



Umina Beach Public School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 6 2023

DIARY DATES – TERM 1

Fri 3 Mar	Scripture begins
Tue 7 Mar	Young Leaders Day 6:40am – 4:30pm SCCPSSA Zone Swimming Championships Singing auditions for school musical
Wed 8 Mar	P&C Meeting 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Mon 20-31 Mar	Parent/Teacher interviews
Wed 29 Mar	Parent Info session on new syllabus
Wed 29-30 Mar	Taronga Zoo overnight excursion Year 4
Thu 31 Mar	EOI High School online application closes

Message from the principal!

At Umina Beach Public School, we're striving for excellence in all that we do and continue to refine our school practices to meet this goal. It is also a strategic school goal for us to ensure that our parents feel informed and connected to the school as well as confident participants in their child's learning journey. We're listened to parent feedback from our P&C, individual parent contact and wider parent voice through the Tell Them From Me parent survey. We listened when you've told us you'd like more streamlined information channels and, ideally, you'd like to access information all from one place. So we're really excited to take some positive steps to achieving this and today we're launching the parent portal. Parents should have received an email today with instructions on how to access the parent portal. This email contains a FAMILY KEY which is a unique access code for your family to use and a link to the Parent Portal Console page so that you can sign up and download our free school app.



The Sentral Parent Portal lets you:

- Stay informed with "school news" broadcasts
- Message your child's teachers (stay tuned... this is coming!)
- Receive notices, reminders, photos and attachments from the school your child's teacher
- View the school calendar
- Access newsletters
- Browse school documents and resources
- Receive your child's reports electronically
- Book and manage parent/teacher night interviews **(stay tuned... this is coming next week!)**
- Be notified of absence, respond to unexplained absences or advise the school in advance of planned absences

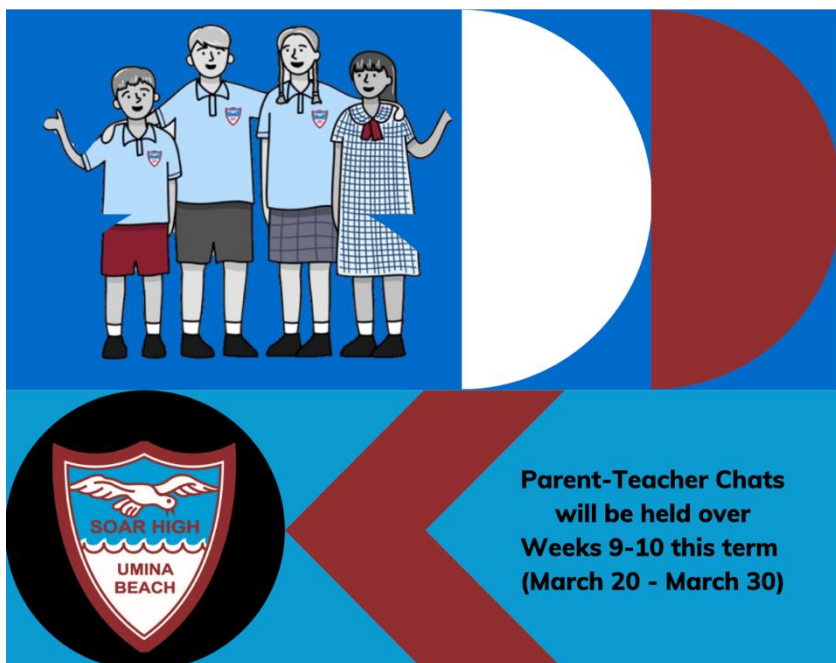
Please note, parents are required to set their own password for the portal: passwords are not provided by the school.

If you need assistance logging on to the portal (website) or the app (on your phone), use the following link to watch a short step-by-step video or access the FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS page:

<https://www.sentral.com.au/getting-started>

We will continue to use Skoolbag until all our families are linked up to the parent portal (you might want to turn skoolbag notifications off on your phone so that you don't receive double alerts. We'd love to see all parents linked to the parent portal by next week as this will be the way you can book a **parent-teacher interview** which we'll be holding in Weeks 9-10 of this term.

