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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Written by Olivia Parry



Road Safety Around Ultimo Public School

I want to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of safety when driving around our school. Recently, I have noticed an increase in the number of vehicles performing three-point turns on Jones Street during peak times. Additionally, there have been instances where cars are not stopping for the crossing supervisor, which poses a significant risk.

Ensuring the safety of our children and the broader school community is a shared responsibility. I encourage all drivers to abide by the road rules and exercise caution to minimise the risk of accidents.

Please take the time to follow designated traffic regulations, stop for crossing supervisors, and be mindful of our students as they arrive and leave school.

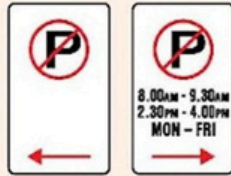
Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our school environment safe for everyone.

Parking safely in school zones



No parking signs

- You can only stop in a No Parking zone while picking up or setting down passengers or goods. You have a **maximum of 2 minutes** from the time you stop and must **stay within 3m** of your vehicle at all times.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times. This is not a waiting zone.



Driveways and footpaths

- When exiting or entering a driveway you must give way to people walking on the footpath.
- Driveways are not playgrounds. Be aware that children can go unnoticed in front and behind your vehicle. Don't solely rely on reverse sensors or cameras in your vehicle.
- Always supervise and hold a child's hand near or crossing driveways.
- It's illegal to park in or across any driveway or to block a footpath at any time.



Double parking

- Don't double park at any time. Double parking is illegal and dangerous, especially around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists.



U turns

- Performing U turns or 3 point turns in school zones is extremely dangerous.
- Performing U turns across unbroken centre lines is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools.



No stopping zones

- No Stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. If times are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only during those hours.
- An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line. You must not stop for any reason.



Bus zone signs

- A Bus Zone is a No Stopping zone for vehicles other than buses. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.
- You must not park your vehicle less than 20m before or 10m after a bus stop.



Using mobile phones

- It's illegal to make or receive a call on your mobile phone while you're driving unless your phone is secured in a fixed mounting or doesn't require you to touch it in any way.
- It's illegal to use the other features of a mobile phone such as texting or emailing unless your car is legally parked and the ignition is switched off.
- Using mobile phones is a major distraction and higher fines and demerit points apply in school zones.



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Fines and demerit points apply in school zones and are current as of April 2024.

Learning Support at Ultimo Public School

At Ultimo Public School, we believe that every student has the potential to thrive, and our dedicated learning support programs are designed to ensure that all students receive the assistance they need to succeed. Under the expert leadership of our Assistant Principal Learning and Wellbeing, Peter Lavender we offer tailored support that addresses the diverse needs of our students.

Our learning support initiatives are led by Sara Carkagis, and they are focused on providing targeted small group tuition and in-class support, allowing students to engage with their learning in a more personalised way. This individualised approach helps to build confidence and reinforces key concepts in literacy and numeracy, setting a solid foundation for future academic success.

Literacy and numeracy interventions are also a key component of our programs. We recognise that early intervention is crucial in helping students overcome barriers to learning. Our targeted strategies are designed to address specific learning needs, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to develop their skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.

A feature of our literacy support is the MultiLit program, delivered by Kathryn Arkapaw. This evidence-based intervention program is specifically designed to support struggling readers and enhance their literacy skills. Through structured lessons that focus on phonemic awareness, decoding, and comprehension, students receive the essential tools they need to become confident, independent readers.

Our committed Student Learning Support Officers – Batoul, Zara, Eden, Najat, Vivien and Ella play an invaluable role in supporting our students in every aspect of school life. They provide essential assistance not only academically but also socially, helping students navigate challenges in the playground and classroom alike. Their dedication extends beyond the school day, as they attend overnight camps and other extracurricular activities, ensuring that every student feels supported and included.

If you have any questions about our learning support programs or would like to learn more about how we can assist your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sydney Secondary College Community Consultation

The Department of Education is consulting with the Sydney Secondary College community to identify opportunities for enhancing educational offerings at the Leichhardt, Balmain and Blackwattle Bay campuses.

Students, parents, carers and staff are invited to share their feedback [via an online survey](#), open from 9am Wednesday 4 June 2025.

The survey closes at 5pm on Friday 4 July 2025.

More information is available on the department's [website](#).

