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ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Written by Olivia Parry



Welcome Back

I hope all of our students have had a restful break with their families and are ready to jump back into Term 3. It's always refreshing to see the enthusiasm and energy that our students bring to the classroom after a break. Let's make this term a productive and enjoyable one!

Community Charter Reminder: Fostering Respectful Relationships

As part of our commitment to upholding the values outlined in our Community Charter, I want to take a moment to emphasise the importance of respectful relationships within our school community. This Charter serves as a guiding framework for how we interact with one another, ensuring that our school remains a safe and supportive environment for both students and staff.

I want to reassure you that I am dedicated to maintaining the wellbeing and safety of all our students, which also extends to our staff members. It is essential that we all work together to foster a culture of respect and understanding. If you have any concerns or issues, I encourage you to address them directly with your child's teacher. This is often the most effective way to resolve matters.

For more serious concerns, particularly those related to school organisation or staffing, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Open communication is key to our success as a school community, and I am here to support you and your child.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making our school a wonderful place for learning and growth.



School Community Charter



The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat each other respect

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students. staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with Our Plan for NSW Public Education.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- · To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- · Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- · Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as

prioritise the wellbeing

> Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

© NSW Department of Education



collaborative environment

all play

in partnership to promote learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters. they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities

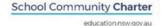
To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- · Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity
- · Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.

 Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- · Inappropriate and time wasting communication





Call to Action: Help Us Shape Our School Identity!

Exciting changes are on the horizon! The P&C, in partnership with the school, is reviewing our school logo and sport house names. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and contribute to the identity and spirit of our school.

I invite you to read the P&C section of today's newsletter for more details about the survey, including the timeline and how you can participate. Your voice matters, and we want to hear your thoughts and ideas!

Please take a moment to complete the survey using the provided link. This is an important moment for our school, and your opinions are valued and welcomed.

Thank you for being an active part of our school community. Together, we can create a vibrant and meaningful identity that reflects our shared values and aspirations.

Introducing Reggie: Our Future School Support Dog

I am thrilled to introduce the newest member of our school community, Reggie!

Reggie is currently in training to become our School Support Dog, and we couldn't be more excited about the positive impact he will have on our students.

The primary goal of having a support dog like Reggie is to help our students feel safe, happy, and ready to learn. Research shows that school support dogs can reduce anxiety, improve social skills, and promote a sense of calm in educational settings. Reggie will be an integral part of our efforts to create a nurturing and supportive environment for all students.

During his training, Reggie will be visiting the school regularly to become accustomed to the sounds, smells, and routines of a school environment. These visits are essential for helping him adjust and ensuring he is comfortable in his new role.

As he continues his training, we will keep you updated on his progress and look forward to introducing him formally to our students and families. We are confident that Reggie will quickly become a beloved member of our school community, bringing joy and comfort to all. Welcome, Reggie!

Meet Reggie





Reggie is a Mini Groodle who is currently training to become a certified Support Dog.

School support dogs are here to help students and teachers feel calm, confident and supported, with guidance from their trained handler. Reggie will always be in a controlled setting and supervised at all times. He is currently learning his role at school and will be gradually introduced to our school environment while completing his training. The safety of students, staff, and Reggie is paramount throughout this process.

Our goal is to help students feel safe, happy and ready to learn with the support of our school dog. For any concerns, please contact (via email) the school.

Likes: Walks and learning news tricks.

Personality traits: calm and loving.

Fun Fact: Reggie loves the cold and raw carrot sticks!





Transport for NSW

Bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters







Bike Safety

I would like to address an important issue regarding bike safety. This morning, I observed that several students rode their bikes without wearing helmets. Research shows that wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85%. It is crucial for our students to wear helmets at all times when cycling, as this not only ensures their safety but also complies with legal requirements. Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring their children are adequately equipped for safe travel to and from school.

To support families in promoting bike safety, I encourage you to click on the image below for more information on how to keep your child safe while riding. Together, we can foster a culture of safety and responsibility in our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

NAPLAN Update

I have received notice that the NAPLAN Individual Student Reports have been dispatched to schools and are expected to arrive by Friday 25th July. We will aim to distribute these reports to parents shortly after delivery.

I encourage families of students in Years 3 and 5 to take the time to review the results together. This is not only an opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements but also a chance to reflect on their learning journey. Understanding these results can provide valuable insights into your child's strengths and areas for growth. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a positive learning environment for our students.

