For the fortnight ending Wednesday 29 July 2015 Week 3 Term 3

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MOOT SUCCESS
The moot last Friday night was a roaring success. Congratulations to the families of Emily and Billy who contributed their time, energy and finances to make the evening so productive for the P and C coffers and the school community in general. Craig McAlister summed it up so poignantly on the night when he declared that having been part of the evening he believed ‘the UBSS community has something very special in the moot’. Here, Here, Mr McAlister!

SPORTING SCHOOLS
It is with great delight that I can inform the school community that the much patronised and loved after school sports program is back for term 3! We were unable to continue this in semester one as the funding for the entire nation-wide program was stopped. We are extremely pleased that the Australian Sports Commission has been able to secure funding for many schools to recommence the program this term.
As this has only become effective as of late last week, I am unable to confirm the exact details of the sports on offer this term or even the days. At this stage I was keen to give parents advance warning of the program so that you can keep your afternoons as free as possible. We will be looking at various options including dance that proved so popular last year. I would expect further details to be announced next week.

BABY JOY ... or RUPERT?
Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Comiskey on the arrival of their first child last on the 16th of July. Baby Rupert Francis and his mum are doing fine; dad too! I’m sure I can speak for the entire UBSS community when I say congratulations and enjoy the experience of parenthood. May the young lad eat many handfuls of beautiful red and black dirt just like his parents had the chance to! Good luck kids!

MOOT
Well, that was one MOOT full of awesomeness and amazingness. For those that went along, you would have to agree that the food and atmosphere were fantabulous.

What was also great was the sense of community that pulled together because the hall oven decided it did not want to work. Parents raced into the hall and grabbed what they could to cook veggies etc at their own homes.

Tracey, Alix, Billy and Emily did an amazing job coordinating this Moot. A big thanks also goes to Craig and Tracey who donated all the tasty meat as well as the Raffle prizes which included a Go Pro which Claire Welshe won, some nice rum which Ms Annette won. There were other great prizes that I can’t remember, and a Blue dance dress which I didn’t win! Most of you would have seen my disappointment.

As usual, our great people donated food and their time in the kitchen and setting up.

All of this help and donations helps the P&C raise more money that we can put into UBSS.

For the next Moot, I understand that Joe and Mika would like to be the senior coordinators and information received so far indicates that it will be a Pasta (non Italian) night. This will be held on August 28. So start telling your friends. If you didn’t attend the Moot last Friday, then you are missing out on a great community evening.

Working Bee
A lot of gardening work was carried out on Sunday with some fixing up done by Mark Kent. Big thank you to Mark Kent, Annette Jones, Damian Welshe, Kristina de Nicolai, Ross Hill and all the kids.

Trash and Treasure
As per Ross’s email yesterday. Just a reminder we have our Trash and Treasure on Sunday August 2 at 0800 to 1200. Sellers need to be at the school at 0700 to set up. $20 a table. so if you have something to sell or wish to help out on the P&C stalls with donations etc, please contact Carolyn Nowicki 3374 4455 and/or put your name on the P&C board.

I also need a bit of help from 1 or 2 people to help me direct sellers to their areas and give them a bit of a hand setting up. Also a person at the gate to collect money from buyers and sellers would be fantabulous. Volunteers should rock up by 0700.
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496 UPPER BROOKFIELD RD

Sunday 2nd August
8:00am - 12:00pm

SOLD YOUR STUFF HERE
VALUABLE TRASH + LOCAL PRODUCE

BUYERS: Entry from 8am - Gold Coin Donation
SELLERS: Setup 7am; $20/table (no vehicles in school)

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