

2021  
NEWSLETTER*Developing life long learners...*

TERM 1 , WEEK 5

**THANK YOU TO UPPER BROOKFIELD HALL!!**

Thank you so much to the Upper Brookfield Hall for the donations from your bottle and can recycling! We are grateful for the \$300 this year and \$200 last year for the donations to our P&C!

**HATS**

Congratulations UBSS! It has been great to see wide brimmed hats on everyone out at play in the school grounds. Thank you parents and caregivers for your support of this change. Students without a wide brimmed hat will now be asked to play under the tennis court shed during playtimes.

*Message from the Principal*

Welcome to our newsletter for week 5! It is hard to believe that we are now half way through the first term of the 2021 school year. Over the next two to three weeks most students will start to work towards their first assessments of learning for term 1, which makes the next few weeks of school very important for student learning.

**ATTENDANCE**

Last year, understandably, our overall attendance rate for students was lower than usual. This year the messaging regarding illness remains the same, if your child is not well then we encourage you to keep them at home. Please remember to contact the school via the app, email ([absences@upperbrookfieldss.eq.edu.au](mailto:absences@upperbrookfieldss.eq.edu.au)) or phone if your child is away from school from any reason. By law, we are obligated to attempt to make contact with anyone who has not notified us of a student absence on the same day that the student is away.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

At the P & C meeting this coming Tuesday afternoon I will be presenting a couple of options for discussion regarding Instrumental Music at UBSS. Last year the department reallocated Ms Jen Hemming's to other schools, ending her 20 years of teaching violin and cello at UBSS. We miss this service and while it does not look likely that it will be reinstated, the department has presented an option for consideration.

**Nurture the Nest**

How well do you know the Nurture the Nest model? Most of us at UBSS can tell us that the three parts of the nesting model are Nurture Self, Nurture Others and Nurture the Environment. This week's is on Nurture Self and the detail is on applying yourself and putting in your best effort. We encourage you to talk about this with your child at home and use the same language.

**P & C news**

General Meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 3.00 pm at the school house

Working Bee – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March – details to follow

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3:00 pm at the school house.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

The Falcons class (Year 4-6) will be attending Interschool Sports on Friday afternoons starting in week 7. Due to our school size we field a team in one sport in Term 1 – soccer. We encourage everyone to be involved in Interschool Sport for the following reasons;

1. We do not have many opportunities to participate and develop our abilities to work as a whole team. Team sports help foster and build positive relationships within the team.
2. Support and encouragement of others is a fundamental part of UBSS and how we nurture others – interschool sport helps us to foster this with our classmates.
3. UBSS is well known for being a team of good sports people –we encourage and expect our students to uphold this standard when competing with other schools.

Wide brimmed hats, lunch and water bottles will be required for students to attend. The school supplies shin pads for students that do have any, long socks are recommended but not compulsory.

Boots are optional, if you own some then you are welcome to wear them. Most of all we want students to enjoy themselves and experience something new.

## NAPLAN 2021

Year 3 and Year 5 will sit NAPLAN this year. The national testing will take place this year between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May. This year UBSS will be completing the NAPLAN tests online. Why online? The online tests offer students a tailored test that adapts the difficulty of items and questions to how well they are progressing. The first day of testing will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at UBSS with Year 3 sitting the writing task (on paper) and the Year 5 students sitting the writing task online.

We will provide more information in newsletters between now and the NAPLAN tests. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, questions about what adjustments can be made or would like to consider withdrawing your child from the tests, please approach Mr Mac or an email.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

### TERM ONE

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 1/3-5/3		P&C General Meeting			
7 8/3-12/3					Interschool sports
8 15/3-19/3					Interschool sports Working Bee 20 <sup>th</sup>
9 22/3-26/3		P&C Annual General Meeting	Cross Country		Interschool sports
10 29/3-2/4			Parent Teacher Interviews		Good Friday

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## Upper Brookfield SS

**FIRST SESSION** | Monday March 8th

**TIME** | 11:00am - 11:45am (first break)

**DURATION** | 4 Weeks

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