If you have any questions, please email sscconsultation@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your support.

From The Library

Ms Barbagallo

What an exciting few weeks it has been in the Library. We commenced the Breakfast Reading Club program last week (in its third year), with over 100 enthusiastic students involved in the program. I would like to thank all families and carers for waking up bright and early, so that your child can participate in this program. Thank you to the teachers who volunteer their time before school to help set up and read with our students. Thursday mornings in the Library, is now a vibrant hub of literary exploration and we look forward to sharing some photos soon!

Ultimo Public School Book Week! Save the date...Friday 22nd August

Make sure to save the date for the Ultimo Public School Book Week parade. The parade will take place at the Cola at 9:15am on Friday 22nd August. The theme this year is Book an Adventure. Books transport you to different worlds, times and magical places. Where will you be transported to? There will be prizes for the Best Dressed class and other surprises! Students will also be participating in competitions and activities throughout the week. Stay tuned in the next newsletter for more details!



Scholastic Book Club: Issue 4 Out now!

Families can purchase books at a discounted rate through scholastic book club. The best part is 15% of your order value is given back to our school. It is easy to order. Just go to scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP app which you can download from the App Store or Google Play. Once you select your books, use the drop-down menu to find your class and the books will be delivered to your child's classroom. Please note the school does not take cash for Book Club orders.

Some helpful resources to Introduce NEW families to Book Club

[Book Club Parent Guide Link](#)

[Scholastic Book Club Loop Guide](#)

Orders are due by Friday 20th June at 3pm.



Does Your Child Love Poetry? Join the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards!

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards (DMPA) are a fantastic opportunity for school students across Australia to unleash their creativity and express their thoughts and feelings through the beautiful medium of poetry. These prestigious awards aim to inspire young poets to pursue literary excellence and celebrate their unique voices.

If your child has a passion for poetry, encourage them to participate in this enriching experience! The DMPA not only fosters a love for writing but also helps students develop essential skills in self-expression and communication.

How to Enter:

To participate in the awards, follow these simple instructions:

- Visit the [DMPA website](#) for detailed How to Enter instructions.
- To register or log in, please click the following link: [Log in / register](#).

Key Dates to Remember:

- Submissions Close: Monday, 30 June 2025
- Winners Announced: 10 AM on Friday, 5 September 2025

Encourage your child to explore their imagination, craft their thoughts into poetry, and join in this exciting opportunity to shine.

Happy writing!



Unleash Your Child's Creativity with the Wild At Art Competition!

Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way for your child to express their artistic talents? The Wild At Art: Threatened Species Art Competition for Kids is the perfect opportunity! This inspiring competition encourages children to unleash their creativity while learning about Australia's incredible and unique plants and animals.

Children aged 5-12 are invited to submit their artwork depicting one of Australia's many threatened native animals or plants. This is not just an art competition; it's a chance for kids to engage with important environmental issues and express their thoughts through art. Along with their artwork, participants are required to include a short written description explaining why they chose that particular species. This adds an educational element and fosters a deeper understanding of Australia's biodiversity.

Key Details:

- Who Can Enter: Open to all children aged 5-12 living in Australia
- Submission Period: Online submissions will be open from Monday, 17 June to Monday, 12 August 2024
- Announcement of Finalists and Winners: September 2024

Encourage your child to explore their imagination, learn about the beauty of Australia's threatened species, and submit their artwork to be a part of this exciting competition. Together, we can inspire the next generation to appreciate and protect our natural heritage! Happy creating!



School Leader Update

Written by Bener, Myka, Tom, Kiah

Welcome to the Leaders' Report for Week 7. Firstly, we hope that you enjoyed the long weekend, and enjoy the four-day week! An exciting thing that's happening this week is the Stage 3 class spelling bee! Students will have a crack at spelling tricky words and once there's two finalists from each class, they will get into the Stage Finals that will be held in Week 9. Good luck to everyone who is participating and good luck to the people who made it to Cross Country Regionals! See you again in Week 9!

PBL Focus: Orange Playground

Respect

Responsible

Learner

This week for PBL, we are focusing on being respectful, responsible learners on the orange playground

General Expectations

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care for yourself and others• Treat others fairly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself• Take care of belongings and equipment• Wear a hat outdoors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen and follow all staff instructions• Right place, right time

Orange Playground Expectations

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share the equipment• Passive play only• Music plays, pack away	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wait for the teacher before playing• Stay in a supervised area• Seats are for sitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help others





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Aspire Achieve Amaze

Grow Your Mind



This fortnight we have been focusing on growing a **patience**.

