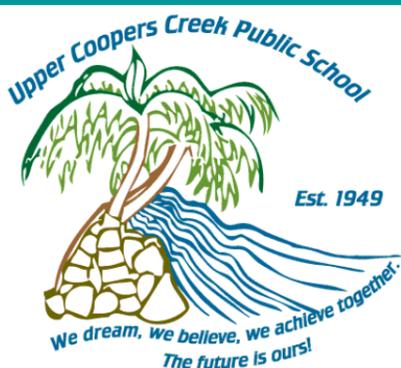


Upper Coopers Creek Newsletter Public School



Term 2 Week 1

Thursday 27 April 2023



Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to another fun term at UCC! It was so wonderful to welcome the children back yesterday and to hear their reasons for loving their school!

Cross Country: The First North Cross Country Carnival is on again at Clunes PS next Friday May 6. At UCC we are all about having a go and so we hope all children will come along to be part of the day. Travel is by private transport and we would love to see families there, cheering on the kids. Rosebank P&C will be running a canteen on the day. Please complete and return the attached permission note as soon as possible.

In the classroom: Nicky has been unwell this week, but the children have had a fun beginning to the term working with Angela. After enjoying the book "Lost and Found", the children were keen to discover more about Antarctica. Naturally this led to an in-depth investigation about penguins. The students had great fun learning interesting facts and new vocabulary and creating fabulous writing and drawings. We were also very happy to welcome back Nash from Byron Bay Basketball. Nash will be finishing off the basketball lessons that had to be postponed at the end of last term.

Dates To Remember

Mon	1 May	Milkshake and muffin Monday!
Fri	5 May	First North Cross Country @ Clunes PS

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James
8 Years Old
Venus
10 Years Old



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End of Term 1 Fun: We have included some photos today of our excursions at the end of last term. The children had an amazing visit to Rocky Creek Dam as a reward for their incredible attendance. We had a great time sharing a BBQ, hunting for Easter eggs, playing on the play equipment and exploring the area. We also loved joining Goonengerry PS on the final day of the term for Harmony Week celebrations. The children enjoyed playing with old and new friends and it was wonderful when the two schools joined to sing the songs they had learned with Alice. Thanks Goonengerry!

External Validation: This year, Upper Coopers Creek PS was selected as part of a group of schools nominated to participate in the external validation process. External validation is an opportunity to reflect on our teaching and learning and to celebrate the wonderful things that happen at Upper Coopers Creek. Last term we self-assessed our performance against the Schools Excellence Framework and submitted evidence and analysis of our achievements. Today the school met with the validation panel and this submission was considered.

We are very proud of the achievements of our school, and our accomplishments were enthusiastically acknowledged by the panel who asserted that in a number of areas, we are performing at a higher level than self-assessed. The panel was particularly complimentary about our collaborative and caring school culture. Thank you to all our staff, students and families for helping to create this exceptional culture and for making our school such a special place.

Element name	School Assessment	EV Assessment
● Learning Culture	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Wellbeing	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
● Curriculum	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Assessment	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Reporting	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
● Student performance measures	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Effective classroom practice	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Data skills and use	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Professional standards	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● Learning and development	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
● Educational leadership	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
● School planning, implementation and reporting	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing
● School resources	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
● Management practices and processes	Sustaining and Growing	Sustaining and Growing



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