Principal Messages

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
As per this time of term, I’m normally writing about how quickly it seems the term has gone by, and today it seems no different. Eight weeks have past and we find ourselves again in the midst of parent Teacher Interviews, assessments and end-of-term tasks. This year really does seem to have gone fast and with only 11 and-a-half weeks of the school year remaining there seems to be not enough time to fit everything in. Next term we have school camp, Senior Graduation, Seniors Dinner, School Christmas concert and of course, for our wonderful teachers ….. report cards! So much to do, so little time.

On behalf of the UBSS staff I wish all of our school community a happy and restful holidays. Enjoy the time you have with your family.

MOVIE NIGHT
A huge thank-you to the Student Representative Council for organising the Movie Night last Friday. The turnout was excellent; about 40 kids plus several parents and 8 staff members. It was an excellent night of fun with lots of wonderful costumes, a family-favourite animation and lots of yummy food. Thank-you to Mr T and Mr Bowser for their excellent BBQ skills on the sausage sizzle and our wonderful teachers and aides on the set-up and popcorn making. In all, it was a relaxed and lovely evening. The SRC raised a total of $145. Well done!

ITALIAN MOOT
The Italian Moot was a huge success a fortnight ago. It was a lovely atmosphere that Mrs Mullane, Michelle Waris and their team of helpers created in the hall. There were times during my meal with Mr T that I felt as though I was back in Torino. The food was excellent and the lighting engineered by Vesa Waris added that extra touch that really transformed the hall. Thank you all for your efforts and congratulations on raising such a sizeable sum for the P and C.

PRINCIPAL’S SYMPOSIUM
On Monday I had the pleasure of attending the annual Principal’s Symposium at the Exhibition Centre. The event brings together all of the Principal’s from the Metropolitan Region, of which we are part, to discuss current trends, issues and gain a deeper insight into the strategic direction of the Region.

The focus this year was the continuation of the Department’s strategic initiative of inter-school collaboration. This has been achieved and implemented by many schools, in many ways during 2015. For UBSS, this has been joining the KAOS schools to work collaboratively on moderation of English tasks, sharing of resources and PD, and inter-school strategic planning. Already, there is impetus for from our staff to continue this process and engage in a similar model with several of our small school cousins to target multi-age teaching pedagogy and planning together.

Date Claimers:
9 September—Wednesday—Parent/Teacher
12 September—Saturday—Singing at B'field Market
16 September—Wednesday—Book Week Dress Up
5 October—Monday—Labor Day Public Holiday
6 October—Tuesday—Term 4 Begins
7 October—Wednesday—Years 2—6 To Camp
18 September—Wednesday—Book Week Dress Up
18 September—Friday—Term 3 Ends
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**UNITING CHURCH FETE**
Saturday 12th of September sees the annual Uniting Church Fete performances from our students. As usual, Mrs Pomerenke; our wonderful music teacher, has spent weeks preparing the students for their performances and we’re all looking forward to seeing them on stage. Good luck to our singers! A note with further details will be coming home this week.

**CAMP NEWS**
Camp is just over a month away! The final payment date is also fast approaching (14th September). Thank you to those parents who have already paid or informed the school that their child is not attending. Attached to the last newsletter was the camp information and forms again for those who were requesting additional information or new forms. A camp meeting for students will be held early next week. Parents who require additional information should contact Mrs Mensforth in the office. Those facing financial hardship and require extra time to finalise their payments are urged to contact myself immediately to enter into a payment plan prior to the due date passing.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
For those who are reading today’s newsletter and realising that they have missed out on an interview please jump online and book a place for next week. An email from Mrs Mensforth with the details was sent home several weeks ago and will be in your inbox somewhere. Teachers have been preparing their parent information sheet to keep you informed about your child and their progress to this point of the year and will present these at your interview. Thanks to the teachers who have spent considerable time preparing these sheets and giving up their family time to be here tonight and next Wednesday. I sincerely appreciate your efforts.

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**Book Week is Coming!**
On Wednesday the 16th of September we invite all students (and staff... even parents if they want to!) to come along dressed up as their favourite book character! We will have a “Book Parade” at 9am to show off all the fancy dress.

Looking forward to a great day with wonderful costumes!

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**Music Notes**

*Upper Brookfield students singing at the Markets – this Sat 12th Sept*

Our students have been practicing their songs for the annual Brookfield Uniting Church Country Markets, this Sat 12th Sept. We need to gather outside the Vets at 9:45am, ready to perform on stage in the hall at 10am sharp!! Please wear school uniform and appropriate footwear.

LMA – are having so much fun with their song “Lollipop” – we will finish making our lollipop props this Friday in music.

**MMA and UMA** are joining forces this year - as quite a number of students from both classes can’t make it to perform on the day. Both classes have been working on a favourite song “Rattlin’ Bog.” This is a cumulative song, which requires plenty of breath and lots of concentration to recall the verses in order (at a cracking pace!)

UBSS students have been singing at the markets for many years...it’s always an enjoyable morning! Keep practicing the words everyone! Thank you!! **Mrs Pomerenke**
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