DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

3rd March – Kindergarten Photos for Daily News
4th March – Clean Up Australia Day (Please send in gloves for your child)
7th March – P&C Meeting 3pm (Year 5/6 classroom)
18th March – Easter Hat Workshop (Recycled materials to be sent in)
23rd March – Easter Hat Parade
25th March – Good Friday - No School
28th March – Easter Monday - No School
4th April – P&C Meeting 3pm (Year 5/6 classroom)
7th April – Year 6 to Visit Griffith University
8th April – Anzac Day Ceremony 9.00am
8th April – Last Day of Term 1

STAR OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO ADDISON IN KINDERGARTEN

Addy is always kind and courteous to teachers and students alike and always does her best work in class.

Addy is a very deserving recipient of our “Star of the Week” Award.

UNIFORM COMPETITION WINNER

This week Kurt in Year 4 was the winner of the Uniform Competition and received a voucher to use at the canteen.

A huge thank you to our School Canteen for sponsoring this competition.
IMPORTANT

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Volunteers are an integral part of our school and highly valued. As part of Department of Education (DoE) protocol all volunteers working in the school must have signed the “Declaration for Volunteers” form and provide 100 points of ID.

Whether you volunteer in the classroom, listen to children reading, volunteer in the canteen or help with Kids in the Kitchen, you must complete this form.

These forms are available at the office or in the canteen and must be handed back into the office once completed.

The DoE have advised that in 2017 a date to be confirmed all volunteers must have a Work With Children number (WWC number).

You can apply for this number online and it’s free for volunteers. If you wish to apply for this now the web address is shown below.


If you already have a Work With Children number (WWC), there is no need to complete the form outlined above however, you will need to advise the office of your number so this can be recorded on file.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Myth: Healthy lunchboxes are more expensive

Above are two lunchboxes - the top one has the healthier options. We compared the cost of these two & the results are in... The healthier lunchbox is $0.73 cheaper per day. That means if you have two children you could save nearly $3800 over their schooling life by packing healthy options!

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EASTER HAT PARADE - RE-NEW, RE-USE, RE-CYCLE

(THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX)

This year for the Easter Hat Parade we are using recycled materials. If you have any items at home that you think may be suitable to make or decorate our hats, eg: tissue boxes, cardboard rolls, paper, egg cartons, dried flowers, leaves, sticks, popper containers, old cd’s, corks, bamboo branches etc.

Could you please start sending these in clean and ready for the children to use. We hope the children will come up with some creative and fun ideas for their hats. Thank you
Easter Hat Parade 2016

The Easter Hat Parade will be on **Tuesday 22nd March from 9:00am – 9:30am**. Parents and caregivers are invited to come along and watch the students showcase their hand-made hats.

Students will be able to either create their hats at home or make one in the workshop at school. This year, there will be no prizes or awards given out for hats, however each student will be given a little Easter egg for participating in the parade.

We are trying to encourage the children to make their hats from recycled materials to keep the cost involved down and to let the children’s creative imagination go wild. If you have any spare bottle caps, old cd’s, corks, string, ribbons, wool any materials you think might be appropriate please start sending them in, there is a collection box in the front foyer of the office.

**Easter Hat Workshop Information**

The workshop will be held on **Friday 18th March**, in the Art Studio/ Library. Students will be supplied with all the arts and crafts they need and examples of hats will be displayed. Your child’s classroom teacher will be running the workshops and parent helpers will also be there to assist the students. Please see your child’s classroom teacher for information if you are able to assist on the day. We always appreciate the extra pair of hands!

The workshops will run during the following times:
- K/1 - 9:00 to 10.00
- 3/4 - 10:00-11:00
- 1/2 - 11:30 to 12:30
- 5/6 - 12:30 to 1:00 (will finish off after lunch)

The cost of the workshops is $4 per student and this includes the cost of materials. Please fill out the attached permission slip and return it to the office along with your child’s $4.00 by Monday 14th March 2016.