External Validation Leadership Team Panel Participation

I am pleased to share that this morning, our leadership team participated in a panel of peer principals who reviewed our school's external validation submission as part of the ongoing school improvement process. This was an invaluable opportunity for us to showcase the remarkable progress and growth our school has achieved during the current improvement cycle.

I am incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work that our staff, students, and families have put into creating a positive and effective learning environment. This review will not only highlight our successes but will also provide us with constructive feedback to continue our journey of excellence.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to make our school the best it can be!

Education Week

I am excited to announce that Education Week is just around the corner!

This annual event, taking place from 4 - 8th August, provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the achievements in education and the hard work of our students, teachers, and community.

Throughout the week, we will be hosting a variety of activities and events designed to engage students and families alike. From Student Vs Teacher debate and classroom showcases to our whole school athletics carnival, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. We encourage all families to participate and celebrate the vibrant learning culture we have fostered at our school.

We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the importance of education and the growth of our students!



"Spark your inner light, and watch the world shine brighter"

Join us as we celebrate Public Education Week 2025 - 'Ignite Your Potential'

Wednesday 6th August

9:15am - 11:00am

Education Week Assembly, followed by Open Classrooms

Important Health and Safety Update: NEW Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

I am pleased to inform you that our school now has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located in the administration office. An AED is a portable device that can assess a person's heart rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electric shock to help restore a normal rhythm during cardiac emergencies. This crucial tool enhances our ability to respond effectively in critical situations.

The health and safety of our school community is our top priority, and we are committed to being proactive in ensuring that we have the necessary tools to manage any emergency situations effectively.

In addition to the availability of the AED, I want to assure you that all staff members receive annual training in First Aid, CPR, the use of the Automated External Defibrillator, and Anaphylaxis management. This training equips our team with the skills needed to respond swiftly and appropriately in critical moments.

We believe that preparedness is essential in safeguarding the wellbeing of our students, staff and the broader school community.



From The Library

Ms Barbagallo

Book Week Blast-Off with Author James Foley

To kick off Book Week with spark, Ultimo Public School will be welcoming award-winning Australian author and illustrator James Foley in Term 3 Week 4, Friday August 15th!

James is the brilliant mind behind the internationally loved picture book *Stellarphant*, which has won multiple awards and captured the hearts of readers around the world. Students from K-6 will be treated to a fun and inspiring session as James shares his hilarious and imaginative stories, *including Brobot*, *Secret Agent Mole*, *Happy Barry Capybara*, and more!

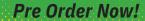
Some of our older students will be familiar with his other titles, In the Lion, The Last Viking and The Last Viking Returns, which have all scored several honours, including children's choice awards, recognition in the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year awards, and selection to the International Youth Library's White Raven list.

If your child wishes to purchase a copy of James Foley's books, students can order via the flyer included below and James will personally sign all copies on the day.

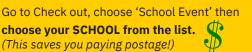
Permission notes and payment for the author visit will be sent by the end of this week.

It's sure to be a brilliant start to our Book Week celebrations — full of laughter, creativity, and a love of reading!





7 Follow the link
2 Add books to cart
View cart and add your STUDENT NAME
and CLASS NAME, in the text box
beneath the total.



SCAN or CLICK TO ORDER

5 Check out, and collect your book at the Author event!

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you're eating his books, you're doing it wrong. James writes and draws; he gives talks and runs workshops. He tells dad jokes. Legend says James can grow a beard in an afternoon. He is a massive Marvel movie nerd and comes from a long line of queuing enthusiasts.

Ultimo Public School Book Week celebrations



Children's Book Week 16-23 August 2025



The CBCA Book Week encourages young readers to embark on fantastical journeys, inspiring them to travel through the worlds that books open up. 2025 is also a milestone year as the CBCA celebrates 80 years of Children's Book Week!

In Week 5, our students will be participating in many events during school to encourage a love of reading and excitement around Australian literature. We hope you can join us on Friday 22nd August at 9:15am in the cola where we will be showing off our costumes in the Book Week parade! The theme is Book an Adventure. Students can dress up as any character that transports them to another world or inspires them to take adventures. There will be many competitions also for your child to enter to win books at the Scholastic Book Fair. We are very excited to celebrate Book Week at UPS!



