Dear All,

The 2014 school year is almost done and dusted, what a year it has been. I have just been flicking through the magazine and it’s incredible how much we have been able to fit into just one year.

Celebration night

Presentations will begin at 6pm tomorrow night. We will be having dinner after Santa gives out his presents at approximately 6.40pm. We will also have a few sausages in bread ready to go for the younger ones at 5.45pm. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone and saying goodbye to you all.

Active After School

AAS will now be called Sporting Schools – it’s a similar program to AAS, with a few slight changes. Sporting Schools will not begin until term 3 2015. Please see the factsheet in the newsletter.

Sleepover and Excursion

We had a great night with the R-3 students last Thursday night. Thank you to Louise, Lisa and Ben being a part of the night, all the kids had an absolute ball. We would also like to thank the Berryman’s who hosted us at Lipson Cover on the Friday. Rochelle had organised a number of activities for us to do at the beach in relation to the red hooded plover. Some of our students went looking for their nests and to their surprise they found one, with an egg in it. They also saw a baby chick! Others made nests in the sand and made eggs out of plasticine. It was a great learning experience for the kids and adults alike, especially us all pushing the bus out of the sand.

Sharon Campbell will be joining out staffing team for 2015, taking over Nikki’s SSO role. Sharon has worked as an SSO at many schools on the Lower EP and brings a wealth of expertise. She will be here on Mondays at this stage.

This is the last time I will write in this newsletter. I have truly loved being a part of the Ungarra community, thank you to everyone for their support and encouragement throughout the last couple of years. I will look back at my time at this school with many fond memories. I find myself being slightly jealous of Kathy next year, getting to work with a great bunch of kids, their families and a wonderful staff.

Enjoy your summer holidays with family and friends, stay safe and I hope to bump into you all at some stage in the next few years.

All the best,
Sarah

School finishes at 2:30pm this Friday, please can all students be wearing their uniform. School will commence on Tuesday 27th January and lunch will be provided. Staff will begin the week prior on 22nd and 23rd.

Danah accepting Media awards on behalf of her class in Adelaide from the Chief Education Office—Jayne Johnston.
On Monday we farewelled not 1, but 6 children and two families from Playcentre. The new intake system means that all eligible children leave at the end of term 4, ready for school the next year.

It was goodbye to Marika Telfer, Maddie Fauser, Ashlee Phillis, Tiffany Pugsley, Hunter Smith and Kalani Doley (who was absent) and at the same time it was the end of an era for Mark and Petrina Fauser and Jack and Bronja Pugsley.

After presentations we all enjoyed a relaxing pooled lunch listening to some of our talented mums playing Christmas tunes.

Don’t forget to order your copy of the school’s magazine from Nikki by Thursday night if you are interested as there is four pages on what we got up to at Playcentre this year. Have a great holiday......
UNGARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
6pm AT THE SCHOOL
ROWAN RAMSEY AND PETER TRELOAR, AWARDS
P&F TRADING TABLE
BBQ TEA
TIME CAPSULE
GRADUATION
FAREWELL TO STUDENTS & TEACHERS
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
FATHER CHRISTMAS
A CHANCE TO CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL
ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

Please bring a plate of salad or sweet to share and if you’d like your child to receive a present from Santa please call us 8688 8029. ($5 a gift)
Tumby Bay & District Lions Club

xmas pageant

Wednesday December 24th
Tumby Bay

participants to meet @ 6.00pm in Wibberley Street

$500 in prize money

dress as a clown

decorated bikes

floats

get together as a class or group

and celebrate in a fun fashion

clown suits for hire - phone 0488 387 652
FAQs – Sporting Schools

Why Sporting Schools?

After 10 years of the Active After-school Communities (AASC) programme, an evaluation identified an opportunity to deliver a more effective national junior sport participation initiative that would allow more schools to get involved and help more children develop healthy, active lifestyles.

With a $100 million investment from the Australian Government, Sporting Schools will build on the legacy and success of the AASC programme.

Sporting Schools is a part of the Australian Government’s commitment to tackling increasing levels of obesity – particularly among primary school children – and will be delivered by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

When does it start?

In February 2015 schools will be able to access a new web portal and register to be part of the network. A first grant funding round will be open for application in May 2015 and the first practical sessions will begin in late July 2015.

Pilot sport activities across Australia will be announced at the start of the school year. If your school registers, it may have the chance to be involved.

How does it work?

Sporting Schools draws on the successful elements of the AASC programme, along with a range of new features to connect schools with their local sporting community to deliver quality sporting experiences to students.

The programme offers:

- an annual funding round to provide up to three terms of sport-based activity for your students
- easy access to quality online sporting resources and lesson plans
- the opportunity for you to decide when those activities are best hosted in your school – before, during and/or after school
- a continued connection with the Playing for Life philosophy, where children are encouraged to have fun by focusing on 'Skills not Drills'
- access to details of trained community coaches within your local community
- links to local sporting clubs to enable your students to continue their sporting journey
- professional development opportunities for your teachers and your preferred deliverers.
How can we become involved?

When school starts in 2015, all schools across Australia will be encouraged to register via the new Sporting Schools website.

On registering, your school will nominate a Sporting Schools coordinator who will be kept informed through email updates of any new programme features appearing on the web portal.

Your teachers can also register individually to receive access to a range of resources. These will assist you with planning and delivery of sporting activities during or outside of Sporting Schools practical sessions.

Will we still be able to access grants?

Yes. The funding pool available in Sporting Schools has been increased to allow more schools to participate. From May 2015 (if your school is registered) you can apply for a grant on the Sporting Schools web portal via a self-service function.

By June 2015 you will be informed on the success of your application, allowing you time to get prepared for activity to begin. For the first grant round we will provide additional support and advice to get you started. More information will be available at the start of the 2015 school year.

How will we be supported to be involved?

Your Sporting Schools coordinator will be able to access a range of options through the web portal, as well as locate and communicate directly with trained community coaches in your area. Tips on applying for funding, sample programmes and coaching resources will also be provided.

Sporting Schools will have a dedicated workforce to assist you in getting maximum benefit from the programme.

Who are the programme partners for Sporting Schools?

Key national sporting organisations (NSOs) are eager to be recognised as our program partners and support Sporting Schools with the delivery of practical activity and resources.

Who will deliver the sporting activities?

A coach needs to hold the minimum coaching requirements to register for Sporting Schools sessions. The ASC will set these minimum standards, with coaches encouraged to seek further coach education from their sport-specific NSO.

Your school will be encouraged to connect with coaches that are endorsed by their NSO. However, you may choose any registered coach or coach provider who meets the minimum standards. In areas where community coaches are unavailable or limited, your teachers can register to deliver sessions.

How do we connect with coaches?

Your school and coach providers will be encouraged to create a profile page on the Sporting Schools web portal. Once you have registered, you can search for coaches in your local area.

Coach providers may also contact your school to offer coaches for their nominated programme.

For more information visit sportingschools.gov.au

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