



Umina Beach Public School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 10, 2023

DIARY DATES – TERM 4

Thu 14 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Fri 15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 2:15pm – parents invited Year 6 Farewell Arch LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2023
Tue 30 Jan 2024	Staff return – pupil free
Thu 1 Feb 2024	Yrs 1 – 6 students return
Wed 7 Feb 2024	Kindergarten start

From the Principal

As we approach the end of a remarkable school year, I am filled with immense gratitude and joy reflecting on the incredible journey that our school community has shared together. This year has been nothing short of amazing, thanks to the collective efforts of our dedicated students, our caring and committed teachers and staff, our supportive parents, and everyone who has contributed to the vibrant tapestry of our school community.

Whilst 2023 has been a huge year for our whole community, it has been marked by enduring enthusiasm and positivity which has permeated our classrooms and shared spaces and has really made each day a rewarding experience. From the countless achievements of our students to the introduction of a new curriculum, innovative projects and student-focused initiatives implemented by our teachers, it's clear that our community is a thriving hub of learning, inspiration and growth.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every member of our school community. The passion, hard work, and collaboration we have seen this year from students, staff and parents have created an environment where excellence is not just encouraged but has become a natural part of our collective spirit. To our outstanding students: your commitment to learning and personal growth, along with your curiosity, creativity, and resilience have not only made this year enjoyable but have set a standard of excellence for years to come. To our dedicated staff: your commitment to nurturing young minds, fostering a love of learning, and going above and beyond to create engaging lessons have laid the foundation for a bright future for our students. And to our supportive parents: your involvement, encouragement, and partnership in the education of your children have been instrumental in their success. Your support is invaluable, and we are grateful for your active participation in our school community.

To our amazing P&C, our special volunteers and contributors: your amazing effort and hard work behind the scenes has not gone unnoticed. Whether organizing events, supporting in fundraising and community-building or offering a helping hand, your contributions have made a significant and lasting impact on our school's success.

As we bid farewell to this school year, I know that we carry forward the spirit of collaboration, connection, and positivity that defines our community. I am excited about the opportunities that 2024 holds for us, and I look forward to building on the successes of this year together.

Thank you, Team Umina, for making this year a truly special and memorable one. Wishing everyone a restful and rejuvenating break and, like me, I hope you are looking forward to the adventures that await us in the coming year.

Thank you for a great year at our school! X Mrs W

Farewell to our wonderful Deb!

Today we took time to celebrate, thank and acknowledge the incredible commitment of our wonderful canteen manager, Deb, who is leaving us at the end of the year. This is a special, momentous day and one of possibly conflicting emotions, considering Deb's 23 years of commitment and contribution which has made her such an important part of our school. It's a sad day for us: for our students, staff, parents, and community. On this special day, I wanted to publicly and personally express my deepest gratitude to Deb for her incredible dedication and unwavering commitment to our students and the school community over the past 23 years.

Over her time here, Deb has got to know countless students and watched them grow and thrive, from kindy student to adult, reflecting the same journey that her own beautiful children, Jessie and Wyatt have made over this time! Deb has supported hundreds of families over this time and her selfless, hard-working contribution to our canteen have not only provided thousands of delicious and nutritious meals but have also created a warm and welcoming environment for every student. Deb's passion for ensuring that every child feels included and part of our school, along with having access to fresh and healthy food options has left a lasting impact on our entire school community.

As so many of our community know, the aroma of Deb's homemade muffins has become legendary, and Deb's wonderful skills and talents have turned the canteen into a place where students and staff not only nourish their bodies but also find a sense of belonging. As they say, the way to the heart is through the stomach and Deb's contribution to our school, over so many years, has helped contribute to our school's healthy and happy heart! It's this special impact that you've had that is going to be so deeply missed, and almost impossible to replace.

Deb's 23 years of service are a testament to her incredible dedication and love for our community and she has created an enduring legacy that will live on in the memories of all those whose lives she has impacted. We are profoundly grateful for the countless hours, smiles, and delicious muffins she has shared with us. So, to our lovely Deb, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your remarkable service. Here's wishing you all the best in your future endeavours, and may your next adventures be filled with joy, relaxation, time with your beautiful family and the knowledge that you have made a significant difference in the lives of so many. With heartfelt thanks, on behalf of our whole school community.



Farewell to the amazing Mr Buist!



