

# UPdate

Trudy Whewell, Principal

4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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## Dates to Remember

### June 2026

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

8<sup>th</sup>- King's Birthday Public Holiday

9<sup>th</sup>- Teeth on Wheels

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

**16<sup>th</sup>- Curriculum Day – No  
classes**

19<sup>th</sup>- Gr 5/6 Winter Sport – Panton  
Hill – Home

22<sup>nd</sup>- Whole school Athletics Carnival

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

26<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term 2

## 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.

## 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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## Curriculum Day – No student classes

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June is a whole school curriculum day with no students expected at school.

Their Care will be running a school based program on the day. Students can be booked in via their website. Usual costs apply.

[TheirCare - Family Login](#)

## School Leadership Day at Wallan PS

On Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, the year 6 captains went to the young leader's program at Wallan Primary school. This program goes over 3 days during the school year the first in term 2, the 2<sup>nd</sup> in term 3, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the very last term. There are over ten schools involved, but they are separated into two groups. For the first two days they will meet up with the same schools included in their group but in the last one all the schools will meet up at Wallan Secondary College. The schools doing it with us for the first two days include: Wallan Primary, Flower Dale Primary, Beverage Primary, Wandong Primary and a few others. During these sessions they will learn a little more about the qualities of a leader and the many things that we can do to help our community. During this time, we got to socialize with students from different schools, some of us even made some new friends! We also got the chance to see how other leaders ran their schools, giving us ideas that we could introduce into the way our school is ran. These sessions teach year 6 leaders the many different qualities that a good leader should show in and out of school making them a true role model to our younger students and year fives wanting to become a leader in 2027.

By Ava R-K and Alyra C

# Awards

## Student of the Week

### Foundation

**Avishka B** for playing nicely and treating everyone with kindness. Well done, Avishka!

### Grade 1/2 H

**Cooper M** for always having a go at every task that is handed to him. Great work Cooper!

### Grade 1/2 M

**Ava A**, you have demonstrated positive behaviour, followed classroom expectations, and been a great role model for others. Well done!

### Grade 3/4 DJ

**Billie B**, your knowledge of 2D shapes is incredible, and your explanation of vertices helped your class friends to identify and count them correctly with confidence. Well done!

### Grade 3/4 L

Congratulations, **Ruby S**, on putting in an excellent effort in class this week. Keep up the great work!

### Grade 4/5 A

**Jemi S** for her fantastic work in writing this week! Your narrative is off to a fantastic start!

### Grade 5/6 PR

**Tommy F** for always being ready to learn and working quietly. Thank you for being so respectful of others in our classroom and putting your best foot forward!

### Grade 5/6 R

**Ivy H** for always being cool, calm and collected and consistently producing a high standard of work. Great work Ivy!

## Values

### Foundation

**Kobe M** for bouncing back quickly after a problem. Well done Kobe!

### Grade 1/2 H

**Rihaan N** for being resilient and bouncing back after challenges that he faces. Keep it up Rihaan!

### Grade 1/2 M

**Kevin S** has shown respect by making positive choices and treating others kindly in class. Well done!

### Grade 3/4 DJ

Well done **Nori M** for showing great resilience by solving problems and bouncing back quickly.

### Grade 3/4 L

**Sam P**, well done for displaying the SWPBS focus this week of solving problems and bouncing back. Keep up the great work!

### Grade 4/5 A

**Finn E** for applying feedback to continuously improve his work! Keep up the sensational work Finn!

### Grade 5/6 PR

**Taylem G** for being able to solve problems and bounce back. I admire the maturity you have been showing in the classroom, Taylem! Keep it up!

### Grade 5/6 R

**Mitchell B** for showing great resilience in bouncing back from setbacks and demonstrating strong leadership. Well done Mitchell!

### Student Choice Award

**Henry R** for helping a friend in sport when he hurt himself.

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# Principal's Report

## **Victorian Principal Conference**

Last week, Alex and I attended the Victorian Principal Conference on Thursday and Friday, alongside more than 2,000 other principals and assistant principals. The theme for this year's conference was *Leading Together for Excellence and Equity*. We heard from a range of inspiring guest speakers, including Ben Carroll, Minister for Education; Lisa Alexander AM, former Australian Diamonds Netball Coach; Carl Hendrick; Nathaniel Swain; and Simone Breakspear. The conference also featured workshops presented by schools from across the state. Each presentation offered valuable insights and ideas that have prompted me to reflect on our school practices and my own leadership, and to consider how we can continue to strengthen outcomes for all students.

