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ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Written by Olivia Parry



Changes to Academic Reports

From Term 2, we're introducing updated school reports for our students. These new reports have been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to valuable feedback from parents and educators, aiming to make reports easier to read and understand.

Your child's report will continue to showcase their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments will be provided in English, Mathematics, and the general comment section, in line with department policy. For our Kindergarten students, the general comment will also encompass all other key learning areas, including Creative Arts, HSIE, PDHPE, and science and technology.

Additionally, we are excited to include a new achievement scale and descriptions, which will give you a clearer picture of your child's progress throughout the year.

Reporting on effort is optional for schools, but as we believe it can support family conversations about learning, we have decided to include information about your child's overall effort in our reports.

New Assistant Principal at Ultimo Public School

Following a comprehensive merit selection process, and subject to the usual 10-day appeal period, I am pleased to announce that Ms Jodi Duc has been appointed as our new Assistant Principal for Stage 2 and classroom teacher for 3/4 Titanium.

Currently, Ms. Duc is serving as the Acting Assistant Principal at Hurstville Public School, where she has made a significant impact since 2007. Over the years, she has taken on a variety of roles, including classroom teacher, Opportunity Class teacher, Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction, and Assistant Principal Year 3. Her extensive experience and commitment to educational excellence have equipped her with a wealth of knowledge that will undoubtedly benefit our school community.

I am thrilled to welcome Ms. Duc to Ultimo Public School. I believe her expertise in educational practice will strongly support the incredible work that our staff and students are already achieving. With her leadership, I am confident that we will continue to foster an environment of growth, learning, and success for all.

Ms. Duc will officially join us on Day 1 of Term 2, but she is visiting us today and tomorrow to work alongside Mr Tilliris and the leadership team so that we can ensure robust handover and smooth transition into next term. I encourage everyone to extend a warm welcome as she transitions into her new role. Let's show her the supportive and collaborative spirit that makes Ultimo Public School such a great place to work.

Farewell to Mr Tilliris

On Monday, we held a special assembly to officially farewell Mr. Tilliris as he embarks on an exciting new journey at Crown Street Public School. His presence at Ultimo Public School has been nothing short of remarkable, leaving a strong and bold impact on our school community.

While we will dearly miss him, we are thrilled for Mr. Tilliris and confident that he will excel in his new role. Please join us in wishing him all the best in this new chapter of his career!



Ms. Duc



School Holiday Road Safety Reminder for Families

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road. If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.
- It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place. It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!
- Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip. Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.
- Talk to your child about being a safe road user. Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.
- Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out an about.

Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

You can find out more at:

[Safe travel information for parents and carers NSW Department of Education](#)

[Back to school safety Transport for NSW](#)

[Safety Town online resource – parent and carer information – Transport for NSW](#)



ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

On Thursday 10 April Ultimo PS will have their annual ANZAC assembly.

PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME.

**1:00 - 1:40 pm.
Please arrive by 12:55pm**

YOU'RE INVITED

ULTIMO PS

EASTER HAT PARADE

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

9:25-10:45AM

All parents and carers
are invited to attend.



From The Library

Ms Barbagallo

What a fantastic start to the year. The library has been buzzing with excitement and students are enjoying the new furniture that was donated by the Christmas in Pyrmont event. Students have loved the new grassy benches, cloud tables and an additional reading cubby. These collaborative spaces have promoted a welcoming learning and reading space for our students. This term we celebrated World Storytelling Day in the library with a special reading of Neville's Great Escape. Students have enjoyed the new junior non-fiction collection donated by the P&C and books are flying off the shelves. These school holidays provide the perfect opportunity for students to catch up on their Premier's Reading Challenge book lists. If you have any questions please reach out to Ms Barbagallo. There are many new exciting events next term so make sure to tune in to the newsletter for updates.

Breakfast Reading Club- Term 2

What is Breakfast Reading Club?

Last year, Kindergarten, Year 1 and selected Year 2 students were selected to participate in the Breakfast Reading Club program on Thursday mornings, in the library, before school. We know that reading to children in their early stages of life, has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (language and literacy, numeracy, and cognition) later in life. This program has been designed to allow the opportunity for our students to have access to quality literature and to be read to by adults. This program is run by Ms Barbagallo and a team of teachers who volunteer their morning before school to read to students. Students are also offered a complimentary light breakfast whilst they are attending the program. We are also fortunate to have volunteers from Screen Australia who share the love of reading with our students. The purpose of this club is for students to familiarise themselves with the English language, practice pronunciation and develop comprehension skills, as well as promote a love of literacy within our students. Students explore and discuss texts and themes, look at visual literacy, explore quality literature from Australian authors and engage in conversation about texts.



