



# Umina Beach Public School Newsletter

**Term 2, Week 9, 21 June 2022**

## DIARY DATES

Friday 1 July	School athletics carnival <b>Last day of Term 2</b>
Monday 18 July	Staff return for Term 3
Tuesday 19 July	Students return

## Message from the Principal...

We're heading into the last week of an exciting, action-packed term and, despite our ongoing issues with reoccurring and persistent illness experienced by staff, students and members of our community, it's been a great term! We've loved seeing more of our 'normal' events re-established, including all inter-sport activities, debating, public speaking, excursions and incursions and fun events. Speaking of fun events, it was an absolute joy to attend our K-2 and 3-6 P&C "Go Wild" disco, last



week. In my 25 years of school disco experiences, I have to say that our UBPS disco was one of the best I've ever been a part of. I was thrilled that we had so many teachers in attendance, despite being right in the middle of an extensive report-writing process! It was great to see our teachers completely engaged and supporting our students, dancing along and having fun! Our P&C were absolutely amazing and I must, again, commend them for their hard work, energy and commitment to supporting our school with such fun, happy events! Our P&C president, Lucy Lamont, also shared our excitement over the success of our disco and, especially, the team effort between our P&C and UBPS teams. As Lucy so perfectly puts it,

*"When the P&C celebrate events like this we reflect on the happiness it brings the kids on the night, the memories they are making in primary school, the fundraising we are able to achieve and what that fundraising means in a tangible sense, to UBPS. I think it's safe to say the kids all had a great time, the fundraiser was successful and we can now continue to support the school as requests are received".*

Here's a snapshot of our 2022 P&C Fundraising to date:

- Easter Raffle \$5k
- ColourRun \$38k
- Mothers Day Stall \$1k
- Winter WILD disco \$3k
- Athletics canteen (coming soon!)

### **P&C ASSOCIATION**

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

### **SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Lunch orders due in by 9:15am

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

Online: [ubps-uniforms.square.site](https://ubps-uniforms.square.site)

### **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/uminabeachos>

And here's an overview of how the P&C are supporting us through their fundraising efforts:

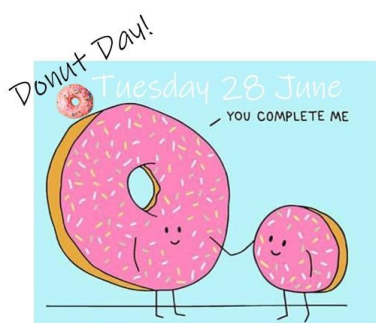
- Classroom and library well-being boost \$7k
- Sandpit replacement of toys and sand \$1k
- Year 5 Planetarium Incursion \$880
- Shade sails over the 3-6 play equipment up to \$10k (additional success in getting the rest of this cost government funded)
- New Hall speakers/projector/chrome book \$1k
- iPads for year 1 classrooms \$14k
- School Gazebo branded \$3k
- STEM room setup - teacher work station and chrome book \$1500

For some great photos of our school disco, see further on in our newsletter!

Our P&C are looking forward to making 2022 their best ever year at UBPS - a target that's already close to being achieved, and it's only July! Bring on the second half of 2022! If you'd like to say thanks to the P&C, or ask about how you can get involved, you'll see them at our Athletics carnival on Friday 1 July at McEvoy Oval. We're finishing the last day of term with a bang... (a starter's gun, that is!) and the whole family is invited! We hope you'll feel welcome to join us at McEvoy Oval next Friday for our school athletics carnival, for our students aged 8 years and up. Our primary aged students and those students who are turning 8 years old this year will be departing school at 9.30am and walking to McEvoy oval for a 10.00 am start. We encourage our families to come along, bring a blanket and a chair and join in the "carnival" spirit, cheering on our athletes and enjoying some winter warming food put on by our amazing P&C. If you'd like to help contribute to our P&C fundraising, please bring some baked goods on the day to contribute to our cake stall.... perfect with a hot coffee for morning tea!

