



Umina Beach Public School Newsletter

Term 3, Tuesday 9 August, 2022

DIARY DATES – Term 3

Mon 8 – Thur 11 Aug	Book fair continues
Thur 11 Aug	Open Rugby League – Morry Breen Oval Wyoming
Wed 17 Aug	Kindergarten 2023 Parent Information Night
Fri 18 Aug	Central Coast Schools Showcase (matinee & evening shows)
Tues & Wed 23/24 Aug	Yr 3 excursion to Walkabout Wildlife Park
Thur 25 Aug	Zone Athletics Carnival
Fri 26 Aug	Book Week parade K-2 only
Mon – Wed 29-31 Aug	Yr 5 excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp Kincumber
Thur 1 Sep	Recorder Concert – Opera House Kindergarten Science Day
Fri 2 Sep	Father's Day stall Dress rehearsal for Dance Festival – Laycock Theatre
Tue 6 – Thu 8 Sept	Yr 6 excursion Canberra Dance festival (evening show)
Wed 7 Sep	Kindergarten excursion to Aust. Reptile Park

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!

Education week was a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the wonderful learning experiences that take place across our classrooms and our school every single day, as well as showcase some wonderful performances from a few of our creative and performing arts groups. Due to our current community context with winter colds and flu's on the uprise, we've worked hard to ensure our COVID-Smart measures are strongly in place to keep our school community safe: unfortunately, this required us to make some changes to Education Week plans. We substituted open classrooms to an open day picnic, encouraging families to connect together outside in the (thankfully) lovely sunshine. We also innovated to ensure our Education Week assembly could go ahead, shifting to an online format. If you haven't yet seen our 30 min video showcasing some of our wonderful school achievements and snapshots of school life, please access the link here to view:

https://vimeo.com/736746261/f12bca8784?fbclid=IwAR0N_q2VZ_NmJsO-H2OKzEMpiOohNlrXNgUC546R4mJ8Oe8NmU1Y3-m2V-8



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Education Week was also a time to acknowledge and celebrate the significance of NAIDOC week and it was a pleasure to invite Stuart McGill from Gawara Cultural Immersions and his amazing team into the school for two days of whole-school immersive activities for our students, where we learned together and experienced a wide range of Aboriginal cultural experiences. It was such a pleasure to have a number of students from Brisbane Water Secondary College join us to help teach and guide our students through these activities. They were outstanding. A highlight

of the week was our outdoor performance where our whole school, local Aboriginal elders, families and community joined together to view and participate in a wonderful cultural experience of dance, song and movement. Many of our Aboriginal students participated and showcased their exceptional talents, including public speaking, dance and movement. It was great to see the whole school up and moving, dancing together: if you haven't seen our NAIDOC Week recap, it's included in our Education Week Video: https://vimeo.com/736746261/f12bca8784?fbclid=IwAR0N_q2VZ_NmJsO-H2OKzEMpiOohNlrXNgUC546R4mJ8Oe8NmU1Y3-m2V-8

Finally, Education week is the perfect opportunity to recognise outstanding commitment and contribution to our school by our teachers, staff and community. The highly prestigious 2022 Regional North Public Education Awards of Appreciation were presented by school learning communities across our region, and it was an honour to join with our partnering schools, BWSC Woy Woy and Umina, Ettalong Public School, Woy Woy Public School, Woy Woy South Public School to present our school awards. Over 60 nominations for these prestigious awards were submitted by members of our school community last term. It was a privilege to present awards to our P&C president, Lucy Lamont and our Kindergarten Assistant Principal, Liza Mouton. Their citations aptly sum up their significant and much valued contribution to our school:

To Lucy, for tireless and enthusiastic commitment to our school in her role as P&C President, demonstrating outstanding organisation and communication skills and bucketloads of energy!

To Liza, for leading curriculum implementation across K-2, modelling expertise, commitment and motivation, inspiring teachers through significant pedagogical change with high support and leadership skill.



