



# UPDATE

8th February 2024



## Next Weeks Events

Monday—

Tuesday— Parent Helper Classroom Training—9.15am

Wednesday— Foundation Testing

Thursday—

Friday—

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February 2024

13th—Parent Helper Classroom Training—9.15am

23rd—Curriculum Day—**Student free day**

### March 2024

1st— 150th Celebration

11th— Labour Day Public Holiday

12th— Dental Van

22nd— School Photos

28th— Last day of Term 1

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## **Classroom Helper Training**

Tuesday 13th Feb at 9.15am in the Central Learning Space

If you would like to help in the classrooms, we would LOVE to have you! In order to do this, you need to have completed a training session with Mrs Egan.

All classroom helpers must have a current Working With Children Check, available online through the Department of Justice.

## **Assembly tomorrow will be at 2.40 pm**

The new school leadership team will be presented with their badges at this week's assembly.

If you are requiring to pick up your child early on a Friday you need to do so 5 minutes before assembly starts.

We will not be interrupting assembly to retrieve children.

## **2025 Foundation Sibling Enrolments**

If you have a sibling starting Foundation in 2025, please contact the office so we can note it down. The enrolment forms for 2025 will not be released until the end of Term 1, and there is nothing more than letting the office know, that you need to do until then.

Once the forms are released we will send them home to the families we have on the list.

The enrolment timeline and all the new rules are on our website.

[Enrolment \(upper-plenty-ps.vic.edu.au\)](http://upper-plenty-ps.vic.edu.au)

We will have an information session on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm, that you are welcome to attend.

## **Student Free Day**

Friday 23rd February is a Curriculum Day and will be a **Student free day**

**There will be no students at school on this day.**

## **Student Information Updates and Permission to Photograph**

Please return the Student information Updates to Kylie Butler in the office, these came home via email this week.

Permission to photograph only needs to be returned if you do **NOT** want your child to be included in photographs during school, or included in the school newsletter.

# Weekly Awards

## **Student of the Week Awards will be presented to:**

**Alex Tanner** for being an enthusiastic learner and always being willing to participate and contribute in class.  
**Kenneth Panakal** for a great start to his learning journey here at UPPS. We are so lucky to have you in our class Kenneth!  
**River Ford** for settling into her new class beautifully and sharing her ideas with the class. Amazing to see River!  
**Cooper Kynoch-McAdam** for the super start that you have made to your Grade 6 year. Well done Cooper!  
**Sara Zmejkoska** -Sara has been a wonderful classmate this term and has also helped Mr. H find where things are at UPPS! Thank you for all of your support, Sara. Well done.  
**Willow Muratore** for trying your best at school and showing respect by listening carefully. Super effort, Willow!  
**Cooper Blackaby** for his amazing book work. Thank you Cooper for working diligently in class and ensuring your work is presented beautifully!  
**Trey Kirby** for showing enthusiasm during Core Knowledge 'Renaissance' lessons and your willingness to share the extra knowledge you have researched during your own time at home. Well done Trey and keep up the good work!  
**Axel Segreto** for making a wonderful start to the year by being willing to step out of his comfort zone. Amazing resilience, Axell!

## **Values Awards will be presented to:**

**Ayla Farrugia** for being kind with her words and actions while always being there to help and support her classmates.  
**Reid Azzopardi** for being kind to the animals in our classroom. Thank you for being so respectful, Reid.  
**Jordan Kataria** for being respectful to others by using kind words and actions. Amazing Jordan!  
**Zeb Bamford** for the care and kindness that you show to your buddy each day. Thank you Zeb!  
**Levi Zerafa** - Levi has been a fantastic helper to our Year 3 students in 3/4H. Levi shows respect for others and shows his kindness through his actions. Well done, Levi.  
**Charlotte Walsh** -Thank you, Charlotte, for thinking about how others are feeling and being so kind with your actions and words.  
**Claire Stokes** for the kindness, care and consideration she shows toward everyone at UPPS, thanks Claire for being a role model for our value of Respect.  
**Xavier Moore** for offering to show a new student around and including him in games at playtime. Thanks for your kind actions, Xavier.  
**Lily Green** for always being so kind with your words and actions. You are always so respectful to everyone around you. Well done Lily!