We're really working on building our sense of Sporting House Pride and encouraging students to accessorise in their house colours on the day. We're holding Sports House meetings on Friday this week to teach our students some cheers and team chants! Our P&C are getting behind this team-building focus with some fundraising items you can purchase online – keep your eye out for more information via FB and school enews. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

We're planning for Week 10 to be a real celebration for our students, staff and community! On Monday, we're holding our Positive Behaviour for Learning Reward Day, to celebrate the hard work and effort that our students have been showing in the social and emotional learning and the way they have been modelling our school's positive behaviour expectations. On Tuesday, we're "rounding out" the term with a special donut day: Next Tuesday 28 June, donuts will be ordered for everyone in the school to share together as a fun, special treat! Gluten-free doughnuts will be ordered for those students to require it. We are planning some fun, happy end-of-term activities on this day as well. Please note the change of date: we've moved Donut Day from Thursday to Tuesday as we "donut" want anything to get in the way of us enjoying this special event!



# ATHLETICS



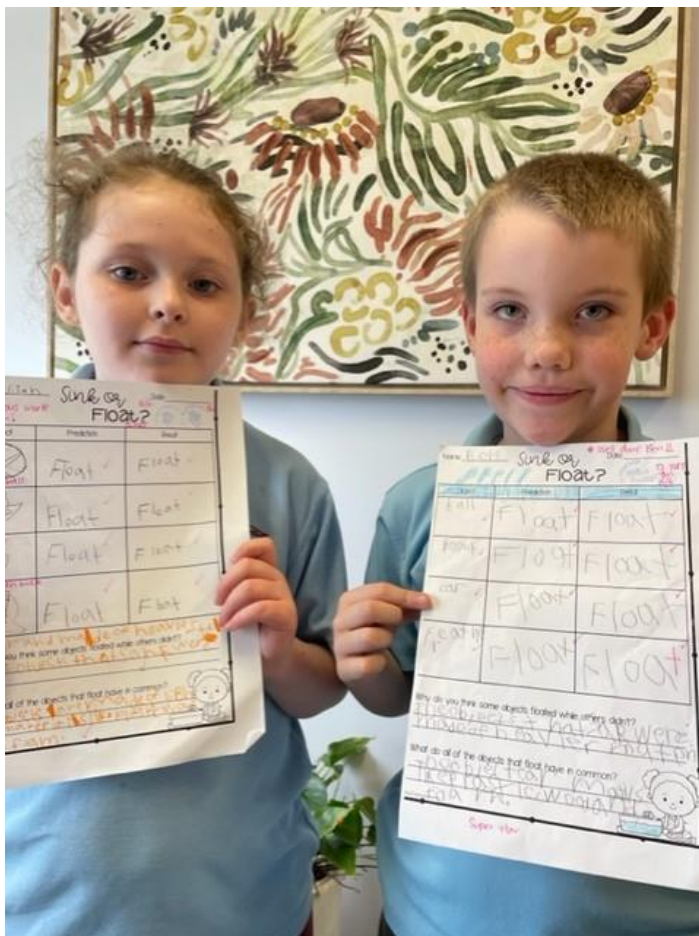


This activity was selected by our students via democratic voting processes and is being coordinated by Mrs Morgan on behalf of our Wellbeing team. Mrs Morgan is an incredible advocate for our students and the support she provides, often behind the scenes, is enormous. We have so many wonderful teachers and community members who contribute to our school success: if you'd like to take a moment to nominate someone deserving of acknowledgement for a 2022 Education Week Honours Award, please do so via the link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHVWJF7>

Also on Tuesday 28 June, our Year 2 students will be holding a very special "History Museum" in our school hall, as part of our history unit "The Past in the Present". We would love for our community to send in any historical items they may have at home by **Monday 27th June**. We can assure you that any valuable items will not be handled by the children. You may be surprised to know that for the children, historical items include things we grew up with. Our Year 2 teachers were shocked to hear the children didn't know what a discman was! So, anything you have at home that is about 20 years old or older would be most appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact our Year 2 teachers: Ms McLean/Mrs McArthur, Ms Pope, Mr Butler, Mrs Aldrich.



### Student work from 2M



As shared last fortnight, I have so many 'favourite' parts of my job, but it is an absolute delight to share and celebrate student effort and learning growth with our students. Not only do I get to talk with students and get to know them more deeply, but I am able to engage with the wonderful learning experiences being offered across our classrooms and to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing learning effort and progress that our students are demonstrating.