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Parent-Teacher Chats
will be held over
Weeks 9-10 this term
(March 20 - March 30)

Parent-Teacher Chats

- 10 minute sessions offered to parents
- Meet your child's teacher
- Share important information
- set a time for additional meetings

book via
the parent
portal!

Parent-teacher chats 2023

From Monday March 20 to Thursday March 30, parents will be offered the opportunity to attend a parent-teacher chat with their child's classroom teacher. **Bookings will be made through the parent portal.** If you've already accessed the parent portal, you may have noticed there isn't an "interview" button: this will be added next Monday once our interview sessions are open for bookings.

Parent-teacher sessions allow for a 10-minute catch-up with classroom teachers and are an important opportunity for you to share information about your child. This may include any special learning needs, medical conditions, academic history or other information that may be of benefit to your child's teacher. If you require longer than 10 minutes then you will be asked to make an additional appointment for another day to talk with your child's teacher.

From next Monday, click on the "interview button" in the parent portal app and select an interview time that suits you best.

If you need any help linking to the parent portal or have not received a "family access key", please call our friendly front office team for assistance.

Positive Behaviour for Learning at Umina Beach Public School

One of the first things you might see in the parent portal is a short video on PBL values which showcases some of our amazing students at UBPS. At the end of the video there is a QR code: we'd love for parents to click on this code after watching the video and share with us your thoughts on the student behaviours that you believe should form part of our school values at Umina Beach Public School. This year is an exciting time for us as we review our school rules and, by listening carefully to student, parent and community voice, we consider re-shaping our school rules into **explicit student behaviour expectations** that reflect the values of our teachers, students and families. We look forward to developing a strong, consistent, positive social curriculum that encompasses explicit teaching of expected student behaviours to ensure our students develop the necessary positive behaviours for learning that will see them experience success at our school. If you'd like to view the video and access the PARENT VALUES form, click the link here <https://vimeo.com/802334819/98d1c2240c> (and read on in the newsletter for further information about our exciting school PBL journey!

Have a great week at our school! X Mrs W



From the PBL team

Hi Umina Beach Public School community!

It is your turn to have your say to contribute to a NEW, shared understanding of the behaviour that we expect at our school. What are the expectations that YOU value? What are the expectations that YOU would like to see in terms of behaviour at our school?

Positive Behaviour for Learning is a team-driven process designed to represent the voices of the whole school community. So, please get involved and have your say!

Watch our short video <https://vimeo.com/802334819/98d1c2240c> then Scan the QR code to access our survey.

Thank you for contributing, from the PBL Team.



Parents & families, have your say!

Click on the QR code to tell us what YOU value...



General Permission Forms 2023

This year, our General Permission Form is going to be sent by email for parents to complete and return digitally. This allows our school to efficiently receive and respond to important student information such as publishing permissions. **You should receive this email in the coming days.** To ensure information is accurate for each student, each enrolled child in the family will receive an individual form. When you receive this form via email, we ask that parents complete and return as soon as possible.

If you require any support at all regarding our General Permission Form or this process, please call our friendly staff in the office: 02 43 411630.