The end of this year is fast approaching, and it brings with it another significant ending as Mr Buist finishes his teaching time with us, after 29 years serving our school community and 35 years as a teacher. Mr Buist has been instrumental in establishing a long and much appreciated history of performing arts and theatre during his time at our school. It is in recognition of this, and your talent and interest in all things related to comedy and theatre, that we shape our special "thank you" message!

Mr Buist's HORRIBLE *and not so horrible* HISTORIES

As the curtains close on your incredible 25-year act at Umina Beach Public School, we wanted to take a moment to put you front of stage, in the spotlight, so that we can say a heartfelt thank you: it's time for you to acknowledge the applause and appreciation of your audience! Mr Buist, your dedication to education, to our students and to the arts at UBPS has been nothing short of a blockbuster... we're all immensely grateful!

From the very first scene you directed in the classroom, to taking on the role of musical director, to establishing the Comedy Club and onward to the eve of your retirement, you've orchestrated an unforgettable masterpiece for our school. Your commitment to nurturing and shaping young minds has so deeply and positively impacted so many students during your time at UBPS: your memoirs and your "not so horrible histories" have been epic! There are so many teachers, families and students who will never forget our musicals, performances and school plays, as well as all the times you brought out the guitar and sang to your classes! Your ability to inspire and write scripts that were so fun and enjoyable has been long acknowledged and your comedic style and theatre skills has supported so many of our students to develop their confidence, stage presence, dramatic skills, speaking and listening skills and teamwork. Your passion for theatre has inspired so many and you have taught us that life is one big production – complete with drama, comedy, and the occasional musical number! And even, just to top it off, some exciting jazz hands and box steps!

Your classes will definitely not forget both the planned and the impromptu guitar serenades. Whether it was singing about the joys of multiplication or strumming through a history lesson, your musical interludes have been the soundtrack to the last 29 years. So, Mr Buist, as you "exit stage left" from our school stage, please know that your legacy will continue to echo through the hallowed hall of Umina Beach Public School. And please know that you've not only taught your students about the world but also inspired them to learn about themselves, develop their own special skills and talents and foster the confidence to share their own stories. Mr Buist, may your retirement be a standing ovation to your illustrious career, filled with encore moments and well-deserved applause. We'll miss you, Maestro Buist: break a leg in this next act of life!

With gratitude and a standing ovation,

Mrs Wardlaw, on behalf of the entire cast of Umina Beach Public School

Semester 2 Academic Reports are being shared by the parent portal today!

Dear parents and carers, our student reports shared electronically with families via the this afternoon. From here, they can be easily printed, shared electronically and will be accessible from the one location for years to can access the parent portal via dedicated can sometimes be useful when a larger is required, such as when reading your The webpage for portal access is: <https://umina-p.sentral.com.au/portal>

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you today...**



will be parent portal downloaded, easily come. You website: this screen view child's report.

Just use your email/username and password to log in online. Please contact the office if you experience any difficulties accessing your child's report. If you would like to request a printed copy, please ring our friendly office team or email your request to: umina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

For parents already set up on the parent portal, you'll receive a notification that will take you straight to your child's report! You can also click on your child's image on the portal, click the "student details" tab and review both the Semester 2 report as well as previous reports.

There are 4 easy steps to view your child's report via the parents' portal:

Viewing your child's report online

Did you know that you can access the parent portal online, as well as via your app? This can sometimes be useful when a larger screen view is required, such as when reading your child's report. The webpage for portal access is: <https://umina-p.sentral.com.au/portal>



Just use your email/username and password to log in online.

Over time, you will be able to see all your child's reports in one place, either via the parent app or the online platform.

There are 4 easy steps to view your child's report:

1. click on your child's photo
2. select 'Student Details'.

The screenshots illustrate the four steps to view a student's report:

- 1. click**: A screenshot of the Umina Public School parent portal home screen. A blue arrow points to the student's photo in the top left corner.
- 2. click**: A screenshot of the 'Student Feed' page. A blue arrow points to the 'Student Details' tab, which is highlighted with a yellow circle.
- 3. click**: A screenshot of the 'Student Details' page for 'Ted Bush'. A blue arrow points to the '+' icon next to 'Academic Reports'.
- 4. click**: A screenshot of the 'Academic Reports' page. A blue arrow points to the 'Published Reports' section, specifically to the 'Semester 1, 2023' report.

