



Umina Beach Public School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 3, Tuesday 10 2022

DIARY DATES

Wed 11 May	Yr 4 Aboriginal bush tucker exp Girls softball @ Ettalong Oval
Fri 13 May	Boys softball @ Ourimbah ColourRun assembly
Fri 20 May	Girls & Boys basketball gala day @ Terrigal stadium National Pizza day (special order for recess)
Wed 1 June	Boys & girls basketball gala day @ Terrigal stadium

P&C ASSOCIATION

Meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month.
All parents welcome.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Lunch orders due in by 9:15am

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Message from the Principal...

Over the last two weeks it's been wonderful to have our parents joining us on site for school events, such as the cross-country carnival and our first ever Mother's Day afternoon. It was wonderful to see both events well attended by families, although we're already refining and planning adjustments for next year's events to ensure they run as successfully as possible. If you'd like to provide any constructive feedback that can support us to make community events better, please email the school to pass this on.



Tomorrow our P&C are meeting onsite and you're more than welcome to attend this meeting and see how you can get involved in practically supporting our school. Our school P&C have started the year off with enormous success, achieving incredible results with our 2022 ColourRun last term, the Easter Raffle and, most recently, our Mother's Day stall. If you'd like to find out more about up and coming events for the year, **please feel free to attend the P&C meeting tomorrow from 9:30am – 11:00pm.**

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN

2023 enrolments are now open. Parents are requested to use the online application procedure by going to our school website www.uminap.schools.nsw.edu.au > enrolment > apply for enrolment online

If you do not live within our school zone you will be informed of this and directed to the 'out of zone' application.

SPECIAL DAYS

Our school wellbeing team meet regularly and one recent initiative is to look at implementing additional special days and activities throughout the year. Our students and teachers loved our special "two's-day" at the start of the year and we recognise the way that these special events help build a sense of community across our school, as well as highlighting the importance of having fun! It's affirming that our planning around increasing student wellbeing and engagement, reflects current research which shows how special events and celebrations have a positive impact on students' experiences of schooling and increase their sense of belonging.

Another way of increasing student engagement at school is providing "student voice" – providing opportunities for students to have a say, express an opinion, suggest an initiative or be a part of decision-making. It was great to ask our students to vote on the types of special events and activities they'd like to take part in this year, and our teachers were entirely guided by student voice in the final decisions. As a result, we'll all be up and dancing at random times of the day this Friday as we celebrate "dance like a chicken day"... we're hoping that Salty might even make a guest appearance for some playground chicken-dancing!

We're also celebrating "National Pizza Day" (yes, it's actually a registered National Day) on Friday 20 May, providing students with the opportunity to place an order for two slices of pizza, which will be delivered to the school. Can you imagine the colossal picnic party we'll enjoy on the day! If you'd like your child to participate, you can place one order per student by accessing the following link: <https://enews-app.com/.../f208badf2771455889777faca5906ee1>. If you'd prefer a paper note, please ask your child to pick up a note from the office, or pick one up if you're popping in. **If possible, online payment is preferred.** Please visit www.umina-p.schools.nsw.gov.au. Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts.

We trust that our families recognise and support our school initiatives to ensure that student wellbeing and engagement remain strong priorities for us as we strive to make school an inviting, welcoming, enjoyable and supportive learning space for all our students.

Have a great week,
Karen Wardlaw

NAPLAN 2022

This fortnight will see some minor adjustments to school routines as we engage in formal assessment processes related to NAPLAN. Our relieving deputy principal, Mrs Nott, has done an amazing job setting up systems with exceptional organisation, to ensure assessment processes run smoothly over the next two weeks: quite a logistical feat! In addition, our Year 3 and Year 5 teachers have been supporting, encouraging and reassuring our students in the lead up to this assessment window. On behalf of our teachers, I must say "very well done" to all our students who commenced assessments today and I welcome parent input to ensure these assessments are calmly and positively approached: encouraging and supporting your children to positively approach these tasks and helping them to feel prepared to do their best is a great help in reducing any possible anxiety, as well as allowing your child to discuss any questions or concerns they may not have raised with their teacher. Remind your child that both their family and their school just want to see every student try their best. We trust that parents will be encouraging and communicating how you are proud of the effort your child puts in, and for any resilience they show in the face of concern or anxiety about formal testing: this is a great step towards building a positive mindset. NAPLAN assessments continue next week and additional catch-up days will be provided if students miss assessment days.

CLOSE CONTACTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

Students and staff who are close contacts and have **no symptoms** can attend school with the expectation that agreed NSW Health guidelines are completely followed. Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to NSW Health guidelines:

- Notify the school of a positive case in the family.
- Notify NSW Health of a positive case.
- Notify outside of school hours care (OOSHC) provider if they are intending to return under this provision.
- Conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- **Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site.** These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times.

The department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team will continue to work with schools around temporary use of additional COVID- smart measures for short periods of time based on localised risk assessments.