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GENERAL PERMISSION FORM

DIGITAL
FORM TO BE
EMAILED



Personalised Learning Plan Meetings - an invitation for families



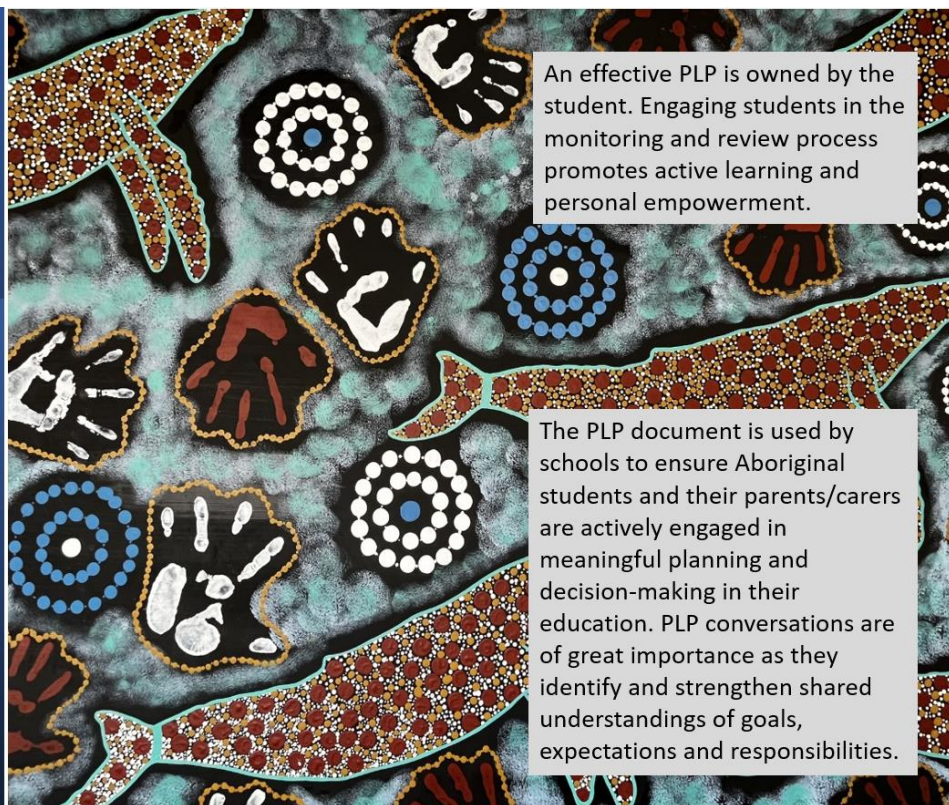
Dear Family,

You are invited to my Personalised Learning Pathway Goal setting afternoon tea.

Date: Year 3 & 4 Monday 6 March
Year 5 & 6 Tuesday 7 March
Kinder Wednesday 8 March
Year 1 & 2 Thursday 9 March

Time: 2:30pm

Location: UMINA BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL
Aboriginal Community Hub



An effective PLP is owned by the student. Engaging students in the monitoring and review process promotes active learning and personal empowerment.

The PLP document is used by schools to ensure Aboriginal students and their parents/carers are actively engaged in meaningful planning and decision-making in their education. PLP conversations are of great importance as they identify and strengthen shared understandings of goals, expectations and responsibilities.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

In 2023, our Sport in Schools (SISA) program will continue for all K-6 students. This decision was based on the overwhelming positive feedback from staff, parents and students.

SISA provides an engaging PDHPE curriculum by trained, external teachers. While our students are having fun and participating in the lessons as a grade, our teachers collaborate as a team.

WHERE: UBPS

WHEN: Wednesday Terms 1 -4

COST: \$80.00 for the year per child

The SISA cost is \$160.00 per child, per year. UBPS will fund half of this to bring the cost down to \$80.00 per year, per child OR \$20.00 per term. Total or term payments can be made. Payments are due by week 5 of each term. Invoices will be emailed to parents/carers by the end of week 2.

All K-6 students will receive fortnightly lessons. In semester one, K-2 students will receive additional lessons and in semester two, 3-6 students will receive additional lessons.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Students have been given information on Premier's Reading challenge 2023. The children who were interested were given a Premier's Reading card and shown where to borrow from. Anyone who did not take a card and wants one can collect them from the library. The book challenge closes August 18th.

Please remind your children to bring back library books on their library day each week. K-2 students must have a library bag or are not able to borrow. A plastic bag is acceptable. Students are able to keep books for up to 4 weeks before they become overdue. If a book is overdue the children are unable to borrow more books until the overdue items are returned or paid for if lost.

