

# UPdate

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7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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## Dates to Remember

### May 2026

7<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day Classroom Activity – 2.30pm

8<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day Stall

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

12<sup>th</sup>- District Cross Country – selected students

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

28<sup>th</sup>- SES Incursion – F-2

### June 2026

2/6 – Teeth on Wheels

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

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

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

26<sup>th</sup> – 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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## Unsafe driving in the car parks

Student safety is one of our highest priorities.

It has been noted that some parents and carers are not driving safely in the Shack car park. We expect all families using the shack car park to drive as slowly as possible through the car park and park in the marked parking places before walking their child to the path. No child should be walking through the car park on their own and must be collected from the teacher at the end of the day. If you have concerns about anyone driving unsafely in the Shack car park, please contact the school office.

Parents are continuing to use the staff carpark when they should be parking in the Shack car park. The staff car park should only be used prior to 8.30am and between 9.10am to 2.55pm and after 3.45pm. There should be no parents using the staff car park during the normal school drop off and pick up times, unless they have discussed their individual needs with the school office. Anyone entering the staff car park needs to do so at a slow walking pace. Many parents are driving too fast when entering the car park. Absolutely no child should be walking through the staff car park without an adult in close attendance. Students have been seen running through the car park ahead of adults which is completely unacceptable. Parking in Clarkes Road is illegal during school hours and may result in a parking fine if caught.

Please discuss the expected behaviour of all adults collecting students with whomever is responsible for collecting your child/ren, as this is a whole school community issue and needs to be adhered too by everyone to keep all our students safe.

## 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

**Jaxon N** for saying the sounds when reading and writing words. Well done, Jaxon!

### Grade 1/2 H

**Jordan K** for being resilient and getting through challenging situations. Keep smiling Jordan!

### Grade 1/2 K

**Issy F** for thinking about others and trying to help out when she sees people in need. Thanks for being so caring, Issy.

### Grade 1/2 M

**Aria P** for showing fantastic focus, working extremely hard, and always giving her best effort towards her learning.

### Grade 3/4 DJ

**Belle M**, well done for always doing your best during learning tasks and joining into class discussions with insightful comments. Keep up the good work!

### Grade 3/4L

**Haydin G**, well done on trying hard in all of our lessons and putting in a great week's work!

### Grade 4/5 A

**Pip** for her positive attitude and growth mindset she brings to school everyday! Thank you Pip for being a ray of positivity in 4/5A!

### Grade 5/6 PR

**Nimrat C** for her wonderful participation in the classroom, particularly during our Core Knowledge topic this term. Thank you for sharing your valuable ideas and opinions with the class.

### Grade 5/6 R

**Ana Z** for consistently displaying a hard working approach to your learning, ensuring all tasks are completed to an extremely high standard. Well done Ana!

## Principal's Award

**Finn H** for showing kindness to one of his friends when they needed it

**Ben W** for showing excellence during our maths lessons on 3D shapes and nets

## Values

### Foundation

**Felicity P** for playing nicely and treating every one with kindness. Well done, Felicity!

### Grade 1/2 H

**Hunter B** for showing respect to our classroom by always ensuring his table is tidy before coming to the floor. Great work Hunter!

### Grade 1/2 K

**Adem B** for putting in effort to listen carefully during lessons. Keep it up, Adem.

### Grade 1/2 M

**Mayze V** for showing respect by listening to others, following instructions, and treating peers and teachers with kindness.

### Grade 3/4 DJ

**Olivia G**, thank you for always making good choices.

### Grade 3/4 L

**Jackson S**, well done for showing a great understanding of this week's SWPBS focus: if you make a poor choice, try to set it right.

### Grade 4/5 A

**Cooper B** for being a great sport on the oval this week and congratulating everyone. You should be so proud of your growth in resilience and responsibility!

### Grade 5/6 PR

**Oli G** for being such a responsible and reliable member of 5/6PR. We can always count on you to do the right thing or set things right if you need to. Thanks Oli!

### Grade 5/6 R

**Ethan S** for the way that you respond in completing difficult tasks, regaining focus and bouncing back successfully. Well done Ethan!!

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# Principal's Report

## Term 2

It has been a busy couple of weeks this term, with lots of learning happening in our classrooms. You should all have received a term overview from your child's year level outlining the learning that will take place throughout the term. This information will help support conversations at home about what your child is learning at school.

