Term 1, Week 10, 2024

DIARY DATES - TERM 1

March 25 - April 5	Parent-teacher chats (bookings on Sentral)	
Fri Apr 12	SPLASH-A-THON	
Fri Apr 12	Last day of Term 1	
Mon Apr 29	Staff return for Term 2 – pupil free day	
Tue Apr 30	Students return for Term 2	
Mon 6-Fri 10 May Fri May 10	Healthy Harold – Life Ed P&C Mother's Day stall TBC	
Wed May 15	Recorder group preliminary rehearsal Sydney	
Fri May 17	Walk Safely to School Day	
Fri May 24	SCC Zone Cross Country	
Mon Jun 3	School Photo Day	

From the principal!



We hope our families had a happy and SAFE long weekend! At UPBS we're really focused on safety: it's one of our key expectations and a key focus at our school: we continue to work hard to ensure that our students, staff, community, and visitors feel safe when joining us on site. We appreciated the feedback from parents and carers last Thursday as we trialled some new sign-out processes after our cross-country carnival. We were grateful that families were patient with us at the office whilst we worked to ensure that all our children were being picked up by adults that our parents, carers and student's trust. We recognised that the process of printing early leaver slips can be

lengthy with just two dedicated printers and are looking at further adjusting our processes to improve efficiency before our much-anticipated Splash-a-thon next week!

As we focus on safety, we continue to remind parents and carers that, in accordance with advice from Transport NSW, children up to at least 10 years old should be supervised when traveling to and from school and parents and carers (or a trusted adult) should meet their child at the school gate at the end of the day to accompany them home.

Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the families section on safetytown.com.au

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF BIKE RIDERS



For students who ride their bikes to school, we wish to alert our school families that we have experienced a high number of deflated bike tyres over the past few weeks, despite not being able to find any obvious sign of damage. Woy Woy Bike Shop have been able to help us solve this mystery: student tyres have been damaged by riding over burrs referred to as "Triple cats-eye thorns', although there are other colloquial names for these small, spiky seed pods. They are extremely problematic at the moment and can be widely found outside our school and are very hard to see in the grass - these burrs have a significant impact on bike tyres. Woy Woy Bike Shop has had multiple reports of these burrs causing punctures

in local areas such as the skate park, grassed reserve areas, local pathways, at the beach and surrounding grassed areas around the school. These burrs are small enough to be hard to spot but strong enough to puncture a tyre, despite not leaving a puncture mark! They puncture the tyre when ridden over, but don't remain in the tyre, popping out when released from under the wheel.

In response, we have checked our bike rack area and have been regularly raking and blowing leaf litter. We haven't spotted any burrs on our school grounds, and it seems likely that students are

unknowingly riding over these burrs on the way to school. The cat's eye will pierce the tyre, undetected, leading it to slowly deflate during the school day so that it is unable to be ridden by the end of the day. At Woy Woy Bike shop last week there were OVER 30 PUNCTURES, all caused by cat's-eyes! Whilst they are seasonable, and should soon be less of a concern, punctures can be prevented with slime-filled inner tubes, anti-puncture lining or tubeless tires. Please visit your local bike store for more information.



SPORTS IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA - PARENT CONSENT REQUIRED.

We are pleased to provide our students with the opportunity to engage in SISA (Sports in Schools Australia) lessons each fortnight, where students get to experience a range of specialised equipment and state of the art resources. SISA Australia has arguably the most extensive, modern and diverse range of equipment available for school usage, delivering fortnightly activities via a range of complex and exciting sports stations. This sports and fitness program involves active participation and, for this reason, parents and carers need to be informed of the possible risks associated, prior to consenting for their child to participate in the program. You can find out more about SISA here: https://sisa.com.au

There is a cost for students to participate in the SISA program and the school heavily subsidises costs for each child. We also have additional support available for families who may require this. Students who have not finalised payments for the program will still be able to participate. However, from the start of Term 2, students will not be able to use the equipment used in in SISA sessions without parental/carer permission to participate.

