



# THE NEWS



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### GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS



### SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS



### INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE

- Free Breast Screen for over 40's. Book today by calling 132050.
- Endeavour Foundation—A Day in The Bay on Friday 2nd December 2016 from 9.30-1.30pm. Opportunities for people with a disability at the all abilities park, Pialba.

### RESOURCE SCHEME

All levies are now overdue and need to be paid immediately

### NON RETURNING STUDENTS

If you know that your children will not be returning to Urangan Point State School next year, please notify the office at your earliest convenience

### PREP ENROLMENT FORMS

For those who have children starting Prep next year, please hand in your enrolment forms to the office so that we can start processing enrolments for 2017

### CENTENARY COOKBOOK

We are currently compiling an centenary cookbook and would love for you to submit your most favourite recipes to be included. Please email them to [mbett45@eq.edu.au](mailto:mbett45@eq.edu.au).

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### October

- 28th— Day for Daniel  
Prep Transition Day 9.15-10.45am

#### November

- 2nd —Year 5 Smart Steps 9-11am  
P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- 4th— Fun Run
- 7-11th— Book Fair in Library all week

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the second edition of the Term 4 Newsletter, and the first of Urangan Point State School's next 100 years. I would love to take this opportunity to publicly thank all staff, students and our community for supporting the school during the Centenary Celebrations. The school took over \$17,500 on the day with more money coming in as we continue to sell the pavers and memorabilia that we have left over. Any person wishing to purchase memorabilia can do so through the school office and at any school event of the coming term.

Our enrolments continue to grow with 476 students currently in our 19 classrooms. Additionally, we have just taken our 74th name for Prep in 2017. Whilst we have only 75 places available due to our Enrolment Management Plan, we do have some capacity to take enrolments past this number as long we don't exceed 542 students in total. However, I would strongly encourage any prospective parent of 2017 Prep-aged (that is born between 1 July 2011 and 31 July 2012) child to place their enrolment forms in as soon as possible.

Our planning continues for staffing in 2017. I am hoping to be able to share the teacher and teacher aide lists with the community sometime early-November. Our school will grow to at least a 20<sup>th</sup> class and possibly 21<sup>st</sup> if the enrolments continue to present themselves. Staff will also begin to put together the 2017 class lists, with input from Specialist and Administrative staff. Any parental request will only be received if written and directed to the Principal for consideration. These lists will only be released on the first day back to school in 2017.

Last night I had the pleasure of attending our annual Music Awards Night. I would like to congratulate all the award winners, all students who performed on the night, all parents and families who attended and Mrs Hatch (Music) and Mrs Prince (Instrumental Music) for their efforts in putting the night together. Our school is very lucky to have dedicated and talented staff and students in our Music Program.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the Gold award winners so far in 2016 (there are now close to 40). I am hoping to see many more handed out over the coming weeks. The cut-off date for Merit cards will be Wednesday of Week 9 (30<sup>th</sup> November). It is a very significant achievement to collect 30 merit cards over the course of a school year and there are students who are closing in to receive the school's first ever Diamond Award (40 Merit Cards). These award winners will receive a special medallion on Celebration Night.

A gentle reminder to all families that we have a very important events coming up in the coming weeks;

- The next Prep Transition Day will be held this week, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 9:15-10:45am. There will be additional sessions on 11<sup>th</sup> November and 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- This Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, is also Day for Daniel and World Teacher Day. Please take some time out on Friday to thank our wonderful staff for their daily efforts in educating the Urangan Point students.
- Next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, will be the School Fun Run. All students are to collect their monies and return them to the School Office asap, along with their sponsorship form. Additionally, our school will be celebrating Grandparents day on the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, with classrooms being open from 1:45-2:15pm and a special parade to follow. Book Fair will operate in the Week of November 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> – please support the Library buy purchasing books and other materials. A great way to start your Xmas shopping for this year.

Have a great fortnight,  
Damien Gainsford  
**PRINCIPAL**

Principal: Damien					
Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31/10-4/11	10.30-11am Leadership meeting 11-11.30am Isis state High School	12.15-1.15 Staff Date stpres—collegial meeting 2.15-2.45—Meeting 3.00-3.30pm Staff meeting	12.30-2.30 Steve Case Visit	2.55—3.15pm Side Gate Duty	Fun Run 10.30-11.15am Leadership Meeting 2.15pm Parade
7/11—11/11	10.30-11.00 Leadership Meeting	Away	12.45-1.15pm Meeting Leisa Staunton	Principals Business Forum	9.15—10.45 Prep transition 10.30-11am Leadership Meeting 2.15—Parade
DP —Mark					
31/10-4/11	10.30-11 Leadership Meeting 2.55-3.15 Side gate duty	11.-11.45 detention room duty 3.00-4.15pm Staff Meeting	12.30-2.30 Steve case visit	1.15-1.45 detention duty	10.30-11am Leadership meeting 2.15pm Parade
7/11-11/11	2.55-3.15 Side gate duty	11-11.45 detention room duty 3.15-4.15 Cluster meeting	9—11am Fire Safety revisit	1.15-1.45 detention room duty	10.30-11am Leadership meeting 2.15 Parade
DP —Andrew					
31/10-4/11	10.30-11am Leadership meeting 2.55-3.15pm side gate duty	1.25-1.40pm detention room duty 3.00pm staff meeting	11.15-11.40am detention room duty 12.30—2.30pm Steve Case visit	9-11am curriculum planning 11-11.45 Sturden leader meeting 12.15-1.15pm Moderation Yr2 2-3pm Moderation Prep	10.30-11 Leadership meetin 11.15-11.40am detention room duty 12.15-1.15pm moderatation Yr3 1.25-1.45pm Playground Duty 2.15pm Parade
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 1!!

