

# NEWSLETTER

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#LoveWhereYouLearn

Principal – Chris Sifko

*'Inspiring Excellence'*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At UPS, we believe that knowing every student, valuing them as learners, and understanding how to support their individual learning journeys are fundamental components of holding high expectations. This approach goes beyond just academic achievement; it's about fostering a nurturing environment where each student feels seen, heard, and appreciated for their unique strengths and talents.

When students feel that their teachers believe in them, they are more likely to take risks, engage deeply with learning materials, and push through challenges.

Moreover, this positive impact on confidence and motivation can lead to improved learning outcomes and higher levels of achievement. Students are more inclined to set ambitious goals for themselves and work diligently towards reaching them. This cycle of support, expectation, and achievement creates a vibrant classroom culture where students are inspired to take ownership of their learning.

At UPS, we are committed to maintaining these high expectations for all our students, ensuring that they have the support they need to succeed academically and personally. Together, we can create an environment where every student thrives and reaches their full potential.

## Dates

### TERM 2, 2025

#### WEEK 7 – Long Weekend

##### Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June – King's Birthday

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> June – Breakfast Club

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June – Waffle Wednesday

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> June – Breakfast Club

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June – Kids 'n' Kitchen

#### WEEK 8

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June – Breakfast Club

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> June – Breakfast Club

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June – Kids-in-Kitchen

#### WEEK 9

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June – Breakfast Club

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> June – Breakfast Club

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June – Combined Athletics  
Carnival with Old Bonalbo PS being  
held at UPS

## **ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to our Zone Cross Country participants, Sienna, Patrick and Arjay for putting in a great effort at Corndale and representing UPS with pride. Thank you to Elissa for chauffeuring our sports stars on the day.

## **SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to Sienna, Carter and Patrick for participating and progressing through to the next round of this year's Spelling Bee Challenge. These talented students have demonstrated not only impressive spelling skills but also the confidence and perseverance needed to excel in such a competitive environment. Their commitment to preparation and practice has truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. As they gear up for the next round, let's rally together as a school community to support and encourage them on this exciting journey. We look forward to seeing how they continue to shine and represent our school with pride!

## **KING'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND**

Just a friendly reminder that this Monday, June 9th, is the King's Birthday! 🎉 Despite all the fun and lively classroom banter we've enjoyed this past week, please remember that this is a public holiday, and school will be closed. We can't wait to welcome back our wonderful students on Tuesday, June 10th, refreshed and ready for more learning adventures! Enjoy the long weekend!

## **UPS INSTAGRAM**

We are excited to announce that in order to promote the fantastic learning experiences here at UPS, we are widening our social media footprint! We are linking our new school Instagram account with our existing Facebook account, creating a vibrant online community where you can stay connected with all the wonderful activities happening at our school.



If you haven't already, we encourage you to follow us on both platforms. By joining us on Instagram and Facebook, you'll get a front-row seat to the exciting learning adventures of our students. From classroom projects to special events, you'll be able to share in their achievements and celebrate their creativity.

## **SCHOOL BYTES**

At UPS, we are committed to ensuring effective communication regarding student attendance. To aid in this process, we currently utilise the School Bytes App, which plays a vital role in monitoring and tracking student attendance data. This innovative tool allows us to keep accurate records and quickly identify any attendance issues that may arise.

If your child has been unwell or had an appointment that required them to take time off school, you may have received an automated text message requesting a reason for their absence. This feature is automatically generated by the School Bytes App and is sent to parents when the school has not received prior notification regarding the absence. We understand that life can be busy, and

communication can sometimes slip through the cracks, which is why the App is designed to assist us in maintaining clear and prompt communication with families.

To help us minimise unnecessary messages, we kindly ask that parents notify the school of any absences as soon as possible. This proactive communication helps us ensure that our records are accurate and reduces the likelihood of receiving automated texts. Please note that these notifications will automatically be sent out at 10 am each day, as the App analyses the attendance data for that particular day.

Alternatively, if you receive an automated text regarding your child's absence, we encourage you to respond in a timely manner. Your cooperation in this process is invaluable and greatly appreciated, as it helps us maintain accurate attendance records and ensures that we are informed about our students' well-being. We thank all parents for their understanding and support in this important area. Together, we can foster a positive and communicative school environment that prioritises the well-being of our students.

### **FACEBOOK #LoveWhereYouLearn**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind and encourage our staff, parents, and community members to support our school's Facebook page! Your engagement makes a difference, so don't hesitate to give us a 'like,' share a post, or leave a comment. We truly value your feedback and involvement, and we are incredibly proud of the amazing work our little champions are accomplishing in the classroom. Together, let's celebrate their achievements and foster a strong sense of community! Thank you for being an integral part of our school family.



### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Week 4 and Week 5**

We are so proud to recognise Harvey for his incredible hard work and dedication to improving his phonics skills! 📖 His determination has truly paid off, allowing him to tackle longer and more complex texts with confidence and ease. I would also like to congratulate Patrick, who has been recognised as the Student of the Week for Week 5. Patrick has demonstrated exceptional resilience in class! 🌟 His ability to tackle more complex activities with a positive attitude is truly commendable and sets a wonderful example for his peers.

Well done to both Harvey and Patrick for their outstanding efforts!



