

# The UPSIDE

ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Written by Peter Lavander



### Term 4

We have had a strong start to Term 4, with students and staff returning with great enthusiasm and a focus on learning and achievement. It is wonderful to see our school community buzzing with energy as we approach the final term of the year.

We are also eagerly looking forward to our Kindergarten Orientation Days for our incoming 2026 cohort. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for our future students to become familiar with our school environment, meet their teachers, and begin their exciting journey with us. We encourage all families to participate and help make this a positive and welcoming experience.

As we approach World Teachers' Day this Friday, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our teachers for their hard work, passion, and dedication throughout the year. Their commitment to creating a supportive and inspiring learning environment is truly appreciated by our entire school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I wish everyone a productive and enjoyable Term 4.

### Combined Schools Concert

Last night's Combined Schools Concert was a spectacular celebration of talent, dedication, and community spirit. We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who performed - your hard work and passion truly shone through every act on stage. Your commitment to rehearsals and performances made the evening a memorable success.

A special thank you also goes to the staff whose time, effort, and unwavering support behind the scenes helped bring this incredible event to life. Your dedication to nurturing and guiding our students is deeply appreciated.

Additionally, we are delighted to announce that Ultimo was awarded the '**Nicole and Julie Fitzsimons Foundation Memorial Award for - Most Memorable Routine**' prize, a well-deserved recognition of excellence. Congratulations to all involved in achieving this outstanding accolade!

Thank you to everyone who made the Combined Schools Concert such a remarkable event. We look forward to many more performances showcasing the vibrant talents of our school community.





# From The Library

Ms Barbagallo

## Donation from the Sydney Visual Arts Academy

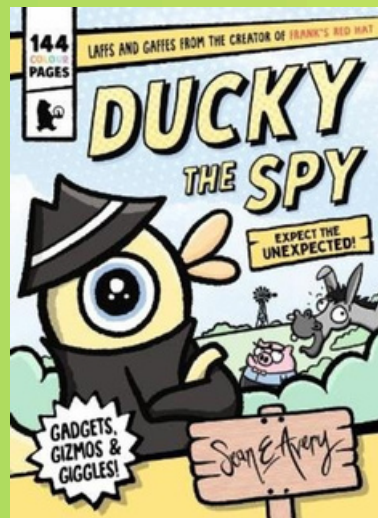


At the end of last year, our school library received a generous \$500 donation from the Sydney Visual Arts Academy. This donation was for the purchase of books from Miyazaki Hayao, who is a Japanese animator, filmmaker, artist and co-founder of Studio Ghibli. Some of his well known works include his academy award winning movie, Spirited away and My Neighbor Totoro.

These inspirational books will be a valuable resource in our library, providing students with the opportunity to explore Miyazaki's creative world alongside their teachers.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Sydney Visual Arts Academy for supporting our students' creativity and learning.

# BOOK REVIEW



TITLE: DUCKY THE SPY: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

AUTHOR: SEAN E AVERY



RATING



STUDENT: VIVIEN F

YEAR : 3/ 4 TITANIUM

What is this book about?

The book is about a ducky who is a spy and his boss really wants him to go on a secret mission. The mission is top-secret...Ducky is on a mission to defeat the cat gang with his assistant also known as the distractor.

What did you like most about this book?

When ducky keeps surprising the boss pig. The boss pig says stop surprising me and he says but I need to cause I'm a spy. The pig boss, yes I know.

What do you rate this book?

I rate it 5/5 and I think everyone will enjoy it!



# PBL Focus: Toilets

**Respect**

**Responsible**

**Learner**

This week for PBL, we are focusing on being respectful, responsible learners in the toilets.

## *General Expectations*

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

## *Toilets Expectations*

Respect	Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One person at a time</li><li>• Respect others' privacy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use the toilet for its purpose only</li><li>• Flush the toilet</li><li>• Wash your hands</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Try and use toilets at break times</li></ul>

# Grow Your Mind



This fortnight we are focusing on **forgiveness**

Forgiveness means you give people a second chance.

Forgiveness is a strength that we can call on when we want to let go of anger that is no longer helpful to us. Remember, there is nothing wrong with feeling angry. In fact it can be a really helpful emotion but it becomes less so if you can't stop thinking about the wrong doing and it prevents you from enjoying life! You need compassion and empathy to grow forgiveness.



