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Dates to Remember

October 2026

26th – Crazy Hair/Socks/Clothes day-
Gold coin donation
29th- African Drumming Incursion
29th- Disco

November 2026

2nd- Student Free Day
3rd- Melbourne Cup Public holiday
5-6th – 5/6 City Experience
11th – Landcare Incursion
20th - Colour Run
24/26th – Teeth on Wheels

December 2026

2nd- 5/6 Swimming Nagambie
7/9/10/11/14th – F-2 Swimming
8th- State Wide Transition Day
10th- Christmas Concert – TBC
14th- Grade 6 Graduation
17th- 5/6 Funfields Excursion
18th- Last Day of Term 4

Assembly

2.45pm in the Central Learning
Space. – All Welcome

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

Monday 2nd November
Student Free Day-
There will NOT be any
onsite TheirCare
service on this day.

Get ready to run wild with Monty!

It's here - Monty the Monstar Fun Run!

Jump in now! Set up your child's **My Profile Page** – it's quick, easy and super fun.

We also have some amazing bonuses up for grabs:

- Every student gets rainbow sunglasses and a headband!
- The class with the most profiles at the end of week one will win an ice block party!
- Receive donations on four different days and go into the draw to Slime a teacher!
- Raise \$20 and go into the draw to win a tuckshop voucher!
- Together, we can achieve amazing results for our school!



Awards

Student of the Week

Foundation

Anna K for working hard and starting learning tasks independently.

Year 1/2 H

Hunter B for always being a kind and caring friend who includes others and helps make our classroom a happy place. Great work Hunter!

Year 1/2 K

Charlotte R for thinking deeply about space and asking lots of good questions. You have a great sense of curiosity, Charlotte!

Year 1/2 M

Alex T for working to remember to put your hand up during class discussions. Keep it up!!

Year 3/4DJ

Raina P, well done for always listening attentively during class time. You are excellent at following directions and getting your work completed because of your great listening skills.

Year 3/4L

Alice V, excellent work in class this week. You put in a great effort. Keep it up!

Year 4/5 A

Tex G for starting tasks quickly and working independently. Keep up the amazing work Tex!!

Year 5/6 PR

Alice S for embracing being out of her comfort zone over the past 2 weeks and being a wonderful participant in discussions.

Year 5/6 R

Ivy H for the way that you mixed and socialised with all students at Young Leaders Day. Great work Ivy!

UPPS Legend will be presented to:

Coda S, Charlotte M, Star S, Hunter S, Evie P, Zach L, Rubi P, Isla F, Ikey G, Charlie A, Isabelle G, Logan C, Cami A, Jaysen D, Mantaj D, Sophie S, Hunter E, Oliver L, Kaden M, Anna K, Myles R.

Values

Foundation

Abby H for always being a good sport in class games.

Year 1/2 H

Jed P for demonstrating enthusiasm, teamwork and a positive attitude during sports activities. Keep up the great work Jed!

Year 1/2 K

Zach L for being happy for others when they do well, and cheering them on. Great attitude, Zach.

Year 1/2 M

Ayla F for showing resilience when the game didn't go her way and continuing to join in with a positive attitude.

Year 3/4DJ

Oakley G, you always show resilience by being a good sport. Keep up the good work!

Year 3/4L

Willow M- Well done, Willow, on showing resilience and always being a good sport!

Year 4/5 A

Samuel D for being a good sport in our class PE lesson. Thank you for being a good role model for others!

Year 5/6 PR

Ryder T for being a good sport during games and not taking things too seriously.

Year 5/6 R

Xavier M for your efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship at Hooptime Finals. Love your work Xavier !!

Student Choice Award

Ana Z for continuing to bounce back during recess and lunch

Maya K for bouncing back after a difficult time.

Principal's Report

Busy Term

These last two weeks have been very busy, with lots happening both in and out of the school. I am sure things will continue to get even busier as we head towards the end of the year!

I have started receiving requests from families regarding grade placements for 2027. If you are considering submitting a request, could you please email it to me by the end of the day on Friday 30th October. We are beginning the process of organising our classes for 2027, and having requests submitted by this date will help us as we work through our planning.

After School Care Survey

We have recently sent out a survey to all families to gather feedback about the possibility of offering a school holiday program at Upper Plenty Primary School. We would love to hear from as many families as possible to help us understand how many would use this service if it were available at UPPS. This information will help us determine the level of interest and explore the possibility of providing holiday care for our students within our school community. Could you please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will help us as we explore this opportunity for our families. The link is on Compass to the survey.

Children's Week

Next week is Children's Week, and we have some amazing activities planned to celebrate our wonderful students! We will kick off the celebrations on Monday with a Crazy Clothes, Hair or Socks Day. Throughout the week, students will also enjoy an African Drumming Incursion and some friendly competition in our staff vs student table tennis matches. On Thursday evening, we will be holding our annual school disco, which is always a highlight for our students! Please see the newsletter for further information about the planned activities. We look forward to a fantastic week celebrating our students and making some wonderful memories together!

Student Leadership Day

Yesterday, our Year 6 student leaders attended a leadership day at Wallan Secondary College, organised by our Regional Student Support Services team. The students participated in a range of team building challenges and activities, as well as listening to some inspiring guest speakers. These included Benny Gregs, a podcaster; Ben Roarty, a former Melbourne Storm player; Nicky Leitch, who played for the Matildas; and a local police officer. Each guest shared their experiences and spoke about leadership, kindness and the qualities that make a great leader. They also gave our students an insight into their personal journeys and the values that have helped shape who they are today. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 leaders to learn from others, develop their leadership skills and reflect on how they can be positive role models within our school community.