## **Principal's Awards will be presented to:**

**Jenson Mahoney** for the responsibility you have displayed this year, offering assistance to staff and students who need help. Thank you for Jenson, your help has been greatly appreciated!  
**Mitchell Behan** for showing responsibility, resilience and maturity when dealing with challenges in the playground. You're an outstanding role model Mitchell!  
**Ivy Parker** for the positive start you have made at UPPS! Thank you Ivy, for the respect you have shown and for the friendship you have given to everyone in your class. Super effort!  
**Juliet Williams** for showing friendship and kindness to other students in the playground. Thank you Juliet!

# Principal's Report

Week Two has been another wonderful week at UPPS! Students spent the first week learning about our values and setting up class rules and routines. This week students have settled into the rigour of learning. Our Foundation students have been AMAZING!!!! They are showing beautiful manners while in class and they are all very eager to learn!!! I would like to thank our senior students for the care and friendship they have displayed in the playground, making sure our 'little ones' are safe and happy.

Next Tuesday at 9.15, I will be running our 'Parent Helper' training session. This session is being provided for any parents who would like to assist in our classrooms this year. All parents who help at school require a Working With Children Check. I am looking forward to meeting with any parents or carers who would like to come on board!

Our Grade 6 students presented their leadership speeches yesterday. WOW!!! The standard was very high and they spoke clearly and with confidence – so very proud of them all!!!

This semester's leadership team members are:

Archie Clark	School Captain
Marija Zmejkoska	School Captain
Isla Stokes	ICT Captain
Kenneth Panakal	ICT Captain
Lily Green	Bus captain
Spike McIntosh	Bus captain
Ava Kelly	DAINTREE House Captain
Nathaniel Hansa	DAINTREE House Captain
Olivia Zerafa	EUREKA House Captain
Charlotte Gannon	EUREKA House Captain
Emily Pallant	PACIFIC House Captain
Max Kimberley	PACIFIC House Captain
Natalie King	ULURU House Captain
Jenson Mahoney	ULURU House Captain

Congratulations to these students!

I am very excited to have the opportunity to work alongside our student leadership team this semester and I am grateful for the support they will provide to UPPS.

Plans are well underway for our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, on Friday March 1 from 4.00 – 6.00pm, here at school. Please put this date in your calendars! Students have started preparing a special song to sing during the ceremony.

On a concerning note, there have been two major accidents on our road within the last two weeks, leading to tragedies. Please, please drive carefully everyone!

