



# Umina Beach Public School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 5 – Tuesday 2 November, 2021

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Tue 9 Nov ICAS**  
Spelling

**Wed 10 Nov Yr 6 HS**  
Orientation

**Thu 11 Nov ICAS**  
Digital technology

**Tue 16 Nov ICAS**  
English

**Wed 17 Nov**  
Opportunity Class  
Assessment

**Thu 18 Nov ICAS**  
Maths

**Wed 8 Dec**  
Presentation Day

*All other scheduled events on our school calendar are temporarily suspended or postponed due to covid restrictions and the advice and guidelines from the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health.*

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### P&C ASSOCIATION

Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. All parents welcome

### SCHOOL CANTEEN

8:45am - 12:00 noon  
Volunteers welcome

### UNIFORM SHOP

Online at

[ubps-uniforms.square.site](https://ubps-uniforms.square.site)  
or by appointment email  
[uminauniforms@gmail.com](mailto:uminauniforms@gmail.com)



*Mrs Estens and Mrs White receiving their Service to NSW Public Education Awards – Congratulations!*

## RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### RETURN SUCCESS

Last week we welcomed back all of our Year 2-6 students to join the K-1 students to complete our school once more. It was a delight to see Salty at the gates greeting the students returning and to see their wonderful smiling faces. Many thanks to the families who made the return so smooth and seamless for the children.

### WORLD TEACHER'S DAY 2021

Many thanks to the P&C for their beautiful gifts and acknowledgement of World Teacher's Day on Friday last week. Our teachers are a great team of professionals who dedicate their efforts and time to ensuring every child's educational needs are met. Congratulations also to Mrs White and Mrs Estens for receiving their Service to NSW Public Education awards on this day.



## ATTENDANCE

A reminder that our school is fully operational now and that all students should have returned for face-to-face learning. We have noted that our absence rates are extremely high at the moment. Please ensure you notify the school in writing or email [umina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:umina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) of any absences that your child/ren may have. This includes test results from Covid testing should your family be in a position where you are required to isolate and test.

### 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 = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins per day = **3** days

**30** mins per day = **18** days



**Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.**

## DEPARTURE GATES

Departure gates are now in effect for Kindergarten - Year 6. Please note:

- Adults should practice social distancing and minimise mingling while waiting outside school grounds.
- Do not park in the drop-off/ pick-up zone on Sydney Ave.
- Respect neighbours' driveways when parking.
- Parents and carers are not permitted on site. Staff will assist to locate your child should they not be at the gate where you are waiting.

Thanks for your support and cooperation with this process.

*'If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain.'* – Dolly Parton

Stay safe everyone.

Chad Tsakissiris  
Relieving Principal



## KINDERGARTEN 2022 - UNIFORM INFORMATION

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to have on-site uniform fittings for Kindergarten 2022. Instead, a rack of uniforms will be available for families to browse at the front of the school gates on Sydney Avenue. The rack will be outside between 8:45am - 9:15am, Monday 8 to Friday 12 November. In the event of rain, the uniforms will not be available to view.

## END OF YEAR PARTY DAY

At the end of each school year we celebrate our success with the students by offering a party day where students and staff travel to various locations on the Central Coast to take part in an end of year activity like tenpin bowling, cinemas, monkey mania, etc. As the end of this year is uncertain we are asking parents to be prepared for an event at the cost of approximately \$20.00-\$25.00. We are currently negotiating with the event venues about Covid safe practices and restrictions. We are also looking at Covid safe alternatives to the usual events should we not be able to visit the usual venues. We will keep you posted of new developments in this space.

## WILL YOUR CHILDREN BE RETURNING TO OUR SCHOOL IN 2022?

If your family holiday is extending beyond the first day of school, Tuesday 1 February 2022, we require a letter from parents/carers assuring the school that they will be returning and at what date. Please send a letter to the school ASAP with details and dates.

**Also – if you know that you will be moving or your child will be attending another school next year please let us know as soon as possible. Children who are not present on the first day without advance notice may not be placed in classes, as we will assume they are not returning.**

*Melissa Harrison - Deputy Principal*

## INFORMATION FOR CLASSES 2022

If you have information you would like the staff to consider when forming classes for 2022, it must **be provided to Mrs Nott (Deputy Principal) in writing before Friday 26 November** as next year's classes are formed after this time. Please do not assume that previous correspondence or verbal requests will be recalled. No information received after this date (including early next year) will be taken into account when forming classes unless there have been exceptional circumstances since the closing date for requests. Teachers need to make decisions on the basis of the information available and parents are asked to provide that information **now**. Providing staff with information after classes are formed is too late. Your reasons must be academic or social. **For example: My child and her cousin play together all the time before and after school and weekends and need to be kept apart at school in the classroom so learning can be the focus and they learn to socialise with other children.**

Teachers will take on board your information whenever possible and match it with their professional judgement when forming classes however, there are many factors to consider along with your information which may mean your wishes cannot always be accommodated.

**I need to stress that providing information after classes are formed is too late.**

*Melissa Harrison - Deputy Principal*

## ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS - SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2023

Applications are now open for Year 7 selective high school placement 2023. A note has been posted on the School ENews App, the School website. Applications opened on 19 October 2021 and will close on 17 November 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2023, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Parents must apply online. Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Please note: No paper application forms are printed - ALL applications are online only. Applications will not be accepted after 17 November 2021. You must apply before the closing date.

*Mrs White – Stage 3 Assistant Principal*

## LIBRARY NEWS

Unfortunately, our annual Book Fair (always a great fund-raiser for the library) had to be cancelled due to the ongoing (long running!) COVID situation, so many families who worked on the Family Art/Craft challenge 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' please send in your creations to the Library (labelled with child's name and class) over the next few weeks and we will make sure that your child receives a prize from the Library 'Prize Box'.