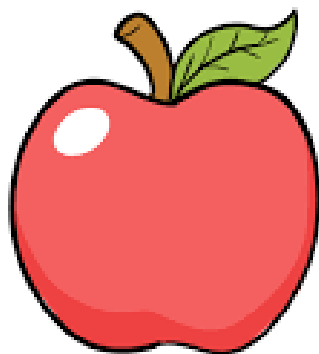
3. Click on the '+' next to 'Published Reports'

4. select the Semester 1, 2023 report to view.

On most devices you will be unable to save the file or print from your phone. You will need to open the file in a web browser such as Chrome or Safari. Here's the link to our online platform: <https://umina-p.sentral.com.au/portal>



Some of our new families to Umina Beach Public School may have noticed that their child is a recipient of a Principal Award on their Semester 2 report. It is the tradition at our school that, for each reporting period, classroom teachers nominate 5 students from their class who have shown dedication to their individual learning journey, evidenced through effort, application and learning progress. These selected students receive a Principal Award sticker on their report for their commitment to their individual learning progress. Traditionally, Principal Awards have been in sticker form but are now provided electronically this year so that this special acknowledgement can still be provided for students, despite the new online delivery. Mrs Wardlaw and all our class teachers congratulate this semester's recipients of a Principal Award for your hard work and effort this year. In addition, we're pleased to congratulate those students who have been awarded an Excellence in Attendance award for maintaining over 95% attendance this semester.



FOND FAREWELL FROM OUR WONDERFUL CANTEEN MANAGER

After 23 years at Umina Beach Public School, I will sadly be leaving the canteen Manager role at the of this term, which has been a very difficult decision to make.

I would like to share some insight into my time:

My daughter Jessie Joan started kindergarten in 1999, I immediately started my volunteer time in classrooms and canteen weekly and was heavily involved in the P&C fundraising. The 1st Splash-a-thon was held in 1999 which was a spectacular event that continues today.

I was offered a paid position in 2005 as canteen manager to help a struggling canteen, this was when my son Wyatt started kindergarten, you may know him as Mr Elliott at school now.

A significant moment at the Big Bite was in my 2nd year, when the then principal Mr Blair had the canteen gutted and refurbished, this was possible using profits from a now thriving canteen. I fondly remember his friendly smile that greeted me daily and hello to the volunteers over the counter every day was very special.

My role to look after the children's food needs has been my absolute focus, the many generations of families I have met is overwhelming. I often see ex-students when out and am always asked; "Do you still make the muffins? They were the best". Many have asked for my secret recipe.

In 2016 the Government introduced the Healthy Canteen Strategy to ensure food sold to children was compliant and I have successfully achieved this every year, along with following the Healthy Kids Association required criteria. I have received 3 NSW Government Awards acknowledging my commitment along with a Canteen Managers Award from Healthy kids Association,

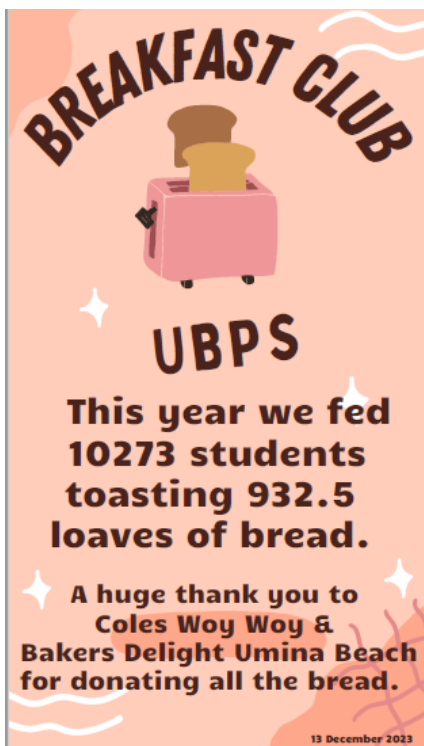
An online ordering system was implemented in 2021 and has helped many busy families and is a very helpful update for our school.

I have been adamant that all families enjoy the canteen thus the ongoing smaller items made daily .20 and .50 cent ice blocks and muffins since starting. These items are enjoyed at the Big Bite, the place where the kids run to everyday at lunch (even though they are told to walk).