**Egg Decorating Competition**

This year we will continue with our eggcellent egg decorating competition. Students are encouraged to decorate their eggs at home and/or create a diorama. The eggs will be displayed in the library and will be judged on the Easter Hat Parade day. There will be prizes for this competition!

*Please return slip by Monday 14th March 2016*

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Easter Hat Workshop

I give permission for my child/children ____________________________ to participate in the Easter Hat Workshop on, **Friday 18th March** 2016.

Enclosed is $4 to cover the cost of materials.

Signed ____________________________ Date: ___________________
Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principal may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences
- Prosecution in the Local Court
- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 538

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 0244 5129


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Special Invitation
To Parents/Carers

Would you like a free lunch?

Why Not Volunteer Some Time In Our School?

If you have a free day per month to work in the canteen, we would really appreciate your time. Come along and be involved in our school, meet other parents and the staff. If you can help, please fill out your details below and return to administration as soon as possible. Our canteen manager takes care of the organising and the running of the canteen, we would love your help with making sandwiches, packing lunches, serving refreshments, etc.

If you require any further information, please contact:

Sam
Canteen Manager
0407 375 878
Thank you for your support.

Canteen Helper Return Slip

Name: ____________________________

Contact Telephone Number: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Suitable Days: (Please Circle)

11 March 2016
18 March 2016
1 April 2016
8 April 2016
Volunteers are needed for our canteen to continue in 2016.
If you have a Friday free and you would like to help out in the canteen, please leave your name and number on the line below and Sam our lovely canteen co-ordinator will get back to you with a date. It brings a smile to your child’s face when they see you helping out at school. Many hands make light work. All helpers have their lunch provided by the canteen.

Name..............................................................................................................Number.............................................

Student Name: __________________________________ Class: __________

RECESS:

_____ Water/ Juice popper/ Milk popper - choc/strawberry @ $1.50 $ _________
_____ Custard Cup @ $1.00 $ _________
_____ Raisin Toast @ .50c $ _________
_____ Hot Cross Bun @ $1.00 $ _________
_____ Banana Bread @ $1.00 $ _________

LUNCH:

_____ Avocado Only @ $2.50 $ _________
_____ Chicken and Avocado @ $2.50 $ _________
_____ Chicken Teriyaki @ $2.50 $ _________
_____ Prawn Tempura @ $2.50 $ _________
_____ Toastie @ $3.00 $ _________

Please circle: HAM / CHEESE / TOMATO / PINEAPPLE

WHITE or W HOLEMEAL

_____ Water/ Juice popper/ Milk popper - choc/strawberry @ $1.50 $ _________

TOTAL $ _________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED $ _________

Please have your lunch order placed into a paper bag, with your child’s name clearly marked on the front and money enclosed, to the office by Thursday. Thank you.
Family Fun Fair
Uki Public School
1463 Kyogle Rd - Uki
11 March
3.00pm to 7.00pm
Lots of activities!
- jumping castle
- face painting
- tug-o-war
- cent auction
- water slide
- lucky dips
- BBQ
- fairy floss
- stalls
- entertainment
- buskers
- open mike
- food and drinks
- showbags
- games
- raffle
- craft and much more...
Great Prizes!
All welcome!
Entry - Gold Coin Donation
For further information please contact the school office on 6679 5128

Chillingham Markets
Community Centre
Hot Breakfast Kids Games
Great Atmosphere Fresh Local Produce
SUNDAY 13 MARCH
8AM-1PM
Fundraiser for Chillingham Public School

2016 Tweed Valley Relay for Life
Competition Children’s activities
Entertainment by Tara Williams
Music and Billy & The Kid
Register Your Team NOW visit www.relayforlife.org.au/tweed
Help make a difference to cancer patients and their families in your community
March 12 and 13 Merv Edwards Field Kingscliff
Your community contacts Dot 0438742637 or Lorelle 0407162378 for further details.