This week I particularly enjoyed being visited by Aliyah and Ben from 2M. They were so excited to talk about their wonderful science experiments and share their predictions and findings with me. It's great to acknowledge the hard work and effort that our students are demonstrating towards their personal, individual learning goals and wonderful to hear our students articulate their own pride in their learning. Each child is on their own learning journey and we celebrate their unique, individual progress. Well done to all our students who are working hard to learn, grow and progress: there's so much to celebrate!

Have a great week!

X Mrs W

## IF YOU'RE SICK, STAY HOME

It's that time of the year when colds and flus become more prevalent. Influenza A is circulating amongst the community and COVID-19 continues to impact families. We are currently experiencing high student numbers in sickbay with a range of symptoms. As per the department guidelines, we strongly reinforce the NSW Health expectations: if you're sick, stay home. On the NSW department of education Advice for Families webpage, it states:

**Remember: Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19.** If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).

We will be distributing additional RAT kits for student and staff use this week.



## 5 LANDS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

The Year 6 students who participated in the 5 Lands Photography workshop earlier in the term will have their photographs displayed at the 5 Lands Photography Exhibition this weekend on Saturday 25 June at Copacabana Surf Club. Photos will be displayed all day and entry is free. The exhibition will also feature the works of other local primary school students who participated in the workshops. After the exhibition, the photos will be returned to students to take home. We hope you can visit the exhibition and view the fantastic photographs that our UBPS students took.

## SOCCER NEWS

On Wednesday 15 June, the Umina Beach Public School soccer teams went to Umina Oval to play against Woodport Public School in Round 3 of the state knockout. The boys had an amazing game and won 7-0 and now move onto the next round against Ourimbah PS. The girls played really well in a very close game but unfortunately lost 5-4.

Thank you to Mrs Young and Mr Jackson for coaching us and to the parents for their support on the day.  
Marli and Chloe 6J

## YEAR 2 HISTORY MUSEUM

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Elizabeth McLean Stage 1 Assistant Principal

## 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.umina-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.umina-p.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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Family art/craft challenge

It's that time of year again for all arty/crafty families who would like to participate in making an interesting creation to help decorate our annual BOOK FAIR which will be on in Weeks 3 and 4 next term. In library lessons children have been reading and learning about the books which have been nominated for this year's CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR awards. This year's theme is **READING IS DREAMING WITH EYES OPEN** so the challenge is to create something 2D or 3D (not too big please!) that demonstrates this theme: think dreams, sleeping, books, beds, thought bubbles, eyes, fantasy, other worlds, imagination... Any

materials can be used (we love recycling!). Teachers will vote for their favourites and 10 children will win \$10.00 to spend at the Book Fair. Works must be handed in to library by Thursday, 28 July (week 2).

*Melisa Deas and Annette Darmody* – Teacher/Librarians

### NETBALL RESULTS

Our team played in the PSSA Netball knockout competition in June. Umina is moving forward into the next round for the PSSA Knockout Netball competition.

Official PSSA Knockout Results on the day were:

Umina (16) def Bluehaven PS (1) - Round 2

Umina (12) def Copacabana PS (3) - Round 3

Congratulations!

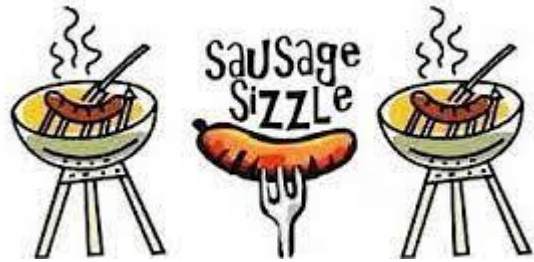
### UBPS 2022 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

The P&C will once again host this year's athletics carnival canteen scheduled for Friday 1 July. There will be lots of warm yummy food, including a sausage sizzle, available to all parents and students attending.

Volunteers are needed to make this day a success.