About SISA Australia

SISA Australia Is One Of The Largest Outsourcing Providers Within The Australian Education System. Our Organisation Is Focused On Primary School Education Only And Relates Directly To The PDHPE Component Of The K-6 Syllabus. All Of Our Programs:



- Are designed to enrich the education and broaden the learning experiences of each child under the PDHPE Curriculum
- Contain the latest contemporary teaching strategies, whilst engaging a holistic approach to primary school education
- Include the most up to date sciences for early learning education for each subject
- Are supported by Australia's largest range of innovate and engaging resources
- Aim to achieve the development of the skills base, links, progressions and knowledge of K-6 students as preparation for their commencement to secondary school PDHPE

Furthermore, our flexible implementation methodologies allow all our programs to be tailored to meet each school's education and budgetary requirements, whilst also establishing a sustainable and affordable learning product for the students and pagent community.



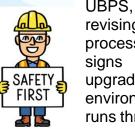
SAFETY PROCESSES AT UPBS

Why have a lockout?

- A lockout is when we are already in our classroom, and we are asked to stay inside.
- · There might be a big storm, high winds, or lightning.
- Perhaps an animal has got into the school and is in the playground.
- An unknown person may want to come into the school.
- · A student or adult might be angry and upset outside.
- When a teacher thinks it's safest for us to stay in our classroom and continue with our learning.



evacuation processes.



As part of our commitment to the health and safety of our students, staff and community at UBPS, our WHS team have been reviewing and revising our emergency management planning processes. You may have noticed new safety signs around the school and other safety upgrades as we work to ensure our school environment is safe for all. Every term, our school runs through an emergency evacuation scenario, allowing us to practice and evaluate our school emergency processes. This Thursday, we will be

running through a practice drill to evaluate school lockout procedures, in line with department guidelines. Prior to this, all our students will participate in a special Positive Behaviour for Learning Lesson on how to stay calm, listen carefully and follow teacher instructions in an emergency. Our teachers will debrief with their class following the practice drill and allow students to offer feedback and suggestions. We will alert our community that the emergency bells will ring prior to the practice via the parent portal and a follow-up notice when the drill is complete. Next term, we will be practicing our off-site emergency



WET WEATHER PREDICTED THURS AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK!

We're checking the weather forecast as we prepare for Splash-a-thon next week: it's looking okay at this stage, which is exciting, but there may be stormy weather coming our way on Thursday and Friday this week! The BoM suggests that we may experience significant rain and possible thunder and lightning. Dependent on the amount of rain, we may experience some flash flooding around the school. We ask that students come prepared with wet weather gear, especially if they walk or ride to school, and that parents take extra care at pick up and drop off as rain may decrease visibility and put our student pedestrians at risk. We ask that all drivers take extra special care during rainy weather and, regardless of the rain, that all safety signs around our school are adhered to!

PLEASE OBEY ALL PARKING SIGNS AROUND THE SCHOOL!

We know that parking can be tricky around the school, and we know that parents often just want to "duck in and quickly get their kids" – this often means that parents park illegally, putting others at risk.

Parking in the "no parking" zones, driveways and bays around the school endangers students, pedestrians and negatively impacts important services. These bays should remain free at all times so that rubbish and recycling can be collected, emergency services can access the school quickly (if required) and other school services can run smoothly. Please only park in the provided bays. Plan your trip so that you can park safely, or plan to park a little distance from the school with enough time to walk to and from your car.



40km/h school zones help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. This lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash. Unfortunately, we have received reports from parents and community members regarding drivers speeding in school zones around our school.

Ensuring the safety of the students is our highest priority. We remind parents and community that motorists must drive no faster than the reduced school zone speed limit (40km/h) through active school zones. Increased fines and demerit points apply for certain school zone offences, with illegal use of mobile phones and speeding among those included in double demerit periods.

Please also be alert on the approach to pedestrian crossings. We ask for vigilance from our parents at busy times of the day when extra pedestrians and bike riders are out, especially at the end of the school day.

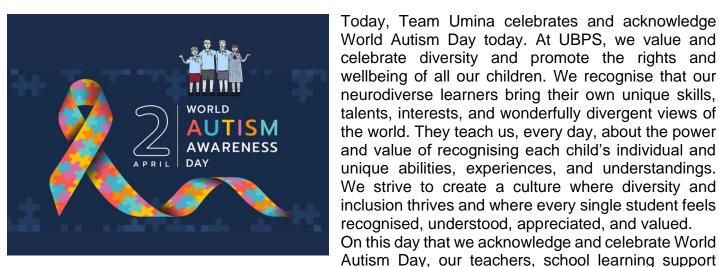


PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As of last Friday, over 365 students (that's over 60% our school) had booked parent-teacher interviews. We're delighted with the number of families who have been able to make a to meet their child's teacher and form the important positive relationships that will help their children to learn, grow and thrive this year at UBPS. We recognise that some interviews have had to be postponed or re-booked due to technical difficulties or staff illness: we apologise for any inconvenience caused to

parents and carers. If you would like to make an interview with your child's teacher, please use the parent portal to send a message or you may ring the office and request a call back.

