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Welcome to another fantastic year at Undurba State School! It was an exciting beginning to the school year last week for both students and staff alike, and it was so lovely to see our students return healthy and happy from the holidays. We also warmly welcome to our school, new families and trust that you will enjoy being a valued part of our Undurba State School community.

Along with 150 new Prep students, some new students in other year levels, and a number of new teaching staff members, I experienced being “new” to Undurba last week. Even though I had spent a few weeks at Undurba in 2013, (and it was great to renew acquaintances made during this time), I got lost, forgot names and was not sure about break times! However, I was very well looked after and have been made feel very welcome at my new school. For those who have not met me, I would like to tell you a little about myself:

Last year, I was Principal, Pacific Paradise State School and previously of Lawnton State School (since 2011). My priority is at all times to maintain a culture of learning and continual improvement to maximise student outcomes and well-being through building a capable and dedicated staff team, and by developing strong partnerships with parents and community. My previous leadership roles have included Regional Manager, Behaviour Support Services, North Coast Region, Learning Engagement Online Coordinator / teacher and Head of Learning Engagement at Morayfield State High School. I am very much looking forward to meeting all of you and becoming part of the Undurba community.

Our classrooms are already buzzing with excitement and learning! I am enjoying making my way around the classes to meet students and see the amazing learning underway already. I am heading off on the first school camp of the year with the year 6 group to Mt Tamborine. Payment for this camp is now overdue, so please call in at the office to pay the remaining balance immediately. If you have not already done so, ensure our school fete, the Undurbazaar (5 March) is marked on your calendar – it will be enormous fun.

Petrie State School have kindly offered that our parents can attend 123 Magic Emotion Coaching Parenting Course to be held at Petrie State School in March (2, 9, 16 March). Parents of 2 -12 year olds may wish to attend as this is a highly recommended and respected parenting course. (Flier attached).

I am looking forward to meeting you all, so please ensure you introduce yourself to me if you see me around the school.

Have a fantastic week,

Kylie Smith
From the Deputies

Booklists:
Thanks to everyone who have ordered through Bedrock Books. We have had a great response. There are some items being delivered directly to the school that were on back-order and these will be sent to the classrooms when they are received. Please ensure that you have provided all items so that the children have the right tools for the job. **Bedrock Books** are a Major Sponsor for our Fete.

Smart Strings - Year 3.
Pupils have today (Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February) had a free violin lesson. These lessons will be on a Thursday morning from next week. Violins are provided.

Should you wish to participate in this program, please complete the forms which will be sent home with the students. The cost of this program is $50 per term and once students enrol, an invoice for the year will be sent home. At any stage, after term 1, you wish to withdraw from this program, please advise the office in writing.

Advance Notice: Class and Student Photos
These are scheduled for Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} and Monday 14\textsuperscript{th} March. Individual and sibling portraits will also be available.

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

Year 2 Swimming - Term 1
The lessons will be slightly different from last year. They will be longer in the pool and therefore not as many lessons. These will be from week 3 to week 5 on Mondays and Fridays.

This trial is aimed at being more efficient and saving money for parents.

Lunch Time Clubs/Activities
An extensive range of activities are in place for children to develop their interests and abilities. Charts of these are displayed around the school.

Looking forward to working with you in 2016.

David Best
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

Term 1 Focus - I Care For My Learning

This year you will see information about PBL, which is Positive Behaviour for Learning. This is a name change from SWPBS. PBL is a process for teaching children appropriate behaviour and providing the supports necessary to sustain that behaviour. PBL is a framework for systems to identify needs, develop strategies, and evaluate practice toward success.

This term, our rule focus is caring for learning. Students will be participating in lessons which discuss the ways that we care for our learning at Undurba. In the first few weeks, teachers encourage students to be organised and ready for learning. The students will know what they will need to bring and what they need to prepare when they come into the classroom.

Durby is our school mascot. He is already visiting the classrooms of students in year one and two who have had their gotcha ticket announced at parade.

Undurba offers a range of clubs and activities at lunch breaks for those students wanting to try something new or to keep out of the sun in the warmer weather. Check out the posters around the school for what’s on each day. Computer labs are available for students from years 1-6. Students can access a range of educational websites such as Mathletics, Studyladder, Sunshine Online, Literacy Pro, Razkids, Education Queensland – Learning Place and Edstudios. They may also use programs like powerpoint, paint, word and publisher.
Music News

Welcome back to 2016 and a very busy year for the Music department! We have 6 teachers this year, as in previous years. As a quick introduction….

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

Each week we will provide details of upcoming performances/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>Instrumental and Strings Students</td>
<td>Lessons Begin</td>
<td>Mrs Flanagan Miss Thomson Mr Hamlin</td>
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<td>Junior Jammers (choir) Sign On</td>
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<td>Year 1 students (prep to start in Semester 2)</td>
<td>Piccolo Sign On</td>
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**Choirs**

As in previous years, Choir will be open to all students. It is imperative that all students understand the commitment involved with being part of a choir. Please discuss this with your child before signing and returning the choir contract. Our expectation is that students in Junior Jammers and Senior Choir attend every rehearsal and all performances. Senior choir will need to purchase the music uniform to perform. Junior Jammers will wear normal school uniform.