This term, Year One are exploring all things under the sea. Scales, fins, tentacles, animals, habitats, predators... It's all happening. This week it's all about Whales. We recently viewed a documentary called 'The Whale Whisperer' which was filmed right here in Hervey Bay on the Tasman Venture and is currently being aired on the Discovery Channel on Foxtel. It follows the amazing story of Vicki Neville and her passion for Humpback Whales. She is the founder/creator of the annual 'Paddle out for the whales'. Later this week, we will be lucky enough to have Vicki spend some time with us to learn more about these amazing creatures. We have been preparing interesting questions to ask her. Some of these questions are:

Do whales have teeth?

What songs do they sing and do you have a favourite?

How long have you been watching whales for?

What was it like swimming with the whales?

Do you have a favourite whale?

Keep an eye out on Facebook for photos from Vicki's visit.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### **UPSS BOOK FAIR**

When: Tuesday 8 – Monday 14 November

Where: In the Library

We will soon be running our annual Book Fair with this year's theme being *Australia: Story Country*. There will be lots of great books and other items available for purchase from 8:30 to 3:30 each day. Students will be viewing the book fair display during their class borrowing sessions.

A brochure displaying some of the many titles available at the Book Fair was distributed to students this week. This is a great opportunity to purchase quality books for your children, or maybe that special Christmas present they will treasure for years. Payments can be made in cash or an EFTPOS machine will be available. We look forward to your support at this fundraising event for our school. Our goal this year is to reach \$4000 in sales which gives the school a higher commission rate of 30% on the sales.

We will be having our lucky door draws again this year with free entry for purchases \$10 and over. Lots of great prizes to be won!

Many thanks  
Cathy Fowler  
Teacher Librarian



## COACH'S CORNER



To encourage students to be more involved with their learning, understand what they are learning and the purpose of learning, UPSS are now incorporating the characters WALT and WILF into the classroom teaching and learning. It is great to see our students being more involved and engaged with their learning in only a couple of weeks – since the last newsletter article on this.

Thank you for your support along this journey, by having conversations at home with your children about WHAT they are learning.



### **Celebrating Grandparents Day**

This year, Grandparents Day will be celebrated in Queensland on Sunday 30 October. Grandparents Day is a wonderful opportunity for grandchildren to connect with their grandparents and thank them for their love and support. It is also a perfect opportunity to highlight the vital contributions that grandparents make to our communities and family structure, particularly those who are caring for their grandchildren.

As a school, Urangan Point will be celebrating GRANDPARENTS DAY on Friday 4 November.

Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchild's school and classroom from 1.45-3pm.

The special celebration visit will start in classrooms, where you will have a chance to see children's work, talk and read with them. At about 2.20pm, teachers will walk classes down to the school's parade area for a whole school parade and special senior choir performance.

We hope a special grandparent from your family can visit on this day.

Yours in learning  
Lisa Cooper  
(Coach)

### **MUSIC NIGHT**

A big thank you to all the students who participated last night. Beautiful music was heard from the String students and the students from the Senior and Junior choirs. Congratulations to all the students who received medallions for either their commitment to the programs or their outstanding work. I would also like to thank all the parents and teachers who attended.

We are now preparing for our end of year excursion where we are singing Christmas carols as well as Celebration Night.  
Mrs Hatch





## MASTER TEACHER NEWS

Over the last few weeks teachers have been busy planning Maths Warm Ups for their classrooms. Part of this process has been setting learning goals and conferencing with students around this. The learning goal is linked to the Maths Warm Up so students can visibly see what they are doing to reach their goal. Teachers are talking to students about what they need to do in the warm up to be successful. Your child will begin to hear their teacher say **'We are learning today/ to....'** and **'What I'm looking for .....**'. They will use these words at the beginning of the warm up, throughout and at the end to remind the students of what they need to do to be successful. This is how our teachers are helping their students reach their learning goals.

An example that is being used in our Prep Classrooms:

### Warm Up: Race to Ten

**We are learning to:** Say how many we have and how many more we need to make 10

**What I'm looking for:** Placing the right amount of counters on the tens frame and counting how many more you need to make ten

**Learning Goal:** I can point to each counter on my tens frame and say the correct number. I can work out how many more to make ten.

**Great Afternoon Conversation:** Ask your child what their Learning Goals are at the moment and what they are doing to reach them.

Angela Hubbert  
Master Teacher

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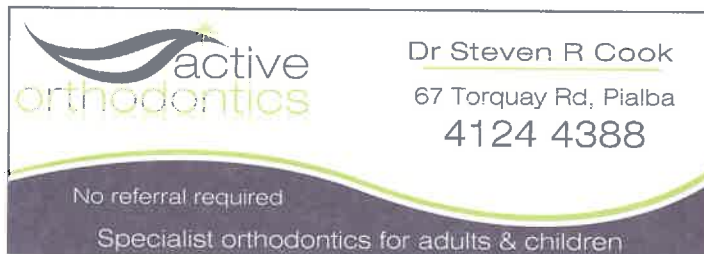


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