



THE NEWS



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INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE

- Paisley Park Early Learning Centre on Miller Street is taking new enrolments, Ph 1800 724 753
- New Hairdressing Salon Tapestry Boho Couture. 2/10 Fraser Street, Torquay. All kids cuts—\$1 per year of age up to 16 years. Please call to make an appointment or for more information.

Resource Scheme Payments

A reminder that a minimum of \$47.50 must be paid by the end of term 1. Payments can be made at the school office by cash or EFTPOS or online using Bpoint.

If you wish to pay using centrepay, forms are available from the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH:

- 16th - Author Visit—Cameron Stelzer
- - National Day Against Bullying
- - Breakfast Club
- - Indigenous Playgroup
- - AFL Gala Day 10-12 Yr Old's
- 19th - Breakfast Club
- - Parade Yr 3-6
- 21st - Nick Adopt—A-Cop Visit
- - Hervey Bay Beginners Strings workshops
- - USHS visit Yr6—Transition Visit
- 23rd - Gala Day Yr 5-6
- - Breakfast Club
- - Indigenous Playgroup
- 26th - Breakfast Club
- - Parade Yr 3-6

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The term is rapidly drawing to a close and I would like to flag our first parent teacher night on March 26. Please set this date aside to come and meet with your children's teachers. While reports will not go home until the end of next term, meeting now provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to share an understanding of how students are performing and where work can be done to improve their results.

I'd also like to acknowledge two of our permanent teacher aides who have relocated to other schools. Felicity McDougall is now working in prep at Yarrilee State School and Elke Voigtlander has moved over to Sandy Strait State School. Elke is no stranger to Sandy Strait, having worked there previously. Thanks to both ladies for their work with our students over many years.

Earlier this term I had the pleasure of meeting Leone Fish (nee Schmidt). Leone is a former student of UPSS who had travelled to Urangan with her grand-daughter and great grand-children to take a walk down memory lane. I've included some photos of Leone outside the original school building in which she was taught. Leone's story illustrates the difference between school back then and today. I hope you enjoy it.

Have a great week,
Carole Boatwright
Acting Principal

Memories of Urangan Point State School By Leone Fish

On a recent stay at Hervey Bay with my Granddaughter and her twin children I was able to visit my old school Urangan Point State School and see my family tile in the area allotted to named tiles of past and present pupils.

My years at school are still reasonably fresh in my mind. Actually, I can remember my first day at school. My older sister Fay's class came out to greet me. We travelled from Torquay to Urangan with our head teacher Miss Cartwright as we were the furthest pupils from the school. We had a step brother also attending at Urangan. He was older than us and all I remember about him at school was that he played sport and on Arbor Day in his final year he planted the Moreton Bay fig tree that still grows in the corner of the school grounds. He later went to War with the RAAF and spent the war years in England.

I was pleased to meet the new Principal Mrs Boatwright and she was happy to show me the old school room where I spent my first few years. I think it would be appropriate if this room was named after Evelyn Cartwright in honour of her long, dedicated time at the school. I'm sure the community would agree with that.

I recall our great times at school balls and our break-up days which were special picnic and race days. Our committees of men and women did a great job of catering for these events. Baskets of sandwiches, cakes, watermelon, lollies and drinks were plentiful. It was a great way to end our school years. Our Fancy Dress Balls were also memorable with many of the classes doing special dances all in costume.

During the war years we had trench drill which meant on the alarm being given we had to run to the trenches, which were near the back fence where the Admin building now stands. On climbing into the trenches we had to put a specially folded hessian sugar bag over our heads and place a piece of wood, mine was a piece of plywood which we wore around our necks, into our mouths probably for concussion reasons.

The Army was camped all along the foreshore from Pialba to Urangan and the Air Force did a lot of training over the Bay. My years at Urangan State School 1937-1945 were memorable and remain with me to this day. I attended the school centenary in 2016 with two of my sisters. We met some of our old school friends. There are not many surviving, but it was an enjoyable day. I hope the school continues to flourish and that the present pupils enjoy their years at this great school.