It is important to keep Rebel readers in a separate bag to library books as they are kept in different places in the school and this avoids the Rebel readers getting lost as I do not know who they belong to if they are mixed up with library returns.

Thank You, from Mrs Deas

Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones (and similar devices) for Students at Umina Beach Public School.

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STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY



Over the past year, our school community has been collectively working on developing strong policy and process around the acceptable use of mobile phones (and similar devices). Our new school processes require parents and students to sign and return a **Student Mobile Phone Agreement** for students who intend to bring a mobile phone to school. This week we will be sending information out to parents of Stage 3 students via email regarding the UBPS Student Mobile Phone Agreement and related school information, including the Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones – Overview document.

At Umina Beach Public School, we have worked collaboratively to develop our **Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones Framework**, providing clear expectations and guidance for students regarding

appropriate use of mobile phones and similar devices such as smart watches or cameras at Umina Beach Public School. Our policy documents:

- clearly outline appropriate and inappropriate use of mobile phones at our school;
- possible consequences for inappropriate mobile phone use at Umina Beach Public School;
- outline the shared responsibilities of staff, students and parents and carers;
- explain processes for managing potential risks to student safety and wellbeing;
- provide parents, carers and students with the opportunity to sign the Umina Beach Public School Parent/Carer and Student Mobile Phone Agreement, providing permission for students to bring a mobile phone with them to school.

Students will not be permitted to use a mobile phone or similar device at school without agreeing to and submitting a Student Mobile Phone Agreement. We will send this information out to all Stage 3 students. Families of younger children who wish to request permission for their child to use their mobile phone at school will be required to contact the school office so that relevant documents can be emailed to the family.

We encourage parents to read both the Overview document and the full Acceptable Use of Mobile Phones (and similar devices) policy and process document: these can be found on our school website: click here:

<https://umina-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies.html>

Should you have any questions relating to this policy, please direct these to our Stage 3 Assistant Principal, Mrs Colleen White by emailing colleen.a.white@det.nsw.edu

Moving to High School in 2024



If your child is moving to high school in 2024 you will need to complete an expression of interest for Year 6 to 7 transition. This year the process for applying for high school has moved online. All Year 6 students need to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form online indicating high school choices for 2024. The expression of interest asks you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. After you submit this expression of interest and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a government high school and the formal enrolment process will begin.

The online 'High School Expression of Interest Form' will be made available via Umina Beach Public School's website under the ENROLMENT tab, along with other enrolment information for parents and carers. You can access the ENROLMENT tab by following the link: <https://umina-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html> This form will become active from the 6 March to 31 March 2023. Paper EOIs forms are available for parents if needed. Please contact Mrs White for a copy or if you have any questions about this process.

Teacher contact email addresses: 2023

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Liza Moulton Kindergarten Assistant Principal	KM –	Liza.purtell1@det.nsw.edu.au
Melissa Spence	KS	Melissa.stafford@det.nsw.edu.au
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Lisa Aldrich	KA	Lisa.aldrich2@det.nsw.edu.au
Sarah Honeyman	K/1H	Sarah.henshaw@det.nsw.edu.au
Nicole Cowley Stage 1 Assistant Principal (relieving)	1C	Nicole.cowley3@det.nsw.edu.au
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CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to all our new families! Our school canteen relies on volunteers, ideally 1 or 2 people daily. If you are available between 9:00am – 12noon and would be interested in supporting your school, please fill out a volunteer form available from the front office. No experience necessary.



We offer online ordering through the Skool Bag App – go to 'Payments' on bottom bar and follow prompts. Cut off for online ordering is 8:00am daily and is clearly stated on the App.

