

NEWSLETTER

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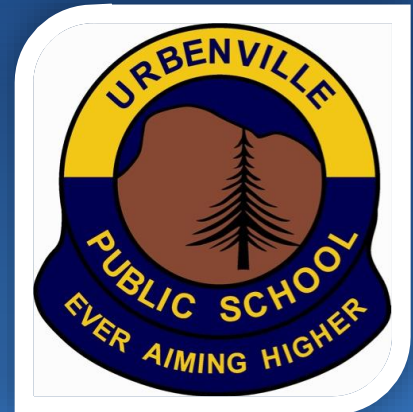
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Principal – Christopher Sifko

‘Ever Aiming Higher’



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As a community, as a school, as a principal, and as a friend, I'm sure I can speak for many when I say our heartfelt thoughts are with Mrs Stubbings on this solemn day as she lays to rest her husband, Peter Stubbings—a former student of UPS and a cherished member of our community.

Mrs Stubbings, please know that our thoughts and support are with you today and always.



Vale Peter Finlay Stubbings

1st January 1952 – 21st November 2025

Dates

TERM 4, 2025

WEEK 9

Mon 8th Dec – Swimming
Program 12.30 – 2pm

Tues 9th Dec – Breakfast Club

Wed 10th Dec – Swimming
Program 12.30 – 2pm

Thu 11th Dec – Breakfast Club

Fri 12th Dec – Breakfast Club

Fri 12th Dec – Swimming Program
12.30 – 2pm

WEEK 10

Mon 15th Dec – Swimming
Program 12.30 – 2pm

Tues 16th Dec – Breakfast Club

Wed 17th Dec – Last session for
Swimming Program 12.30 – 2pm

Thu 18th Dec – RISE UP Reward

Fri 19th Dec – Breakfast Club

Fri 19th Dec- Christmas Luncheon

HOLIDAYS!!

ARTWORK EXCURSION – Monday 1st December

Thank you to Pauline Hart for kindly inviting our students to attend the High Country Art Expo held at Woodenbong. Our senior students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, engaging deeply with the artworks on display. They explored and appreciated not only the pieces themselves but also the various modes, techniques, and styles employed by the artists. It was a truly fantastic day, leaving our students inspired and eager to incorporate new ideas into their own creative work.



10FM COMMUNITY RADIO STANTHORPE – CAROLS OVER THE AIR

Thank you once again to Ben ‘The Scotsman’ White for graciously inviting our students back to 10FM Stanthorpe to share some festive cheer with his audience. Each student had the opportunity to select their favourite Christmas carol and introduce it live on air, creating a memorable and engaging experience. This wonderful opportunity not only enriched our students’ confidence and communication skills but also reinforced the vital importance of kindness and community spirit during the holiday season.



CELEBRATION OF LEARNING DAY – Thursday 4th December

Our 2025 Celebration of Learning Day was truly a remarkable occasion—a heartfelt opportunity for students, staff, parents, community members, and special guests to come together and celebrate the extraordinary achievements at UPS. The event was a shining testament to the invaluable role of Public Education.

Congratulations to all our students for your outstanding accomplishments throughout the year. We extend our deepest gratitude to our staff, whose unwavering dedication and hard work make UPS exceptional. To our volunteers, often working quietly behind the scenes, please know that your contributions are cherished beyond measure.

Thank you to all our parents for entrusting UPS with the incredibly important responsibility of educating and caring for your children.

A special thank you to Mayor Petrie—not only for your ongoing support of our school but also for going the extra mile to join us on this special day. And who could forget that impromptu drum lesson with the Mayor? What an unforgettable and wonderful moment!



CELEBRATING A 90 YEAR CONNECTION TO URBENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

I had the privilege of speaking with Mrs. Edna Nerney at our school's Celebration of Learning Day this week. The Nerney family has been steadfast supporters of our school for many years, with the Nerney Encouragement Award proudly recognised as part of our school celebrations. On behalf of the staff and students at Urbenville Public School, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Nerney on an extraordinary milestone—90 years ago this year, she began her schooling at UPS and has remained a passionate and valued member of our school community ever since. Thank you, Mrs. Nerney; you are truly an exceptional and inspiring lady.



BOOKS IN HOMES ROLE MODEL

As part of our Celebration of Learning, our students received their Books in Homes packs for this term. We were privileged to have Eleanor Pearson—a primary school teacher and published author—join us via Zoom to explore the wonderful world of literacy. Eleanor delighted the students with two captivating book readings: the first, Books Are NOT Just for Bedtime, which received the Gold Award in the Children's Book category at the ABLE Awards; and the second, the recently released The Girl with a Feather in Her Hair. Our students were highly engaged throughout the session, and Eleanor graciously took the time to answer their thoughtful questions about writing and illustrating. We extend our sincere thanks to Books in Homes for facilitating such valuable and inspiring learning experiences for our students.