I have worked with countless volunteers, they are incredibly special, giving time freely to come and support the canteen and do any duty I ask. I'm grateful for ongoing friendships.

The children, I cannot put into words how hard it will be to not arrive at school by 7:00am and bake trays of muffins and prepare for a busy day. I know how exciting it is to get a lunch order it is seen in the children's faces, the daily chats with kids have been a highlight, I wish all the children a happy and healthy life and remember to always say hi if you see me out and about.

Stay happy and healthy Debora xx



Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to Coles Woy Woy and Bakers Delight Umina Beach for donating all the bread each and every week. UBPS students really do appreciate your support.

What a year we have had, making Vegemite, jam and butter toast each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for all our students, last week our last one for the year we had a special spread of honey (this went down really well).

Over the year we toasted our way through 932 ½ loaves of bread, feeding 10272 students. Our biggest day we fed 161 students, our biggest week feeding 402 students and our biggest term was Term 3 with feeding 2787 students. Year 4 took out the hungriest grade over the year. As you can see the demand is high for toast so the school invested in an industrial toaster so the staff could keep up with the high demand for breakfast three days a week.

UBPS breakfast club is a big hit with all the students. Any donations of vegemite or jam would really help. We are looking forward to seeing you all in 2024. Have a safe and happy holiday!

UBPS Breakfast Club Team.

Who's got worms? WE'VE GOT WORMS!!!

The World Class Musical Theatre performances of Global Warming are now available!

What an awesome Christmas present! The family can sit around on Christmas Day singing the songs, dancing the dances and being absolutely amazed at the talent on display at UBPS.

Below is the link for the Global Warming Videos. They are being sold as \$25.00 on a USB or \$20.00 as a direct download.

The quality of filming and sound, and of course acting, is superb. The school is not getting any profit out of these sales.

<https://www.dynamicvision.com.au/ubps.html>

What a great stocking filler!



BAND 2024

We want you!

Umina Beach Public School provides a wonderful music enrichment program to cater for the needs and interests of all students. In 2024, students in Year 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to enrol in Training Band. The school enlists the services of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music that provides the school with professional musicians who are experts in their own field.

No musical knowledge is required, just a love of music and a genuine desire to play an instrument!

Find more information and sign up here!

<https://forms.gle/QYTUC1fDXvBdK2Qr9>



Parents and families, please contact the school if you are aware that you will be leaving us next year: this is really important information for us as we work to finalise classes for 2024. As class groups are informed by student enrolment data, it's important for us to include any new enrolments as well as plan for those students who may be moving to a new school in 2024. Thanks in advance for providing us with information of your new school and your last day of attendance at UBPS: please email this to the school via

umina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

We also encourage families to get in touch with the school if you wish to request a printed copy of your child's Semester 2 Academic Report. Each student's report will be published via the Parent Portal (you can also access this not only via your mobile but via computer browser, which makes it easy to read, print and share). If you would also like a printed copy of your child's report, please let us know by calling our friendly admin team or emailing the school: umina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

YEAR 6 INFORMATION

As we get closer to an exciting time for our amazing Year 6 students, we would like to share the following information about the upcoming celebrations. This year we have decided to hold a Year 6 Graduation Ceremony before the farewell arch on the student's final day. This ceremony will include the presentation of graduation certificates and a farewell gift from our wonderful P&C. The Year 6 Farewell to be held at **Umina Beach Surf Club**, is set to be a fun-filled event for our students with dinner and a disco. Information about our Year 6 Farewell has been sent to parents via an email and the portal. Please contact Mrs White if you have questions about these events.



YEAR 5 PAPER PLANE COMPETITION


On Tuesday 28 November, Year 5 took part in a suspenseful paper plane competition.

Students had 10 minutes to fold and test their creations before the competition commenced.

8 finalists were successful in their planes reaching the furthest distance, and with even stricter conditions, these students had 1.5 minutes to fold a paper plane.

Well done to Levi M, Levi S, Eve H, Brodie B, Fraser H, Jameson C, Jasmine S, Flynn B, Hayden P, and huge congratulations to Rudy S, the Year 5 WINNER! Teachers were especially proud of students who practised at home and came to the competition knowing how to fold an ingenious design!





Mr Buist's

HORRIBLE

and not so horrible

HISTORIES

Events

There have been some interesting, exciting, and sometimes fairly scary days at school.