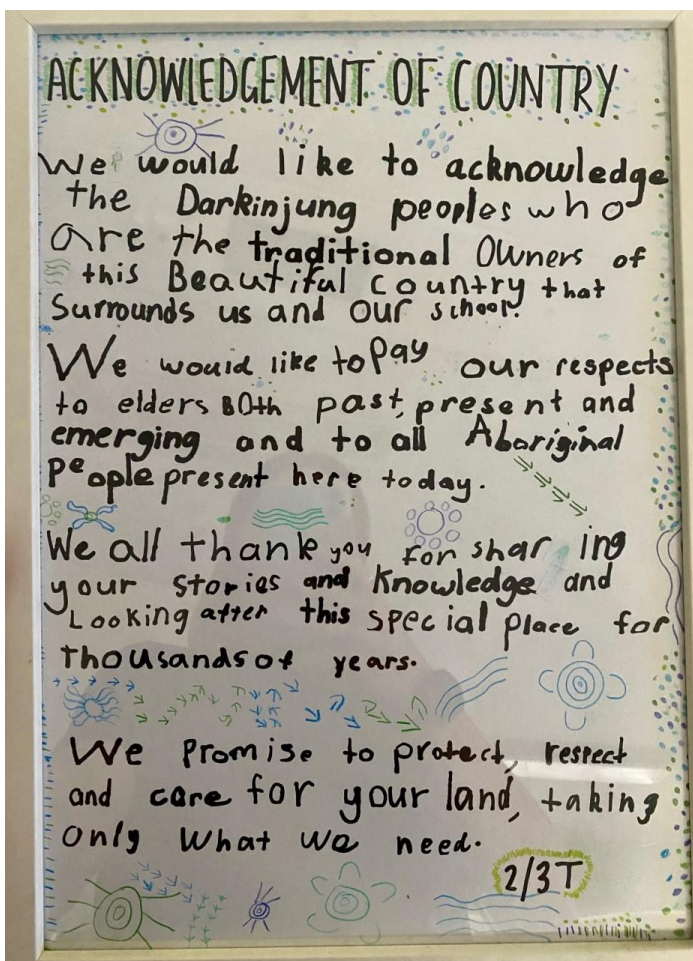
We also take lunch orders over the counter from 8:45 – 9:15am. Please avoid disappointment by placing orders before 9:15am. Our **Big Bite Facebook** page helps you to keep updated.



BANDIMAYI

Umina Beach Public school rests proudly on the lands of the Darkinjung and Guringai people. The Darkinjung word for messenger is Bandimayi. Our fortnightly newsletter will now feature a Bandimayi section, where our teachers will highlight some of the wonderful Aboriginal Education happening across our school. We hope you enjoy this week's contributions.

What's going in Bandimayi



2/3T have begun the year by learning about the Darkinjung Country that we are so lucky to be learning on here at Umina Beach Public School. We are really proud of the personalised Acknowledgement of Country we wrote together after reading the book 'Welcome to Country' and through discussion about what makes the land we live on special. 2/3T created some artworks, inspired by Aboriginal symbols of waterholes as we felt that water is a key natural resource that is important to and is a great symbol for Darkinjung Country.





From our ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

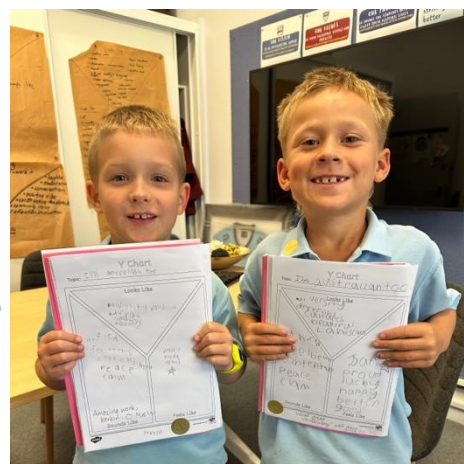
We have had the absolute pleasure of working with our K-2 teachers in classrooms as they implement the new English and Mathematics Syllabuses this term. We have also begun working with 3-6 teachers as they work towards rolling out the new syllabuses for their stages in 2024. We have truly amazing teachers at UBPS, who are embracing new pedagogy in their classrooms and working hard to support all of our students in achieving their learning goals. Thank you, teachers, for your commitment and passion!