What is it?

Patience means you can wait. If you are growing patience you can be calm and tolerant when difficult things happen.



What does it look like in our classroom?

- We are learning something new and it is a little tricky. We don't get too frustrated as we know that mastering something takes time e.g. let's say we are deep in the pit of learning, we know we can get out of there. Or we are at the bottom of the growth mindset tree with our shark thoughts, we know we can change the way we are thinking about our problem.
- We have our hand up to answer a question and everyone seems to be getting picked before us. We remain calm and wait for our turn.



What does it look like on our playground?

- A game doesn't go our way and we accept we cannot always control everything.
- We are gentle with others when they make a mistake and we are gentle with ourselves too.

Books about patience:

- Llama Llama Red Pyjama by Anna Dewdney
- Five Minutes by Audrey Vernick and Liz Garton Scanlon

Kindergarten

Kindergarten were so fortunate to have not one, but TWO incursions during Week 6. On Tuesday, the students were treated to an underwater exploration as part of the Under the Sea Drama and Science incursion. Students had the opportunity to take part in drama games and dress up as different sea creatures, all with a focus on sustainability.



On Wednesday, students continued their sustainability journey with a presentation by the City of Sydney Council. They learned about what can and cannot be recycled, and where all of our rubbish goes.



Stage 1 Football

The Stage 1 Football program is well underway this term and we have already seen some fantastic performances from the players. Each alternating Wednesday, students from Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to a game of football led by Mr Riordan and Mr Roby. The program aims to give students an experience playing an organised game, with the hope that it may lead to students pursuing further opportunities in PSSA and club football. We aim to develop core football skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting, as well as sportsmanship and fair play.



CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Zone Cross Country

Huge congratulations to our UPS student Megan from Year 5/ 6 Protons who came 5th at Zone Cross Country and is off to regionals!



Congratulations to both Ivy & Alberto who came 8th at Zone!
Great Result!

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition

Best of luck to Sophie B, Joanne Y, Destiny N and Aathi R, who will be representing Ultimo Public School at the local schools round of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition on Friday 13th June.

REVIEW OF SPORT HOUSE NAMES AND SCHOOL LOGO

Dear Parents and Carers,

After listening to you, our community, the P&C have taken on the 'Sport House Names & School Logo' project.

The objective of this project is to consult with students, parents, carers, and staff regarding the review of sport house names and the school logo that are currently linked to colonial history, ensuring that the final decisions reflect the values and diversity of our school community.

Stay tuned, as we are currently working on a survey which will be made available to you via School Bytes very soon to provide us with further insights on the above.

Following the survey, we will be introducing Focus Group Discussions. Once the Focus Group Discussions are completed, a Community Forum will be set up to allow for open discussion and feedback.

This leads into analysing the feedback and draft recommendation. We will certainly keep you updated on the progress along the way.

Your P&C



P&C

USED BOOK SALE

**Thurs 19th Jun
8:30am in the COLA**

Gold Coin Donation

Please donate pre-loved
children's books between
the 16th-19th Jun

8:30-9:00am in the COLA

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.

2025 NSW Premier's Spelling Bee

We are very excited to announce that this year, Ultimo Public School **students in Stage 2 and Stage 3** will be taking part in the annual Premier's Spelling Bee!

The Premier's Spelling Bee is a fun and educational opportunity for NSW public primary school students to build their vocabulary and improve their spelling.

Students will have access to the official **Spelling Bee word lists via Google Classroom**, allowing them to practise at home in preparation for the competition.

Classroom rounds will take place by **Week 7**. Two students from each class will move on to compete in the **Stage Finals in Week 9**. The winner from each stage will then go on to represent Ultimo Public School at the Regional Competition in Term 3.

For more information, please visit:

<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee>



Pressing pause on tech tantrums

June 2, 2025 | Triple P Articles

🕒 7 min read



Give your child the best start in life

What happens during the first 5 years of a child's life – pregnancy to age 5 – has a huge impact on how they grow, develop and learn.



Brighter Beginnings

Give your child the best start in life. Find support, tools and resources.