This program is a tailored program offered to Kindergarten and Year 1 students and selected Year 2 students. Students are selected by their class teacher to attend the program and permissions will be sent out early next term via school bytes. We anticipate the program to commence in Week 6, Term 2.

Volunteers for Breakfast Reading Club

Last year we invited Years 4, 5 & 6 students who are competent and confident readers to volunteer to read to our younger students. This provides students with a mentor relationship with their younger peers and it is a good opportunity to strengthen their confidence in discussions around text. Please encourage your child to volunteer their time and skills for this program.

Please see Ms Barbagallo in the Library to pick up a volunteer form in Term 2, Week 1. Students will not be able to attend, unless parent permission has been given.

Britannica school

Our school Library has renewed its subscription to Britannica school subscription for the entire year. This is a fantastic resource you can use for your child from home from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Britannica School Unique features

Differentiated learning by level against each article

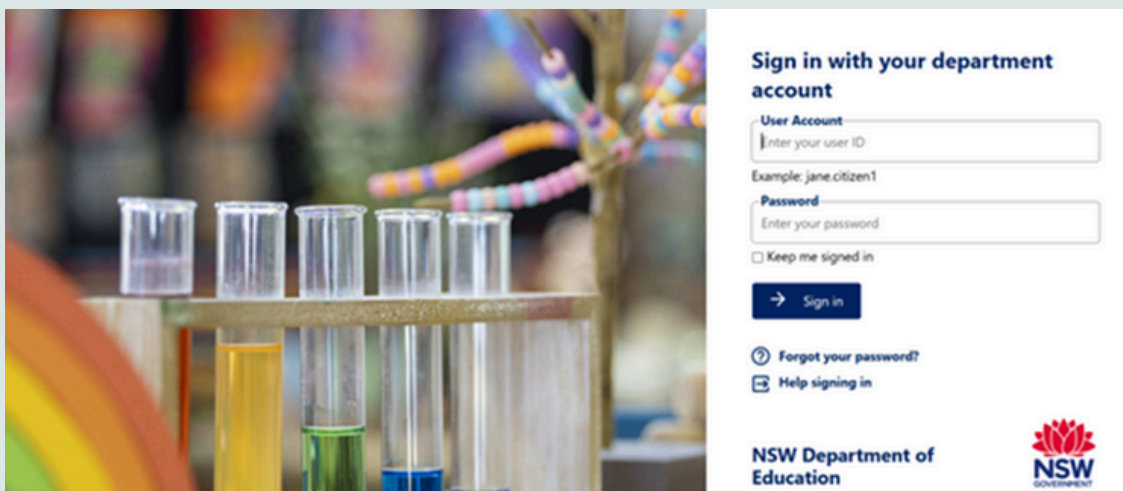
- Read Aloud at all levels
- Britannica has been mapped to the Australian Curriculum version 9.0 and has an amazing translation, dyslexic and read aloud feature to all its pages
- They even have daily news updates catered for primary and a special elementary section for early reading
- Unlimited access 24/7 to 2 complete Encyclopaedias with thousands of articles
- Designed for Microsoft & Apple environments including PC, tablet and mobile devices.
- Lexile level identified against each article
- Over 9000 Articles referencing Australia or Australian content and growing.
- Age-appropriate, safe content written for students. Each article is unique to the school level. No duplication
- Access to Articles, Media, Biographies, Compare Countries, World Atlas & Tour Australia
- Britannica School Early Primary - New Level called Britannica School Early Primary-This area is designed for students from K to 2 and features age-appropriate, curated, articles, images and videos. This dedicated collection of articles has been written with early readers in mind with each word highlighted as the text is read aloud.

Students have been using Britannica at school to support the teaching and learning of the curriculum, but even better news.....students can access Britannica at home!

How to login to Britannica at home:

- Go to google and type in your search bar: <https://portal.education.nsw.gov.au>

You will see the below screen:



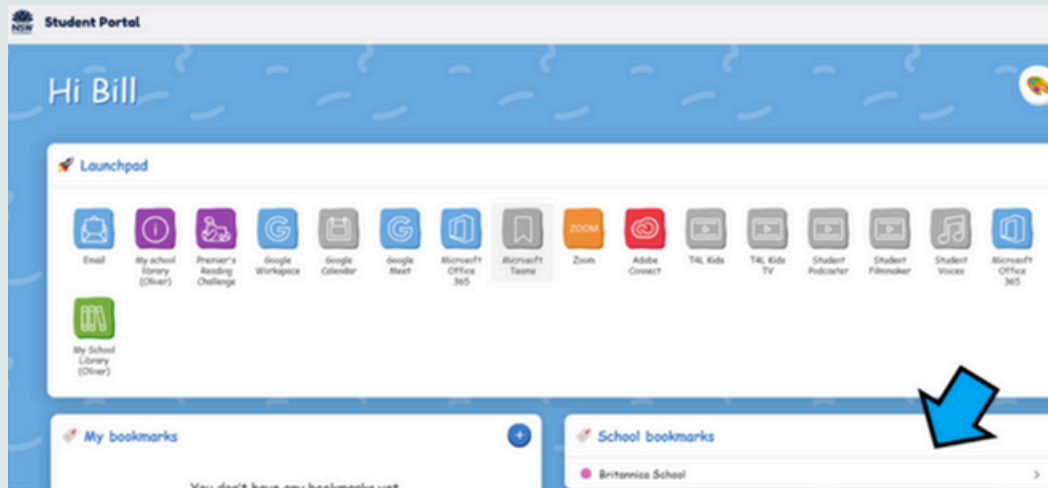
Type in:

User Account: Child's First Name.LastName

Example: Bill.Smith

Password: Type the password given to you by your classroom teacher and the one you use to login to google classroom and Premier's Reading Challenge.

Example: KG



- Go to the heading School Bookmarks
- Click on Britannica school- No password required



Enjoy browsing!

We hope you enjoy this amazing resource at home with your child.

Premier's Reading Challenge



To ensure all students have the opportunity to complete the challenge, the PRC team has extended the student deadline to complete the challenge.

New student deadline: Friday, 19 September 2025 (Week 9, Term 3).

CBCA Children's Shortlist Books



As you are aware, each year Ultimo Public School celebrates the CBCA Children's Book Week ® in Term 3. This encourages and promotes the world of children's books and brings words, images and stories into the hearts and minds of children and adults.

As part of this celebration, the CBCA presents annual awards to Australian books of literary merit, for outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature. The Book of the Year Awards is an annual award to promote books of high literary and artistic quality.

The CBCA releases a Notables list of books each year and a Shortlist for each category. Winners of these categories are then announced at the CBCA Awards event. You will find these books in our Library and will notice the following stickers on books in our Library catalogue.



You can find more information about the shortlist on the CBCA website. We will have these new books available in our Library for students to borrow during Term 2. We will also be promoting these books in our Library program. 2025 Book of the Year Awards – Shortlist: <https://cbca.org.au/2025-shortlist/>

PSSA - 2025

Friday Sport (PSSA) is an exciting opportunity for students in years 3–6 to represent our school and compete against other schools in the Balmain zone. It's not just about competition; it's also a fantastic way for students to showcase their skills, work together as a team, and most importantly, have fun while staying active!

This season, Students will be able to try out for our **Junior and Senior Netball and Soccer teams**.

PSSA Dates to Remember:

Winter PSSA: Runs from Week 5 of Term 2 to Week 10 of Term 3.

Winter PSSA Trials: Beginning of Term 2

We will be holding trials during school hours in week 1/2 of Term 2. Students will be reminded of dates during Monday assemblies, and families will receive notifications through School Bytes.

Game Locations:

Games will take place at Leichhardt Oval #2 and Richard Murden Netball Courts

Please ensure your child can attend on the trial day, as it's essential for fair selection. It is the responsibility of the students to listen to reminders/announcements and be present for their trials.

Wet Weather Policy:

In case of wet weather, we will try our best to make a decision the day before. However, weather conditions can change rapidly, so final calls may be made on the day. Please note that there will not be refunds for bus fees if games are cancelled due to weather.

Payments and Permissions:

Permission notes will be sent out via School Bytes, and it's important to sign and submit them by the due date. To ensure your child can participate in PSSA sports, all necessary payments must be made by the due date. If this is not received your child may lose their position to another student.

Code of Conduct:

Once teams are selected, both students and families will receive a Code of Conduct to review and sign together. We ask that you take the time to discuss it with your child, as it helps ensure a positive experience for everyone involved. Following the school's behaviour code throughout the week is crucial for participation in Friday PSSA games. If the code is not adhered to, students may face temporary suspension from games or removal from the team. Thank you for your support in fostering a respectful and enjoyable environment!

We're looking forward to a fantastic season of PSSA sports and can't wait to see our students shine! If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out.



School Leader Update

Written by Bener, Myka, Tom, Kiah

Welcome to the Leaders' Report for Week 11!

Canberra is just around the corner for Stage 3! We are all so excited for our trip!

On Thursday, the school leaders went on an excursion to Hyde Park for the RSL ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony with Ms Parry. It was a lovely day in the park and it was good to pay our respects to the soldiers who fought in World War 1.

Next Friday, we are having our School Easter Hat Parade, and we're excited to see all of the fantastic hats that you all will make. We hope you have fun!

Signing off for Term 1, Bener, Kiah, Myka and Tom. We can't wait to see you in Term 2, and enjoy your holiday!