SAVE THE DATE: Curriculum Information Session for families. Wednesday 29 March at 9:30am, in the school hall.

Here's some amazing UBPS learners: Isaac, Innes, Vallee and Jax as well as Kayleigh, Tilly and Digby in 12P. It was a pleasure to talk with you about the wonderful learning you're engaging in and the progress you're already making this year!

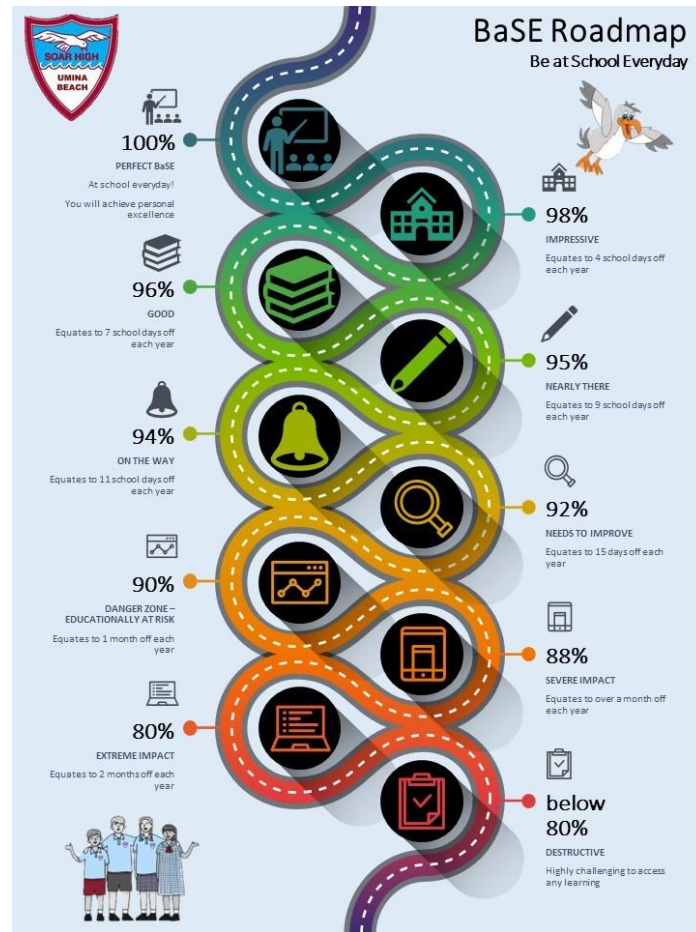


Korbin and Mason from 2S were excited to see that Mrs Wardlaw had Y chart's in her office, just like the Y charts they had completed!



Attendance Matters

Our school is a part of the 80 to 90's initiative, aiming at improving students' attendance from 80 to over 90 percent in the school year. Attendance is important for our students to improve not only their learning but also creating and maintaining friendships and social connections.



Our first focus for this initiative is accounting for student absence. For this we are asking for your assistance. Here are the four different ways to let us know why your child is away.

ATTENDANCE FOCUS

In 2023 Umina Beach PS will be focusing on improving our explanations for absences. Here are some steps that you can take to help.

- #1** Reply to SMS message each day that your child is away, even if the reason is the same
- #2** Send an email to umina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with an explanation
- #3** Send a message to the classroom teacher via email or skool bag
- #4** If travelling for an extended period (more than three days) apply for an extended leave form

If your child is away, respond to the SMS everyday

We look forward to working together on this journey!

Scripture classes 2023

Scripture classes will commence this week on Friday. We have already formed our 2023 scripture classes using the scripture preference information that we had on record for each student at the start of the year. Please note that our scripture classes are dependent upon the number of volunteer scripture teachers that are available each year. We have already received a number of scripture change requests for students and unfortunately many of our scripture classes are already at maximum capacity. We are able to place students on a wait list so that if/when a place becomes available in that group they can be moved to that group. If you are interested in volunteering to become a scripture teacher at our school please email the school and we will be able to put you in touch with the scripture coordinator for your chosen religion. Thank you.



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