Our LMA and MMA teachers will be at Kenmore State School for their meeting.

Student Support Plans
As mentioned in an email to you all yesterday, Individual Student Plans (ISPs) have been sent home this afternoon in a sealed envelope for those applicable. It is important to note that these are watermarked as ‘Confidential – Draft’ and as such, parents have the opportunity to make suggestions and offer amendments. They are also documents that are private for each individual child and have specific information pertaining to your child and situation.

Teachers will be addressing the contents of these reports with you at Parent-Teacher Interviews in weeks 9 and 10 of this term. For those of you who need clarification prior to that, please contact your child’s teacher.

Each plan has been created using a feedback loop of the classroom teacher, myself and the Teacher Aide who works most frequently with your child. Whilst every care has been taken to create a plan appropriate for your child, situations may have changed that we may not be aware of as a school. Please communicate any changes that may affect the plan to your child’s teacher.

2015 P&C Executive
Congratulations to the newly elected P&C Executive for 2015. I look forward to working collaboratively with you on tasks this year to ensure you can be successful in your duty to improve resources to support student outcomes within the school.

Parents are encouraged to attend P&C meetings to remain informed of school happenings and to be involved in the planning, organisation and execution of events. Thanks to all who attended last Friday afternoon. The next meeting is scheduled for the 29th of March at 6.30pm in the school library.

Date Claimers:
- 18 March—Wednesday—Homework Summit 6:30pm
- 25 March—Wednesday—Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 1 March—Wednesday—APEX Gala Day
- 1 March—Wednesday—Parent/Teacher Meetings

Other:
- 27 March—Friday—Fire Ant Talk & Presentation
- 2 April—Thursday—Term 1 Ends
- 3 April—Friday—Good Friday Public Holiday
- 6 April—Monday—Easter Monday
- 20 April—Monday—Term 2 Resumes
Music Notes – GCEA! (Green Crocs Eat Ants!)
Hi everyone! We are having fun in music for 2015! You may have heard around school or home that... Green Crocs Eat Ants! (Sounds even funnier when the students sing it at the correct pitch – these words help us learn the names of the strings on the Ukulele! GCEA.

Unlike the guitar, where the strings sound lowest to highest, the uke has a higher string (G) closest to your chin, then moves to middle C (lower), E and then the highest string A is closest to your knee. (Can be confusing for guitar players at first!)

Years 5/6 have been learning to read and play short melodies to pluck on the ukulele strings and some chords to strum while singing along. We have heard some brand new verses to “Row, Row, Row your Uke” being strummed (C chord) and performed. More to come... (We may also add in some recorder playing while doing melody work with the 5/6 class).

Years 3/4 have learnt their first chord (red C chord) on our ukuleles, too! (It is great to have a class set of ukuleles now – and Mr T has been running ukulele club on Monday lunchtimes.)

With Mr T in the house (Year 3/4 room) there has been plenty of guitar and uke strumming going on! Thanks to Mr Hill for helping us expand our school ukulele collection so we now have one instrument per child to strum along!

Looking forward to more singing, playing with all our students – and some fun ways to learn music, especially with our new Preps and their classmates in Prep/1/2. Our younger students enjoyed making kangaroo finger puppets to use for our rhyme: “There was a little kangaroo, always on the jump! Because he never looked ahead, he always went...BUMP!” (This is a great knee bounce, too!)

Class Music is every Friday with Mrs Alison Pomerenke and instrumental music (orchestral strings: cello or violin) on Tuesdays with Miss Jennifer Hemmings. Strings have had great interest this year too!

Happy music making!

Alison Pomerenke

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Volunteers Needed:

We are after volunteers at our school! Mrs Mullane and Mrs Cadman need willing parents to come in the mornings to help with groups! If you have a small amount of time to spare one morning a week please pop into the classroom!

A volunteer is also needed to help run Book Club. At the moment we have no volunteers to distribute and collect the orders so Book Club is unable to commence. If you can help please see Nikki in the office.

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Principal’s Award:
Rogan—Excellent Nurturing his own nest, working hard to be an active & learning class member.

Student of the Week:

LMA MMA UMA Science Music
Benni Ashton Will Erin Maeve

Merit:

LMA MMA UMA Science Music
Eden Harry L Nate Mitchell
They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Here are some photos to show how staff are supporting UBSS students to write a thousand words.

Class teachers, specialist teachers and teacher aides all play a part in supporting student’s literacy: individually; year level groups; ability groups and whole class.