Please get in contact with us if you can help on

**pandc2257@gmail.com.**



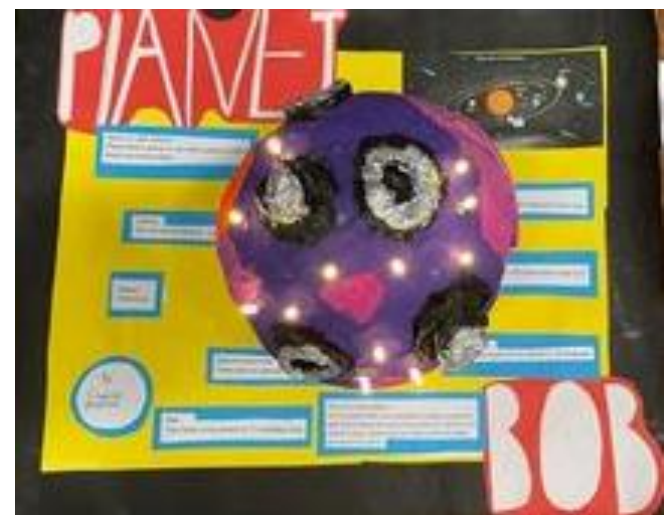
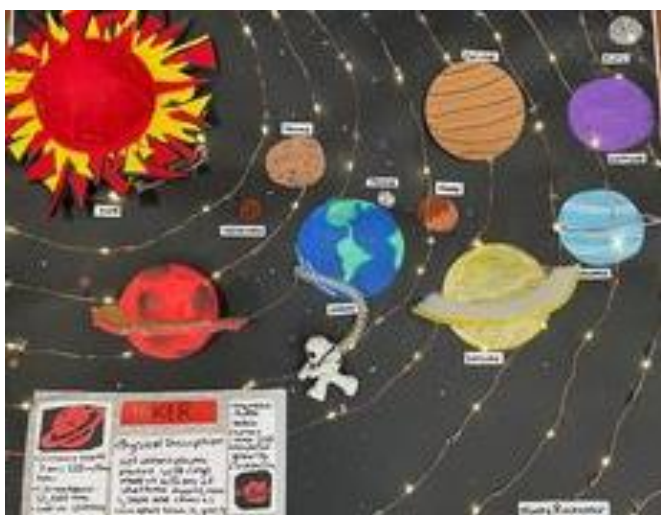
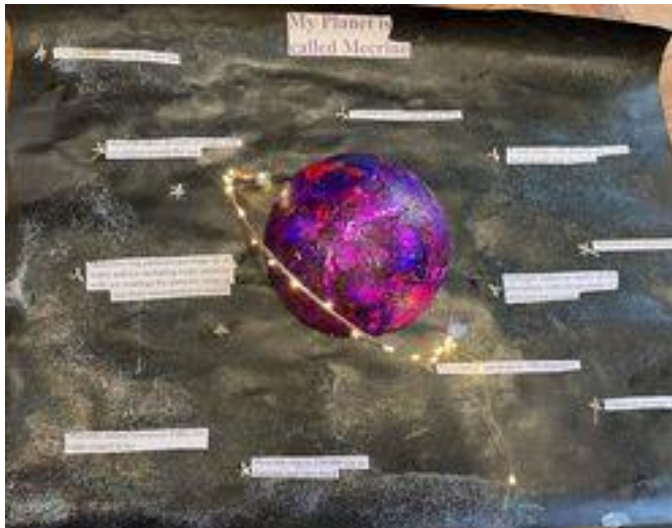
### ROUND 2 DEBATING

Salty's Mates came out on top with a convincing win against Empire Bay Lorikeets in the Round 2 debate. The topic was '*that schools should give Year 5 and 6 kids a weekly quiz about what has been on the news*'. Salty's Mates were affirmative and our adjudicator, Mr Anthony Davey from the Arts Unit, said our team used high school level arguments to win today. The team included speaker 1 - Liliana 6W, speaker 2 - Jazmin 6A, speaker 3 - Annabel 6W, speaker 4 - Bridie 6J, MC - Maail 6J and timekeeper - Serena 6W. 5V and 5C were an attentive audience.

*By Annabel 6W*



Year 5 completed some fantastic 'Out of this World' science projects. Well done!





## Year 5 "Gold Day"



Year 5 have been learning about Australian Colonies. Our task was to create a gold mining instrument. We had to follow a STEM process of different steps and work in groups. We made shovels, picks, axes, sieves and a wheelbarrow that may have been useful on the goldfields. We had a great morning making and creating in the STEM room.





# 2022 Winter Appeal

1 June - 30 June

IN CONJUNCTION WITH:



**Their winter doesn't have to be cold & hungry.**

Our last Winter Appeal successfully raised 376 bags, weighing in at 1,583kg of donations from our loving community. This has helped many families stay warm during the cold winter months.