WORLD AUTISM DAY



Today, Team Umina celebrates and acknowledge World Autism Day today. At UBPS, we value and celebrate diversity and promote the rights and wellbeing of all our children. We recognise that our neurodiverse learners bring their own unique skills, talents, interests, and wonderfully divergent views of the world. They teach us, every day, about the power and value of recognising each child's individual and unique abilities, experiences, and understandings. We strive to create a culture where diversity and inclusion thrives and where every single student feels recognised, understood, appreciated, and valued. On this day that we acknowledge and celebrate World

officers and admin team also engaged in three hours of professional learning after school, as we seek to learn more about how we can support and assist our children with additional needs and to learn how to respond to and reduce student anxiety more effectively. We're excited to share our learning with our community next term!

SPLASH-A-THON IS BACK!

The 2024 school SPLASH-A-THON is back, bigger and better than ever! We can't wait to see our students enjoying this iconic event on Friday, 12 April (the last day of Term 1, 2024). Splash-a-thon is a water-based obstacle course for all students to run, jump, climb, slide and splash around as many times as possible within an allocated time frame. There will be extra staff and P&C volunteers supporting the event and cheering students on. Parents are invited to attend and volunteer on the day. This is our P&C's biggest fundraising event of the year. In the lead up to the event, all children are required to gather financial sponsors for their participation, and all money raised goes to our P&C, who plan and run the event for the school.



WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR SPLASH-A-THON:

- Save the date Friday 12 April!
- Check your emails this afternoon for our Splash-a-thon note: please carefully read the provided information and sign the consent form so that your child can participate.
- Help your child to gather their sponsors now (sponsorship forms have gone home and spares are available from the front office)
- For sponsorship donations, use this link: https://umina-public-school-pc.square.site/product/splash-a-thon-sponsorship-2024/72?cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category_id=8
- Keep an eye out for the special "meal deal" that our P&C will be offering: families will be able to pre-order for their child to enjoy on the day of splash-a-thon.
- Register to volunteer this is our biggest event of the year, which can't happen without a huge supply of volunteers across the day. Email your interest in volunteering to Pandc2257@gmail.com

Ø Online Form - Splash a thon Add to calendar Print	
Activity Name:	Splash a thon
Date/Time:	Friday 12 April 2024 10:30am - 3:00pm
Description:	Splashathon
Venue:	Umina Beach Public School
What to wear:	Students are to come to school on the day already wearing their swimmers under their normal uniform. For the obstacle course, "rashie"/t-shirt and shorts/board shorts are to be worn. Swimwear must cover the child's shoulders, torso and upper legs (no midriffs exposed). No shoes are to be worn on the course, unless students wish to neoprene swim-shoes.
Food:	Students are asked to bring their own lunch, recess and water bottle with them in their normal school bag. P&C Meal Deal will also be available to pre-order through My School Connect App. Information will be available soon. Canteen will be closed.
What to bring:	Students are to bring a towel (and a bag for wet clothes), a hat and a water bottle. Students may wish to bring goggles. All belongings should be clearly labelled. WHAT NOT TO BRING Students are not to have any sharp objects, food, drink, gum or equipment (in pockets or on person) on the obstacle course.
Additional Information:	- Medical Disclaimer: Please note there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, zone, area, and state sport associations when deciding whether additional cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required. The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, covers any injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body.
Due Date:	Thursday 11 April 2024

INFORMATION ABOUT SPLASH-A-THON:

WHAT TO EXPECT

- * Splashathon is a large obstacle course which includes inflatables, a large slide, water obstacles and one foambased obstacle. Students will get wet whilst participating in the course.
- * The obstacle course is set in a loop with multiple fun zones. All obstacles will be carefully supervised by staff, school leaders, Challenge2Bfit staff and adult volunteers. Students will have around 20-30 minutes (age-dependent) to participate in the course. Students will be able to choose which obstacles they would like to attempt or bypass.
- * Before starting the course, students will be provided with a safety briefing and safety demonstration. All students are expected to comply with the behaviour code for students. In preparation for the event, student will participate in a PBL lesson clarifying safe behaviour expectations on the day, outlining required safe behaviour on the obstacle course. Non-compliance with safety directions may result in a short-time out or removal from the course.