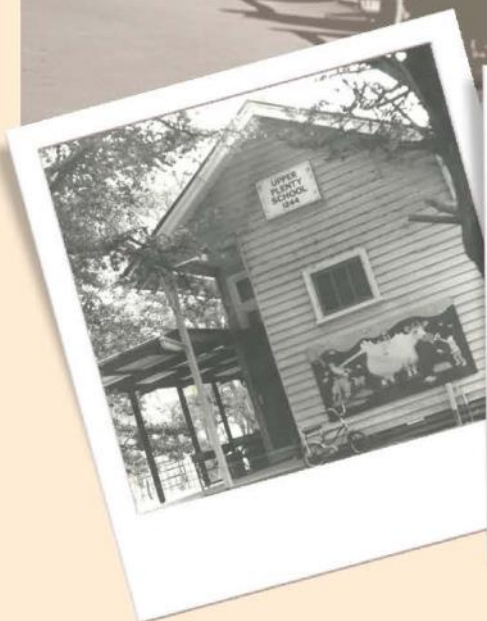
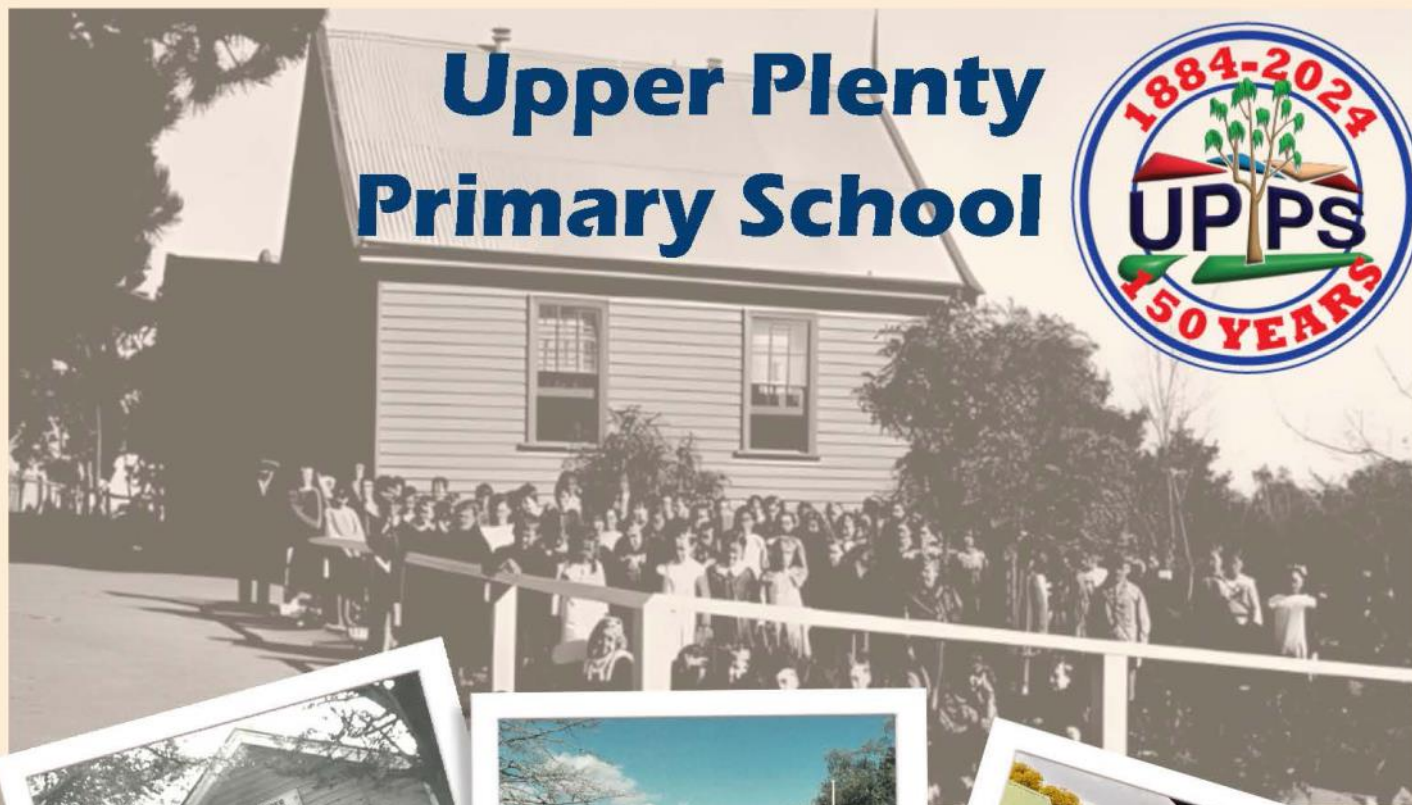
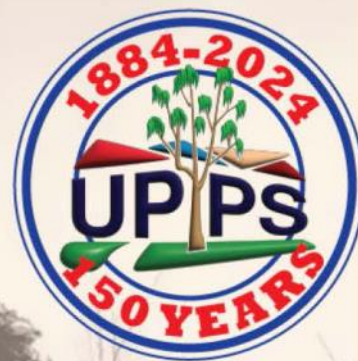
Yesterday was the anniversary of Black Saturday. I would like to pay my respects to the incredible job that our CFA and volunteers did, looking after our community, and send my love out to all of those families who were affected by this disaster!

Please remember that if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is important that we all work together to support our children.

Let's all be kind to one another.

Sue Egan

# Upper Plenty Primary School



**Upper Plenty Primary School  
is celebrating our**

**150th Birthday**

**To be held on Friday 1st March 2024**

**4pm-6pm**

**All Welcome**

**Ceremony at 5pm**

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& co.