Somers Camp

Our five students have returned from Somers Camp after an amazing nine days! They joined students from surrounding schools for an unforgettable experience filled with outdoor adventures, challenges and opportunities to make new friends. During their time at camp, students participated in a range of exciting activities, including surfing, rowing, the challenge swing, flying fox, bike riding and the high ropes course. I have heard that the challenge swing was a particular favourite! The students thoroughly enjoyed trying new activities, challenging themselves and building friendships with students from other schools. On Sunday, Day 6, families were invited to visit the camp, explore the facilities and enjoy some time down at the beach. It sounds like our students had a fantastic time at Somers, creating wonderful memories and developing their confidence, independence and resilience along the way!

Network Principal Conference

Last Thursday and Friday, Alex and I travelled to Torquay to attend our Network Principal Conference. Over the two days, we had the opportunity to visit Barwon Heads Primary School to observe their approach to teaching and learning and see what this looks like in practice. The conference included a range of guest speakers, team-building challenges and activities. We heard from the Principals of Torquay College and Epping Secondary College, who shared their leadership journeys and insights into what it takes to successfully lead a school. We also took part in a session facilitated by a company specialising in building thriving teams. This session focused on the qualities and practices that help teams work effectively together and become high-performing teams.

It was a valuable opportunity to connect with other school leaders, share ideas and reflect on our own leadership practices. We returned with new ideas and insights that we can continue to build on to support our staff, students and school community at Upper Plenty Primary School.

Lawn Bowls

Last Friday, twelve of our Year 5/6 students travelled to Sunbury to compete in the Regional Lawn Bowls Finals. Our students competed against six other schools in what was a fantastic day of competition! The teams played some excellent bowls, winning several rounds and demonstrating great skill and teamwork throughout the day. They finished in fourth place, which was a wonderful achievement! Well done to all twelve students for their efforts, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. We are very proud of how you represented Upper Plenty Primary School!

District Softball Tournament

Today, our Year 5/6 students travelled to Lower Plenty to compete in the District Softball Tournament. They played three games against other schools, including St Francis, Apollo Parkways and Eltham College. The competition was of a high standard, and our students played some fantastic softball, winning one game, with the remaining matches being very close. All students showed great effort and sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done to everyone who participated! It was a great day, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Hoop Time

Our Year 5/6 students competed in the Regional Finals on Monday this week. The competition was tough, but our team played well, winning two of their four games, with the other two games being very close. Well done to everyone involved! Our Year 3/4 students competed in their Regional Finals today and had an outstanding result! They won three games and drew one, finishing on the top of the ladder. This fantastic achievement means that our team has now progressed to the **STATE FINALS!**

The team will compete on Thursday 3 December at the State Basketball Centre in Wantirna South. What an amazing achievement! We wish our Year 3/4 team the very best of luck as they take on the next challenge.

A big thank you to our parents for transporting students to these events, assisting with scoring and cheering on our teams. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps make these opportunities possible for our students.

Star Lab Incursion

Today, our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students enjoyed a visit from Star Lab! The dome arrived bright and early this morning, and the students were very excited to watch it being inflated. Inside the dome, students explored the wonders of space, learning about the Sun, the planets and how day and night occur. They also discovered what a 24-hour day looks like and how the Earth's movement affects our daily lives. It has been wonderful to hear how much the students enjoyed this exciting, hands-on learning experience. What a fantastic way for our youngest learners to finish their topic on space!

Trudy



Children's Week 2026

Theme: 'Children have the right to use their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion.'

Monday 26th October

Crazy Hair, Crazy Socks, or Crazy Clothes Day

Our Junior School Council (JSC) has organised a fun dress-up day! Students are invited to come to school with crazy hair, crazy socks or crazy clothes.



Gold coin donation

All money raised will go to the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH).



Thursday 29th October



African Drumming Incursion

9:00am

Students will have the opportunity to experience the rhythms and sounds of African drumming as part of our Children's Week celebrations.



School Disco

Halloween or Disco Dress-Up!

Our Year 6 leaders have organised a school disco for students to enjoy. Students are welcome to dress in Halloween costumes or their favourite disco clothes!

Foundation – Year 2
5:30pm – 6:30pm

Year 3 – Year 6
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Entry
\$5

Soft drinks
\$2

Lollies
\$1

A big thank you to our Year 6 leaders for organising this exciting event!

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Staff vs Student Table Tennis Competition

Throughout the week, students will have the chance to challenge staff in our Staff vs Student Table Tennis Competition. We look forward to seeing some friendly competition and finding out who will take home the bragging rights!



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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.

All Visitors to the school must sign the **WHITE** visitors book

The book can be found on the reception desk

Hats are Back!

The school Sunsmart policy states that all students will wear a broad brim hat at all times they are outside from the **mid August until the end of April**.

Peaked caps are **NOT** acceptable at any time.

Any student without a hat will have to stay undercover or in the gazebo.



Hats are available from the office or the uniform shop for \$10

Parents using the Staff Car park

This is a reminder that no parent/carer should be using the staff car park during normal drop off and pick up unless they have discussed an exceptional need with the office.

Every family should be parking in the Shack car park and no student should be walking through the staff car park to access the school grounds.

Parking in Clarkes Road is illegal.

Families accessing before and after school care can use the staff car park outside the normal school hours.

Please make sure to let anyone doing drop off or pick up that they need to park in the Shack car park.

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.

