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Trudy Whewell, Principal

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Dates to Remember

April 2026

24th- ANZAC Day service – 2.30pm

27th- School Council

29th/30th – Hockey Roadshow

May 2026

1st- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Pantom Hill – Away

7th- Mother's Day Classroom Activity – 2.30pm

8th- Mother's Day Stall

8th- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Doreen PS– Away

12th- District Cross Country – selected students

22nd - Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Wattle Glen – Away

28th- SES Incursion – F-2

June 2026

2/6 – Teeth on Wheels

5th- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Ivanhoe GS – Home

8th- King's Birthday Public Holiday

9th- Teeth on Wheels

12th- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Kangaroo Ground – Home

19th- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Pantom Hill – Home

26th- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Wattle Glen– Home

26th – Last day of Term 2

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, including open days and tours.

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FAF News

Thank You to all our Families and to Woolworths Laurimar for their Easter donations and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and hot cross buns.

We raised \$225 from the hot cross buns and \$1013 from the raffle.

Mother's Day stall will be on Friday 8th May. Order forms home soon. Due back May 4th.

JSC News

Thank you to students who participated in Harmony day activities. We raised \$237.50. This money will be used for a cultural experience later in the year.

Assembly

ANZAC Service – 2.30pm at the Lone Pine tree followed by assembly 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

Myles R for showing whole body listening and following teacher directions quickly. Amazing, Myles!

Grade 1/2 H

Patrick S for showing kindness by always offering to help others. Well done Patrick!

Grade 1/2 K

Mackenzie A for always being one of the first people to stop, look and listen at the bell. Excellent job, Mackenzie!

Grade 1/2 M

Elyse H for always trying her best, and showing school values everyday.

Grade 3/4 DJ

Reid A, your confidence this year has flourished and your input into our class discussions is insightful. This shows excellent understanding of our new learning topics of fractions during Math's and sentence expansion during Literacy. Keep up the good work!

Grade 3/4 L

Willow M -Great work, Willow, for always paying attention during lessons. Keep it up!

Grade 4/5 A

Clara A for contributing to class discussions and for her enthusiasm for learning. Thank you Clara, for being a bright and bubbly peer!

Grade 5/6 PR

Miranda M for a wonderful start back to term 2 and for her amazing efforts in maths this week! It's great to see your confident approach to fractions, Miranda!

Grade 5/6 R

William B for your outstanding thoughtfulness in cleaning up a classroom mess without being asked. Love your work William!

Principal's Award

Kobe Mc for being responsible by being a great helper in the classroom

William H for being responsible by helping Mrs Whewell in the classroom

Values

Foundation

Sophie S for showing responsibility by lining up quietly when the bell goes. Super effort, Sophie!

Grade 1/2 H

Kieran H for always being ready for class and lining up nicely. Great work Kieran!

Grade 1/2 K

Brycen L for being a good line leader, and playing a game with the class while we wait in line. Thanks, Brycen!

Grade 1/2 M

Noah K for showing kindness and empathy towards staff and students. Always checking and making sure people are okay. Well done!

Grade 3/4 DJ

Will L, well done for always showing responsibility by being prepared for class when the bell goes.

Grade 3/4 L

Isla F - Well done, Isla, for following our SWPBS focus of preparing for class when the bell goes.

Grade 4/5 A

Leo G for being prepared when class starts and for using learning time wisely! Keep up the great work Leo!

Grade 5/6 PR

Seb S for always being ready to learn with all your equipment but also with your mindset! It does not go unnoticed! Thanks, Seb!

Grade 5/6 R

Laura S for your fantastic level of organisation to always be ready to begin your learning tasks. Well done Laura!

Student Choice Award

Jackson S for being a good sport in footy.

Alessia YK for helping someone get off the rock wall

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing Easter break, spending quality time with family and friends. It has been a fantastic start to Term 2, with settled classrooms and students excited to reconnect with their peers. The first week has been a busy one, including school tours for our 2027 Foundation families and preparations for our Anzac Day service.

Over the holidays, significant work was completed across our outdoor spaces. The final stages of our new septic system have been finished, and the temporary fencing at the front of the administration building and around the oval has now been removed. Students were especially excited to have the oval reopened—it was wonderful to see it so well used before school on Monday morning.

Ruby's Garden has also had a lovely makeover, with new plantings, rocks, and stones added. These improvements not only enhance the space but also ensure we are meeting our bushfire safety requirements. In addition, a tree removal service cleared approximately 40 old stumps from across the school grounds, greatly improving the appearance and safety of our play areas.

