

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we work towards the end of the 2018 school year, it is with mixed emotions that I announce Lauren Hankinson will not be returning to Urbenville Public School as Principal in 2019.

Although it is sad to see Lauren go, we can find great comfort in knowing that Lauren will motivate and inspire other school communities, such as the way she has motivated ours.

We thank Lauren for all that she has done for our school and our learning community. We wish her the very best and look forward to hearing about all the great work she will do for her next school.

CHANGE TO CANTEEN ON WEDNESDAY 5TH AND WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Just a reminder to parents that for the next 2 weeks canteen will be held on a Thursday, instead of our usual Wednesdays due to attendance at intensive swimming.

COMMUNITY CONDOLENCES

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Urbenville Public School to again, pay our respects and pass on our deepest condolences to the Vennix family for another loss in the family.

Dates

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Week 8

Mon 3rd Dec – Intensive Swimming 12-2pm

Wed 5th Dec – Intensive Swimming 12-2pm

Fri 7th Dec – Intensive Swimming 12-2pm

Week 9

Mon 10th Dec – Intensive Swimming 12-2pm

Wed 12th Dec – Intensive Swimming 12-2pm

Thurs 13th Dec – Carols on the Corner – 6pm

Week 10

Mon 17th Dec – Aged Care Visit

Tues 18th Dec – Presentation Day Assembly 9.30am

Wed 19th Dec – Students last day of school

MESSAGE FROM LAUREN HANKINSON

Hello again,

I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to Christmas for some relaxing time with your families and friends.



Mr. Chris Sifko is to be commended on the wonderful job he has done in leading the school over the past twelve months. I'm sure you will all agree that he has been a tremendous asset to the staff team at Urbenville PS over the past three years. I want to thank him for his continued professionalism and enthusiasm he displays every single day for working at our school.

Last week, I was offered another permanent Teaching Principal position on the Tweed Coast and will therefore, not be returning to Urbenville PS next year. I want to thank all the staff, parents and community for your continued support over my four years in Urbenville. Thank you for welcoming both Catherine and me into your town and there isn't a day that passes, that we don't think about our years living in the school house in one of the prettiest parts of the world. I will certainly miss those glorious Crown Mountain views.

At this stage, Mr. Sifko will continue relieving as Principal until the Department of Education decide whether the job will be offered to another principal as a transfer or advertised for merit selection of the next principal.

Thank you again. I truly loved leading your school and wish the children of Urbenville PS every success and happiness in their future lives.

Goodbye and thank you.

Lauren Hankinson

REFURBISHED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT URBENVILLE OFFICIAL OPENING



I was brimming with pride watching how respectfully our students represented Urbenville Public School on Saturday 17th November at the official opening of the refurbished emergency department. Our students presented the hospital with the artwork they had been working on, and were overjoyed to hear it would be displayed on a wall in the new refurbished area. One of our students even had the great privilege to assist Mr Thomas George officially open the Emergency Department by cutting the ribbon. Well done boys and girls!

KINDY O

Congratulations to our Kindy O champions who participated in our program this year. You impressed me every session with your knowledge, behaviour and attitude. I look forward to seeing you next year!

CAROLS ON THE CORNER

Second only perhaps to Carols in the Domain, is our very own Urbenville Carols on the Corner. This year, Carols on the Corner will be held on Thursday 13th December. Our students are looking forward to performing some popular Christmas Carols and adding to the festive atmosphere that is always abundant on the night. A very special thank you to our parent volunteers who are doing a marvellous job working with our students to keep them all in tune.

URBENVILLE SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

We are proud to announce that phase 1 of the 'Urbenville School Beautification Project' is complete. The west facing brick wall of our toilet block was screaming out for a makeover and with the help of the very talented Bec O'Meara, we were able to create a visual masterpiece that rivals the Sistine Chapel and would have Michelangelo himself green with envy. The students contributed heavily to the design and painting process to contextually capture the local flora and fauna, and of course, beautiful Crown Mountain. A big thank you to Bec O'Meara for sharing your artistic gifts with our school, particularly our students.



BACKYARD RUGBY LEAGUE SKILLS SESSION

Thank you to Kelvin Menchin, Game Development Officer NRL for attending Urbenville Public School to deliver this wonderful program to our students. Kelvin is very popular amongst our students, despite going for the Roosters!

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

A reminder to parents that session 1 of our intensive swimming program commences this Monday 3rd December. If parents could ensure students come to school with a towel, appropriate swimming gear, including rash vest and a plastic bag to place their wet swimmers in afterwards. Sunscreen will be provided at school, but of course parents can supply their own if they wish.

Session	Date	Time
Session 1	Monday 3/12/18	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Session 2	Wednesday 5/12/18	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Session 3	Friday 7/12/18	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Session 4	Monday 10/12/18	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Session 5	Wednesday 12/12/18	12:00pm – 2:00pm

BEACH TO BUSH

A big thank you to Trevor and Ann from Surf Life Saving NSW for visiting our school last week and sharing your knowledge with us. Our students had a wonderful time learning about general beach safety, rip and wave identification, sea creatures and basic first aid and rescues.

WOODENBONG PRE-SCHOOL VISITING – FRI 23RD NOVEMBER

Thank you to Christine Reid and the Woodenbong Pre-School for visiting our school last Friday 23rd November. Our students, particularly our proud Kindy O students had a fantastic time hosting our little friends as they ran through some kids yoga and movement activities in our hall, followed by an afternoon stretch on the outdoor play equipment. You are most welcome anytime, and we hope to see you again soon.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Urbenville Public School is currently seeking volunteers that might be able to help-out in our school canteen. Our small canteen is currently ran by our fantastically supportive P&C who provide our students with fresh healthy canteen options every Wednesday. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday to assist in the canteen, please contact the school on ph: 66 341 333, or drop into school.

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 14th December at 2.30pm. All parent and community members welcome. See you there!!

‘RIDDLE ME THIS’

The answer to last week’s riddle:

Q: What has a neck but no head?

A: *A bottle!*

This week’s riddle:

Q: A monkey, a squirrel, and a bird are racing to the top of a coconut tree. Who will get the banana first, the monkey, the squirrel, or the bird?

The answer will be published in the next newsletter





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