Our Purpose
We will create a caring learning environment that provides students with the opportunity to develop the academic and social skills they need to achieve their individual potential.

School Website: www.upperswanps.wa.edu.au

Uniform Shop
Amended Times
Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am
Enquiries: Jill Corner 0412 229 868
and Deb Mulcahy 0407 915 175

BOOK CLUB
Due to admin. office by
3.00pm
Thursday 22 March

Special Award Presented at Assembly
16 March 2012
Portia Miller            Stuart Boyd
Maxine Watts            Kaden Curtis
Hannah Marshall         Josiah Jeremiah
Jermaine Andrews        Lara Hudson
Zac Wilson              Alyssa Bransby
Liam Mabbs              Philip Spycher
Jay Hrabar              Oliver Tyler
Pat O'Hara              Coen Gobby
Charlize Blicharski     Tori Siroen
Mitchell Jarnicki       Jacob Sturrock
Courtney Gray           Vincent Corica
Sophie Thompson

Harmony Day is tomorrow, 21 March.
Parent / Teacher Meetings, Wednesday 28th March

Yesterday you should have received a note detailing the procedure for next Wednesday’s parent teacher meetings. If you haven’t seen the note yet, the main points are:

- The normal school timetable finishes at 11:45. Children may be picked up at this time.
- If your children are going home early they need to return the permission slip to their teacher.
- Children who need to stay at school will be supervised until the normal closing time of 2:50pm.
- Buses run on the normal timetable.
- **Appointments** run from 12:15 through to 5:40pm. Contact the office or come in to make your appointment.
- All families are encouraged to take the opportunity to meet with your children's teachers.
- Once all Wednesday times are taken, extra times will be released.
- Arrangements are slightly different for Mrs Hocking as she has two classes. On Monday 26th March she has extra times throughout the afternoon.

Child Safety / Use of Car Parks

I am certain that everyone in our community places high importance on child safety. We have several rules in place to keep your children safe, particularly during the afternoon **pick up** time. If you are new to our school you may not know these rules or you may have forgotten some of them.

Access Road / Gravel Car Park

If you use the front of the school, along the edge of the Great Northern Highway, these are the rules.

- You must use one of the three footpaths to enter and exit the school.
- The staff car park is not an entry or exit point.
- An adult must come in to the school to pick up children then escort them back to the car.
- Children are not allowed to walk to cars unsupervised.
- When crossing the road to the gravel car park area, you need to watch your children closely.
- Park sensibly and use space efficiently.
- You are not supposed to pull out from the gravel section straight on to the highway. You are meant pull out on to the access road and use the exit point.

Parent Car Park / Kiss and Drop

The main rules for this area are:

- If you park in the bays down the middle you need to use the crosswalk to get to and from your car. Please do not cut through the middle of the car park. Most drivers are courteous, leaving the crosswalk clear for pedestrians.
- The speed limit is 10kph. This helps avoid running into children and other cars.

Year 3 Excursion

As part of their studies the year 3 children from rooms 1 and 2 explored the exhibits at the Fremantle Maritime Museum. They learned a lot about how sea travel has changed throughout the ages. Your children looked fabulous in their uniforms and behaved in an exemplary manner. Congratulations to Mrs Caiafa and Mr Anthony for their preparation and to the staff and parent helpers who attended.

A full range of photos can be found on the school website.

**Mrs Holmes** has added photos to the website from the *Billy Can* activity that was done as part of the technology and enterprise program.

The school website address is [http://www.upperswanps.wa.edu.au/](http://www.upperswanps.wa.edu.au/)
Congratulations to the marvellous year 4 children for their terrific performance of the classic song *Home Among the Gum Trees*. Your children looked fantastic in their Aussie bush outfits.

Many parents and family members were able to stay on for the classroom visit where they saw the use of cooperative strategies to consolidate learning about word contractions.

Thanks to Mrs Shambrook and Mrs De Ruiter for their organisation and cooperation.

**School Council**

Our school council met yesterday. We discussed the following:

1. Applying for Independent Public School status - should Upper Swan apply for IPS status?
3. Homework policy update.
4. School Budget set up.
5. Voluntary Contributions 2011 – Payment rate was only 54%.
7. Prevention of Bullying – Policy Update.
8. Literacy and Numeracy Partnership Program to improve Reading and Maths outcomes - $160000 over two years.
10. Year 6’s and Year 7’s in 2014; when both groups will leave the school. No year 7’s in public schools from 2015.

**School Council Nominations**

There are two vacancies on the school council. If you would like to nominate, please contact Stephen by Friday, 30 March. Details on the role of the council can be found in the previous newsletter.

**Reading Programs**

In our school we have a committed group of volunteer parents who help out in many different ways. One of the programs our volunteers run is *Multi Lit Reading*. This is an approach to reading that provides the support children need to build their decoding and comprehension skills. It is great to see the students’ enthusiastic participation in the program.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs Guy or Mrs Stotter.

**Staff on Leave**

Mrs Guy will be long service leave for the last two weeks of this term – Monday 26 March right through until Thursday 5 April.

Mr Green and Mrs De Ruiter will be on long service leave for the first week of term 2.

Stephen.Green@det.wa.edu.au
BOARDIES DAY

Our first term fundraising event will be aimed at raising much needed funds for Surf Life Saving Australia.

Boardies day will be held on Thursday 29 March.

You will be asked to dress up in your boardies like you are going to spend the day at the beach.

Bring along a gold coin donation to support the great work that our Surf Life savers do!

**Charges and Contributions for 2012**

Friday 30 March is the last day for people to be considered for the prize of a school polo shirt in a size of your choice for payment of voluntary contributions.

**Kindergarten to Year 7**

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The money collected from voluntary contributions will be distributed as follows:

- 33% Art / Craft supplies
- 33% Sports Equipment
- 34% Reading and Library Books
The "book club" is an informal group of Others who get together periodically to discuss a book that was selected by the meeting's host. Members included: Juliet, Amelia, Adam, and four Others background cast, three of whom appeared in later episodes. Ben didn't attend at least one meeting hosted by Juliet. There used to be a feature on abc.com called Book Club. In "A Tale of Two Cities", Juliet hosted the meeting of the Book Club, which was discussing Stephen King's Carrie.