

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to Term 1, 2025



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all our students, families and staff. I hope everyone has managed to enjoy a relaxing, fun filled holiday break and are returning to school feeling refreshed, revitalised and ready to enjoy all the wonderful learning opportunities in Term 1 2025.

We are incredibly delighted to welcome 5 new students to our small school family. I would also like to welcome Miss Flint to our UPS staff this year, who has already shown herself to be a valuable member of staff. To say she is as pumped as a balloon is an understatement!

I feel extremely privileged to be able to guide another positive and productive school year at Urbenville Public School, where our school community can continue to develop our supportive, nurturing environment that encourages each and every one of our students to reach their full potential, ensuring every student is known, valued and cared for.

Dates

TERM 1, 2025

WEEK 3

Tues 11th Feb – Breakfast Club

Thu 13th Feb – Breakfast Club

Fri 14th Dec – School Swimming Carnival (Bonaldi Pool)

WEEK 4

Tues 18th Feb – Breakfast Club

Wed 19th Feb – District Swimming Carnival (Woodenbong Pool)

Thu 20th Feb – Breakfast Club

Fri 21st Feb – Breakfast Club

Fri 21st Feb – Kids-in-Kitchen

WEEK 5

Tues 25th Feb – Breakfast Club

Thu 27th Feb – Breakfast Club

Thurs 27th Feb – P&C Meeting

Fri 28th Feb – Breakfast Club

Fri 28th Feb – Kids-in-Kitchen

WEST of the RANGE SMALL SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Friday 14th February

Once again, UPS will team up with our sister small schools, Old Bonalbo PS and Drake PS down at Bonalbo Swimming Pool for our annual West of the Ranges Small School Swimming Carnival. Permission notes have already been sent home. Good luck to all students involved in what will no doubt be a fun filled day, hopefully without rain.



DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Wednesday 19th February

Our District Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 19th February. This will be held at Woodenbong Pools. Permission notes will be sent home shortly after the results from our West of the Ranges Small School Swimming Carnival have been ascertained.

NFL SUPERBOWL CELEBRATIONS – Monday 10th February

As part of our school's Term 1 selected sport, we have chosen to engage in NFL (American Football) run through Sporting Schools Australia. This is the first time this sport has been offered and the school thought our students might like to engage in something a little different. With this being said, the American Super Bowl was held on Monday 10th February (Australian time) and we thought the students would appreciate watching how the game is played at a professional level. Our normal daily literacy and numeracy remained undisturbed, but after lunch, the game was placed on the interactive whiteboard to watch for the afternoon session. To make this event truly authentic, students were encouraged to wear **red** to support the **Kansas City Chiefs**, or **green** to support the **Philadelphia Eagles**. In addition, students also tucked into some freshly made buffalo wings, as we are told this is traditional when watching the Super Bowl. This turned out to be a great 'get to know you activity' and a fun way to start of the 2025 year.



2025 UPS SCHOOL CAPTAINS and LEADERS

Congratulations to Urbenville Public School's 2025 School Captains and School Leader. Well done on a positive campaign and speech. The people have spoken and I would like to introduce:



Sienna (School Captain), Sahryah (School Leader), and Knox (School Captain)

P&C NEWS – Thursday 27th February

Our P&C will meet one more time on Thursday 27th February at 3:15 to formally vote on the placing of the P&C into recess. All members are encouraged to attend if possible. As mentioned previously, the school will still be engaging in regular communication with parents and community members regarding the running of the school. However, this will just be on a more informal basis as required.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

If we could remind our neighbours and local community if you notice anything strange or out of the ordinary occurring at school after school hours, please phone School Security on 1300 880 021 (24 hours). If it is an emergency please call '000'.



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

It is that time of year when we ask families to update the emergency contacts, medical & other vital information at school. If any aspect of your child/ren's enrolment or family circumstances has changed, please contact the school office to update this information. If you have a Student Data form attached to the newsletter, could you please complete and return. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

FACEBOOK #onlyatUPS

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.



STUDENT LEADERS CONFERENCE 2025

Our student leaders this year are extremely thrilled to be able to participate in the Youth Leadership Academy of Australia's 'Dream & Lead' conference 2025 held in Sydney. Our UPS student leadership team will rub elbows with their peers from around the state as they engage in an extremely valuable program delivered by a variety of keynote speakers who are leaders in their own respective fields. Wow, what an experience!