UltimoPublicSchool Book Parade

When: Friday 22nd August @ 9:15am Where: In the COLA

ULTIMO P.S. BOOK WEEK 2025

BOOK AN ADVENTURE SCHEDULE

PICNIC READING WITH BUDDIES

12:55 - 1:40PM

MONDAY AUG 18

TUESDAY AUG 19 STORYTIME AND CRAFT IN LIBRARY AT LUNCH CLASSES VISIT SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

STORYTIME AND CRAFT IN LIBRARY AT LUNCH MULTICULTURAL READING SESSION AT LUNCH

WEDNESDAY AUG 20

THURSDAY AUG 21

- DROP EVERYTHING AND READ TIME
- CRAFT IN LIBRARY AT LUNCH
- STORYTIME WITH MRS PARRY IN THE LIBRARY AT RECESS

BOOK WEEK PARADE 9:15AM INTHECOLA BOOK FAIR OPEN TO PARENTS AFTER PARADE

FRIDAY AUG 22

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
OPEN TO FAMILIES FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
8:30-9:00AM 3:00-3:30PM



EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



When: Tuesday 19th August to Friday 22nd August Times: 8:30am-9:00am 3:00-3:30pm and also straight after the **Book Parade** Where: Ground floor library

to the UPS Library on behalf of your child. Each book donated will have your child's name inside the book!

Donate a book

Please note no cash- only card payments available

Scholastic Book Club: Issue 5- Out now!

Families will also receive a \$5 promo code when they place any LOOP order this Issue, which they can use on Issue 6*. 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.



Day	Classes	
Monday	5/6 Lightspeed 5/6 Protons 2 Radiant 3/4 Betatron	
Tuesday	5/6 Wi-Fi 3/4 Lasers 3/4 Titanium 1 Delta 2 Ripple 2 Atom Accelerators	
Wednesday	5/6 Particles 1 Beam 1 Rocket K Nova	
Thursday	% Cosmos K Galaxy % Neutrons	
Friday	1 Kinetic K Robots K Rainbow 2 Positrons	

Library Day Timetable

Please note there have some been some changes to the Library timetable and your child's library day may have changed. Please refer below for the Term 3 timetable. Your child will require an Ultimo Library bag or a fabric bag to borrow books from the Library. Thank you for your cooperation.



School Leader Update

Written by Bener, Myka, Tom, Kiah

Welcome back students and teachers, we hope you had a great holiday! We can't believe it's Term 3 already, we have been flying through the year so fast. We can't wait to see everyone focusing on learning and having fun with their friends. Make sure to always focus on your work and also to have the best time in your class, playground and library! Remember to always be kind to others and follow your PBL expectations everywhere and to everyone.



Grow Your Mind



This fortnight we will be focusing on growing gratitude.

Gratitude means we are aware of all that we have in our life and of the good things that happen to us. We let our friends and family know we are thankful for them.

Some books that you can read to support growing gratitude are: *The Boy, the mole, the horse and the fox* - Charlie Mackesy

Three - Stephen King

What does it look like in our classroom?

- We start a gratitude jar or have a gratitude journal. Every day we spend a moment writing down something or someone we are thankful for. At the end of the day we could write about the three things that went well for our class.
- When things don't go our way we have an awareness of the fact that a lot of other things do go our way so we don't get too upset.





What does it look like on our playground?

- If it rains and we can't play outside instead of thinking it is unfair we are able to shift our focus onto the wonderful things rain does for our planet.
- If we get out in handball or don't get to play the game we had hoped for instead of complaining we have a sense that we are lucky to be playing at all.

INTRODUCING OUR PBL MASCOT: ROOF BLOOK BURRAN



We are excited to reveal the final design for our PBL mascot, Kookie the Kookaburra!

Students have had a sneak peek of Kookie last term as he began to attend assemblies and visit some classrooms.

Kookie was based on a design submitted by Yarinda in 5/6 Lightspeed as part of our mascot design competition that we held in 2023.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Berta Rincon, mother to Eva and Alberto, a valued member of our UPS parent community. Berta has generously donated her time and exceptional design skills to bring Yarinda's vision to life. Her support and creativity have made a significant impact, and we are truly thankful for her contributions!

PBL Focus: General Expectations

Respect

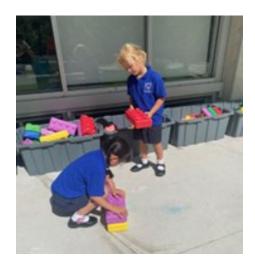
Responsible

Learner

This week for PBL, we are focusing on being respectful, responsible learners in all areas.

What are the General Expectations for all areas?