Please join us at the
Hot Cross Bunraiser

**FRIDAY 11TH APRIL
8:30AM – 9:00AM
IN THE COLA BEFORE THE PARADE**

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR A BUN (FRUIT/PLAIN/CHOC)



ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION



PBL Focus: Transitions

Respect

Responsible

Learner

This week for PBL, we are focusing on being respectful, responsible learners as we transition around the school.

Well done to all of the students who are working hard and earning tokens for their house groups!
Keep it up!



General Expectations

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care for yourself and othersTreat others fairly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep hands, feet and objects to yourselfTake care of belongings and equipmentWear a hat outdoors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Listen and follow all staff instructionsRight place, right time

Transitions Expectations

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quiet voicesWalk on the leftKeep all areas clean and clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay in a supervised areaFurniture away from the railings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Voices off when walking past other classes

Super Pollinators Incursion

Stage 1

Stage 1 have been learning about bees and their environments in their integrated Science and Writing unit in Term 1. Students consolidated their understanding in Week 8 during a Super Pollinators Incursion. During the incursion students learnt about the diversity of native bees, the importance of pollination and the important role of bees and pollination in sustainability. Students also created a habitat for local solitary bee species, they constructed a timber bee hotel using a hammer to nail pieces of timber together and they inserted bamboo for the nests. Solitary bees are super pollinators and they do not produce honey therefore they are not aggressive as they have no hive to defend, we learnt that solitary native bees rarely sting.



Transition To Kindy Workshop: Navigating the Transition with Success

***Join us for our Pre-Schooler
Transition Workshop: Starting
Strong!***

This session will offer valuable insights into starting school, including Kindergarten preparation, school readiness, and what to expect.

***Enrol online to stay informed
and connected!***

**26th of June
2025**

Workshop 1

26th of June -
Thursday

5.30pm

at Ultimo Public School

**27th of
August 2025**

Workshop 2

27th of August -
Wednesday

8.30am

at Ultimo Public School



To accommodate different schedules, we will be hosting this workshop on two separate events, each covering the same valuable insights and information.

Kindy Transition Dates

Ultimo Public School



The early years of school are essential for building a strong foundation for lifelong success and happiness. At Ultimo Public School, we are committed to giving your child the best start.

Enrol online to stay informed and connected!



Open Afternoon

**Thursday 18th of September -
3.30pm to 4.30pm.**

Please join us for an open afternoon. You will meet teachers, see the classrooms and meet other Kindy families.



Transition Days

Transition 1

***Tuesday 4th of
November
9.30am to 11am***

Children: Pre Kindy literacy activities in classrooms

Parents: School Readiness workshop

Transition 2

***Tuesday 11th of
November
9.30am to 11am***

Children: Pre Kindy numeracy activities in classrooms

Parents: Curriculum workshop

Transition 3

***Tuesday 18th of
November
9.30am to 11am***

Children: Pre Kindy activities in classrooms

Parents: Ultimo Public School Expo, including extra-curricular

We are looking forward to getting to know your child on transition days and setting them up for a successful Kindy.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open: Thursday Mornings 8:30am-9:30am

Located: Kindy Level, next to our canteen



We are pleased to inform our families that our uniform shop is now accessible for viewing, purchases, exchanges, collections, and all uniform-related enquiries.

Commencing in Term 2, our uniform store will be open on
Thursday mornings from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

You can find us on the Kindy level, next to the canteen.

Second Hand Uniform

We also have second hand uniform available for our families. If you require any second hand uniform, please email the school office at ultimo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your second-hand uniform requests, and we'll get back to you.



Mother's Day Raffle

Support our School and Win Fabulous Prizes!

Get ready to celebrate Mother's Day with a chance to win amazing prizes donated by local businesses including:

Dining experiences, Massages, Photography Sessions, Gym Passes, Nutrition advice, Meal Kits, Jigsaw Puzzles, Monopoly Games, Hairdresser vouchers and more to come

Buy Raffle tickets from the Flexischool App

\$2 a ticket, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, 15 for \$20

Tickets on sale now until Friday 2nd May

Winners announced Mon 5th May at the School Assembly

Thankyou to our generous Sponsors for making this raffle possible

Gallon, QuiteLike, Walters Macri Photography, BFT Gym, Qhali Kay Wellness and Beauty Tambo, Australian Jigsaw Puzzle Association, Dominoes, Salon 27, Quarry St Cafe, Verve Photography, Rise Health, Pyrmont Dry Cleaning, Quarrymans and Nourish with Ai

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Ultimo Public School P&C.
Thankyou for your participation.

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www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com



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WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM

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WEDNESDAY
3 PM - 5:30 PM

CHILDREN LEARN:
Musical theatre dances
Characterisation
Group singing
Scenes from famous musicals

PERFORMANCE GOALS:
Children will work towards a
mid and end of year casual
show for friends and family!



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