For the fortnight ending Wednesday 24 June 2015 Week 10 Term 2

Principal Messages

Happy Holidays
The end of semester is upon us once more. This has certainly been a hectic six months with lots happening around the school and local community. We’ve had some Moots, a disco, a 60s dress-up day (technically that’s Friday), Aker the fire ant tracker dropped in, some Auskick clinics, the completion of the UBSS mural wall, the launch of Netflix (seemed to be a big hit around our staffroom apparently) and many other things to car-boot*. We even had some new arrivals only last week. The staff and P and C would like to welcome the Fife family to the school after joining us from India, via Scotland and America. Welcome Fifes! We also look forward to rolling out the welcome mat to some other new faces coming in next term as well.

In all, it’s been a pretty busy semester. With camp, excursions to PEEC, end-of-year concert and senior graduation all still to come (to name but a few), it might be a good time for everyone to catch their breath and have a holiday. On behalf of the staff, I’d like to thank each and every parent and child of our school for making the semester so enjoyable. Have a lovely winter break and we’ll see you safe and well in a few weeks’ time.

*In case you haven’t heard yet the P and C are running a car boot sale here at school early next term. See Oliver de Nicolai if you’re interested.

UBSS Wall Mural
A huge thank-you must go to the amazingly talented Mercedes Walter for painting the mural on the formerly drab besser block wall. Mercedes brought to life the inspired designs of our students and has created a truly unique slice of UBSS for us to enjoy for years to come. The wall looks fantastic and is a joy to have in our school. I’m sure I speak for everyone in our school community when I say thank-you Mercedes…. and as she has told me many times this week …. Phoebe too.

Staffing Changes
It is with great sadness that we bid bon voyage to the amazing Lauren McIntyre. As many of you would by now know, Miss M is off to Barcelona to visit with Lionel Messi apparently (if grade 6 boys can be taken at their word) and also her sister. We will really miss you Lauren. Thank-you for your dedication to our school and we sincerely hope to see you back at UBSS in 2016!

Lauren is so important to our school that she can’t be replaced by merely one person…. she needs three. We welcome Mrs Cadman to the role of Art specialist (whole school), Miss Ashleigh Morrisson to Support Teacher (2-6) and Miss Hannah Matthews as Support Teacher Aide (P-2). These ladies have huge shoes to fill but I’m confident they will do an amazing job.

Further details around these staffing changes will be communicated early next term.

Student Goal Setting
As mentioned in recent newsletters class teachers have created learning goals for each of their students in English, Maths and Social/Emotional learning from work completed during Semester One. You should see a clear link in your child’s report card to these goals. If you have any questions regarding the student learning or social/emotional goal setting for your child/ren please see your class teacher/s.

Date Claimers:
- 11 August—Tuesday—ICAS Maths
- 12 August—Wednesday—EKKA Public Holiday
- 23 August—Sunday—Optiminds Competition
- 1 September—Tuesday—MMA at PEEC
- 18 September—Friday—Term 3 Ends

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Report Cards
 Semester One student reports will be issued tomorrow. As with 2014, the reports will be emailed electronically to parents. Whilst every effort was made to have the reports hit your inbox today, as anticipated technology had the final say. Thanks again to all the staff who spent time putting these reports together; not a small undertaking. As usual, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Student Council Disco
 Last Friday night the Student Council held their annual disco on the newly renovated tennis court. The ‘no theme’ themed disco was lots of fun and I must congratulate the Seniors on the excellent job they did organising such a fantastic evening for everyone. The musical styling of ‘DJ Libbinator’ was Ibiza-like and the sound system set up by Scott Mullane was perfect. Apologies to the neighbours for the noise though! After costs the seniors raised nearly $100!

Tennis Court Finished
 Just in the nick of time the tennis court was finished last Friday for the disco. I’m sure you’ve noticed the refurbishments and hope that you like them as much as the kids seem to. Next week we are having a commercial cleaner come to scrub down the courts ready for repainting. In the next few weeks the court will be looking fabulous. The P and C Executive are planning to have the courts available for hire to the community early next term after their remote digital keypad lock and online booking system are up and running. Sounds impressive Oli!