## What does it look like in our classroom?

- When people behave in a selfish or mean manner and feel bad about it and show regret either through an apology or their actions, we are able to forgive them and move on.



## What does it look like on our playground?

- We move on when someone has done the wrong thing, we don't hold it against them or let it ruin our day
- We never look to gang up on someone who has wronged us.





# SCHOOL LEADER UPDATE

Written by Bener, Myka, Tom, Kiah

Welcome to the Week 3 Leaders Report. This week is a very sporty week as on Tuesday, different students are doing different activities to represent Ultimo Public School! First, we have the senior boys and girls basketball teams going to Sutherland on Tuesday for the Basketball Gala. We also have the junior and senior dance groups, performing at the Combined Schools Concert. Lastly, this Friday we also have World Teachers' Day to show how much appreciation we show to our teachers.

We hope everyone has a great rest of Term 4!





# Remembrance Day Assembly

**On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the  
11th month, we remember the dedicated  
soldiers that fought for our country.**

**Students, staff and families are invited to  
attend our Remembrance Day assembly on  
Tuesday, 11 November 2025 at the COLA.**

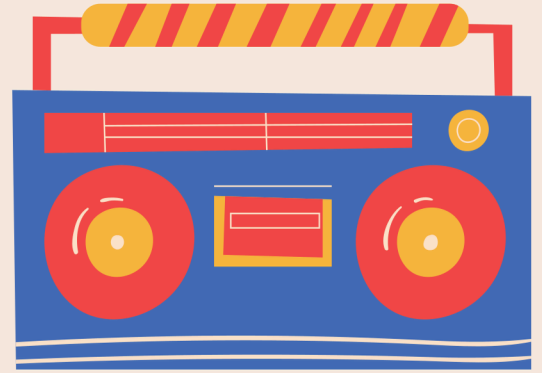
**Please arrive promptly at 10:40, for a  
10:45am start.**

*We will remember them.*

*Lest we forget.*

**By Leilani and Destiny**





**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE**

# **K-2 Dance Showcase**

**Wednesday 10th December**

**9.30-11am**

**Ultimo Public School Hall**

**More Information to  
come on School Enews**



# PSSA: TERM 2/3

## **Soccer PSSA**

During Term 2 and 3, the Senior soccer team competed with other schools such as Stanmore, Petersham, Wilkins and Marrickville. Ultimo had a brilliant season where improvements were made week by week. There was terrific sportsmanship and a great work-ethic shown by our players in every match. We hope that the players will continue their soccer journey next year in high school or in year 6.

Our Junior soccer teams also wrapped up an impressive Winter PSSA campaign. Congratulations to Ultimo 1 for winning their final against Wilkins Public School! Our Ultimo 2 team also had a fantastic season, playing every match with exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship. We are excited to watch these talented players continue their development as they prepare to join the senior teams in 2026 and beyond.

## **Netball PSSA**

It's been a fantastic winter season for our Netball PSSA Junior and Senior teams. Each week, students played different schools with great energy and teamwork. When players weren't on the court, they were cheering from the sidelines and helping to keep score during matches. The Junior team played an exciting final against Petersham Public School and finished as proud finalists. Both teams gave their all from start to finish. We're so proud of everyone and can't wait to be back on the court next year!



# **INTERNATIONAL** **TEACHERS' DAY**

**Friday, 31 October**

Let's celebrate our amazing teachers and show our appreciation for all they do!



We're organising a Teachers' Lunch to say a big **THANK YOU** 



## **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

We're collecting donations to make this lunch special.



Please donate via the **Flexi Schools App.**

Thank you for helping us celebrate our wonderful teachers!



**P&C**



# ULTIMO TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome to Week 3!

We've had an exciting start to the new term as we launch into our clubs! The votes are in, and we're thrilled to announce **Art Zone Club**, **Super Sport Club**, and **Cooking Club** for Term 4. We can't wait to bring the children's amazing ideas to life in our program!