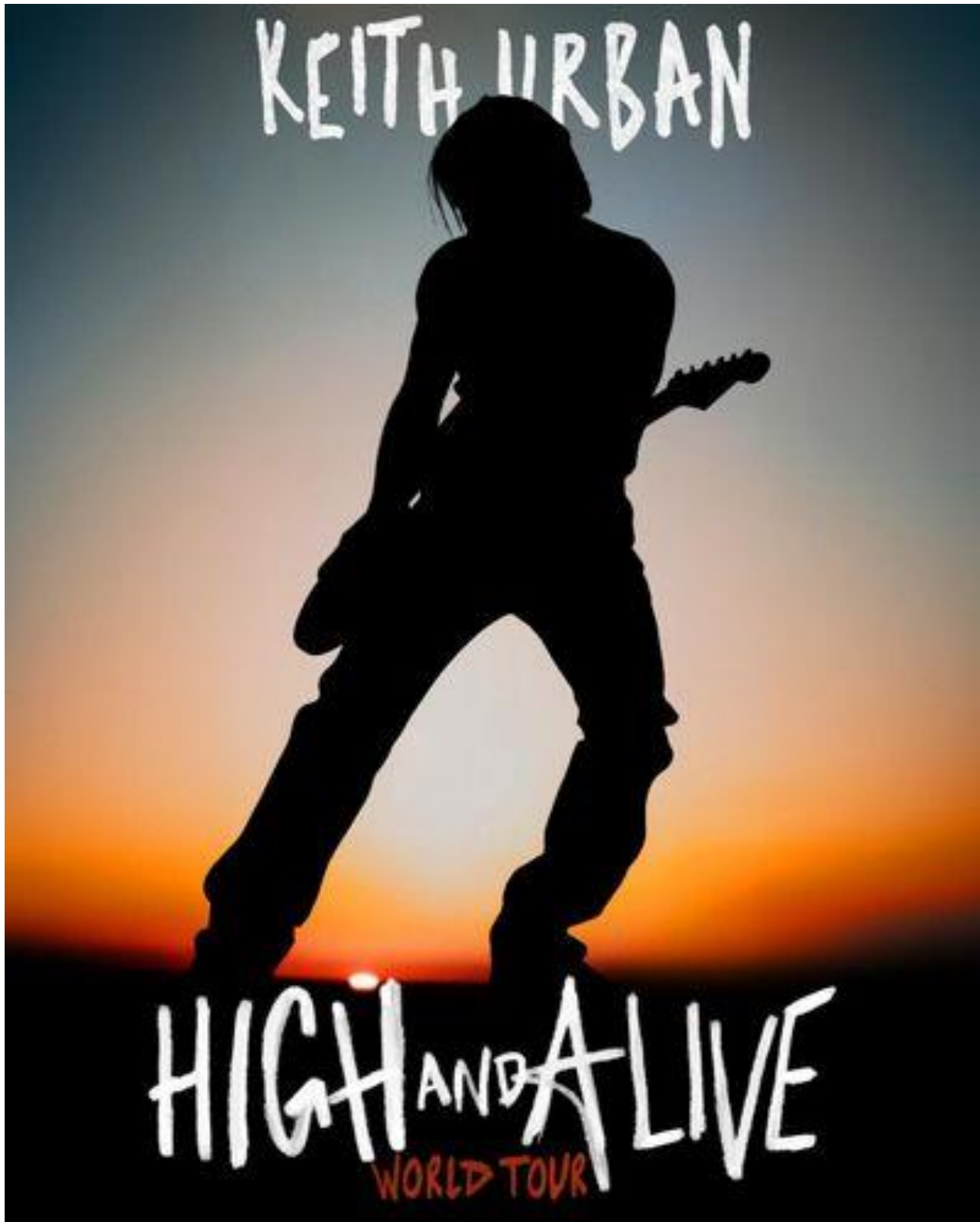
KIDS IN THE KITCHEN – Friday Week 4

Our wildly popular, 'Kids-n-Kitchen' with Jasmine will continue this term commencing from Week 4 this term. We are still fine tuning our menu for the term. Once complete, this fine dining menu will be sent home for parents to look over as soon as it's completed.



SUPER EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THIS!

Keith has not forgotten his namesake school and we will once again be invited as guest VIP's to the Brisbane leg of his tour. Boys and girls, if you thought you had fun last time, wait until you see what Keith has planned for us this year. Let's just say UPS students will be practicing their stage craft ready for the night! **#onlyatUPS**





KYOGLE
FOOTBALL CLUB

MINIROOS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Is your child aged 5 - 11 and
wanting to start a team
sport?

This is a great way to learn
valuable skills and
teamwork while being part
of a friendly and inclusive
local football community.

Training commences week 3rd March.

Games on Saturday mornings (to commence after school holidays).

Register: <https://registration.playfootball.com.au/>

Registration for Juniors (age 12 - 16) and Seniors is also open now.

For more information, please reach out to the Kyogle FC - Soccer Facebook page or via email to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au

**Come and join our
small school family**



ENROL NOW!