Wiseberry Peninsula is seeking donations to help our local shelter, Coast Shelter, cope better this winter. We are asking our community to donate:

- Youth 16-24 year-olds - double doonas & covers, assorted sizes jumpers, trackies, socks, warm jackets, slippers, beanies, dressing gowns, winter PJs
- Women's 25+ - dressing gowns, nice blankets (Kmart have some soft touch ones), winter PJ's and fluffy socks.

If you have any of these items to give away, please stop by our office this June and drop them off. Any help will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way to make a difference.

Thank you.

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Due to COVID, it is a request that items are new, not in used condition. If you are able to contribute, we will have a box in the school front office to leave donations. We will deliver the items to Wiseberry Real Estate on 29 June. You can also drop your donations off directly to Wiseberry Peninsula 264 West St Umina Beach.

## TURNING BREAD BAGS INTO PLAY EQUIPMENT

Our school is teaming up with Wonder Recycling rewards to help reduce soft plastic in our environment. By collecting soft plastic waste at our school we can help save our wildlife, the environment and oceans and earn new equipment for our school.

We will have a collection box in the office foyer, simply place your soft plastics in the box and we are on our way. If you are not sure what sort of soft plastic is appropriate have a look at the information in this brochure.

*Mrs Gonzalez - Coordinator*



There's 3 simple steps to helping our school keep soft plastic waste out of the environment and earning new sports equipment for our kids to enjoy!



### SCRUNCH

Do the Scrunch Test! If it's plastic and you can scrunch it into a ball, it's soft plastic and we can recycle it!



### COLLECT

Drop your soft plastic waste into the Wonder Recycling Rewards Collection Box at school.



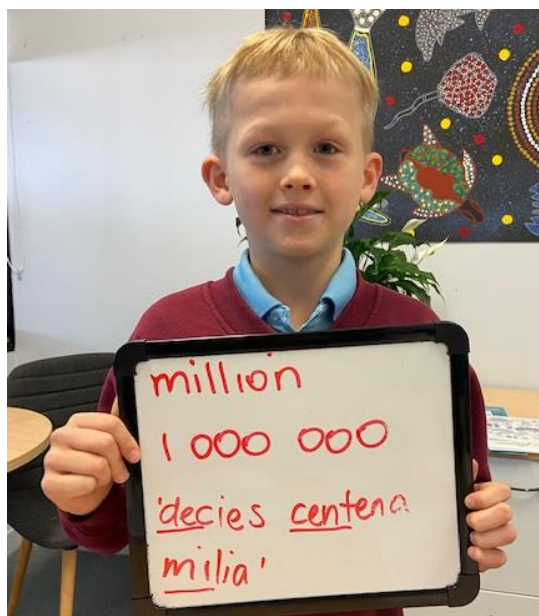
### PLAY

Earn Wonder Recycling Rewards points to receive new sports equipment for your school!



To help get you started, here's a list of items you can and can't collect to recycle

YES PLEASE	NO THANKS
Wonder bread bags (and all other bread bags too)	Plastic bottles Plastic containers Glass Paper Cardboard Tin cans Food waste



Congratulations to Albert in 3/4B who demonstrated his amazing vocab work in maths. Our students are learning to use mathematical reasoning and specialised vocabulary to explain their mathematical understanding. Albert discovered the meaning of 'milli' and how this relates to the term 'millions' – great to see our students exploring and driving their own learning!



## Year 5 – “Out of this world” experience



On Wednesday the 8 June, Year 5 students had an “Out of this World Experience” in the large Planetarium dome in the school hall. The dome was fantastic with all the stars and constellations. We were shown how the Earth rotated around the sun. He gave us names of the stars, planets and their size in comparison to Earth. We were fascinated by the zodiac signs and their meanings. The Aboriginal people used the constellations for hunting such as the Celestia Emu. We learnt a lot of interesting facts.

*Year 5 Students*

## YEAR 4 – STEM EXPERIENCES







By: Phoebe 4B

On Friday last week, 4B and 4Y went down to the beach and made their very own rainbow serpent. Each student made a group and picked a part of the snake and designed it based on different song lines from different Aboriginal groups and ways they live and learn which led us to build our own rainbow serpent. My group made a big base of the serpent then we decorated it with sand shaped like flowers and spikes to make it more like a snake. Then we all flattened the area around the snake. That's what we have been doing in STEM for the last couple of months.