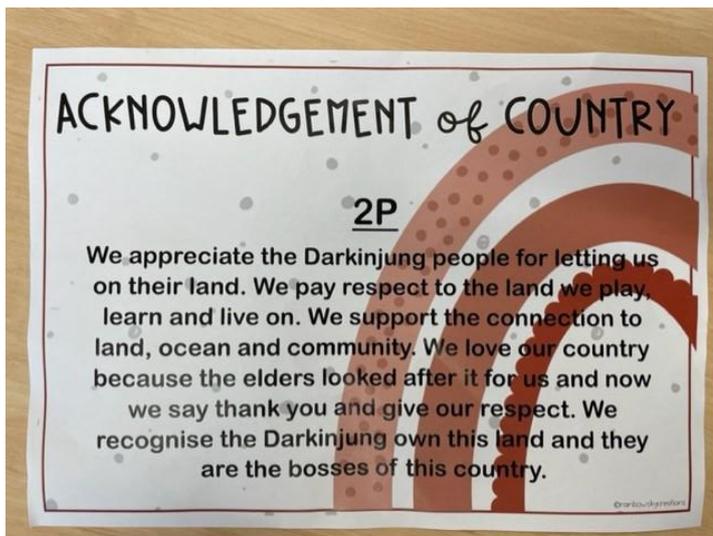


I also had the privilege of presenting Di Meadham with her certificate for 40 years of service to the Department of Education. During this time, Di has supported, nurtured and cared for literally hundreds of students and has witnessed their development from young students, to adults. What an incredible service to our community she has provided over this time: we are so grateful for her and congratulate her on this exceptional dedication, loyalty, energy and effort to public education. Well done and congratulations, Mrs Meadham.

Finally, I would just like to say thank you to our wonderful staff, P&C and community who went out of their way to make me feel so special on Friday on Primary Principal Day. I can honestly tell you that I believe my job to be the best in the world and am thrilled to come to work every day at such an amazing school. I relish every aspect of the role of principal, and whilst each day brings complexity and often challenge, it is a privilege to serve our community in this role. Thank you again for to

everyone, including our beautiful school captains, for making me feel so special!

Great learning across our school!



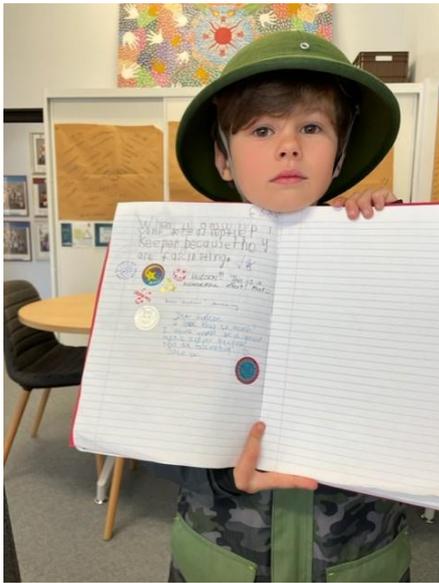
I was so thrilled to chat with representatives from 2P who shared with me their class-created Acknowledgement of Country. Together, the students of 2P co-constructed this beautiful acknowledgement in their own words and it was a delight to hear Bella, Ira, Miles and Koby read this out to me, explaining the process and purpose for writing their own acknowledgement. These four are wonderful students who, as future adults and leaders, will see their lives and actions shaped by their knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal peoples and culture. Well done, 2P!



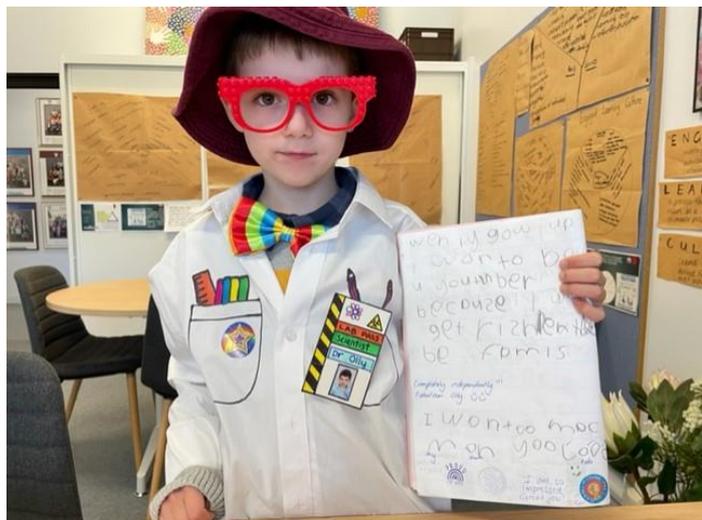


I loved my visit from Emmett who has shown such amazing progress this year in developing his independent learning skills with persistence and effort. His work was so beautifully presented, and he capably told me all about the long “ee” sound in his work that depicts ‘tree’, ‘bee’, ‘teenager’, ‘sheep’ and ‘wheel’. Great work, Emmett!