State Champions

I wouldn't be able to tell you the exact year that this happened, but it was around about 1996 or 97, when the girls soccer team of that year did something pretty remarkable and won the PSSA State Knockout Championship. So just to make sure we understand what an incredible achievement this is, every school in the state can enter and the teams play each other until all except for the last two schools are knocked out and then they play in the final, which our girls won! This was a very rare and very memorable achievement for our school.

Red Dust Day

This was a very strange day indeed. I was down in the back playground in a demountable classroom because my classroom (which is where Salty's house is now) was being renovated. On this particular morning everyone woke up to an eerie red coloured sky, the result of winds blowing the red dust that is usually found in the Australian deserts all the way over to the coast. And it wasn't just us that was affected, Sydney was covered in this red dust as well. It's the only time in my teaching career that we've had to keep the children inside at recess and at lunchtime not for wet weather, but because of too much dust in the air! No one was badly affected and the next day it had blown away enough that we could resume normal activities, but anyone who was there will remember it.

The Big Storm

This event happened back in 2014. A huge storm hit the East Coast of Australia with wild winds and huge falls of rain. The big news stories which everyone might remember were the cargo ship which was run aground at the beach up at Newcastle or the road up near the Reptile Park that was completely washed away. Luckily at school we escaped any life-threatening danger, but there were many trees which were damaged especially the great big tree that is beside the infants two storey building which was so badly damaged that it had to be cut down because it was feared it would fall onto the classrooms. Luckily that didn't happen, but wow was that a huge storm.

9/11

Anyone who was alive knows instantly what is meant by the term 9/11. For the students at school now, I'm quite thankful that they probably don't have a good understanding of this, because this day was one of the most unsettling days I've ever had with a class at school. It was also the only day at school that I had the radio on, broadcasting for the entire morning. The reason was because no one knew what was really happening. The adults were as unsure as all the kids, with the result being that it was very difficult for us teacher's to be able to provide the level of assuredness that we usually do.



Join our new Swim & Sport Program these school holidays

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Children must be competent swimmers.



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WISEBERRY® Christmas Appeal

Last chance to donate at the school gates this
Thursday 14th December, between 3-3.30pm.

Wiseberry Peninsula is asking our community to donate non-perishable festive foods to our local community kitchen, **Mary Mac's Place**, so they can provide food hampers to those less fortunate this Christmas.

They will be collecting foods such as pasta, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, long life custard, Christmas pudding, gingerbread, shortbread, lollies, juice and long life milk, as well as bon bons.

Any help will go a long way and make a huge difference to many this Christmas.



Go4Fun

Go4Fun is a **FREE** 10-week healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 to enjoy along with their families. It is a fun way for kids to:

- Build confidence
- Reduce screen time
- Feel good by eating healthily
- Enjoy quality family time
- ★ Plus win prizes!



Term 1, 2024 programs will take place at:

- Niagara Park Stadium, starting Monday 5th February 4pm–6pm
- Lake Haven Recreation Centre, starting Tuesday 6th February 4pm–6pm (Aboriginal program for everyone run by Bungree Aboriginal Association)
- Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, starting Thursday 8th February 4pm–6pm
- Go4Fun Online

To register, visit go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900 or SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back.



Central Coast
Local Health District



UMINA TENNIS SPORTS CAMP NOTICE

Where: UMINA TENNIS, Umina

When: Tues 19th - Friday 22 December

Tues 2nd – Friday 5 January

Tues 16th – Friday 19 January

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Cost: Wk \$100.00

Day \$30.00

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT PLEASE MSG 0410828278

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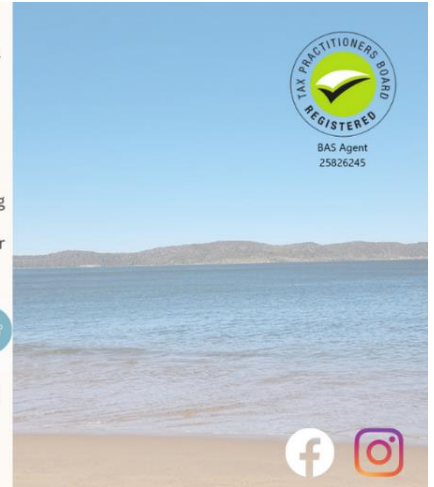
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