## LUNCH ORDER DIRECT LINE

# 0491 640 487

A reminder of our lunch order hotline, if you have any questions about the system, how to order, how to cancel an order if your child is sick/absent and so forth.

Happy to help anytime!

>>> Classroom Selection <<<

Please review your child's classroom when placing your order to ensure the classroom number is correct, to save confusion at delivery.

If anyone needs a hand on how to check this, give us a shout out on our lunch order hotline.

### HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER

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- 1 Click "Order food" at the top of the home page on your app.
- 2 Select the child you want to order for, then the date you wish to receive your order on.
- 3 Choose the food items you wish to purchase, then select "Confirm Order".
- 4 Choose your desired payment option.
- 5 Press "Place Order" to confirm your purchase.

ENJOY!



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## School Council Elections

We are calling for Parent nominations for school council this year.

Nomination forms are available from the office.

Depending on the amount of nominations we receive we may need to hold an election.

## Hats are Compulsory!

The school Sunsmart policy states that all students will wear a broad brim hat at all times they are outside from the start of September 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 uniform shop for \$10



## Working With Children Check

We require all school volunteers to have a current WWCC. Applications are available from the Department of Justice website.

If you are new to the school and already have a WWCC you will need to add the school to your card. This can be done online or over the phone, with the Dept of Justice, and they will advise us via mail.

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE / AMBULANCE COVER

As a government public school, Upper Plenty Primary School does not provide any insurance for lost or stolen property for staff and students. We also do not provide any health insurance cover. In the event of an accident causing injury to a child we must call an ambulance to ensure the child receives proper medical attention. The fees for the trip in an ambulance will be payable by the family whose child requires care. This is in accordance with DET Policy.

Families are encouraged to research their own options to make an informed decision on what is appropriate for their circumstances.

# Conveyancing Allowance

To be eligible for a conveyance allowance a student attending a mainstream school must attend:

- their **nearest government school/campus** appropriate to their year level – being the closest school determined by the shortest practicable route from the student’s residence, or the student’s **Designated Neighbourhood School (DNS)** – refer to [Find my School](#) website to identify a student’s DNS
- Students not attending their nearest government school or DNS may still be eligible under this criterion if they fall within any of the exceptions listed below.

The eligibility of any sibling of a student receiving or eligible to receive the conveyance allowance is assessed individually and will not be impacted by their sibling’s eligibility.

## Next nearest school

A student may be eligible for a partial allowance to assist with the cost of travel to their next nearest government school if:

- they reside 4.8km or more from their nearest government school
- private car is the only means of transport to the next nearest school

The partial allowance is set out in the chapter – [Conveyance Allowance Rates](#).

Students who can access spare seats on a government funded school bus or public transport do not fall within this exception and are ineligible for a conveyance allowance.

## Private car conveyance allowance rates

Distance (kilometres)	Amount paid annually
4.8 to 10	\$460
10 to 15	\$576
15 to 20	\$690
20 to 25	\$806
25 to 30	\$921
30 to 35	\$1,034
>35	\$1,152
Additional student	\$230
Next nearest school (government schools only)	\$345
Next nearest additional student (government schools only)	\$173

Application forms are available at the office and Term 1 claims must be lodged no later than 8th March 2024

If you have any questions please call the office.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child’s school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



## UPPS Facebook Group Page

The UPPS Facebook group page is available to all current school community members who use Facebook. **No current students will be given access to the page.**

Do a search for Upper Plenty Primary School and the group page should show up. Please answer the entry question and read and agree to the group rules.

All members have to be approved by one of the Admin of the page, we are very careful with who we allow access, so if we can not figure out how you are linked to the school we may not allow you in. If this happens please call the school office.

## 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>

# Welcome

## to Upper Plenty Primary School OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program at Upper Plenty Primary School complements your child's school experience with engaging activities and opportunities to socialise with peers.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

We tailor our OSHC program to support each child's individual interests and ideas. We perform a variety of planned and spontaneous activities that help children develop life skills and enhance their autonomy.

Children are actively encouraged to engage with their peers from all year levels.