REMINDERS

- * Students are to apply sunscreen prior to the event (before school). Staff will monitor UV rating on the day and provide parents with recommendations regarding sun-safe practices. Sunscreen will be available in all classrooms, at the office and at the event, for students to reapply. Students must wear a hat while assembled and waiting for their turn on the course but will be encouraged to take their hat off on the obstacle course.
- * In the case of adverse weather, the event will be cancelled. Cancellation will be dependent on weather predictions and may be made in advance, on the day, or during the event, if weather conditions require.
- * All physical events and activities include risks. The school has undertaken a stringent process to mitigate all risks associated with the Splashathon. Challenge 2B fit equipment is manufactured according to the Australian standard 3533.4.1-2005 land-borne inflatable devices. Challenge 2B fit staff are trained in accordance with Australian standard 3533.4.1-2005 land-borne inflatable devices and follow Safe Work Australia protocols on hazards and risk controls for inflatable amusement devices. For more information relating to Challenge 2B fit Obstacle events email trent@dance2b fit.com.au

Have a great week at our great school! X Mrs W

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

In 2024, 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. We remind parents that, from the start of Term 2, students will not be able to use the equipment used in in SISA sessions without parental/carer permission to participate.



P&C NEWS

Splash-a-thon! Splash-a-thon! All we can think about is Splash-a-thon!

We are just as excited as the students that this iconic event is only 10 DAYS away! And for good reason...it is the funnest day of the school year!!

Students have their blue sponsorship forms and should be having lots of fun fundraising and telling all their family and friends how amazing our school is.

Remember there are FANTASTIC prizes up for grabs!! Including surprise treats, mystery gift and lucky door prizes just for handing in your forms!

Look out for a note home soon with all the last-minute details explained. Including special Splash-a-thon lunch deals.

https://umina-public-school-pc.square.site/product/splash-a-thon-sponsorship-2024/72

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday April 10 at 9:30am – there will be snacks! Bring a friend - P&C membership is only \$1.00. Link to join following. https://umina-public-school-pc.square.site/product/umina-beach-public-school-p-c-2024-membership-fee/4

UPCOMING FOR TERM 2

Our annual *Mother's Day Stall* is scheduled for Term 2 Week 2. We love using local, hand-made and/or sustainable gifting at our stalls so if you have an idea, we'd love to hear it.

FULL FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOL MATTERS

Umina Beach Public School P&C is proudly joining the **FULL FUNDING MATTERS** campaign to ensure our governments commit to full funding for every child and every public school in NSW.

Currently 98% of Public Schools are underfunded, which equates to a funding shortfall of around \$1.8 billion for NSW in 2024 alone.

The future of funding for every public school in Australia is being decided by politicians in the next 12 months. We are asking our community to sign the petition demanding **FULL FUNDING!** Please click the link here to sign the petition and share with your network.

https://www.pandc.org.au/full-funding-for-public-schools-in-nsw-petition/?_zs=SGJdm&_zl=1CFr2

UBPS P&C recently passed the funding resolution at our AGM to demonstrate our strong commitment to this issue. Insufficient school funding leads to various challenges for our schools, and you've probably experienced at least one of them. These can include too few teachers, collapsed classes, not enough Learning Support Officers and teachers' aides, too few laptops, too few books, a lack of heat or air conditioning, and obsolete equipment. P&Cs are often asked to fundraise to fill these gaps, but education cannot be funded through sausage sizzles.

Your help is critical. We need everyone to win full and fair funding for our public schools. Be the change, sign the petition and spread the word.





CONGRATULATIONS

Wiseberry Peninsular Easter colouring competition was won by Archer in 2A with a family pass to the Sydney Royal Easter Show and Star-Serene won a family pass to Hole in Fun. Well done!



LIFE EDUCATION - HEALTHY HAROLD IS COMING SOON!