Our school motto was Play Up and Play the Game.
Thank-you,
Leone Fish (nee Schmidt)

MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Dear Parents

This week is the last week we will be discussing strength-based parenting

By **Professor Lea Waters MAPS** President Elect of the International Positive Psychology Association

Strength-based parenting in action

Strength-based parenting comprises three main processes: seeing strengths, growing strengths and celebrating strengths. Let's say you notice your child shows an aptitude for creativity and art. You might try to create environments where your child can play to their strengths by enrolling them in an art class and making sure you've got good quality pencils and paint at home. You could display the artwork in your home or suggest that your child give it to a family member as a gift.

Strength-based parenting is particularly helpful when children are experiencing problems. Let's say your teenager daughter is going through friendship issues. You might talk to her about the strengths she has that will help her navigate the problem, such as forgiveness, empathy or bravery. Discuss how she's managed stressful times in the past – perhaps she's a good listener, negotiator or, in a worst-case scenario, makes new friends easily

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Have a Great Week
Julie Jackson
Guidance Officer

NEWS FROM YEAR 3

Year 3B have been working extremely hard throughout this Term.

We have established a positive behaviour reward system for the class and this is running well.

A poster with the words "Just One Kind Word May Change Someone's Entire Day" reminds us that words are very powerful and it makes us feel good to say something nice to each other.

We have just finished our unit on Narratives. There are some fantastic Narratives to read and share within our class.

Year 3HM

In art, this term, students have looked at sculptures made from found and natural objects. In groups, students had to collect found and/or natural objects and use ideas and techniques to make a 3D artwork. Below are some of the results.



HOC NEWS

With our phones tethering us to the world around us, sometimes being constantly connected to everyone else can mean it is harder to schedule time to connect with family. In 2015 the average Facebook user was using it for around 40mins a day(!). Today, the average figure for some age groups sits at over an hour!

Reading practice is a great chance for you and your child to spend special time together. Consider swapping out that social media time by popping your phone on silent and putting it in a cupboard. Then revel in the chance to spend some time to sit quietly with your child and switch off.

Reading at home is great because its:

- a time to sit close to your child
 - 10–15 minutes without interruption, away from the TV
 - an enjoyable, interesting and special time where lifelong bonding and memories are made
 - a time to praise your child for making an effort
- Costs NOTHING!

Here are some tips -

If your child is stuck on a word wait a few seconds, give them a chance to think. If they are still stuck, help them to try to work the word out by saying "read the sentence again and think what would make sense". Ask "could it be...?" (and give a word that might fit). The pictures also help them check they have got the right word. If they still can't work out the word, tell them and praise their efforts. Remember, reading should be fun.

Help your child to link stories to their own life. Remind them about what they have done when a similar thing happens in the story.

Something to consider – Jackie French the 2014-2015 Australian Children' Laureate and 2015 Senior Australian of the Year still spends 30 minutes a week on the phone reading to her parents. It's their time that they make to shut off the world and connect even though they live a long way apart! Pretty cool!

Andrew Nye
Head of Curriculum
URANGAN POINT State School

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The closing date to place **Issue 2** orders is this **FRIDAY 16 MARCH**. Orders usually arrive at school within 7 to 10 days.

Cathy Fowler
Teacher-Librarian

Author Visit - Cameron Stelzer

On **Friday 16 March**, we will have a special visit from author and illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. He is visiting our school to run workshops with our Year 2, 3 and 5 students. He will be engaging Year 3 and Year 5 students in a workshop to motivate and inspire them with their writing, and help prepare them for their own narrative writing tasks. Our Year 2 students will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading session. Students and teachers are looking forward to a fantastic day!