Our Education Week mufti day saw many super students dressed as their future selves, although many of our students, such as Oliver, was excited by the possibility of a myriad of career choices ahead! Isn't this something to celebrate, recognising that our students feel successful as learners and optimistic that, through their learning, they will develop the skills to do anything they set their mind to! Oliver's writing encapsulated the possibility of securing fame and fortune in the years ahead as a famous Youtuber! I also experienced a very entertaining visit from Hudson in 2A as he shared his exceptional knowledge and interest in being a reptile keeper in the future. Not only was he full of interesting facts about reptiles to share, his writing about his future self was so well planned and executed, with great care and focus. Well done, Hudson: I'm certain you'll achieve any career goal you set your mind to!



It was an absolute joy to listen to Star-Serene's speech on kindness, which she wrote as part of our whole-school public speaking competition. Star-Serene wowed her class, her teacher and her principal with her beautiful speech which so thoughtfully articulated why the world needs more kindness, and how it can start with us. Star-Serene encapsulated the hope and optimism of our students that they can shape and positively impact the world around us: as a school we need to make sure we continue to encourage and promote this thinking: it reminds us of the important work we are doing as a community to grow and nurture kind and optimistic children, as well as successful learners. Well done, Star-Serene: you are a delight!



ICAS ASSESSMENTS 2022

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being a comprehensive available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students. The assessments comprise of online tests in the following subjects:

Digital Technologies	8 August – 12 August 2022
Science	22 August – 26 August 2022
Spelling	22 – 26 August 2022
Writing	8 August – 12 August 2022
English	15 August – 19 August 2022
Mathematics	29 August – 2 September 2022



GIRLS NETBALL

Congratulations to the students who represented our school on Tuesday 26 July at the PSSA Netball knockout. They were successful in 3 games but unfortunately were defeated by Kanwal 3 – 2. They played extremely well throughout their games showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.



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Kindergarten 2023

Parent Information Evening:

- ◆ **When:** Wednesday 17th August 6.00 - 7.30pm
- ◆ **Where:** School library
- ◆ **What:** Meet the teachers, our principal, support staff and agencies who all work together to support our kindergarteners as they transition to school
- ◆ Information packs and supper

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Stuart McMinn's dance group "Gawura" planned an amazing two-day cultural experience for the whole school. Rotational activities included - Aboriginal Dance, Boomerang Throwing, Story Telling in the Yarning Circle, Aboriginal Games and Art activities. We welcomed Aboriginal students from Brisbane Water High School who assisted in the group activities. The students at our school loved participating in all activities and gained a rich cultural experience.



NAIDOC assembly

The primary playground last Monday 1 August, became the setting of our whole school NAIDOC Assembly. Students, parents, carers and local community members came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week and understand the meaning of this year's theme Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up. Leaders from the school did a great job, proudly telling the community about significant Aboriginal people who have promoted Indigenous issues in the wider community or have shown excellence in their chosen field. Our Stage 2 Aboriginal students confidently performed their Aboriginal Wave Dance taught to them by Johnathon Wright. Stuart McMinn and the talented Gawura dancers closed the assembly with his group performing traditional songs and dance.

Darbinjung Dash

The teaching staff enjoyed an afternoon of professional learning about Aboriginal culture by completing an outdoor activities-based race in teams. The Darbinjung Dash was modelled on the TV series "The Great Race". The different stations required knowledge of Aboriginal history, foods, boomerang throwing and correctly identifying Aboriginal people who have been exceptional in their field of arts, sport, business or politics.



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Well done to the recipients of the Aussie of the Month Awards. Students can be chosen for this award by following our school's values of acting safely, being cooperative, caring for all and doing their best. These awards are voted by class peers and each month one lucky student in each class gets the honour of the title and badge for the month. There was no official assembly this month but we look forward to next month's special assembly.