Some of our activities include:

- Active play outdoors
- Board games and puzzles
- Construction and engineering
- Cooking and baking
- Music, singing and dancing
- Dramatic and imaginative play
- Homework items and reading
- Sustainability initiatives

### HOURS, FEES AND CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

SESSION TYPE	HOURS	SESSION FEE	FEE AFTER MAX CCS*
<b>Before School Care</b> (permanent booking)	7.00am - 9.00am	\$28.00	\$5.60
<b>Before School Care</b> (casual booking)		\$33.00	\$6.60
<b>After School Care</b> (permanent booking)	3:15pm - 6:00pm	\$34.00	\$6.80
<b>After School Care</b> (casual booking)		\$39.00	\$7.80
<b>Pupil Free Day</b> (numbers pending)	7.00am - 6:00pm	\$80.00	\$16.00
<b>School Holiday Program*</b> (in house activity)	7:00am - 6:00pm	\$80.00	\$16.00

\*MAX CSS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fees above are calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.

### Quick step-by-step guide to enrol



#### STEP 1 – REGISTER

[www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au)



#### ADD CONTACT AND CHILD



#### BILLING AND DECLARATIONS



#### MAKE A BOOKING

### CONTACT US

E: [upperplentyoshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:upperplentyoshc@ymca.org.au)

P: 0499 799 284

W: [childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au](http://childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au)





## Preparing for the Unpredictable

### Building inclusive disaster resilient communities

It has never been more important to reduce disaster risk and build resilience in our communities. With science telling us that disasters will become more frequent and severe, the urgency of communities being more resilient is clear.

**6pm to 8pm, Thursday 15 February 2024**

Wandong Public Hall, 19 Rail Street, Wandong

**KeyNote Speakers:** Anne Leadbeater OAM and Jason McCartney OAM (Bali Bombings survivor) with opportunity for Q&A

Opportunity for residents to consult with Council's Emergency Management staff and Working Groups on the Vulnerable Eastern Ridgeline Community Emergency Management Plans.

Booking essential. Light supper provided.

Book online using the QR code or call us on 5734 6250.

#### Contact us

t. (03) 5734 6250 e. [mitchell@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mitchell@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)  
[www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)



### Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- \* Amharic
- \* Arabic
- \* Dari
- \* Gujarati
- \* Mandarin
- \* Somali
- \* Sudanese
- \* Turkish
- \* Urdu
- \* Vietnamese



School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government Initiative powered by nbn

To support students that do not have access to internet at home, the Australian Government has committed to providing up to 30,000 families with free nbn-powered broadband internet at home for one year.

#### You may be eligible for the School Student Broadband initiative (SSBI) if you:

- Have a school-aged child
- Have no active nbn connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days
- Live in a premise that is serviced by the nbn network.



Scan the QR for more information.

#### To check your eligibility:

Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)

[www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet)

Callback and webchat functions are also available via the website.

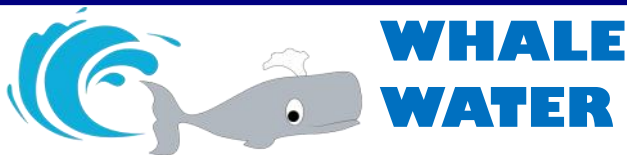
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Our team of Family Coaches are here to support families and children aged 0 - 12 years within the Wallan community.

#### What we offer

- Tailored and practical support to meet your individual needs
- 1:1 coaching to build your parenting skills and confidence
- Regular group programs where you can connect with others and grow your support network
- Help to access a variety of safe and supportive specialised services

#### Get in touch

- [thehub3756.org.au](http://thehub3756.org.au)
- 1300 253 961
- [thehub3756@kidsfirstaustralia.org.au](mailto:thehub3756@kidsfirstaustralia.org.au)
- Wallan Community Services Hub  
42/80 Bentinck Street, Wallan VIC 3756

[TheHub 3756](http://TheHub 3756)

**This is a FREE Community Service.**

Our team of Family Coaches are here to support families and children aged 0 - 12 years within the Wallan community.

## School Bank Account details

Name: Upper Plenty Primary School Council  
BSB 083001  
Account Number 92 466 6216

