Dates To Remember

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Amazing Start at Undurba!

Our Undurba State School community has had a fantastic start to 2016. I am pleased to let you know that we registered 1048 students on the day 8 census. Due to the very accurate predictions made at the end of 2015, we have not had to make any adjustments to classes.

FRESH START 2016… As we get into the swing of a new year, I have included below, a quick checklist for parents to assist their students to get themselves organised for the best possible day at school….

Students make the best of their school day when they...

√ Eat a nutritious breakfast
√ Bring a filled water bottle
√ Arrive on time
√ Wear the uniform, and have long hair tied up
√ Wear their sun smart hat (No hat, no outdoor play)
√ Have books and materials ready every day
√ Eat quality food during the day (bring fruit for a quick snack during first session)
√ Walk through the gate with a positive attitude

Community Cuppa: Tuesday 16 February

As I mentioned last week, I have been made to feel very welcome at Undurba and really feel at home already! I would love to gradually meet more and more parents and community members. To this end, I would like to host regular ‘CommunityCuppa’ events where you can come along and have a chat with me and other parents. The first one will be held next week:

When: Tuesday 16 Feb at 2pm-2:30pm (just before school parade starts at 2:30pm)
Where: Hall in the Life Skills Room

I look forward to chatting with anyone who can make it along for this informal get together.

Accurate Student Information

Occasionally we may need to contact you with very important but urgent information. This could be when your child becomes ill during the day, or it may be an event affecting the whole school in situations such as an imminent storm, flooding, or evacuations and school closures. It is imperative that in these infrequent circumstances we are able to contact you immediately to ensure you are able to act quickly if required to ensure the well-being and comfort of your child/children.

A mobile phone number on which we can always contact someone urgently by call or text is particularly convenient. A current email address also lets us communicate by email for less urgent matters if we cannot get you on the phone and also enables you to receive our school newsletter. Our student information database is frequently reviewed and updated as necessary. We need your help with this.
This week, a ‘Student Card’ outlining the contact information currently held by the school will be sent home. Please correct anything which is not accurate and return immediately to the school office by Friday 12 February. Please return the form even if there are no changes (clearly marked ‘All Correct’). If you move house or change phone numbers during the year, please let us know immediately.

**Year 6 Camp**

I have had a great three days on camp with the year 6 students. They represented our school very well and everyone had a wonderful time. I will leave you with a couple of pictures of the fun….. More to follow next week’s newsletter!
Have a fantastic week,
Kylie Smith

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL) News

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 8 points separating the Houses Durakai holds onto a slim lead!

PBL GOTCHA AWARD TEAM TOTALS

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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”.

PE News

District Swimming Trials


District Basketball Trials

Students turning 11 or 12 years of age this year and interested in attending the District Basketball Trials on the 16th Feb, please see Mrs Jo Jones/Mr Aaron Nganeko as nominations are due by the 12th February.

District AFL Trials

Students turning 11 or 12 years of age this year and interested in attending the District AFL Trials on the 23rd Feb, please see Mrs Jo Jones/Mr Aaron Nganeko as nominations are due by the 12th February.

PE Lessons

This year we are again lucky enough to be able to provide two PE Teachers Mrs Jo Jones (Prep, 2, 3, 4 & 5) and Mr Aaron Nganeko (Year 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6). Please help your child enjoy their PE lessons by ensuring they have comfortable fitted shoes (no heels preferred), a drink bottle and wearing either the school shirt or house coloured shirt each week. Please check with your class teacher for their PE day. Students this term will be enjoying the following activities in their PE lessons:

Prep: Wed & Thurs - Motor Program (Wk. 1-6), Cross Country Training (7-10)
Year 1: Tues & Fri - Motor Program (Wk. 1-6), Cross Country Training (7-10)
Year 2: Mon & Fri – Gym & Ball Skills (Wk. 1-6), Cross Country Training (7-10)
Year 3: Wed/Thurs/Fri – Ball Skills & Gym Fun (Wk. 1-6), Cross Country Training (7-10)
Year 4: Mon/Tues/Thurs – Golf & Street Hockey (Wk. 1-6), Cross Country Training (7-10)
Year 5: Tues/Wed - Table Tennis (Wk. 1-6), Cross Country Training (7-10)
Year 6: Wed - Table Tennis (Wk. 1-6), Cross Country Training (7-10)

Sports Calendar for School/District/Regional Trials

Please check the year 6B window near Mrs Jo Jones/Mr Aaron Nganeko desk for a complete list of all sports Trials/Carnivals for School/District/Regional/State levels. Here are some of the important dates:

District Swimming Carnival – 17th Feb
School Cross Country – 24th March
District Cross Country – 6th May
8, 9, 10 years Athletics Carnival – 20th June
11 & 12 years Athletics Carnival – 21st June
Prep – Yr. 2 Athletics Carnival (incl. all 100m finals) – 22nd June
District Athletics Carnival: 1st & 2nd August
School Swimming Carnival – 6th December

Any further questions please see Mrs Jo Jones or Mr Aaron Nganeko in the Year 6 Block past the Tuckshop.

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.

P&C News

Invitation

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 at approximately 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

*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 online for 2016 but understand that not all families will be able to process orders online. We will still take bags handed in over the counter 2016. 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 for 2 helpers** 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.

**Undurbazaar Update**

Undurbazaar is almost upon us! Just 25 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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<td>Monday 29th February – Friday 4th March</td>
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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!

We also have a fantastically fun way for our parents to be involved with one of our stage acts! Head over to our Facebook page and keep an eye out for a pre event registration – it is first in best dressed and we want your name! 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....
The children at Undurba Kindergarten are settling into the Kindy routine and making friends. We have been talking about Kindy rules such as walking feet and quiet voices for inside play, and using your words.

This week was especially hot at Kindy and the children of Group A spent much of their time outside playing with water.

The children in Group B decided that they needed traffic lights to control the bike riders. Paper plates were painted red, yellow and green. The plates were stuck on to posts but the rain overnight made the plates soggy.

Reminder for Kindy Families- Family Picnic on Wednesday 17 February, 5.00pm to 7.00pm. BYO food, drinks and picnic rug.