Students and staff at greater risk of serious illness, if they were to contract COVID-19, should speak with their health care professional to review their health support plan or COVID-19 action plan and speak with the school about any local considerations.

If you need additional RAT kits, please let the office know. For more information regarding Term 2 school settings, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>



PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 3 May, some of our Year 6 students participated in a free photography workshop. A professional photographer, Sally Mayman, visited our school to teach the students about different photography techniques, tips and tricks. The students were all provided with a digital camera for the day and were taught how to use various features. First, we took some photos around our beautiful school grounds. After lunch we headed off to the Umina Beach precinct, playground, skatepark and the beach. Our students displayed excellent behaviour and took a variety of creative photos utilising different angles and shadows. Then we came back to school for students to download the images to their Google Drive. They were able to select 5 images to print and take home. These students will now have to choose 1 photo to have displayed



in the '5 Lands Walk' Photography exhibition, date yet to be advised.

Miss Ainsworth

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club No.3 – orders are due in by Friday 13 May (this week).

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our school is now using SMS communication to notify and request information from parents regarding student absences. We trust that this will provide a practical, time-efficient medium for productive communication between home and school. Messages can be sent and received in real time and are also a convenient channel to communicate urgent information across the whole school community, if required. If you know in advance that your child is going to be away from school, please email your child's teacher or the school (or ring the office) so that we can enter this attendance data prior to our daily automatic SMS notifications being sent. In the case where parents receive SMS requests for attendance information for more than one child, we request that each individual SMS is responded to, as the information you provided is automatically transferred to our roll marking system. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this request.

MOTHERS DAY STALL - ANOTHER P&C SUCCESS!

Last Friday, the P&C hosted our Mother's Day stall, which is always a fun day for the kids and a great annual fundraiser for our school. Shout out to everyone who helped make our Mother's Day stall a success in 2021:

- The P&C for hosting this popular event (huge thanks to our P&C Vice Presidents Nellie Feeney and Jenny Harris for their mammoth efforts in pulling off another amazing stall!)
- The volunteers who gifted their time on Friday to run the stall
- The teachers for sorting their class to attend the Mother's Day stall and to assist the children with making their purchases
- The children who were well behaved and loved buying a gift for that special someone
- You and your family, for supporting another P&C initiative by encouraging your child to participate!



Happy Mother's Day to everyone who celebrated on Sunday!

STAFF EMAILS

This term we will be utilising staff emails to increase the effectiveness of our school communication. We expect that parents and staff will ensure that all emails sent will be respectful and constructive. Should concerns arise, our school values face-to-face meetings or phone calls rather than relying on email communication. We recognise that email can be a convenient form of communication and is often the preferred choice for parents who find it difficult to catch up with school staff during regular work hours. We trust that families will understand that teachers will also send or respond to emails at a time convenient to them, within school work hours.

Emails are not recommended for communicating urgent or critical matters. It is always best to speak with the member of staff concerned by telephone or in person. Please contact the school to arrange a time to discuss urgent or critical matters with the appropriate person. If the teacher is unavailable, a message will be taken and followed up promptly.

Parent use of email to communicate with class teachers

- Email can be used by parents to request information on a simple matter, student absences or to request a time for a telephone call or meeting for more detailed or complex matters. We ask that emails remain brief and informative. Issues requiring detailed discussion should be dealt with in person or over the phone.
- The academic progress, learning expectations or behavioural issues related to children will not be discussed via email. Discussions of this nature should be conducted over the phone at an arranged time, or in person.
- The NSW Department of Education email system is only to be used for school related matters.
- Staff responses to emails may take up to 48 hours depending on complexity of issue, teacher workload, weekends and holidays. Teachers may choose to respond to work related emails outside of school hours, but there is no professional expectation to do so.
- We request that parent emails remain positive and solution-focused.

Please see the list of teacher email addresses below, should you need to contact your child's teacher. You can continue to use the school email for general queries, or contact the office directly by phone.

TEACHER'S EMAIL CONTACTS

Class	Teacher	Email Address
KC	Mrs Cameron	karen.cameron13@det.nsw.edu.au
KG	Mrs Charles	gayle.charles@det.nsw.edu.au
KH	Mrs Honeyman	sarah.henshaw@det.nsw.edu.au
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1C	Ms Cowley	nicole.cowley3@det.nsw.edu.au
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1G	Mrs Gonzalez	rosana.gonzalez2@det.nsw.edu.au
1P	Ms Pallas	renee.pallas7@det.nsw.edu.au
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	Mrs McArthur (W,Th)	sarah.mcarthur1@det.nsw.edu.au
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3S	Mr Sollar	scott.sollar@det.nsw.edu.au
3/4A	Ms Allan	amanda.allan@det.nsw.edu.au
3/4B	Mr Bradley	gavin.bradley7@det.nsw.edu.au
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4Y	Mrs Young	heidi.young7@det.nsw.edu.au
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6W	Mrs White	colleen.a.white@det.nsw.edu.au





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