A special thank you to Neville, our school maintenance person, who worked during the break to carry out repairs, including work on the gazebo and fencing around the Lone Pine tree, in preparation for our Anzac Day service. Our school grounds are certainly looking fantastic!

This term, we have a wide range of exciting activities planned for our students. Some of the highlights include:

- Interschool sport commencing
- District cross country competition
- Sewing Club with Mavis, a local community member from Whittlesea, running every Wednesday. This week students created poppies for Anzac Day, and next week they will begin using sewing machines to make material bags
- UPPS Got Talent – performances will take place throughout the term, with a grand final towards the end
- Mother's Day celebrations

We look forward to an engaging and enjoyable term ahead for all students

Foundation and Year 7 2027

Enrolments are now open for Foundation and Year 7 for 2027. Families with children transitioning to secondary school next year should have received information this week from Kylie. Please ensure all forms are returned by the due date to support a smooth application process.

For current families with a child starting Foundation in 2027, we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. This helps us plan effectively and prioritise places for siblings before offering positions to new families.

This year, we are excited to offer a range of school tours, along with our new *Step Up* taster sessions. These sessions are open to both prospective families and our current community, providing an opportunity to experience learning at Upper Plenty through Library, PE, and Art classes.

Today we held our first Library session with Ms Ballard, and it was wonderful to see families engaging with the program and visiting our school. The remaining sessions will continue over the coming weeks.

If you are interested in attending a tour or booking a *Step Up* session, please visit our website and register via TryBooking.

A big thank you to our two School Captains for their support during school tours. They have done an excellent job sharing their insights and experiences, helping families gain a genuine understanding of our school.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome back Sarah Demetrius this term as our Art teacher for the remainder of the year. Sarah returns from family leave, and we are very pleased to have her back as part of our team.

We also welcome two Education Support staff members to our school. Kate Gallenti, who has previously worked with us in a casual capacity, has now joined the team while completing her third year of teaching degree. Olivia O'Donnell has also joined us, and we are pleased to welcome her back to Upper Plenty, having worked at the school in previous years.

Anzac Day Commemoration

This Friday, we will hold our whole-school Anzac Day service at our Lone Pine tree at 2:30pm. Families are warmly invited to attend. If you would like your child to lay a wreath or a bunch of flowers during the service, you are most welcome to send these along. There is absolutely no expectation to purchase anything—flowers from your garden are perfect if you wish to participate.

Our school assembly will follow immediately after the service.

On Saturday morning, our two School Captains and I will attend the Anzac Day service in Wallan on behalf of our school. Together, we will lay a wreath in remembrance of the soldiers who served and sacrificed for our country.

Breakfast Club

We are excited to be launching our Breakfast Club next Thursday morning. Students are welcome to arrive between 8:15am and 8:45am to enjoy a healthy breakfast before the school day begins.

The menu will include toast, cereal, fresh fruit, and occasionally warm options such as spaghetti and baked beans.

For your child's first visit, we ask that a parent or guardian accompanies them to briefly check in with me. This allows us to confirm your permission and discuss any allergies or dietary requirements.

Breakfast Club is completely free of charge.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to assist with preparing and serving breakfast. This does not need to be a weekly commitment—any support would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact me via email at: Trudy.whewell@education.vic.gov.au

Fundraising Update

Last term, we held our Easter raffle and Hot Cross Bun drive, both of which were very successful fundraising events for our school.

Our Hot Cross Bun drive raised \$225, and the Easter raffle raised an impressive \$1,013.

Thank you to all of our families for your generous support, whether through purchasing items or donating prizes for the raffle. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and make a meaningful difference to our school community.

Mother's Day Celebration

On Thursday 7th May at 2:30pm, we will be holding our Mother's Day celebrations in classrooms.

We warmly invite all special mums, carers, and grandmothers to join us and spend time with your children while taking part in a special activity together.

To make the afternoon easier for families, all siblings will be together in the same classroom so you can enjoy the time as a whole family.

Reminders

- Hats need to be worn until 1st May
- UPs Got Talent Show entries open next week – student will bring home a permission form for families to sign if you are happy for your child to participate

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Hockey Program in PE

We are excited to welcome the Hockey Victoria Roadshow to our school!

Students are being given the fantastic opportunity to try out the exciting game of hockey! They will learn the skills of the game through exciting game-based activities suited to every year level and ability.

Hockey Victoria will be sending their amazing Participation Officers to our school in the coming weeks to provide an engaging, fun, and safe hockey experience for everyone.

At Hockey Victoria they pride themselves in providing an enjoyable experience for every student, so keep an eye out and see if you can spot one of their coaches at school soon!