By: Indi M & Laynie S

4B & 4Y went down to Umina beach on Friday and made a big sand snake. This was inspired by the rainbow snake Aboriginal dreamtime story. 4B and 4Y paired up in groups of four to make different parts of the snake and as you looked at all the parts of the snake it told different song lines. We have been learning about Aboriginal technology in STEM activities. We have learned about Aboriginal Firestick Farming. Firestick Farming had a big impact on living back then such as burning the outback to stop possible future bush fires spreading, scaring the animals by the fire smoke so that all the people could be on the lookout for a good time to spear them and is a big advantage to hunting their meals. Once all the fires are put out new underground green shoots will freshly grow and new plants grow which provides food for Aboriginal people.

By: Sasha 4B

On Friday 4B and 4Y went to Umina Beach and built the Rainbow serpent out of sand. Each group of about 4 people had their own section to build on the snake and design or decorate with patterns. The Rainbow serpent story started in Arnhem Land and spread across nations in Australia.

In STEM we've been learning about Aboriginal plants one of the plants we learnt about was a native plant to Australia called the Banksia and the Banksia's scientific name is *Integrifolia*. In South Western Australia there are 60 different species recorded in that area. The Banksia likes to come out to flower in the late summer and all through winter.

Another plant we've learnt about in STEM is Warrigal greens. The Warrigal greens' scientific name is *Tetragonia tetragonioides* and Warrigal greens mainly grow along the eastern coastline. That's what year 4 have been learning about in STEM.

By: Harper

Last Friday 4Y and 4B went to a garden in the school and read a book called the Rainbow Snake. Then we went down to the beach. We were told to make the rainbow snake out of sand and the things our teachers brought with us. When we read the book, it told us about how the rainbow snake came to be. It also told us about how the people from this Aboriginal nation were forced to work by European people. That's when the rainbow snake came from the sky.



It was really angry and the snake travelled to different places. I think one was Western Australia. Still many Aboriginal people all over Australia have their own stories and the story of the snake, some are different, some are similar.

**We had a 'wild' night at the P&C Disco last week! Thank you to our wonderful teachers who volunteered their time and of course our super P&C team for making this event such a success!**







## Central Coast Winter Chess Tournament for ages 6 to 17



Rated by NSW  
Junior Chess  
League

Monday 11 July

**Entry fee \$20**

includes lunch-pack

Payment details and food  
options on contact with...

Gary Losh

[glosh6090@gmail.com](mailto:glosh6090@gmail.com)

0432 453 726

**Must pre-enter by Thursday 7 July**

Coast Community Church, Adelaide St, Tumby Umbi  
9.30am – 4.00pm

With an educational chess puzzle competition  
and lots of prizes. Practice puzzles provided on entry.

**Minimum ability: Must know how to move the  
pieces and complete games largely unassisted.**



### UMINA MULTI SPORTS CAMP NOTICE

Where: UMINA TENNIS, Umina

When: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 9am-3pm

Cost: Wk \$100, Day \$30

**BEFORE & AFTER CAMP CARE AVAILABLE 7AM-6PM**

Included: All equipment, Prizes & Presentation Friday  
TENNIS, SOCCER, ATHLETICS, TOUCH, DODGE BALL ETC.

The camps are held  
wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Accept Active kids vouchers.

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# SCHOOL READINESS

## WORKSHOP & CLASSES

Registration open for ages 3-6

*Limited spaces available.*

SCHOOL  
HOLIDAYS

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ABOUT US

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WORKSHOP &  
CLASSES  
INCLUDE:

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Monday 4th July & Tuesday 5th July

Currently hosted at Umina Beach Public School

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Our 2 hr School Prep Workshops run over two consecutive days during the Easter, Winter and October school holidays (free school readiness assessment included when attending both workshops).

Our 3 hr School Readiness Classes run over three consecutive days in December and January.

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- **Social Skills** - Communicating with teachers & peers, expressing needs & feelings, taking turns & sharing, conflict resolution, problem solving & troubleshooting.
- **Emotional Skills** - Self regulation, resilience, empathy, self esteem & confidence.
- **Language Skills** - Asking questions, developing expressive language, improving topic based language, following rules.
- **Fine motor skills** - Strengthening hand, wrist and finger muscles, pencil & scissor grip.

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