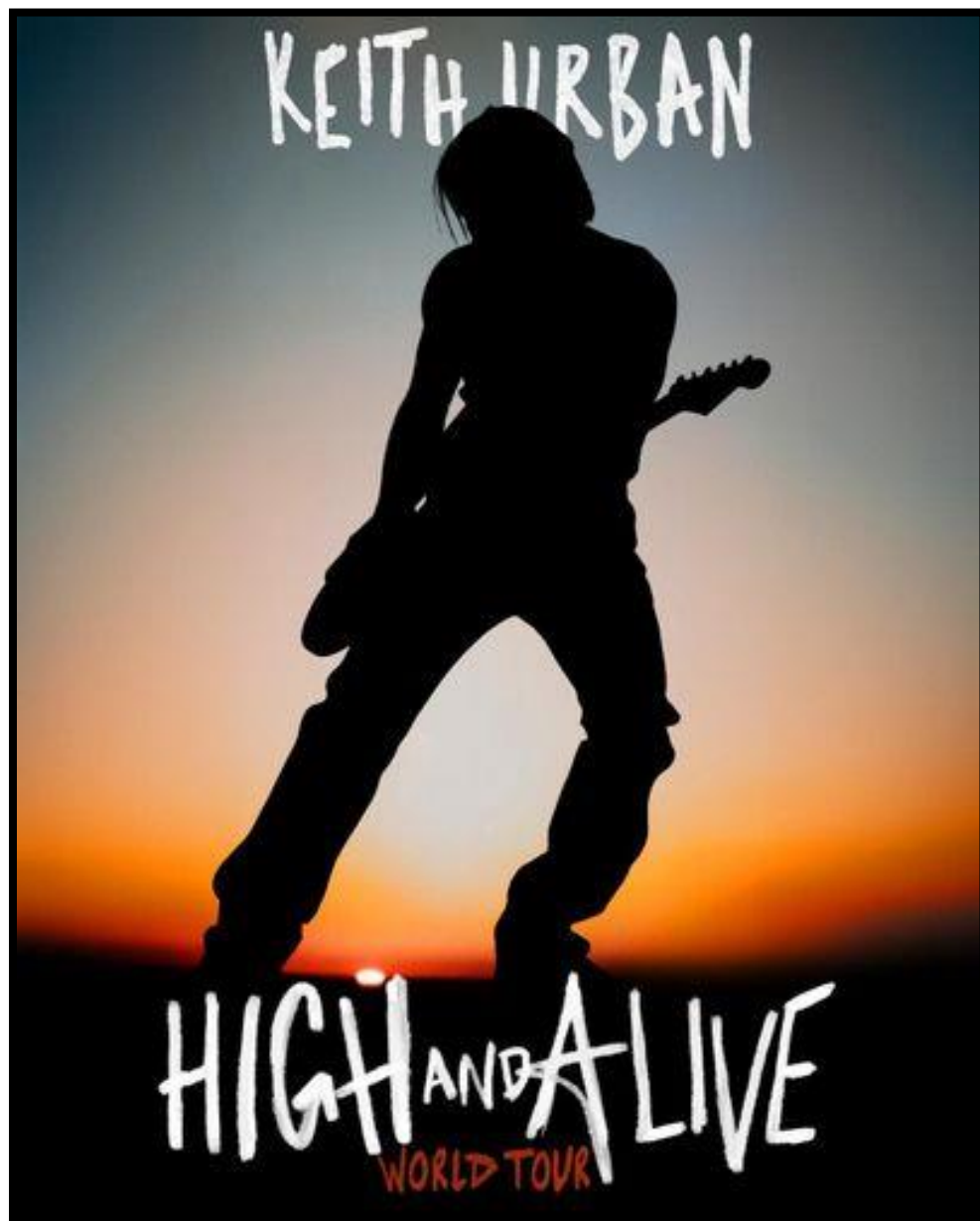
**Week 4 – Harvey**



**Week 5 - Patrick**

## **SUPER EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THIS! – 70 days to go**

Exciting news, everyone! Keith has not forgotten his namesake school, and we are thrilled to announce that we will once again be invited as guest VIPs to the Brisbane leg of his tour! Boys and girls, if you thought you had a blast last time, just wait until you see what Keith has in store for us this year. It's going to be an unforgettable experience filled with surprises and fun! Get ready, because UPS students will be honing their stagecraft skills in preparation for an amazing night ahead! **#LoveWhereYouLearn #onlyatUPS**





# Lunchbox mac 'n' cheese muffins

6 eggs  
1/2 cup plain yoghurt or cottage cheese  
1 1/2 cups cooked macaroni pasta  
1 cup corn kernels  
1 large zucchini, grated  
1 large carrot, grated  
1 cup grated cheese  
salt and pepper to taste



- Preheat oven to 180°C and grease a 12 cup muffin tin with oil.
- Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
- Divide mixture evenly between the muffin holes. Top with a little extra grated cheese.
- Bake in oven for 25 minutes or until set and golden.
- Allow to cool in tin for 15 mins before turning out to cool completely.
- Store in fridge in airtight container for up to 3 days.
- Can be frozen for up to 6 weeks.



## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  
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**4** weeks



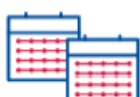
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Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week  
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**8** weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

**Come and join our  
small school family**



**ENROL NOW!**