Scholastic has released a catalogue for Book Club this term and these will be distributed to classes over the coming week. There are some great Christmas gift ideas and orders need to be completed by the 26 November either by completing a LOOP order online via the Scholastic site (details on the last page of the catalogue) or bringing in an order to the library. Our school receives 20% commission of sales so please support if you are able.

Please send in any library books that are still at home as borrowing has resumed... we will be sending out overdue notes soon...

*Annette Darmody and Melisa Deas* - Teacher/Librarians

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SCHOOL BAND?**

Band recruitment will be commencing in the next few weeks!



Umina Beach Public School provides a wonderful music enrichment program to cater for the needs and interests of all students. In 2022, students in Year 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to enrol in either the Concert or Training Band. The school enlists the services of the Central Coast Conservatorium who provide the school with professional musicians who are experts in their own field. They also organise the purchase of music, provide information on instruments and other musical equipment. The bands play all types of instrumental music and learning is tailored to meet the differing abilities and experience of students.

#### **Concert Band**

This is the most senior band in the school with students ranging from Years 4 to 6. Students are invited to join this band when a conductor from the Conservatorium deems them ready to take on this level of commitment. This band requires a high level of competency, commitment and responsibility. Whole band rehearsals are held weekly for an hour, this is when Concert Band students apply what they have learnt in tutorials to a whole band situation.

#### **Training Band**

No musical knowledge is required, just a love of music and a genuine desire to play an instrument! This band encourages new players while mixing with more experienced players to nurture future players for the Concert Band. It offers the opportunity to play in a band, provide peer leadership to newer players and move on to the more senior band. Whole band rehearsals are held weekly for an hour, this is where students learn how to play together as a band.



#### **Tutorials**

Students are given a half hour tutorial weekly, where they are given practical lessons on their instrument and learn how to read music and scores. Instrumentalists work their way through technical workbooks thus improving their skills.



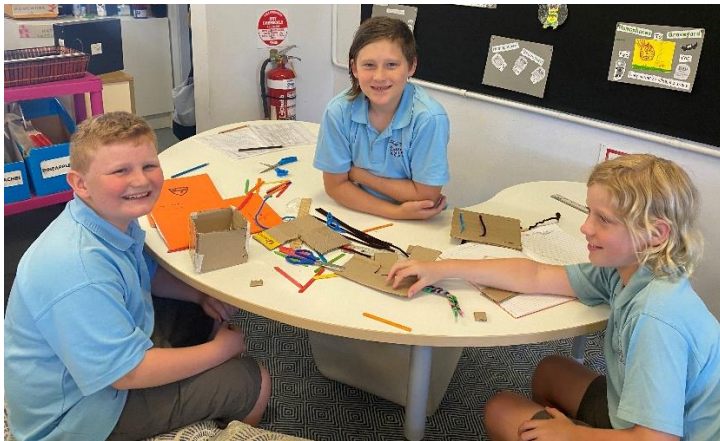
### **BUSHCARE**

Twenty students from Year 5 helped plant 44 native trees on Monday afternoon as part of Bushcare near the school. We watered the plants and cleared lots of weeds. Then we walked around and checked on previous plants that were planted in March and April this year. The plants are established and growing!

Thanks to Penny Jope for all your help and direction.

*Year 5 Students*





Year 4 are excited to be back at school and working together to complete STEM challenges in the classroom. We have been learning about what makes bridges strong and the types of bridges following the STEM design process. To extend our knowledge on bridges and what they are used for we will be looking at animal bridges next and what Pearl Beach is doing to bring koalas back to the area. The students will be designing and making animal bridges collaboratively and reflect on their learning as part of the STEM design process.

## PARTNERS IN LEARNING - PARENT SURVEY

This term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted for the next couple of weeks. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: [education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm](http://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm). To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/6s9nm>

The survey is available in 23 languages. We had a great response with our last parent survey and would love to get at least 100 or more responses this time. **Please complete the survey by 19 November 2021.**

*Kristy Nott* – Relieving Deputy Principal



*give the gift of gingerbread this Christmas!*

The P&C are very excited to launch our Christmas Fundraiser - Gingerbread House kits!

**[ORDER YOURS BY CLICKING THIS LINK](#)**

This is a great family activity and the perfect gift for someone who has everything! Maybe you have an Aunt who's hard to buy for, or a friend interstate who would love a Christmas surprise! **Buy one or buy multiple and support our school at the same time!**

For \$39.99 these all-in-one kits include a baseboard, gingerbread house, walls and roof, piping bag, quick-drying royal icing (dry form) and instructions. The kits are premium quality and delicious! Choose from original, gluten free and chocolate gingerbread house kits. Then all you need are your favourite lollies to decorate!



As well as being a completely delicious and FUN Christmas activity, **our Christmas Gingerbread FUNdraiser is helping our wonderful school, with \$13.00 from every kit sold going to our P&C.** So, if being delicious and fun isn't already enough, know you'll be also supporting our school with each kit you purchase!

And finally - with a flat \$5 shipping rate **all kits will be delivered to an address of your choice** - no need to collect from school. Not only will your gingerbread houses be delivered to your door, **you can pop in a second or third or fourth order and send it directly to family, friends, long distance relatives and colleagues anywhere in Australia!**

Available from now until 30 November 2021 - **[CLICK HERE TO ORDER NOW - ALL ORDERS ARE SHIPPED DIRECT TO YOUR SELECTED ADDRESS!](#)**



# SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM

# BOOK NOW



SCHOOL READINESS

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*JANUARY 2022*

*Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th*

*or*

*Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th*

**Umina Beach Public School**



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