## **Year 6 Leadership Day**

This week, our thirteen Year 6 school leaders attended a Leadership Day at Wallan Primary School. The event brought together Year 6 student leaders from a range of schools across the region and was facilitated by the Student Support Services. Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of activities and discussions focused on developing their leadership skills. They worked collaboratively in both whole-group and small-group settings, exploring the qualities and responsibilities of effective leaders. Our students spoke very positively about their experience and enjoyed the opportunity to connect with student leaders from other schools. They are already looking forward to attending the next Leadership Day later this term.

## **Staffing Update**

We have welcomed several new Education Support staff members to Upper Plenty Primary School over the past few weeks. All three staff members will be working in our Year 1/2 classrooms, supporting students and teachers. We would like to warmly welcome Danielle Bonnici, who will be with us five days a week. Danielle brings experience from a number of schools, including working in a specialist education setting. We also welcome Olivia McDonald, who has been working with us in a casual capacity this year and has now joined us five days a week. Makayla Jackson has also joined our team and will be working with us two days a week while she completes her teaching degree.

Kylie Ballard will be taking leave during Terms 3 and 4 and will finish up in Foundation at the end of this term. We thank Kylie for her contribution and wish her all the best during her leave. We are fortunate to welcome Tenille Rowe to our team. Tenille is an experienced teacher who joins us from Kilmore Primary School and will be teaching in Foundation during Kylie's absence.

We also currently have two students completing placements with us. Lanche is undertaking her 100-hour placement as part of her studies at Melbourne Polytechnic and will be with us for another two weeks. Kumru is completing her university placement in 3/4DJ over the next two weeks.

We welcome Danielle, Olivia, Makayla, Tenille, Lanche and Kumru to Upper Plenty Primary School and hope they enjoy their time as part of our school community.

## **Athletics Carnival**

Our Athletics Carnival is fast approaching, and excitement is building across the school. Mr D is putting the final touches on preparations for the day, and we are all hoping for great weather to make the event even more enjoyable. A note will be sent home shortly seeking parent volunteers to assist on the day. We would greatly appreciate any support and would love to see families come along to watch, cheer on our students, and share in this special whole-school event. TheirCare will be running a sausage sizzle, with sausages available for purchase throughout the day. We will also have a selection of other food items available. We will continue to provide families with important information and updates as the event approaches. We look forward to seeing our school community come together to support and celebrate this exciting event.

## **Attitudes to School Survey**

This week, I have been visiting our Year 3–6 classrooms to administer the annual Attitudes to School Survey with all of our Year 4–6 students. This survey, provided by the Department of Education, gives students an opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings about a range of aspects of school life. The survey includes questions about students' learning experiences, relationships with peers, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and their overall school experience. Students are able to skip any questions they do not wish to answer. The feedback gathered through this survey is extremely valuable. Later in the year, we will receive the results and use this data to reflect on our practices, identify areas for improvement, and ensure we continue to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. We greatly value student voice and appreciate the honest feedback our students provide through this process.

## **Reminder – Upcoming Student-Free Days**

A reminder to families that Monday is a public holiday, so there will be no school for students on this day. We hope all families enjoy this long weekend, safe travels if you are going away and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday.

In addition, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June will be a Curriculum Day, with no students required at school. Staff will be participating in professional learning and planning activities to support ongoing school improvement.

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## 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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A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief initiative  
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via [info@glassesforkids.com.au](mailto:info@glassesforkids.com.au)

## Education Support Finance and Administration Relief Program 2026

For more information

<https://bmv.org.au/es-relief-program/>

[Application Link Here](#)

Applications close Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2026



## ES RELIEF PROGRAM 2026

Supporting Victorian Government Schools with Trained Relief Administration & Finance Staff

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- ✔ Introduction to CASES21, Finance & Student Insight
- ✔ School Administration & Finance Processes
- ✔ Managing Receipts, Creditor & Debtor Payments
- ✔ Student Administration Skills
- ✔ Tax Insights
- ✔ Student First Aid Training & Certification

### ELIGIBILITY

- ✔ Individuals interested in working in Education Support administration and finance roles
- ✔ Have **not previously worked** in a school office
- ✔ Are **not currently employed** by a school
- ✔ Are **interested in casual relief work** within a school office environment. The program is specifically for individuals interested in working **casual relief roles** within a school office
- ✔ Ideally have a referral from a current Victorian school employee



Graduates 2022

### MORE INFO

<https://bmv.org.au/es-relief-program/>

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## EDUCATION SUPPORT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION RELIEF PROGRAM 2026

Supporting Victorian State Schools with Qualified Relief Staff

The Education Support Finance & Administration Relief Program is an initiative run through the Department of Education and Business Managers Victoria, aimed at providing assistance and support within the education sector, particularly for office staff in administration and finance roles. This program offers opportunities for individuals to receive training and gain practical experience in educational office settings.