Respect	Responsible	Learner
Care for yourself and others Treat others fairly	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Take care of belongings and equipment Wear a hat outdoors	Listen and follow all staff instructions Right place, right time





Well done to everyone who is working hard to earn tokens to fill up the token box for their house.

Keep up the fantastic effort!

Sport House Names and School Logo Survey

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.

Why fill in the survey?

The survey will give us an insight of how you feel about our current sport house names and school logo*.

It's designed to give us information on demographic, awareness/perception and suggestions/comments for change.

Fill in the survey - <u>click here</u>
The survey will close 13th August 2025

After receiving the survey feedback, we will introduce some *Focus Group Discussions* with students, parents and staff to delve deeper into each and everybody's perspectives. This will ideally include a diverse representation of voices in each group.

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 setting a draft recommendation of new sport house names and logo that aligns with the values of inclusivity and respect for history.

We look forward to receiving lots of surveys. Big thank you in advance for working with us on this project.

Your P&C

2025 TEATOWEL

Student self-portraits are printed together onto high quality 100% cotton tea towels.

A meaningful gift for family & friends plus a great reminder of the early school years.

All money goes towards ongoing school needs & upgrades for our kids.

Thanks for your support!

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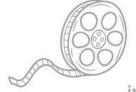
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Step 1: Visit any centre

Visit any City of Sydney Aquatic and Leisure Centre including Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre, Cook + Phillip Park Pool, Victoria Park Pool and Prince Alfred Park Pool from Monday 21 July to Sunday 31 August 2025

Step 2: Swim + Gym for your school

Scan the QR code and award points to your nominated school. Every scan earns points!

Step 3: Win \$5K + Weekly Prizes

The school with the most points will take home the major prize of \$5,000 in program credit.

Plus by nominating you go into the draw to win 1 month FREE membership, there's one be given away each week!



ULTIMO TEAMKIDS

NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Hello TK Families!

Welcome to Term 3! We all had a fantastic time in Vacation Care over the holidays. It was awesome to see so many familiar faces, along with several newbies! We had a ball on our excursions and learned so much through our amazing incursions and in-centre days. Big standouts were our excursion to Inflatable World and our Bot Buddies incursion. The TK team already can't wait for the next VAC to see what our incredible planning team has in store for us all! As we head into Week 1 of Term 3, we're getting excited to start voting for this term's TeamKids Clubs. Previous favorites have been Art Zone, Epic Games, Adventure Club, Cooking Club. We have many ideas to share with the kids and are keen to see what they'll decide on! You may have noticed our parent suggestion sheet at our front desk. We would love to hear suggestions and ideas from our community for opportunities we can create for the children at TK.

If you have any questions, please reach out using the contact info below or ask the staff onsite – while Xanthe is away on holidays, our lovely 2IC Philly (0401 482 094) is always available to help.

TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK:



MONDAY

ART ZONE



TUESDAY

EPIC GAMES



WEDNESDAY

ADVENTURE CLUB



THURSDAY

COOKING CLUB



FRIDAY

ART ZONE























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After school at Ultimo Public

Spark your child's creativity and confidence through hands-on drama and filmmaking clubs that build real-world skills and teamwork.



Monday: StarTime Drama Club

Ledby professional performers, DramaClub empowers kids through play, performance, and collaboration. Each class develops essential life and stage skills:

Public Speaking - Express ideas with confidence. Active Listening – React, observe, and think on the spot. Improvisation - Create stories through play. Vocal Skills - Strengthen clarity and projection. **Physical Expression** – Bring characters to life with movement.

Confidence. Creativity. Communication. Drama Club helps kids shine—on stage and in life!



Wednesday: Visual FX Filmmaking Club

Inthis action-packed club, kidsuse iPadsand protoolstocreate short films full of excitement and imagination. Each session develops filmmaking and teamwork skills:

Visual FX – Craft Hollywood-style effects with digital tools Storytelling & Direction - Design and film compelling scenes Team Collaboration - Work together like a real film crew Camera Skills - Frame, shoot, and edit like a pro Showcase Opportunities – Enter films into StarTime's online festival

Perfect for curious creators who love movies, tech, and big ideas!

"StarTime drama classes have transformed our 9-year-old confidence. He now dreams of being a stand-up comedian! Lindsay's teaching is inspiring and fun, and the skills learned helped the kids deliver an impressive, improvised play." Susana Danoy (parent)

Held at **Ultimo Public** in Homebase 2.

MON: 3:15-4:15pm WED: 3:15-4:45pm

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