Dates To Remember

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| Monday 8 February               | Year 2 Swimming, commences Mondays & Fridays until 26 February |
| Wednesday 17 February           | District Swimming Carnival                                    |
| Friday 19 February              | Free Dress Day - Naomi sponsorship                            |
| Monday 22 February              | Year 5 Living History                                         |
| Wednesday 24 February           | Year 6 Living History                                         |
| Friday 26 February              | 9.00am Student Leader's Induction Ceremony                    |
| Saturday 5 March                | Undurbazar!!! (Fete)                                          |

Principal News
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Now that we have settled into the routine of school for 2016, it is important to reflect on the importance of students attending on every school day. At Undurba State School, we provide quality learning experiences for each student on every school day. For your child to engage in these important learning opportunities, they need to be at school EVERY DAY. Every day counts. Why is regular attendance at school important? Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day. Research has shown that students who attend regularly:

• learn better, and achieve higher academic results,
• make and maintain friendships,
• are happier, and
• have a brighter future.

Further, if your child is away, it is policy that we record the reason for the student’s absence. A phone call to the office, email or a short note of explanation to your child’s teacher will ensure that no “unexplained” absences appear on your child’s record. It also helps us keep your child safe if we know that you are aware of any absence. Our target is to improve our school attendance in 2016 to 94% (in 2015 it was 93%) and to have zero unexplained absences. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information:

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

Drop Off Zone

Please remember that the drop off zone at the front of the school is only for this purpose. Students are to exit the car and walk directly into school via the front gate. Parents / carers dropping off children are not to park and leave their vehicle in this area. Our local police officers regularly patrol this area for non-compliance and will issue infringement notices. Thank you for ensuring this zone supports all our busy parents who need a convenient and safe place to drop off their children.

Lunch Time Clubs

One of the ways we encourage students to LOVE coming to school and to have fun learning new skills with friends, is our lunch time club initiative. At first break every day, one of our dedicated teachers run a ‘club’ in a particular interest area. These include activities such as craft, dance, aerobics, games and sports just to name a few. These clubs also support students who need guidance and support to initiate or join a play time activity, or to interact in the playground and make new friends.

As always, if you would like to chat with me about any aspect of our school community, feel free to email me or make a time via the office to meet with me or one of our office team.

Camp Fun
As I mentioned last week, I was privileged to spend 3 days away with the year 6 teachers and students on their annual camp at Mt Tamborine. The students were an absolute credit to our school and their parents and everyone had a fantastic time. I will leave you this week with some more snapshots of the fun and learning.

Have a fantastic week,

Kylie Smith

From The Deputies

FREE DRESS DAY FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

The money raised is for Naomi, the student we support who lives in Tanzania. The students at Undurba raise money each year to sponsor her so that Naomi can gain an education. This money pays for her school uniform, 2 meals a day for a year and her school fees.

Each day the students at Naomi’s school are served porridge cooked by the teachers on an open fire. The school library has very few books, so different to Undurba’s Library. Yet, Naomi is doing very well and is now in High School. She hopes to become a teacher.

Gold coin donation for Free Day.

Children must have their hats, closed in flat joggers/shoes, long hair tied back, shoulders covered, no mid-riff tops. Clothing must not have inappropriate wording. Please be sun safe.

ADVANCE NOTICE: CLASS & STUDENT PHOTOS

These are scheduled for Thursday 10th and Monday 14th March. Individual and sibling portraits are also available.

Order envelopes will be sent home shortly. You will be able to order online and therefore not need to return the envelope to school on Photo Day.

A schedule will also be published then.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING – TERM 1

Just a reminder to follow-up from the notice sent home on Monday- For this week only, lessons scheduled for Friday will now take place on Thursday- the same times apply.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Lessons have commenced and the timetable has been published. We welcome new participants to our vibrant and successful program.

THANK YOU

Your support and enthusiasm in participating in the beginning of year activities is encouraging.

Particularly, thank you for your patience with parking and traffic movement.