Senior Choir (Years 4-6) – Mrs Rebecca Foat - sign on week 2 – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Break

Junior Jammers (Years 2 & 3) – Mrs Rachel Close - sign on in week 2 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Break

Piccolo Choir (Year 1 – prep will join in semester 2) – Ms Anne-Maree Gibson - will commence in week 3.
Instrumental Lessons

If your child has been accepted or is continuing with instrumental lessons this year, these lessons will begin on Monday the 1st February. We are still unsure of the timetables for these, however they will be finalised and handed out to students by the end of week 1. They will be published in the next Newsletter also 😊

Brass and Woodwind – Mr Wes Flanagan – Monday
Strings – Miss Jenni Thomson – Wednesday Morning, Thursday all day
Percussion – Mr Bruce Hamlin – Friday Morning.

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
- Junior Strings
- Senior Strings
- Senior Choir

All other ensembles will wear full school uniform for performances.

The uniform consists of:

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

We are looking forward to a productive year and always welcome parent support. It is imperative that you support your child at home with practice. In the coming weeks we will provide you with helpful
hints to encourage your child to practice at home, and keep them progressing. We thank you in advance for your support.

"Without Music, Life would be a Mistake” Friedrich Neitzsche – German Philosopher

Classroom News

Year 5

What: Parent Information Session
When: Tuesday 9th February 3:30pm
Where: Mrs Stark’s room
Parents are invited to break into class groups after the completion of the main presentation

PE News

Welcome back to a very busy first semester in 2016!

2015 Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations Durakai! Carnival Champions since 2012!

Thank you to Shane King MP for presenting the Trophy to 2015 House Captains Kyle & Joel.

Final House Totals: Durakai – 1180 pts; Uralba – 803 pts; Nimoola – 723 pts

What a wonderful Carnival to finish off the year. Thank you to all the students on their fabulous efforts and team spirit throughout the day. Thank you to the Staff for making the carnival so much fun and successful. Thank you to the ground staff (Geoff & Priscilla) for their help setting up and packing away the 15 shades, tables, chairs and PA system. Thank you to MSSC for the use of 5 of their shades. Thank you to Mrs Sinn & Mrs Caldwell for supplying our Life Guards who worked very hard all day for their free Subway lunch!

Congratulations to the age champions who received medals donated and presented by Shane King MP

9 years: Maddison B (N) & Rhys D (N)
10 years: Genna L (D) & Cooper W (D)
11 years: Trinity A (U) & Luke T (N) & Lachlan M (D)
12 years: Maddie L (D) & Joel C (D)

District Swimming Trials
Those students who swam a 50m district qualifying time at the 2015 School Swimming Carnival have been selected in the School Swimming team for 2016. New students to the school who swim for a club and are turning 10, 11 or 12 years of age this year and who are interested in attending the District Swimming Trials on the 17th Feb, please see Mrs Jo Jones/Mr Aaron Nganeko ASAP as nominations are due by the 9th February.

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 ASAP 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 ASAP 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.

Other PE News

Holt Kids Spy Training sessions are run for 45 minutes at 3.30pm and 4.20pm weekdays. Maximum kids per session is 20. Monday and Wednesday sessions are for Prep to Year 2 while Tuesday and Thursday sessions are for Years 3 to 6. Bookings must be made at least
one week in advance and sessions begin Feb 1.

Sessions are run by Jet Mahler (a fourth year student in Exercise and Science (major in high school education)) at Holt Kids Spy Training headquarters at Aspley State School. Park in Horn Rd carpark or Horn Rd and follow the signs from the carpark to spy training headquarters!

For more info and to book go to www.holtkidsspytraining.com.au.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

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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<td>** Any Student who has a yearly pass for Wet'N'Wild will need to give this to their teacher before the 8th of February.</td>
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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

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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.

**Uniform Shop**

If you would like to order a Legend Shirt please contact the Uniform shop, we will be placing another order at the end of next week. You can email orders to opsmanager@undurbapandc.com or phone 3480 9145. Online ordering is also available.

**Tuckshop**

Don’t forget to register for Tuckshop online ordering.

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 in 2016. If you have any questions please contact Debbie on opsmanager@undurbapandc.com or pop into see the ladies in the tuckshop.

**Student Banking**

Welcome back to 2016! School Banking will be starting again this week on Wednesday, 3rd February. Normal school banking procedures will
apply - students hand their school bank books to their class teacher who will then place them in a big grey satchel that will be sent to the office for the banking volunteers to collect and process. For all new students to the school we will be holding an account opening morning in the not too distant future... watch this space!

Also a reminder to all bankers that we are not using the tokens this year - if you have any at home you are more than welcome to keep them, or you may send them back in your bank book with a note to let the banking volunteers know that they can be removed from your bank books.

We are looking forward to a great year of banking and can't wait to share this year's theme and rewards with you all.

**Undurbazaar Update**

Undurbazaar is almost upon us! Just 30 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 shoe boxes. Going forward, please see the calendar of donation items we are hoping to receive from you below. More information on these items will come your way over the next few weeks. Watch this space!

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**Kindy News**

Two new groups of children attended Undurba Kindergarten for the first time last week.
The caterpillar tunnel was very popular with Group A children for climbing and crawling and “fixing” with tools. Inside in the cool air, Miss Deb had many an eager board game participant.

Group B children found that the sand pit was a cool place to play on a hot day and we all watched a bob cat drive up and onto the back of a truck.

There are still a few places available for Kindy in 2016. Ring Undurba Kindergarten on 34823247