If you enjoy the sessions during school, you can continue with your hockey experience by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program www.hookin2hockey.com.au. With programs all over the state you can find a local program that will suit your schedule.

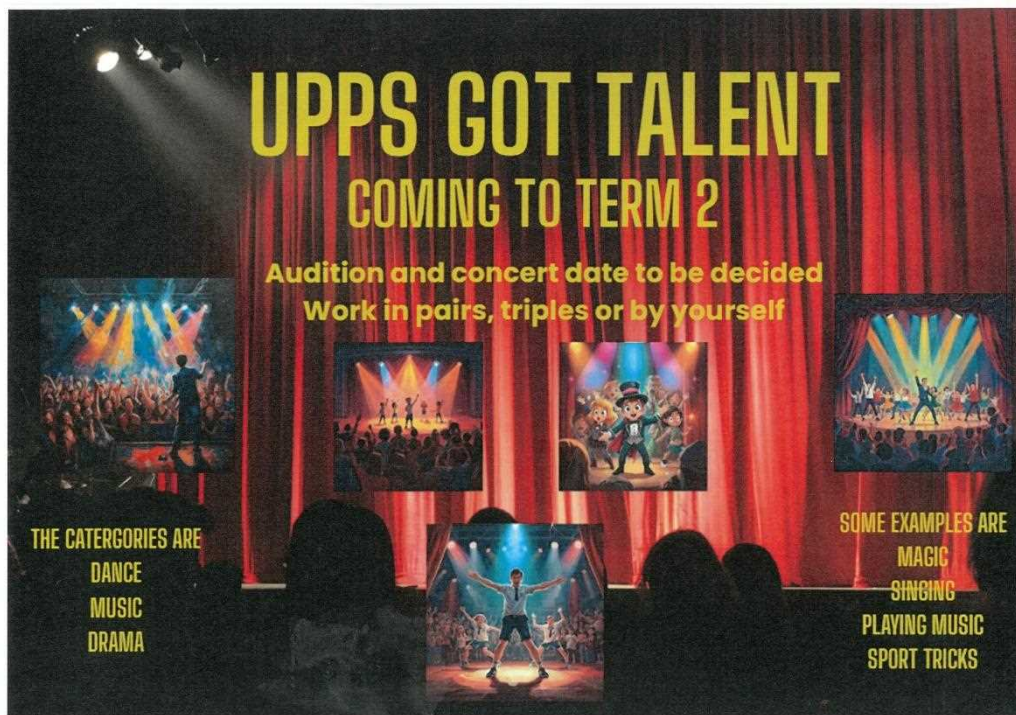


Term 1 Outstanding Attendance Award

This year, we are placing a strong focus on attendance at Upper Plenty Primary School. At each assembly, we recognise the class with the highest attendance over the fortnight, and we are now introducing additional term-based awards and recognition.

The following students achieved excellent attendance in Term 1, having either attended every day or missed only one or two days. Today they were rewarded with a special hot lunch.

Avisha B, Mantaj D, Hunter E, Ben G, Noah H, Abby H, William H, Cohen K, Ollie L, Kaden M, Evie M, Imogen P, Kaylee B, Hunter B, Anaih C, Hunter F, Azziah J, Jett KB, Elliott N, Rihaan N, Coda S, Kari T, Kyrom W, Ezra A, Emily B, Isla E, Izzy F, Jordan K, Charlie M, Charlotte R, Chayse S, Hunter S, Josiah S, Alex T, Susie A, Knox C, River F, Olivia G, Oakley G, Lucy N, Sam P, Ava R, Brodie B, Ikey G, Ellie H, Nori M, Raina P, Isabelle S, Anastasia S, Jemi S, Layne S, Lydiah S, Olivia T, Ben W, Clara A, Cooper B, Ollie C, Minh H, Jack P, Keith P, Pip S, Kamali S, Claire S, Juliet W, Milly W, Mitch B, Liam B, Zayden B, Cody B, Alyra C, Ollie G, Xavier M, Henry R, Ava RK, Grace RK, Ethan S, Laura S, Seb S, Levi Z



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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – 2026

Our annual school photos have been taken and are now ready to order.

Arthur Reed Photos uses an [online ordering system](#) where you can view your photos prior to ordering.

Students will receive a flyer which includes a code unique to them - You will require this 2026 code to view and order your photos.

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Exciting News!



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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.

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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



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

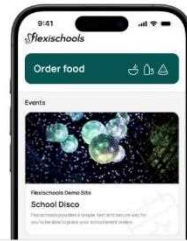
- 1 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under "Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."
- 2 Add your child's details to the new student profile.



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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