TUCKSHOP ORDERS

You may do this online as an alternative – make sure you have updated your child’s class from last year. (Please note, Prep do not access tuckshop until Semester 2.)

David Best, Deputy Principal

Music News

Ensembles are in full swing now…make sure you know where you scheduled time is.

Just a reminder about who are Music Specialist Teachers are…..

Mrs Rebecca Foat – teaches Year 6, 5, and 4.

Mrs Rachel Close – teaches Year 4, 3, 2 and 1

Ms Anne-Maree Gibson – teaches Year 3 and Prep

Mr Wes Flanagan – teaches Brass and Woodwind on Monday

Miss Jenni Thomson – teaches Strings on Wednesday Morning and all day Thursday.

Mr Bruce Hamlin – teaches Percussion on Friday Morning

If you need to speak with any of us please feel free to make an appointment through the office.

Upcoming Events

Please check this each week to ensure details have not changed. We will endeavour to give you as much notice of events as possible. If your child is unable to attend a performance/event please contact the teacher in charge and advise them.

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<td>Saturday 5th March</td>
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Please note: Undurbazar is the school fete here on school groups. As this is outside of school times parents will be responsible for their children. Please make sure you attend the performance and collect your child immediately after they have finished as teachers has been rostered at other events and are unable to supervise outside of these performances times. A note will be sent home in the next week regarding the arrangements for this day.
**Choirs**

All choirs have now had at least one rehearsal and what a huge group of excited singers we have. Senior Choir please don’t forget to return your signed permission slip.

Senior Choir (Years 4-6) – Mrs Rebecca Foat - Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} Break

Junior Jammers (Years 2 & 3) – Mrs Rachel Close - Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} Break

Piccolo Choir (Year 1 – prep will join in semester 2) – Ms Anne-Maree Gibson – Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} Break

**Instrumental Lessons**

Instrumental lessons have started. Timetables have been included again this week. Students need to remember what time their lesson is and be ready for that time. Valuable teaching time is lost chasing students who have forgotten.

Brass and Woodwind – Mr Wes Flanagan – Monday

Strings – Miss Jenni Thomson – Wednesday Morning, Thursday all day

Percussion – Mr Bruce Hamlin – Friday Morning.

**Marching Group (Drums)**

Rehearsals on Friday mornings 8.00am-8.40am

**Music Uniforms**

If your child is in a music ensemble (listed below) it is expected that they have a Music Uniform for performances. Music Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. These groups required a Music Uniform.

- Senior Band
- Senior String Ensemble
- Senior Choir

All other ensembles will wear full school uniform for performances.

The uniform consists of:

Music Shirt ($40) – available from the uniform shop.

Navy Trousers ($18) – available from the uniform shop – NOT JEANS OR LEGGINGS

Black Socks – need to cover ankle

Black Shoes – Shoes must be all black with no other colours. If there are laces these must also be black.
If financial constraints prevent you from being able to afford the uniform, please contact Mr David Best (Deputy Principal). We will endeavour to find a solution to help you and your child.

**Prepare in advance for the end of the honeymoon period**

For most children who start playing an instrument, there's a honeymoon period when they are excited and anxious to play at every opportunity. Parents are often tricked into thinking their child loves the instrument, when in actual fact it is the novelty of ‘the new toy’. Parents need to prepare for the time when their child is no longer in love with the instrument. They should not take the child's interest for granted. They should set realistic goals, which should not be time based goals like 'practice for a half-hour each day' but rather music goals like 'play each song twice'. If you wait to put goals in place as your child starts to lose interest, it may be too late. Remember they are only beginners, so there isn’t much they can do, but doing the little they do know often, will help cement their learning AND cement the rehearsal habit.

*When I am silent, I fall into that place where everything is music. Rumi – 13th Century Persian Poet*

**Admin News**

Parents, do we have your correct details? Please ensure you notify the school if you have changed your address, medication for your child, consent for photos, phone numbers etc. Please ensure your details are current.