Goodbye Miss B
 This Monday was the final day of Prac for Miss Emily Brouard who had been in the 2-4 class for the last six weeks. We were sad to see Emily go as she had done a wonderful job working with the kids in that class. Good luck with your studies this semester coming at ACU and we hope that we get to see you again! We thoroughly enjoyed the digital recounts you did with the kids about the First Fleet. Great job Emily!

Calculus for Kids
 In many newsletters this semester I have mentioned the maths program being undertaken by our fabulous senior students called Calculus for Kids. This week, after receiving permission from the University of Tasmania, I’ve included one of the questions these budding Einstein’s solved in our last lesson….. independently. See how you go! Solution next newsletter.

Q1. The Golden Gate Bridge is suspended between two towers that are 1280 metres apart. The top of each tower is 152 metres above the roadway. The cables touch the roadway at the midpoint between the towers.

Determine an equation that models the cables of the bridge. Plot this curve on Maple.
Greeting UBSS Community

End of term already! I’m sure Ross would have said the same, towards the top of this newsletter! To get us ready for next term we have some exciting news coming up.

MOOT

Our seniors Billy and Emily are preparing for the next Moot, which will be on Friday July 24. To explain further; seniors have the opportunity to coordinate Moots, just like Mil and Will did at the last one. The process is that seniors need to buddy with at least another senior and have the assistance of their parents. They then need to prepare a presentation to the Principal and members of the P&C that explains how they will coordinate the Moot from, the theme, food, preparation, collecting money, entertainment and cleaning. We are looking forward to Billy and Emily’s presentation on week one.

I am led to believe, and I may be incorrect, but it could be a Greek night! I hope so!

Mill and Will have provided some photos and a letter for you below concerning the last MOOT. Well done!

WORKING BEE

A reminder that the next Working Bee will be on Sunday July 26 between 1430 and 1630. A sausage sizzle will be on as well. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please put your details on the P&C board. If you wish to discuss suggestions, please have a chat to our awesome Mark Kent who is our Working Bee Coordinator.

Trash N Treasure

On Sunday August 2, between 0700 (Sellers) 0800 ( Buyers) until 1200, we be having a Trash N Treasure morning at the UBSS grounds. Sellers will bring their own tables at 0700 and set up and the cost is $20. Buyers can enter at 0800 with a gold coin donation.

Carolyn Nowicki has created some wonderful flyers and information sheets and these will be printed soon. If you would like to grab some flyers and do a letter box drop in your area, or post it at a business, please see Carolyn. Carolyn will also be coordinating UBSS stalls, so if you would like to make baked goods etc or have some ideas, please see Carolyn.

This event will be very exciting and I hope you can either assist or come along and be a seller or a buyer.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be on Monday July 27 UBSS Library at 1830. At this meeting we will be having a brainstorming session as to what areas of the school may need resources, development or fixing up. This is an ideal opportunity to bring your ideas along.

Some suggestions already…

- Large water tank on top oval to mitigate any dry season.
- Water tank at shed.
- Robust soccer goals for the top oval.
- Lights for tennis court.
- I am sure you have a lot more.
- Have a fantabulous and safe term break!

Oliver (Ollie) de Nicolai
P&C President
Wow everyone had a Hoot at the Mexican MOOT!

What an amazing success it was thanks to SO many amazing people.

Firstly we would like to thank all the students, teachers and parents at school for their support whether it be for buying and donating ingredients, cooking, serving, cleaning, setting up or entertaining. Everyone was so encouraging and supportive and the Moot was such a success because the school community all pulled together and supported us so well. A big thank-you also to the hall and Upper Brooky community who make this all possible for us to learn how to run such a big event.

Mr T has to be congratulated and thanked for his spectacular Mexican performances along with his students. This made the night so fun, exciting and the mood was just on-fire in the hall thanks to his merry magical music…..the happy mood was contagious-ask Mrs Cadman!! MUCHAS GRACIOUS!!!

We also had a lot of support for our raffle on the night from many businesses and would like to thank Sherwood Organic Meats (thanks Greg and Amy), Wrays Organics, Brooky Shop, Brooky Produce, Sports First Kenmore and Trevor Roberts and Assoc (thanks Tessa and Edwin) for all their generous donations.

Finally a very special thanks to our Dad’s who took the Friday off work to help us (We think your amazing in the kitchen and should do more fabulous cooking at home J) and to Tessa + Libby for their guidance.

We learnt so much and had SO much fun!!! Thank you again for helping us run our very first Moot.

From Will and Mill