

NEWSLETTER

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You can't be a smart cookie if you have a crumby attitude!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to convey how impressive it is to see our students return to school with positive mindsets and great attitudes. The beginning of Term 1 is always a crucial part of year, as we work hard to establish productive classroom routines, underpinned by high expectations and explicit teaching. Literacy and numeracy remain key areas of focus in the classroom, in support with our school's strategic direction.

Relevance and ownership over ones learning are key attributes that underpin a child-centred pedagogical approach. Our students have been thoughtfully identifying and establishing learning goals that are important to them, which they would like to achieve by the end of the term.

I look forward to another productive term filled with engaging learning experiences.

Dates

TERM 4

Week 4

Mon 18th Feb - Aged Care Visit

Week 5

Wed 27th Feb – Bush Fire Evacuation Drill

Fri 1st Mar – Clean up Australia Day at School.

Week 6

Mon 4th Mar – Aged Care Visit

Week 7

Fri 15th Mar – Cyber Safety Day – Sessions for parents and students

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to Bianca and Kailyn Russ for representing Urbenville Public School at the Woodenbong Central School Swimming Carnival. It is rewarding to see our students giving it go and trying their hardest. Attitude is everything, keep it up!

BUSH FIRE DRILL – Wed 27th February

Bushfires currently burning out of control in our local area demonstrate just how devastating and unpredictable these natural disasters can be. On Wednesday 27th February, Urbenville Public School will be liaising with local Rural Fire Services to conduct a mock bushfire emergency in order to assess and evaluate the effectiveness of our current bushfire evacuation plan. Our local RFS crew will attend the school to extinguish a mock fire and speak with our students about fire safety and prevention.

On behalf of Urbenville Public School I would like to thank our RFS volunteers for your courageous service to our community. THANK YOU!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – Fri 1st March

Clean Up Australia Day inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. The Clean Up Australia organisation works nationally to empower communities, businesses, schools and youth groups to remove rubbish from our environment. Urbenville Public School will continue our commitment to keep our patch tidy by proudly participating in this year's Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 1st March.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Students at Urbenville enjoy a wonderful selection of fresh healthy foods provided by our school canteen. If you are able to spare a few hours of a Wednesday to help support our already hard working canteen volunteers, please contact the school for more information.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Regular attendance at school assists students to achieve quality life outcomes and helps them to develop confidence in positively shaping their own futures. We understand life happens and on occasion your child may need to be absent from school.

Parents are asked to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

P&C NEWS & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Fri 1st March

Urbenville Public School P&C be holding their AGM on Friday 1st March at 2:30pm followed by their monthly P&C meeting. All positions will be declared vacant and hotly contested at the AGM. Akin to the legendary Knights of the Round Table, our supportive P&C work tirelessly to champion our small school and broaden the learning opportunities provided to our students by, 'Ever Aiming Higher!' Community members are encouraged to come along and have their say and support our school.

CREATIVE KIDS NOW JOIN ACTIVE KIDS

Active Kids and Creative Kids are programs designed to encourage more children to participate in sport, active recreation and creative and cultural activities. Each year, parents, guardians and carers can receive a \$100 voucher to go towards both creative and physical activities for school aged children. That's \$200 worth of savings per year for each child.

A Creative Kids voucher will help parents to cover some of the registration, participation and tuition costs on activities such as singing, drama, coding, languages, music, writing, drawing and photography.

The Active Kids voucher can be used on sports, fitness and physical activities for registration, participation and membership costs.

The vouchers can be used once with an approved provider. To find out more, parents need to visit service.nsw.gov.au.

A PLACE FOR RESPECTFUL LEARNING

The School Community Charter was produced to support a respectful environment in our schools. It outlines a framework for positive interactions and provides parents with guidance in engaging as partners in their children's learning. It also highlights unacceptable behaviour that has no place in our school communities.

You can see the Charter at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>. Posters and copies will be available in Term 1.

NSW BUS SAFETY WEEK – 18TH TO 24TH FEBRUARY

Over 1 million students in NSW travel to & from school each day, many by bus. In the last five years, three children were tragically killed after alighting from a bus and being struck by another vehicle. NSW Bus Safety Week runs from 18-24 February 2019 to highlight the importance of bus-related safety issues for all road users. It is part of the Be Bus Aware campaign which aims to improve awareness for how all road users can keep safe on & around buses.

Tips for keeping safe around buses:

- Adults – always hold your child's hand when crossing the road. Meet your child at the school or the bus stop – NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across. Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road. Supervise your child walking to & from the bus & crossing the road until they are at least 10.
- Drivers – slow down to 40km/h when the bus lights are flashing.

Visit www.BeBusAware.com.au to find out more.

'RIDDLE ME THIS'

Last Weeks Riddle

Q: A family of five people drove in a car for 300 km at an average speed of 80 km/h. For the whole journey nobody noticed that the car had a flat tyre.

How come nobody noticed?

A: *It was the spare tyre that was flat!*

Q: What has one head, one foot and four legs?

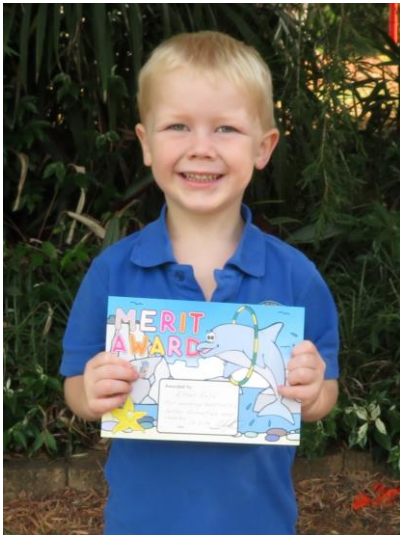
Find the answer in our next newsletter!

Student Awards

WEEK 2 WINNERS



WEEK 3 WINNERS



Active Kids Vouchers

Did you know that the NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids Program? Parents, guardians and carers can easily apply for a voucher valued at \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school!!

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. For more information, visit <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

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