**Invoices Now Due!**

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A due date is always recorded on invoices. Due dates are 1 week prior to the excursion or event. This allows for all payments made directly into our bank account to clear. If you have any concerns about paying an invoice by the due date please contact the Business Services Manager to make alternative arrangements. In the future, no payments will be accepted after the due date.

**Payments**

Please ensure all payments have the name of the student, class and what you’re paying for, as we have had a couple of cash payments that have no details on them.
Bank Entries – please put student name and class, not the parent’s name.

**BPoint - Parent Payments**

Following the implementation of BPoint, many parents are now making their payments via BPoint. When parents make these payments via the BPoint web site they need to ensure that they enter their customer reference number, invoice number and amount to pay. If this is not done correctly payments will be directed to a suspense account. In many cases the parents are correctly entering their details, which causes an automated receipting process. Please ensure that you complete the section on receipt. This is processed through BPoint not the school.

**Payment Box**

No need to wait in a queue - you can place payment envelope in sealed box and receipt will be sent home with your child. Ensure student name, class and reason for payment are clearly marked on the sealed envelope.

Payment window is open from 8am to 11am to process card transactions. Minimum card transaction is $10.00

**Student Late Arrivals / Early Departures**

If your child arrives after 9am they need to get a late slip from the office. Similarly, if you need to collect your child prior to 3pm, you will need to obtain an early departure slip from the office before you collect your child. This is an important process and indicates to the class teacher that the person collecting a child is authorised. Thank you for your assistance in following this protocol.

**PE News**

**District Swimming Trials**


**District Rugby League & Netball Trials**

Students turning 11 or 12 years of age this year and interested in attending the District Rugby League or Netball Trials on the 9th March, please see Mrs Jo Jones/Mr Aaron NganekoASAP. Students will be selected during Gala Day Sports Trials as nominations are due by the 4th March.

**District AFL Trials**

Good Luck to Tarrant at the District AFL Trials on the 16th February. GO UNDURBA!!

**Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) News**

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This term, our rule focus is **I Care for my learning**. Over the next few weeks, students will be participating in lessons which discuss the ways that they can be organised and ready for learning as well as how they can participate to the best of their ability.

Parents can assist students to be ready for learning by ensuring they are at school by the first bell at 8:40am and by having all school supplies and uniforms clearly labelled.

As part of our supportive school environment, Undurba is offering a range of clubs and activities at lunch breaks for those students wanting to try something new, get fit, learn a skill or even make friends. Look for the posters around the school advertising these clubs and activities.

**GOTCHA Awards**

Congratulations to all the students who received a GOTCHA Award from their teachers this week. In 2013 Cr David Dwyer donated a trophy to be presented to the winning GOTCHA house at the end of each term. So far Durakai has won 4 terms, Nimoola has won 1 term and Uralba has won 5 terms. With only 10 points separating the Houses Durakai still holds onto a slim lead!

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<td>Durakai 84</td>
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<td>Uralba 77</td>
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Congratulations to the following students who had their Gotcha Awards drawn out on Prep – Yr 2 Parade. Enjoy your turn with “Durby for a Day” (School Mascot)


Congratulations to the following students who had their Gotcha Awards drawn out on Year 3 – 6 Parade. Enjoy using the “FRONT OF LINE PASS”, “HOMEWORK PASS” or “SIT AT A TABLE FOR LUNCH PASS”.


**P&C News**
The current members of the P&C invite you to come along to our meetings and see how our association and school function. It’s a great place to have your say, or to become informed. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Life Skills Room on the tuckshop side of the hall, commencing at 6.15 pm.

The 2016 AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held after the next P&C Meeting on Monday, March 21. General Meeting commences at 6.15pm in the Life Skills Room, entry is via the school side of the hall. The AGM commences approx 7pm.

At the AGM, all executive positions are vacated giving the opportunity for interested parents to apply for the positions of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, P&C Qld Rep.

The P&C’s primary role is to support the operation of the school, through fundraising initiatives and through positively promoting what is occurring in the school throughout the year. Involvement as a member of the executive team can be rewarding and fulfilling.

All roles within the P&C executive are voluntary.

