



# UMGnews

TERM 1, WEEK 4

18 FEBRUARY 2021

## SAVE THE DATE

17th March  
P & C Meeting 6:30pm  
Harmony Day

19th March  
Street Science Yr 1 & Yr 3

22nd-26th March  
Life Education Prep—Yr 4

27th March  
P & C Trivia Night

1st April  
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

2nd April  
Easter Friday

4th April  
Easter Sunday

19th April  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

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## From the Principal's Desk

Derek Brady

Thank you to Families for working closely with school staff to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

It was wonderful to meet families at our Welcome Breakfast and to recognise our Student Leaders at the Leader Investiture.

Teachers provided detailed presentations to families outlining classroom expectations and routines for the year. This signifies the importance of transparency and open communication.

It is great to see families back on Campus. Thankyou for being patient, considerate and working together to maintain safety.

I will continue to share the Virtues through blogs, assemblies and in class.

**Self-discipline** means self-control. It is getting to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings.

With self-discipline you take charge of yourself. It uses the keys of **organisation and persistence**.

**Loyalty** is staying true to someone. It is standing up for what you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals. It is using the yellow key of **getting along** and being **thoughtful**.

The school will continue to unpack our improvement agenda this year. We will focus on **deep learning, being creative, thinking culture, inclusion and e-learn pedagogy**.

I shared Strategic Documents with the School Council outlining our strategies and plans for 2021. These plans can be accessed on the school website.

Have a wonderful week.

Derek



# Student Leaders & House Captains

Congratulations to all our 2021 student leaders!

School Captains:

Lauryn W.

Sarah D.

Samuel E.

Justin H.

Kessel Captains:

Akina O.

Rayyan A.

Logan Captains:

Georgie P.

Zac P.

Klumpp Captains:

Justin C.

Nicholas J.



# Head of Curriculum News

Tracey Dillon

## RACQ Streets Ahead Program



Students in all year levels enjoyed participating in the RACQ road safety sessions held in week three. They learned about bicycle, passenger and pedestrian safety. Some of the key messages:



**Helmets** – when safely fitted, sit two fingers above the eyebrow and have room for two fingers when the strap is closed.

**Passenger safety** - children entering the car from the kerb side not the traffic side, wearing a seat belt correctly and being a calm passenger so the driver is not distracted.



**Pedestrian safety** – crossing the road safely using the marked area on the crossing and the lights. Remove headphones from ears to be alert to what is happening around us. Sound down – look around. Games on a device can be played when you are not moving.

Visit <https://www.racq.com.au/streetsahead> to access resources you can use at home to reinforce road safety.

## Excursions, Incursions and Camps

Each year careful consideration is given to the range and number of excursions and incursions for students. Excursions and incursions which enhance student learning are selected by our teaching staff and communicated with families in our year level parent overviews, the school calendar and newsletter.

Details of the excursion, incursion or camp, along with payment details are provided to parents via email. It is important to ensure a current email address is recorded on file at the office.

# Head of Curriculum News

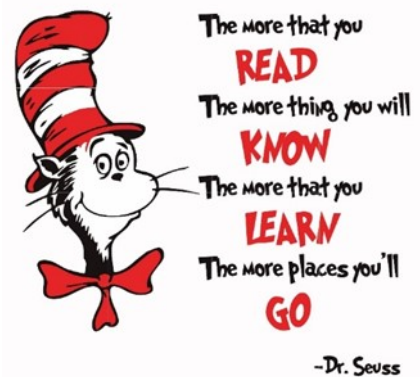
Tracey Dillon

## Year 1 – 6 Swimming

During Term 1 students in year 1 – 6 participate weekly in the Swimming Education Program with Mr Good. Students are expected to swim each week to maximise their learning, unless they are sick. If your child is at school but unable to swim please notify the class teacher via a note or email.

