

USC NEWS



COME AS YOU ARE, LEAVE US GREAT!

Welcome everyone, to another year at Upper Sandy Creek PS. This term shapes to be another big one with many things happening for our students. I would like to thank all the people who came up and helped out moving, pruning, assembling and gardening over the break. The help is very much appreciated and our school is looking amazing.



We have a wall! After my return to school in early January after a great holiday to NZ, a decision was made to postpone the planned office move to the Art room and instead build a wall.

After many sleepless nights, pondering if the right decision was made, the wall was up and ready for the 2 classrooms to be prepared. I have to say, having the wall has achieved the desired effect of minimising the noise level, but in an ironic twist, has create more space for each classroom! Should have thought of this earlier.....

This year we have 4 new foundations students. We welcome Billy, Cruize, Lucy and Lexie to our ranks. They have settled in amazingly well. It is like they have been here already!!

We also have 3 year six leaders at our school for the year. Yasmin, Brandon and Lachie will be developing thier leaderships skills, working with younger students and leading the school through various activities through the year. The shirt designs they chose look amazing.



This year we also welcome 2 new staff to our ranks. We have Deanne Holloway returning, teaching Thursday and Friday. She will be working with the foundation students in reading as well as teaching numeracy in the P-2 and music and gardening across the whole school. We also welcome Kelly Rutherford coming on Tuesdays. Kelly will be taking the students for Health and wellbeing as well as working with the year 3-6 students in Numeracy and Literacy. We are really excited to have them on the team.



This Friday we are having our welcome BBQ. We are really looking forward to catching up with everyone. We are supplying a sausage in bread for everyone. Please bring your own drinks and salad if you want. We are kicking off at 4.30pm.

Next Friday the 10th is the swimming sports for 3-6 students. We are holding the event at the Tallangatta Pool. The event kicks off at 10.00am so parent should aim to have the kids at the pool by 9.45am. If you are having trouble arranging transport, please contact the school.

This term the year 5/6 students will be travelling to Canberra with our cluster schools for camp. With this newsletter is some information and forms regarding the camp. The dates are Wed 15th March to Friday the 17th. If you have any questions regarding camp, please contact the school.

The proposed cluster day for Tuesday 14th February has been postponed. We are working towards a later date in this term.

Have a great week!



NEWS FROM THE CLASS

Year F/1/2

It has been so great to have all the students back for another wonderful year of learning! I hope all families had a joyous festive season and relaxing holiday.

Welcome to our new 2023 Foundation students: Billy, Lexie, Cruize and Lucy.

Although our week was short to start off with, we have already seen some amazing learning from our students. We have set up our new books ready for the term and started formal lessons straight away. We introduced the students to the new routines and expectations and students have taken to these wonderfully.

Home reading has started again, with all students receiving new home reading journals to be filled in; with the expectation of home reading to be completed most nights.

We welcome back Deanne Holloway to our classroom this year. Deanne will be taking some students for reading and maths and all students for Music and Gardening.

We are looking forward to another great year of learning.

Kind Regards,
Shelby & Deanne

Year 3/4/5/6

Welcome back for another great year of learning. Everyone has started the year with enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces rushing through the doors, keen to tell their tales of the holidays. A special welcome to our Grade 3's that have joined the senior class: Axel, Eddie, Jack, Megan, Remi. It has also been wonderful to have Kelly join the team on Tuesday's and Deanne on Thursday's and Friday's.

Home reading will continue for the Grade 3's to maintain a sense of routine. We will also look to start a small amount of homework for the Grade 5's and 6's each week. This is to help establish some habits that will be of benefit in their future years.

Looking forward to a great Term 1. Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything.

Regards.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Student of the week continues to be well received by the students as they are all striving to be the one chosen for the award each week. Here are last week's winners!

Tameka—for being an outstanding leader and support to our new Grade 3's as well as showing strong commitment to her learning.



Lucy - For her great efforts in class. Lucy has been a great friend to others. What a fantastic start to Prep!

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WHATS ON

Don't forget to check in with the calendar on the uEducateus app to see what is happening this term.

FEBRUARY

- Fri 3rd Welcome BBQ
- Mon 6th MARC
- Tue 7th MARC
- Wed 8th Prep rest day
- Fri 10th NERSSA Swimming Carnival 3-6
- Tue 14th CLUSTER DAY—BETHANGA PS
- Mon 20th Fundraising Committee Meeting 10.00am
- Tue 21st School Council Meeting 4.30-6.00
- Mon 27th—Fri3rd
Swimming Program P-6
Wodonga Leisure Center**

BENEFITS OF HOME READING

Why read 20mins at home?

Student A

- * 20 minutes of reading a day
- * 3600 minutes per school year
- * 1800000 words per year
- * scores in the top 10% in standardized tests



Student B

- * 5 minutes of reading a day
- * 900 minutes per school year
- * 282000 words per year
- * scores average 50% in standardized tests



Student C

- * 1 minute of reading a day
- * 180 minutes per school year
- * 8000 words per year
- * scores in the bottom 10% in standardized tests



If a child starts reading 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of year 8, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

Want to be a better reader? GOOD! START READING!!!