Although the P&C has an Operations Manager to look after the day to day running of the P&C, you would need to attend regular P&C meetings and have an expectation to be available 2 to 3 hours per week.

Tuckshop

We desperately need helpers to prepare and serve breakfast 8.00am to 8.45am and to serve over the counter second break 1.30pm to 1.50pm

Help also needed each day to prepare food for the lunch boxes for first break 1st March to 11 April

If you can help please contact Janelle at tuckshop@undurbapandc.com or register on line at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

If you are using on line ordering please remember to update your child`s class. The tuckshop ladies are experiencing difficulties in getting the student`s meals to the correct class.

Parents are telling us how happy they are and how easy the system is to use. Paypal is a great way to handle payments if you are unsure about using your credit card on line. A small fee applies for the use of Paypal and Credit Cards. Direct Debit is also available, you will need to wait for your funds to clear before ordering. There is no fee charged for direct debit

Parents are telling us it is great not having to worry that their children have forgotten to put their tuckshop in or having to line up in the morning to write out a bag.

We are aiming to have the majority of the school on line for 2016 but understand that not all families will be able to process orders on line. We will still take bags handed in over the counter 2016.

To order on line or to become a tuckshop volunteer – www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au if you have any questions please contact Debbie on opsmanager@undurbapandc.com or pop into see the ladies in the tuckshop.
Student Banking
We are looking another helper to assist with Student Banking each Wednesday morning. If you can help please contact Debbie - opsmanager@undurbapandc.com or visit the banking ladies on Wednesday morning for more information.

FUNdurba News
FUNdurba Kids Club now has positions available for Before and After School Care. Please contact Nancy 3480 9129 or nancy@fundurba.com.au

Undurbazaar Update

Undurbazaar is almost upon us! Just 18 days to go, and our first fete in seven years will be here! We still need your help to get everything ready for showtime.

Please donate 20 minutes of time at the event to help man your year level stall. Your class teacher will be able to get your name on the sign-up sheet, and provide more information on what your year level is doing. It will take many hands, and the more volunteers on the roster, the less time spent working the show instead of playing at it!

We have brought the Donation Boxes out again – this week we are asking for a prize item. A prize item is a NEW, small gift item that can be won as a consolation prize at our show. Examples of this would include keyrings, stationery, craft kits, stickers, colouring books, kids sunglasses, kids jewellery, etc. Please help us fill the donations with these items so no one goes home empty handed at UNDURBAZAAR!!
The calendar of donation items we are hoping to receive from you is outlined below. More information on these items will come your way over the next few weeks. Watch this space!

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Also- the word is out -we will host a bake stall to showcase all the culinary treats our families can create! If you have a family recipe or a special skill for cupcakes, we want you to show it off! Please email us at fete@undurbapandc.com or message our Facebook page UNDURBAZAAR to get in touch. It’s another easy way to put your touch on the event. If there is no involvement from families, we cannot highlight all that our parent community has to offer!
Did you see the advertised post about our BLINDFOLD FOOD TASTINGCOMPETITION?? On stage, in real time, contestants eat their way through sample dishes and guess what it is they have just tasted!! Do you have someone you can nominate? Please email us at fete@undurbapandc.com with their details to register!

This is your chance to show off your foodie knowledge and win an incredible prize from Mango Hill Tavern! Best of luck!

There will be information coming through the classrooms about purchasing your unlimited access rides wristband – this wristband will keep you going all day on any one of our 12 rides! Of course, wristbands and tickets will be available at the event, so get ready to ride.

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON….  

Kindy News

There are no vacancies in Kindy for 2016. Waiting lists for 2017 and 2018 are open.

Undurba Kindergarten has four iPads. Group A children have discovered them and they are learning to share and wait for their turn with the iPads, which is quite challenging. Some of the children in Group B are learning to write and they decided to write letters and post them in the post box. At the end of the day the mail was delivered.

Kindy Family Picnic- Wednesday 17 February 5.00pm to 7.00pm. BYO food, drinks, picnic rug.

Chappy News