LITERACY & CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to our Literacy and Citizenship Awards. Each month, 1 student from each stage is selected by the teachers to receive the Literacy and Citizenship Awards. These deserving students also receive a \$20.00 gift voucher to the book shop in Umina. Thank you to Wiseberry Real Estate and Coastline Home Loans for their generous sponsors. We are so grateful they are able to support our school community. The students love receiving the award and vouchers.



GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Last Thursday the UBPS girls touch football team played round 5 of the PSSA competition. The girls displayed outstanding sportsmanship and skill and fought hard against a very talented Avoca side. Unfortunately, the girls lost 5-1. Congratulations on your effort's girls, we are very proud of you!



OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE

The UBPS open rugby league team will travel to Wyong on Thursday to play in the Sydney North Finals. We know that they will play well and represent our school proudly. Good luck!





SUPER SALTY'S DEBATING TEAM – ROUND 3 DEBATE

The Super Salty's had a decisive win on Thursday 28 July, debating the affirmative position against Kariong Public School. The topic was "that schools should teach Year 5 and 6 students life skills like cooking, cleaning, sewing and how to fix things". Our debaters delivered clear, detailed arguments and rebutted the oppositions ideas, giving strong supporting reasons. Thank you to our adjudicator, Mr Damien Purins, Deputy Principal – Brisbane Water Secondary College and to our Year 4 audience who displayed excellent active listening skills. The debaters today were Owen 5V, Sophie 5V, Jazmin 6A, Maali 6J.

Ms Caroline Pope – Debating Coordinator

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 > 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.

COMEDY CLUB

All students in Years 3-6 are welcome to join our Comedy Club. It is held from 8:15am Friday mornings in the school hall. The permission note can be found here

<https://enews-app.com/Forms/Form/ddb21484f5244b65b0d4a3634db614a0>

BAND NEWS

Please note that Mrs Naomi Kinsela has now taken over the band organisation from Mrs Martin for the remainder of the year. Please direct all emails to Naomi.jenkins4@det.nsw.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Book Fair is looking great and is open for purchases from 8:40am until 4:00pm every day this week and next week until Thursday 11 Aug. During Library lessons children have been viewing the Fair and writing 'wish lists' of items that they like but of course there is no obligation to buy.

Family art/craft challenge

15 imaginative posters and 3D creations were handed in by clever and creative children (individually or in groups) to help decorate our Book Fair and we have decided to give prize vouchers to all entries: \$10.00 to Freya 2A, Edie and Maddie 5E & 3C, Beau 2B, Josie 5E, Zoe 2B, Lachlan 6J, Nylah, Evie, Lexie and Eve 3/4A, and \$5.00 to Hunter KG, Audrey and Taya 3C, Matilda KH, Ivy KG, Quinn 1G, Sally KC, Skylar 2B and Evie 3/4A. Well done everyone who participated.

Melisa Deas and Annette Darmody – Teacher/Librarians

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION – THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

We are warmly inviting all males who play a role in our student's lives to join us for an afternoon of fun sports and snacks. We would love to see Dads, Carers, Step-Dads, Grandads, Pops and Uncles. Please complete the form for catering by clicking the link or scanning the QR code on the brochure.

<https://forms.gle/bZLDbV4vk4t9VsKc9>



All males who play a role in our student's lives are warmly invited to an afternoon of:

SPORTS & SNACKS

Thursday 1st September at
2:10pm to celebrate Father's
Day



Music Bus lessons at our school! Join Now!

The Music Bus runs lessons each week at our school.

Lessons are available in:

Keyboard (Kindy-y6)

Ukulele (Kindy - y6)

Drums (y1 -y6)

Guitar (Y2 - y6)

If you wish to register an interest to join please complete the following online form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>

Touch football

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Peninsula Junior Touch is excited to launch the 2022-2023 Junior Competition. We are now accepting registrations, which can all be completed via our website.

<https://peninsula-junior.nswtouch.com.au/>

\$120.00 Per Player (includes playing singlet)

Registrations close Sunday 14th August 2022 at 5pm



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

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