

NEWSLETTER

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Attendance Every Day Matters!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Education Week 2023 was held from 31st July to 4th August and proudly celebrated 175 years of Public Education. The theme of this year Education Week Awards was focusing on learning from our past, celebrating our achievements and embracing the future with confidence.

I am very proud to announce our own Miss J and Jessica J both received awards celebrating their contributions to Public Education and sharing its strong values and ethos. Congratulations to you both, very well deserved!



Dates

TERM 3

WEEK 8

Monday 4th September – Playgroup
Tuesday 5th September – Breakfast Club
Wednesday 6th September - Sport
Thursday 7th September – Breakfast Club
Friday 8th September - Breakfast Club
Friday 8th September – Canteen

WEEK 9

Monday 11th September – Playgroup
Tuesday 12th September – Breakfast Club
Wednesday 13th September - Sport
Thursday 14th September – Breakfast Club
Friday 15th September - Breakfast Club
Friday 15th September - Canteen

BANJO POETRY COLLECTIVE COMPETITION

Congratulations to every student who entered a poem and/or got up on stage and had a go. What a great demonstration of respect and kindness as everyone happily worked within the spirit of the competition. Thank you to our special guests, Cr Petrie representing Tenterfield Shire Council and Cr Mulholland and her partner representing Kyogle Shire Council. Also, a special thank you to Vince Stead who was tasked with the challenging job of judging.



Well done to Urbenville Students for the second year in a row taking home the perpetual cup. I know it is very cliché, but poetry was the real winner on the day!

TANGALOOMA CAMP

A friendly reminder that parents can pay in installments for the upcoming Tangalooma campif they need to. If you are electing to use your Educational Hardship Grant Fund (if you were eligible), please ensure you know where you are up to in regards to funds outstanding. For those parents that are choosing not to send their child, **please, please let the school know as soon as possible**, as this has implications around transport and accomodation. For those students not attending, an education alternative will be provided by the school.

SCHOOL BYTES

Like many other schools, Urbenville have had to update our school administration software. School Bytes is a comprehensive school management platform providing schools with the tools they need to operate smoothly and efficiently.



There are however some action needed by parents to connect with it. Parents/Carers are required to create their own Parent Portal on the School Bytes App so as to allow access to online permission notes, forms etc. Also, around mid Term 4 online payments will be available. If you need assistance with this, please see the school office.

FAMILY CONNECT AND SUPPORT

I am pleased to announce that Family Connect and Support (FCS) have offered to work closely with our school and families to support our learning community in any way they can. Family Connect and Support (FCS) is a program delivered by Social Futures which connect families, children and young people who need a helping hand, to the right supports and services. Family Connect and Support offers services such as:

- Parenting challenges
- Accessing the NDIS
- Linking to housing support
- Help with accessing welfare supports
- Access counselling services



- Linking to domestic and family violence supports
- Culturally appropriate support

This valuable service is completely free to families. If you wish to connect with this service, please contact the school for a referral form. Arrangements can be made for staff from FCS to attend school to meeting with parents if transport is an issue. Please reach out if you need assistance. More information can be found on the attached information flyer.

UPS PLAYGROUP – Every Monday 9am – 10am

This is a lovely supportive and nurturing forum that allows pre-kindergarten students socialised and prepared for 'big school'. If you have a youngster who is nearing school age, I highly encourage you to come along to one of our playgroup days to give you the opportunity to see what our school is about and some of the wonderful things we are doing at our small school.



P&C MEETING – Thursday 19th October – 3.15pm

Our next P&C will be held on Thursday 19th October. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. See you there!



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WHAT IS FAMILY CONNECT?

WHAT CAN FAMILY CONNECT HELP WITH?

WHAT IS THE COST?

HOW DO I CONNECT?

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- linking to domestic and family violence supports
- mental health support
- culturally appropriate supports

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