**Kids Unlimited** has teamed up with TeamKids Ultimo to offer extra-curricular classes including **Robotics**, **Chess**, and **Dance**. If you'd like more information on how it works and how to enrol, please speak with our Director Xanthe. All bookings are eligible for CCS, and are easily managed through FullyBooked.

We are also excited to host our **Grab 'n' Go** event on the 29th of October, where we invite our community to come along for an afternoon snack and learn more about TeamKids! And with **Halloween** just around the corner, we'll be celebrating with some spooky fun games and activities this week, and hosting a Halloween party on the afternoon of the 31<sup>st</sup>

We will be recognising **Remembrance Day** in week 5 with meaningful activities including dedicated crafts, letters, and storytelling to honour those who have served our country.

If you have any questions, please reach out using the contact info below or ask the staff onsite.

Our Director Xanthe (0401 482 094) is always available to help.

## TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 3-4, Term 4

### MONDAY

Mindful Mondays (BSC)



### TUESDAY

Art Zone Club



### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

Cooking Club



### FRIDAY

Super Sport Club



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**Team  
Kids**

Before,  
After &  
Vacation Care

# HALLO- -WEEN PARTY

**31<sup>ST</sup> OCT**

# Important Update: School Uniform Purchasing

We are pleased to announce a new option for purchasing school uniforms:  
**School Bytes.**

**You now have two easy options for ordering uniforms:**



## What You Need to Know

We are currently piloting School Bytes for uniform purchases. To streamline our processes, we will gradually transition all uniform sales to the School Bytes platform by the start of the 2026 school year. We appreciate your help and cooperation as we make this smooth transition.

## How to Purchase Uniforms via School Bytes

Follow these simple steps to place your order:

1. Log in and navigate to the **Payments Tab on School Bytes.**
2. Select **Add other item.**
3. Choose the relevant **Student.**
4. Under 'Select category,' choose **New School Uniform.**
5. Select either **Uniform Items** or **Accessories.**
6. **Select the size** and the desired quantity from the dropdown menu.  
Be sure to click the **Add** button for each item before proceeding to checkout.

We appreciate your cooperation during this transition phase. Please reach out or come see us in the office if you have any questions.



# 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!***

## 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.







**Ultimo Public School**  
**Aspire Achieve Amaze**

## Parent Portal: Set up your parent portal account



### School Bytes for Parents 4+

Stay connected to your school

[School Bytes Learning Pty. Ltd.](#)

Designed for iPhone

#52 in Education

★★★★★ 2.5 + 0.6 Ratings

Free

Our primary communication tool with parents is via the School Bytes Parent Portal and App. School Bytes includes an Absentee Form, Online Permission Forms and a News Feed. School Bytes also allows you to view your child's Academic Reports and Statement of Account. We encourage all parents and carers to download the School Bytes App via Google Play or the App Store and **allow notifications**.

**IMPORTANT:** To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.



To set up your parent portal, follow the steps below:

1. Use the QR Code to register OR Open the parent portal [link](#)
2. Select the create a new account link.
3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
6. Enter a password.
7. Confirm the password.
8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.



## Ultimo Public School

Aspire Achieve Amaze

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You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform. When linking a student, the system automatically matches the data you provided with details stored on the student's school profile.

1. Select link OTHER student.
2. Search for the school's name.
3. Enter the student's first name.
4. Enter the student's last name.
5. Select the student's current grade.
6. Enter the student's date of birth.
7. Select search.

**If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.**

***PLEASE NOTE - if your child's enrolment is incomplete, you will be unable to complete the set-up of School Bytes.***

**The office is here to help you. Please call or drop in to the office if you need assistance downloading the School Bytes App.**



# Learn to swim

## A skill for life

- ✓ State-of-the-art aquatic facilities
- ✓ Nationally accredited instructors
- ✓ Heated pools all-year-round
- ✓ FREE access to practice outside of lesson times
- ✓ FREE swimming skills assessment to help you get started

Get back into weekly routine, learn water safety skills, and dive into the school term with confidence!