WATER SAFETY PROGRAM – Weeks 9 and 10 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Our annual Water Safety Program will commence a little later in the term than it usually would. This year, it will be held in Week 9 and Week 10 over 5 sessions.

Week 9	Week 10
Monday 8 th December	Monday 15 th December
Wednesday 10 th December	Wednesday 17 th December
Friday 12 th December	

This program will be held at Woodenbong Public Pool, and private transport will be utilised. A permission note will go home shortly with more details relating to the program.

CAROLS AT THE URBENVILLE AGED CARE HOME – Tuesday 16th December

Staff and students are eagerly anticipating their visit to the Urbenville Aged Care Home to share some festive Christmas cheer with the residents. In preparation, students have been rehearsing a selection of their favourite carols and creating personalised Christmas notes and gifts for the residents. This heartfelt visit promises to be a truly special way to conclude what has been an exceptionally busy Term 4. We extend our gratitude to Sharyn Russ for organising this meaningful experience and for generously treating us to morning tea on the day. This is community at its very finest!

RECOGNISING INCREDIBLE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AT UPS – Thur 18th December

Our end-of-term RISE UP Reward Day is scheduled for Thursday of Week 10. Students who have successfully met their attendance goals will be celebrated with a movie screening and pizza party in the UPS hall. Congratulations to all students who are on track to achieve their attendance targets—remember, every day counts!

NOTIFYING SCHOOL OF STUDENT ABSENCE/ILLNESS OR LATENESS

We understand that from time to time, students are absent from school or arrive late for a variety of reasons. It is a NSW Department of Education policy requirement that schools seek a reasonable reason from parents for these instances. We appreciate parents' proactiveness in providing school with a reason for a student's absence. In the event that this does not occur, an automated message will be sent out via the School Bytes app seeking this information. Thank you, parents, for working with the school in this area.

FACEBOOK #onlyatUPS #LoveWhereYouLearn

I would like to remind and encourage our staff, parents and community members to get behind our school Facebook page. Don't be shy and throw us a 'like', share a post, or even make a comment. We value our parents' and community feedback, and we are super proud of the work our little champions are doing in the classroom.



TERM 1, 2026 COMMENCES – Monday 2nd February 2026

A friendly reminder to parents that the 2026 school year will commence on Monday, 2nd February 2026. This marks the first day back for all students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed, relaxed, and ready to embrace the new year with enthusiasm and the proud UPS spirit.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

We kindly ask our neighbours and local community members to remain vigilant. If you observe any unusual or suspicious activity at the school outside of school hours, please promptly contact School Security at 1300 880 021, available 24 hours a day. In the event of an emergency, please call '000' immediately.



URBENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST

UPS students wear their uniform with pride. Our uniform is synonymous with our high expectations of respect and excellence. Students are expected to be in full Urbenville school uniform all year round and wear sports uniform on designated days during the week. All our uniform options are unisex. Our school subsidises uniforms to ensure they are affordable for families of all budgets. Additionally, we offer a wide selection of near new uniforms available for a gold coin donation. At UPS, we strongly believe that dressing well reflects good manners and respect, and we are committed to supporting our students in presenting themselves with pride. **Each new enrolment receives a FREE complete uniform, including a sports uniform.**

URBENVILLE PS UNIFORM PRICE LIST		
Item	Sizes	Total incl GST
Girls Tunic - Summer	4 - 16	\$25.00
Girls Tunic Winter	4 - 16	\$25.00
Girls Skorts - embroidered	4 - 14	\$15.00
Shirts – Short Sleeve	5-6yrs - 15-16yrs	\$15.00
Shirts – Long Sleeve	5-6yrs – 15-16yrs	\$15.00
Sports Polo Shirts	6-16	\$15.00
Shorts	4-5yrs – 13-14yrs	\$15.00
Long Trousers	5-6yrs – 15-16yrs	\$15.00
Fleece Jacket	4 - 16	\$25.00
Sport Shorts & Skorts		\$15.00
Accessories		
Hat	Small – X Large	\$10.00
Ties	one size fits all	\$10.00
Socks - Long Grey with stripe	Various sizes	\$10.00

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Boys & Girls Summer Uniform



Boys & Girls Winter Uniform



Boys & Girls Sports uniform

**Come and join our
small school family**



ENROL NOW!