By the program's conclusion, participants will have the training required to provide relief support in school administrative systems, enabling them to assist at short notice in schools.

The program trains participants for school office relief roles, equipping them with essential skills to assist schools on a short-term, flexible basis.

### Program Requirements

- Attend all compulsory program components, including face-to-face training, online sessions, at-home learning modules, graduation day and volunteer work experience
- Complete 60 hours of volunteer work experience within Victorian government schools
- Undergo an interview and complete a PC competency test prior to acceptance into the program
- Gain experience across various areas of school administration and finance
- Be available for short-term relief work at short notice
- Commit to 12 months of relief work following program completion

### Program Details

- Program commencement: Week beginning 27 July 2026
- Program duration: Term 3 2026 through to Term 4 2026
- Program Orientation Session: Week beginning 15 July 2026
- 12 hub training days delivered through a combination of face-to-face training, online sessions and at-home learning modules, plus first aid training day
- Training centres will be offered across Victoria (locations to be confirmed)
- Each training centre will accommodate a maximum of 10 participants
- Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed between 22-26 June 2026

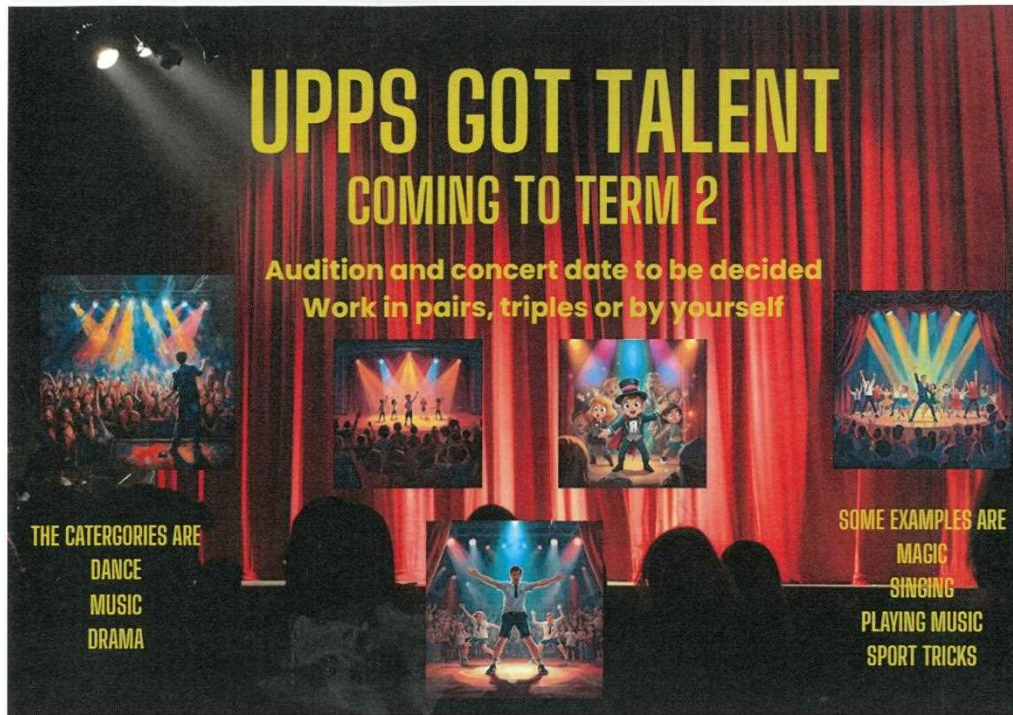
### APPLY NOW

To apply for the 2026 Education Support Finance & Administration Relief Program, please complete the online application form and upload a current resume (maximum two pages). Applicants may nominate two preferred training centre locations. Successful applicants will be allocated (if possible) to one of their selected training centres and must ensure they are able to travel to and attend their allocated location.

**APPLICATION FORM LINK - APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026**

<https://bmv.org.au/es-relief-program/>

[businessmanagersvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:businessmanagersvictoria@gmail.com)



## **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.

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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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## 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.

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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

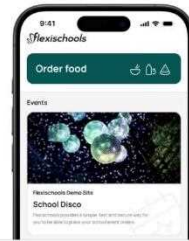
- 1 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under "Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."
- 2 Add your child's details to the new student profile.



### 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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