[Read transcript](#)

Brighter Beginnings

From pregnancy until your child is 5 years of age, the brain develops more rapidly and they learn faster than at any other time.

There are many things you can do in your child's early years to help give them the best start in life.

The **Parent and Carer Information Hub** has services and resources to support you during this important time.

You can also find out more about **why the first 5 years of a child's life matter**.

Sydney Visual Arts Academy



More details can be found at:
www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com



Sydney Visual Arts Academy



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14 + 15 June
130 Stalls
Free Parking!



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Cruise Terminal, Rozelle

10am - 4pm • \$5 Entry • Kids Free
Australian made homewares, food + slow fashion

Is this role for you? School Crossing Supervisor



About you:

Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, school staff and local motorists.



Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.



Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



Casual

City of Sydney (Ultimo and Glebe Area) –
100330

In this role, you'll:

Work shifts that fall between 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

Salary:

\$32.84 per hour plus superannuation.

Apply today

Applications close 11:59pm on Sunday 22nd June 2025.

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for Reference

Number: 100330 or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary

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Arts & Design	Feature Creatures	Elio	Australian Museum - Darlinghurst	The Outdoor Challenge
Get ready to unleash your creativity with TeamKids! We'll dive into vibrant colors, cool techniques, and hands-on fun to create masterpieces worthy of an exhibition! Please wear old clothes or bring an art shirt.	Let's gecko-ing into TeamKids for an animal spectacular with Feature Creatures! Today, we'll get up close & personal with some classic Australian wildlife. There'll be possums, frogs, lizards, snakes & more.	Elio, a creative underdog, is accidentally beamed into the Commiverse and mistaken for Earth's ambassador. Among alien worlds, he finds friendship and begins to discover his true self.	Pack your spirit of adventure as we embark on a journey to the Australian Museum! From the world of minerals and dinosaurs to the rich heritage of the First Nations Gallery, there is something for everyone!	Today we're taking on the Great Outdoor Challenge! Get ready to breathe in the fresh air, create your very own adventure sash, and enjoy a day full of fun, creativity, and exploration in the great outdoors! **Cooking Allergy Alert- Nut Free, Gluten Free Options.
Daily Fee \$87	Daily Fee \$87	Daily Fee \$105	Daily Fee \$92	Daily Fee \$69
After Max CCS* \$8.70	After Max CCS* \$8.70	After Max CCS* \$10.50	After Max CCS* \$9.20	After Max CCS* \$6.90

MON · 14th JUL	TUE · 15th JUL	WED · 16th JUL	THU · 17th JUL	FRI · 18th JUL
Rockpool Adventures	Campfire Crew	Gritty Kids	Inflatable World	Cultural Canvas
Dive into the fascinating world of rockpools with TeamKids! Meet the incredible creatures that call our beaches and oceans home. With hands-on activities and up-close encounters, get ready for a splash-tastic adventure!	Get ready for a day full of fun, teamwork, and laughs at our Sports Day! TeamKids will play classic camp games like Broken Telephone, team challenges, and mini sports games. Come and join the fun!	Today's all about high-energy games, big laughs and hands-on strategies that build focus and resilience! Fuelled by GRIT—Gratitude, Resilience, Inspiration, and Teamwork!	We're jumping for joy because TeamKids is going to Inflatable World, the home of some of the biggest indoor inflatables in Aus! We'll climb, leap & crawl through all the thrilling obstacles. *Socks required.	Join us as we hear fascinating Dreamtime tales before going on to explore cultural symbols to create your own boomerang masterpiece. It's a colourful adventure you won't forget!
Daily Fee \$85	Daily Fee \$117	Daily Fee \$83	Daily Fee \$111	Daily Fee \$83
After Max CCS* \$8.50	After Max CCS* \$11.70	After Max CCS* \$8.30	After Max CCS* \$11.10	After Max CCS* \$8.30

**Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy

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PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9 AM
ON EXCURSION DAYS



IN-HOUSE



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Bot Buddies



Build your own bot buddy! Ever played with a remote-controlled car and thought, this would be so much cooler as a robot? Well, look no further! Even though you can't take your bot buddy home, there are goodies to be won!

Daily Fee \$85

After Max CCS* \$8.50

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AWESOME PARTIES
FUN ZONES & GAMES
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
AND MORE...

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