)



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JSC PRESENTS PYJAMA DAY

25 JUNE 2026 THURSDAY

GOLD COIN DONATION

\$1 HOT CHOC AT RECESS

MOVIE AFTERNOON IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO WATCH A MOVIE PLEASE LET THEIR TEACHER KNOW.



Proceeds are going to recess and lunchtime clubs

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

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School Bank Account details

Name: Upper Plenty Primary School Council

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Account Number 92 466 6216



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



1 of 1
Flexischools

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

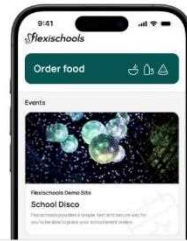
- 1 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under "Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."
- 2 Add your child's details to the new student profile.



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.



Getting started on Flexischools

- 1 Download the Flexischools app and click "Sign Up."
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- 3 Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email.
- 4 Follow the prompts to complete your registration.
- 5 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under "Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."

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How to order food on Flexischools

- 1 Tap "Order food."
- 2 Select the child, date and service.
- 3 Select the food items you'd like to purchase, then select "View Order."
- 4 Select payment method.
- 5 Hit "Checkout & Pay" to confirm your order.

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