Life Education NSW is a community-based, independent organisation at the front line of positive and preventative childhood health education. Empowering young people to make informed decisions about their health, and safety is at the heart of the program.

Healthy Harold will be visiting Umina Beach Public School on Monday 6 May and staying until Friday 10 May. During this week all Kindergarten, Year 1, 3 and 5 will visit the van.

Permission slips and more information will be emailed to parents soon. The cost this year is \$12.00.



COULD YOU USE AN EXTRA \$500 TOWARDS SCHOOL COSTS IN 2025?

The Saver Plus Program is about boosting financial skills, to develop (and keep) good savings habits.

You can put money towards education expenses including:

- · Computers, laptops, and tablets
- · Books, uniforms & shoes
- Sports & music, camps, excursions, and more...

If you save up to \$50.00 a month for 10 months, Saver Plus will double it. \$500.00 saved + \$500.00 matched = \$1000.00 (in 10 months).

Visit www.saverplus.org.au for more details.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Umina Beach Public School P&C are extremely excited to announce that our major fundraiser for the year SPLASH-A-THON will held on the last day of Term One, Friday 12th April.

This iconic school community event has been running at UBPS for over 30 years, and if your kids (or you) remember participating in one you'll understand the hype and excitement of this event – the funnest day of the school year!

What is SPLASH-A-THON? It is a water-based inflatable obstacle course where all students run, jump, climb, slide and splash around as many times as possible within their allocated time. Parents and carers line the course to watch and cheer everyone on, and you are also more than welcome to volunteer on the day.

In the lead up to the event students are asked to gather financial sponsors for their participation, and all money raised goes to our P&C to invest straight back into our wonderful school. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs for children and classes who raise the most money, including lucky door prizes just for returning your completed sponsorship forms!

A sponsorship form is coming home in school bags this week, and you can grab and share the link to the online sponsoring page via our Facebook. Family and friends, neighbours, your work colleagues etc are a great place to start!

Return your child's sponsorship forms by Wednesday 10th April. Even if you collect sponsorship online, please return the form. All returned forms go into the draw for a special lucky door prize.

This is our biggest event of the year, which can't happen without a huge supply of volunteers in the lead up and across the day. Please email us pandc2257 @gmail.com to register your interest and get involved in the most fun day of the whole school year!

More information to come over the following weeks, so get excited, get sponsoring and get ready to be wet and go wild at this year's SPLASH-A-THON!

From your P&C team.





SAUE THE DATE!

(Friday 12 April - Last day of term)



GATHER SPONSORS!

(Share the link and QR code)



WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

(Swimmers rashie towel goggles suncream)



REGISTER AS A UOLUNTEER!

(Help us out and get wet too)



GET EXCITED!

(The most fun day of the year)



Need to get in touch? Email pandc2257@gmail.com



SCAN TO SPONSOR

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Umina Beach Public School

Community update | 20 March 2024

Dear parents, carers and staff,

This is an update on the work to date to manage known asbestos in the ground at Umina Beach Public School through the school's site-specific asbestos management plan.

All previously fenced off outdoor areas are back in use by the school

As advised in (Work Notification – 7 December 2023), over the school holiday period extra geofabric was applied to the fenced off areas of the northern and southern ovals under the advice of the independent hygienist. These areas also had new topsoil and turf installed over the top of this geofabric.

We also applied fresh mulch to garden beds and new grass to the northern oval, as well as installing areas with concrete, synthetic grass, fresh mulch, and new grass to the southern oval. The sandpit was also replaced with fresh sand.

These areas were cleared by the independent hygienist to be reopened for use for Term 1 2024 and temporary fencing was removed.

All work has been done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work was completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Ongoing management

The site-specific asbestos management plan has been updated. We will continue to regularly inspect and maintain the grounds as per the protocols within this plan, to ensure play spaces at Umina Beach Public School areas remain open and suitable for use.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and local community is our highest priority, and we will continue to keep the community updated.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact us on the details below.

School Infrastructure NSW

Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 1300 482 651

www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au





Congratulations to our



Kindy

KH Scarlet
Callan
Macey
Evie
Hunter
Byron
Felix

Stage 1

2B Henry
Arlo
Willa
1C Ruby
Cressida
Elsie
Oliver
Lachie
Loretta
Luca
Hazel
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