**Start Swimming Today**

- Visit [cityofsydneyleisure.com.au](https://cityofsydneyleisure.com.au) or phone us on 1300 198 412





# The Ultimate Ultimo BIG·BAKE·OFF



2PM DROP OFF FOR JUDGING @ CHURCH  
3PM FOR EATING ON THE GREEN  
**SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025**  
\$10 TO ENTER (INC EATING) • \$15 JUST TO EAT

All welcome to show off their baking skills or their ability to eat baked goods!

Local judges will be awarding prizes in the categories of:

- Chocolate Cakes • Cakes featuring Fruit • Other Cakes
- Slices • Biscuits • Best Baker Under 13yo • People's Choice

*Come show off your skills to the community and enjoy tasty treats with friends.*

**RSVP for ENTRY (incl category) or EATING ESSENTIAL**



**by 1 November 2025**



further details or questions contact

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*Raising funds for the Quarry Green Live Nativity*



MustardSeed Church



# Uniting Ultimo



# Sydney Visual Arts Academy



More details can be found at:

[www.sydneysvisualartsacademy.com](http://www.sydneysvisualartsacademy.com)



Sydney Visual Arts Academy







# Barnardos

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

ULTIMO

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## Enrolments now open for 2026!

A safe and nurturing community that supports children to reach their full potential.  
Now welcoming enrolments for children 18mths - 5 years.



**Book a tour today!**



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Australia**

Because **every child**  
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Location 47 – 53 Jones Street Ultimo, NSW 2007

Hours: 7:30am – 6pm Phone: (02) 9171 3500

<https://www.barnardos.org.au/early-learning-centre/ultimo/>

## COME & TRY

**TUES & THURS**

**5:15PM- 6:45PM**

**SATURDAYS**

**8:30AM-10:30AM**

@ OUR NEW LOCATION

**92 CANAL RD,  
LILYFIELD**

# DRAGON BOATING

SYDNEY ZODIACS  
WELCOMES ANYONE  
10 - 24 YRS

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CALL 0410655764

**REGISTER  
HERE FOR YOUR  
FREE  
DRAGON PASS**



**TEAM BASED FUN**







**\$245 for 3  
days! 30%  
Offer ends  
November  
23rd!**

#### PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01** 9-3pm each day
- 02** Basketball, Cricket, Netball and Soccer on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs



**It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants**



## THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

#### LOCATIONS

- UNSW Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Kensington - 19, 20, 21 January 2026
- University of NSW, Daceyville - 12, 13, 14 January 2026
- Heffron Park, Maroubra - 15, 16, 17 December 2025
- Heffron Centre, Maroubra - 15, 16, 17 December 2025 & 12, 13, 14 January 2026
- Concord Recreation Centre, Concord - 17, 18, 19 December 2025
- Five Dock Leisure Centre, Five Dock - 19, 20, 21 January 2026

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# Is this role for you?

## School Crossing Supervisor



### About you:

Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a roadsafety 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 Local Government Area –  
102478

### 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:

\$33.83 per hour plus superannuation.

### Apply today

Applications close 11:59pm on Sunday 9th November 2025.

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference Number: 102478** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Amy Davies

E: [amy.davies@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:amy.davies@transport.nsw.gov.au)

P: 02 4064 0477



# The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school on approved metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services during term.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

### Years K–2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

### Years 3–6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

### Years 7–12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



Students who live too close to be eligible for free travel may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass. This pass offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole of the school term. For more information about who can apply, visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

## Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, their Opal card will need to be updated for the new school year before mid-December at [transportnsw.info/ssts-update](https://transportnsw.info/ssts-update)

## How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

### Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed the student's enrolment, complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Step 2

The school endorses the application.

### Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



## Which card to use

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

### Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network.
- 30% fare discount on metro/train, bus and light rail services when travelling on Fridays, weekends, public holidays and outside of the peak times.
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off.
- Set auto top up and link it to a credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at [transportnsw.info/opal](https://transportnsw.info/opal) or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit [transportnsw.info/opal-retailers](https://transportnsw.info/opal-retailers)



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a Transport Concession Entitlement Card. To apply contact your school or institution.

## More information

For more information about school travel assistance, including details about travel restrictions and unsuccessful applications, visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at [transportnsw.info/opal-privacy-policy](https://transportnsw.info/opal-privacy-policy) and the School Pass Terms at [transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms](https://transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms)