Our Breakfast Club has been a huge success. Following a fantastic turnout at our first session last week, attendance increased significantly again this week. If your child would like to attend, please let us know – they are very welcome to join us for toast, cereal, fruit, spaghetti, and baked beans.

Interschool sport commenced last week for our Year 5 and 6 students and will continue throughout the term. Students will participate in football, netball, T-ball, or rounders.

Today we held our Mother's Day afternoon across the school. Thank you to all the mums, grandmothers, and special people who attended. We wish you all a very special Mother's Day this Sunday and hope you feel all the love and appreciation you deserve.

## ANZAC Day

Thank you to all of our families who came along to support our whole-school service and who attended the ANZAC Day service in Wallan, participating in the march. A special mention to our two school captains, who proudly represented our school by laying a wreath during the service.

Thank you also to the Robertson family, who attended the Whittlesea Dawn Service and laid flowers in honour of those who have served.

## Foundation 2027

All of our *Step Up Into Foundation* sessions have now been completed. We had wonderful participation from families interested in sending their children to our school in 2027. The sessions included Library, PE, and Art, providing a great opportunity to showcase our wonderful school and meet some of the children before they hopefully commence with us next year.

Thank you to our student leaders for helping to plan some of the lessons and assisting with the running of these sessions. I have completed six school tours so far this term, with a couple more still scheduled. We will have two Foundation classes next year, and enrolments listing our school as the first choice are continuing to come in. We have already received a number of sibling enrolments; however, we are aware that some families are yet to complete the enrolment process. If you would like support with enrolment, please contact the school office.

## Unexplained Absence – Action Required via Sentral

To ensure our attendance records are accurate and up to date, we kindly ask all families to log into Sentral and review any unexplained absences for their child/ren. If you notice an attendance entry marked as *unexplained*, please provide a reason as soon as possible. This helps us maintain accurate records and ensures we meet our attendance reporting requirements. If you experience any difficulties accessing Sentral, please contact the school office for assistance. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your ongoing support in helping us keep our records accurate.

## Voluntary School Fees

Every year our families are asked to make a voluntary contribution, if possible, to support us to add and maintain what we offer to support your child's education.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

These voluntary contributions go towards the use of technology and programs, our facilities, grounds and improvements and equipment to name a few.

While fewer families have been able to support the school in this way in recent years, we are very grateful to those who can. Thank you for your continued support.

## UPPS Got Talent Show

We have begun collecting entries for our first *UPS Got Talent Show*. Once all entries have been received, we will commence auditions before finishing with a Grand Final performance event, where our overall winner will be announced.

During recess and lunch breaks, it has been fantastic to see groups of students using their time to practise and rehearse their performances together. We are looking forward to seeing the wonderful talent and creativity our students have to share.

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To all the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, carers and special people in our students' lives, we would like to wish you a very happy Mother's Day.

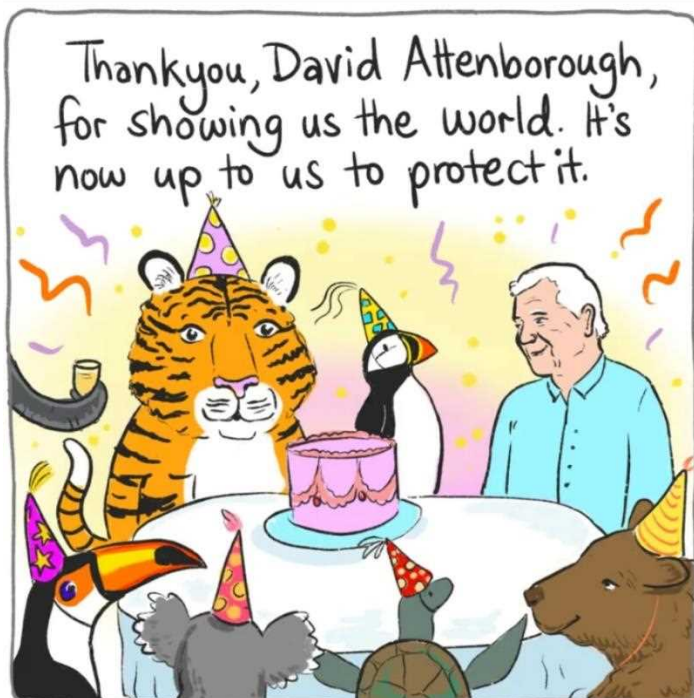
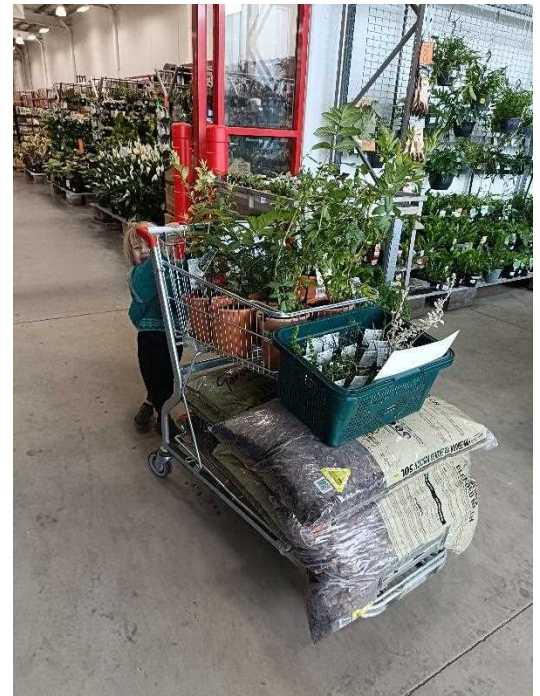
Thank you for the love, care, encouragement and support you give each and every day. The kindness, patience and dedication you show helps children feel safe, valued and confident to grow and thrive.