In conjunction with the **Author Visit**, Urgan Point SS families have a special opportunity to purchase **signed** and personalised copies of Cameron's books at special prices. Individual items are \$15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Order forms will be available on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned to the **Library** the following Monday 19 March if you wish to place an order. Cameron will personally sign books (including the child's name and a message) and students will receive their books in time for the school holidays.

NEWS FROM OUR MASTER TEACHER



Friday 16 March marks the nation's 'National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence'. This event has been spread across the week with a variety of activities being carried out in the classroom and playground. The national theme for the campaign is 'imagine a world free from bullying'. When you walk through our foyer, please take a moment to read some of our students' big ideas.

Prep students will be working towards a friendship tree display in the library, sharing ideas of how to be a good friend. Year 1 to 6 classrooms will be building their own anti-bullying displays that represent their own ideas to reduce bullying and strategies of what to do if they are being bullied.

Unfortunately, bullying is a real issue that affects students in every school every day. We are committed to reducing bullying through continually teaching our students **good behaviour, every day, everywhere**. Continuing to promote anti-bullying strategies and new ways to reduce the occurrence of bullying is a high priority for our school.

Angela Hubbert
Master Teacher



Alix Woods - Queens Baton Bearer for 2018 Commonwealth Games

One of our students, Alix Woods in year 5, has been selected to be a Baton Bearer for the 2018 Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay.

Alix is very excited to be a Baton Bearer and represent her school and community. She would be thrilled to have her school support her and we would love as many people as possible to come along.

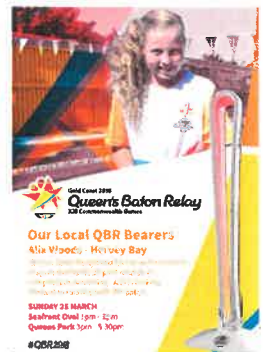
Alix will walk 500m with the baton. This will be a great opportunity to view the baton, capture some photos and be a part of this historic event.

RELAY DETAILS:

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

JETTY STREET URANGAN (PUBLIC BOAT RAMP) TO 92 MILLER ST URANGAN

12PM (IT IS RECOMMENDED TO ARRIVE EARLIER IN CASE THE BATON IS RUNNING EARLY)



CHAPPY'S CORNER

Growing Values & Enforcing Boundaries in Our Kids

Hi everybody, I hope the beginning of your year is going well. Something I am rethinking in my own home at the moment is developing values in my children. I have completed and taught many classes that promote the need for positive parenting and that have warned against punitive discipline, however I myself have still struggled personally with how to keep balance as I have tried to become more understanding of my children. I have great kids (most of the time) however there are times they challenge me in areas I would never have dared as a child. I have taken on board the information I have learnt in these parenting classes and gone out of my way to try to be understanding and demonstrate to them what understanding means. I have tried to demonstrate to them what caring is, with hope that they too will be caring. I have tried to demonstrate being patient (sometimes), with hope that they will learn to be more patient. I also know however that these programs strongly emphasize the need for structure and boundaries and I am beginning to wonder if I needed to be much stronger in my enforcement of boundaries and expectations for my own kids. It is extremely easy for these two elements of parenting to become unbalanced.

Through my studies of psychology and counselling, I understand the damage that can be created through authoritarian styled parenting. It is proven that, instead of creating healthy, respectful relationships, resentment is sown through authoritarian parenting. It is vital we teach our kids through modelling how to be patient, kind, loving and respectful, however they still need boundaries. I can't say my children are terrible and I am sure that I have modelled enough positivity to lead them in a positive direction as they mature, but I am becoming aware that I need to revisit my expectation of them and their behaviour/attitudes. It is often easy to see at school which children have had manners or values enforced at home and I am very mindful myself at the moment that understanding and modelling can be useless if clear boundaries are not set. Keep me in your thoughts, well wishes or prayers this month (HaHaHa) as my husband and I re-establish boundaries with a full month of teenagers being grounded with our focus on showing respect for parental boundaries. Have a good fortnight and, parents, don't give up we are all in this together.

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