REMINDER SCHOOL PHOTOS
Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th July are the School Photo days and all students are to be in full school uniform and on time for both these days. Payments must be made on or before this date.

PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE
A reminder to all families that the administration staff require two days to process payments for all paid activities. With swimming already started for the lower grades, this will ensure all staff will have access to the list of attending students on a regular and prompt basis.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
We need volunteers to help at our Centenary Stall which is based at the Seafood Festival this year and at our car park at the school. If you have time to volunteer please fill out the form attached and return it to the office.

CENTENARY NEWS 15TH OCTOBER
Centenary Fete Stall
Donations needed!

YEAR 2
Classes will be running a Mystery Jar Stall and we need your help!
Please send in clean jars with lids (labels removed) and/or new items to fill the jars. These items could be stationery, bags of lollies, hair accessories, personal care items, small toys... things that you think will fit in a jar.

YEAR 3
3B and 3M will be running a plant stall and are looking for donations. Pots, seedlings, cuttings, potting mix and seeds are needed to make this stall a success so any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be left at the office or in the classes. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

N.A.I.D.O.C WEEK 2016
UPSS NAIDOC week Celebrations
• Colour in competition
• Class activities 19th—21st
• Traditional Indigenous games
• Parade on Friday 22nd at 12:15pm which will include: Welcome to Country, dance performance, Flag raising, raffle
NAIDOC Raffle $1 a ticket or $4 for 5 tickets, raffle will be drawn on Friday 22nd July. The prize is an original Aboriginal painting.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Our School Chaplain Brydie is currently working 2 days a week. The majority of funding is by NSCP funding, however there is a small gap that needs covering each year.
Brydie will be running a fundraiser sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 13th Aug from 7:30am-3:00pm and would love volunteers to help through the day. If you think you could help please leave your name at the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
JULY
• 22nd Swimming Prep to 2
• 22nd NAIDOC Parade at 12.15pm
• 25th School Photos
• 27th School Photos
• 27th P & C Meeting at 1.15pm
• 28th & 29th Zone Athletics
• 29th Swimming Prep to 2

AUGUST
• 4th Prep Pirates & Princesses Day
• 7th Teddy Bear’s Picnic Sunday 9-1 beside Discovery Sphere/Art Gallery
• 8th Junior & Senior Choir Eisteddfod at the Brolga Theatre
• 10th Strings Eisteddfod
• 14th Seafood Festival
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the first edition of the Term 3 school newsletter. What a change in the weather, with the cold well and truly upon us. Please ensure that all children are appropriately dressed during the cooler months with tracksuits and jumpers/jackets worn or packed. Additionally, can I request that, if you cannot provide red or black jumpers/track pants, that they are a plain colour with no printing or logos on them.

At our school, we have had a significant change in the staffing structure and associated programs. As a result, we welcome the following staff;

- Mr Andrew Nye is the new Deputy Principal with responsibilities including Student Welfare Programs, Behaviour of Years 3-6 students and point of contact for staff and students Year 3-6. Mr Fowler will do likewise for the Prep-Year 2 staff, students and parents.
- 1D Mrs Kate Ernst has joined the Year 1 team to replace Mrs Denyer (who is the acting Guidance Officer at Kawungan SS for the remainder of the year).
- 2C Mrs Leah Drury replacing Mrs Cooper, who has taken on a Regional position with the LIFT program.
- 2B Miss Danielle Sager has replaced Mrs Briggs who is on long service leave.
- 2H Mrs Tara Jenkins has replaced Miss Sager who has moved to 2B.

In the Teacher Aide positions, the following changes have come into effect;
- Mrs Trudy Pavey to Prep R
- Mrs Julie Kirk to Prep G
- Miss Alicia Thomas to 1W and continuing her work in the Student Welfare programs
- Mrs Mel Betts is in Mytherine
- Mrs Ang Green is in the Speech Language Program

The school continues to grow, with more students joining our community this week, which leaves us with 474 students. Whilst we now have an Enrolment Management Plan in place, our capacity is 542 students so students can still enrol from outside our catchment area if there is room in that year level. Please note that the Enrolment Management Plan has no bearing on students already enrolled (or their siblings) from outside our catchment area. We have started to advertise for families to hand in details of any Prep aged child for 2017 so we can begin to plan our Transition Days and Prep Open Day at the moment we have over 30 prep students for 2017.