We recognise and appreciate the many different ways families care for and support their children, and we hope this weekend provides an opportunity to feel celebrated and appreciated for all that you do.

## Thanks to Bunnings

A big thanks to Bunnings Craigieburn for their generous donation of Indigenous bush tucker plants and mulch.

Some of our students will spend time next week weeding and replanting our First Nations Garden and Yarning circle so we can all enjoy the outdoor learning space!



Tomorrow, May 8th is David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Some ideas to help families mark his milestone birthday include:

### Eco-Action & Nature Activities

- **Plant for Wildlife:** Plant native trees or wildflowers in your garden or community to support biodiversity.
- **Explore Nature:** Head out this weekend to explore some of the beautiful local areas we have around us!
- **Watch Documentaries:** Watch some of his most well known documentaries such as *Planet Earth* or *Blue Planet*.
- **Nature Narrations:** Encourage children to film their own "nature documentaries" in the backyard, imitating his signature style!
- **Get Creative:** Create nature-themed art
- **BBC Special:** Watch *David Attenborough's 100 Years on Planet Earth*

# A Window into STEM

This term, students have been highly engaged in developing their coding and problem-solving skills.

Foundation to Year 2 students have been using Scratch Jr to create simple programs and sequences.

Students in Years 3 to 6 have been coding with Dash Robots, demonstrating strong teamwork as they plan, test and refine their programs to complete challenges, while journalling their progress on PowerPoint.

It has been great to see students showing persistence, creativity and growing confidence with technology.



# A Window into PE

Our recent Hockey Clinic provided students with a positive introduction to hockey. Unfortunately, Day 1 was cancelled due to illness, however Mahek from Hockey Victoria ran Day 2, where students developed basic hockey skills including passing, trapping and dribbling through fun and engaging activities. Families may also be interested to know that additional free hockey clinics will be held in Wandong and Kalkallo next month, see the flyer for details.





# Sentral Parent App



All families should be accessing the Sentral Parent App for all their information. If you are having trouble with the App please contact the office.

Thanks

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sentral.mobile>

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/sentral-for-parents/id1238744022>

## Exciting News!



Dental visits coming to our school!



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### Oral Health Educational Program!

We're excited to share that Teeth on Wheels will be visiting your school. They'll be providing on-site dental education along with complete dental care for our students, including check-ups, cleans and all required treatment during the school day.

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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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## COLLEGE TOURS

Don't miss the opportunity to discover what makes our college the perfect place for your child's secondary journey. Our Year 6 to 7 Transition College Tours offer a firsthand look at our facilities, programs, and vibrant learning community. Secure your place and take the first step towards an exciting and successful Year 7 experience.



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Places are limited  
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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

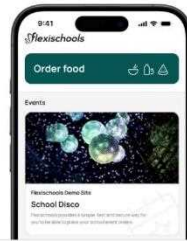
- 1 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under "Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."
- 2 Add your child's details to the new student profile.



### 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.



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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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