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**SEMESTER REPORTS**

The Semester 1 reports have been completed and handed to families. The staff have already begun planning for the Semester 2 Individual Learning Goals and preparing for the Term 3 Parent/Teacher Interview that will take place in Weeks 9 &10 of this term.

Have a great fortnight,
Damien Gainsford

**PRINCIPAL**

**MESSAGE FROM MARK FOWLER – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students and families back after a well-deserved break, as well as those new students and families to our school. I would also like to welcome Mr Andrew Nye to our school in his role as Deputy Principal, working alongside myself. Mr Nye will be the point of contact for all teachers, parents and students in Years 3 to 6, whilst I will be working with those in Prep to Year 3. I am looking forward to engaging closely with all in this area of the school, as well as our school community as a whole. My office is based in the historical school building, "Alcatraz", and I encourage school community members to call in to discuss concerns, achievements and any other issues they may wish me to assist with.

Regards
Mark Fowler

**MESSAGE FROM ANDREW NYE – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

As the new Deputy Principal for the upper years (3-6) I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. For the past several years I have been working in Emerald and surrounding districts in a variety of roles such as Teacher, Teacher Coach (pedagogy) and Head of Curriculum. I was also part of the regional team in Longreach that assisted with the transition of Grade 7 to high school, and have worked with a number of schools in the areas of curriculum delivery and training, especially within the diverse topic of teaching reading. As Mark has already explained, my portfolio here at UPSS includes the management of the upper years (3-6). If you have any queries that cannot be answered by your child's classroom teacher, I will be your point of contact for the school. If you contact the office they would be very happy to make an appointment for you to see me. UPSS is a fantastic school and I very much look forward with you and the rest of the school community.

Regards
Andrew Nye

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MASTER TEACHER UPDATE:
This week the Afternoon Reading Program has commenced for the term. We have included some students from last semester and new students who have been referred by their classroom teachers. We saw some fantastic growth in our reading screeners last term with some students going from the below average range into the above average range for phonological awareness. If you have a child who was in the Afternoon Reading Program last semester and would like more specific details on their screener, please don’t hesitate to see myself or your classroom teacher.

A focus of Urangan Point’s Explicit Improvement Agenda is Maths. The school is committed to all students participating in a Maths ‘Warm Up’ three times a week. ‘Warm Ups’ provide an engaging start to a Maths lesson and allow the students to practice number sense through a fun game format. These games can be played at home and allows your child an opportunity to practice their skills even further. I have included an example of a ‘Warm Up’ below.

Above the line / Below the line Instructions:
On a piece of paper, draw a horizontal line. Display sets of pre-selected numbers above and below the line. Explain that all the numbers above the line have a common property and all numbers below the line are common in some way. Students have to come to a conclusion about what the common property is with the two sets of numbers.

13 12 16
8 5 7
5
24 36 90
18 27 12 45
Numbers of 3, multiples of 3
Doubles and halves

Yours in Learning
Angela Hubbert

KOALA JOEYS - WALALBAI GULA - PLAYGROUP
This semester we will be holding a Playgroup ‘school based program’ for ALL students, ‘bump to pre-Prep’. If you have children in this age range you are invited to attend. (children must be accompanied by an adult)

WHEN: every school day on a MONDAY commencing 1st August 9.00-10.20 in the Playgroup room.

When attending the WALALBAI GULA PLAYGROUP...

CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO...
Gain self esteem
Develop and improve language, vocabulary and numeracy skills
Develop good listening skills
Have FUN participating with others
Develop social skills
Meet new friends and make positive connections preparing them for a smooth start to school

PARENTS/CARERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO...
Improve and enrich their interactions with their children
Improve their knowledge of early brain development
Develop a repertoire of rhymes, songs and stories to share at home
Develop a network of friends
Have a chance to talk to the facilitator and others about parenting

What does a Koala Joey playgroup session look like...?
9.00-9.15 -> group time (music and rhyme)
9.20-9.40 -> multi-sensory activities
9.45 ->small snack time
10.00 -> story time
10.20 -> home time
(approximate times)

During the session there will be opportunities for parents/carers to gain knowledge, talk to others, ask questions and learn skills in a fun, interactive and supportive environment.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING...
Yourself and Your child/ren
Small snack and Water bottle
Hat
Sense of adventure and fun with a smile!

For more information or to book into the Playgroup session call the school office on 4194 8333.

Yours in the early years
Lisa Cooper (Transition Coordinator)

COACH’S CORNER
In an effort to improve reading comprehension at Urangan Point State School, as a whole school we are focussing on the strategies that research has identified as being used by good readers. This week’s focus in the newsletter is:

Making Connections When children understand how to connect the text they are reading to their own lives, their comprehension will improve. Making Connections is when students make links to their prior knowledge. When information is read in isolation and not connected to what is already known, it is forgotten. Making connections to existing knowledge is vital if readers are to engage with new information.

There are three kinds of connections students can make when they read:

‘Text to self’ connection – when a reader relates what they read to their own personal experience. This helps make the text more meaningful.
‘Text to text’ connection – when a reader relates what they read to other texts they have read previously.
‘Text to world’ connection – when a reader relates what they have read to the wider world e.g. they may have seen something on television relating to what they have read, or heard someone else talking about it.

How can you help?
Language we use when making connections:
That part reminds me of...
That happened to me once...
I know a person like this character...
This reminds me of another book I have read...
I saw a television program about this topic...
(Source: Teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies by Sherna Cameron.)
“Reading a good book is like taking a journey…” Emma Guilford

Yours in learning
Lisa Cooper (Coach)

NEWS FROM GRADE 3
The Olympic Games are only a few weeks away and everyone in Grade 3 is getting ready to cheer on Australia! It has been lovely to see students come back this term refreshed and eager to learn. Our term focus is the Rio Olympic Games and this will be integrated across all learning areas. For English, students will have the opportunity to research a country which is competing in the Olympics and produce a travel brochure to present to the class at the end of term. So, we will be very busy cheering and researching our way to the end! Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!

NEWS FROM MUSIC
The Junior and Senior Choirs will perform at the Maryborough Elstatedfod on Monday 8th August at the Brogla Theatre. Permission forms and money needs to be handed into the office by Wednesday 3rd August. If you need to purchase or hire a choir shirt please return the form and payment to the office by Wednesday 3rd August. Students will need to be at school by 8.00am for an 8.15am departure and return by 11.15am.

NEWS FROM MYTHERINE
Welcome back to Term 3. We also welcome back Mr Cameron Mead who has returned from his honeymoon. Congratulations to Mr Mead. This term, Mrs Bennett will be teaching on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Allen is welcomed to the Mytherine team on Wednesdays and Mrs Feldman will join us Mondays and Tuesdays throughout Semester 2. Mrs Flux will return to Mytherine in Week 4 and thank you to Miss Dannielle for assisting whilst Mrs Flux has been away. Looking forward to a great term.

Ms Lella
SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
This week, randomly selected families have received an invitation to complete the online School Opinion Survey for 2016. This survey provides parents and care-givers the opportunity to express their opinions and give valuable feedback on our school and the education being provided to your child. Information is treated completely confidentially and is submitted via a secure online portal. This data is then forwarded to the central office of the Department of Education and Training for analysis. Information will not be reported in ways which will allow individuals to be identified.
Please complete this online survey before 29th July. If you would like to access a computer at school to complete the survey, please contact the office.

BOOK CLUB NEWS
Issue 5 catalogues were distributed to students last week. If you wish to order something from this issue, place your order forms, with the correct money, in an envelope with the child’s name and class clearly written on the front. Orders can then be handed to Mrs Fowler or Mrs Allwood in the LIBRARY.
If you prefer, you can order online and pay by credit card using the Scholastic LOOP system. Details are on the back of the catalogue. The closing date for Issue 5 orders is FRIDAY 29 JULY.