## Home Reading

A new collection of books for home reading in Prep and Year 1 will be making their way into home reading folders. We are excited to add these new books to our home reading collection. As young children are learning to read, the partnership between home and school contributes significantly to how quickly and easily they develop their confidence and ability as a reader. Making time for reading in the daily routine at home is important for shaping your child's success with reading. Participating in shared reading provides an opportunity to enjoy stories together, while developing **listening skills, vocabulary, oral language, fluency and comprehension**. Please return home readers to school each week so we can maintain our collection of books to support children's reading.



## SUNSMART

Upper Mt Gravatt State School is recognised by The Queensland Cancer Council as a Sun Smart school. At UMG all students are required to wear hats while learning or playing outdoors. There are a number of shade options available for play at break times and teachers carefully plan outdoor activities during learning time, considering time of day, available shade areas and sun exposure. Sunscreen is available in classrooms for planned outdoor classroom activities. We recommend students apply sunscreen daily before leaving home to protect them for their daily travel to and from school and during play.

If you would like to explore the free sun smart app for your phone or student ipads, visit -

<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/tools/interactive-tools/free-sunsmart-app>







# Library News

Jennifer Morton

## Opening Times

The library is open from 8:20am until 3:25pm Monday to Thursday and 9am until 1:30pm on a Friday. Students may borrow and return books outside of class time.

## Library Bags

Waterproof library bags are available from The School Locker for \$15.00. They are sturdy, waterproof bags that should last through to year 6. Students who do not bring a suitable waterproof bag will not be allowed to take books home to read. Nylon, drawstring bags are NOT waterproof and do not protect the books from leaking drink bottles, students using these bags will not be allowed to take books home.



## Student Borrowing

Student book borrowing has commenced, please help your child to be organised each week for their library borrowing day. Students are allowed to borrow 2 library books and 4 home readers; they must return their books before more books are borrowed. Prep students will start with one library book and 2 home readers.

## Overdue Books

Each year we lose a large number of books, especially home readers, a prompt return of library books is appreciated. Overdue book notifications are sent home each week. If books are not returned promptly and searches of the library shelves fail to locate the books then a letter, **on school letterhead**, requesting payment will be sent home. Please see Jennifer Morton in the library if you have any concerns regarding overdue books.

**If you are leaving the school please check that all library books have been returned.**

## Damaged Books

If you notice a book is damaged, or pages missing please inform the library staff. **Please do not repair books at home** we use specialised, acid free tape for book repairs.





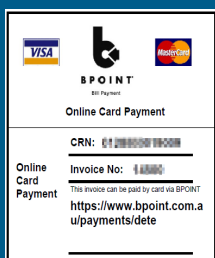
# Admin & Finance News

Michelle De Kock

## CHANGES TO PAYING YOUR SCHOOL INVOICES

UMG is now CASHLESS. All payments of Student activities, camps, excursions and ICT Student Resource Scheme to be paid online.

This can be done using BPOINT, Eftpos, QParents or credit card payments over the phone (option 2).



## BPOINT— UMG PREFERRED WAY OF PAYING YOUR ACCOUNTS

When using BPOINT it is important you ensure the following details are entered correctly (this information can be found in the lower left side of the invoice):

1. Customer Reference Number (CRN)
2. Invoice Number
3. Amount

<https://bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

Please note that if these steps are not correctly followed it may be difficult for us to track your payment.

We would like to encourage parents/caregivers to use **BPOINT**. It is a convenient way for parents/caregivers to pay for school activities rather than sending children to school with cash.

## Student Absence

Text Message

0437 929 945



## QPARENTS

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

*The benefits of QParents - Convenience and time savings for parents*



## SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Onsite Trading Hours are Monday & Wednesday – 8:00am – 10:30am

Uniforms can still be purchased online or by visiting their store at Loganholme

Phone: (07) 3440 9701 <https://theschoollocker.com.au>

# Hearing Screening

Hearing screening will take place on Wednesday 21st of April 2021 for prep – year 2.

If you would like your child's hearing tested, please click on the link provided below.

The cost for the screening is \$15.00. We will issue invoices once your booking has been confirmed, and payment must be made in full by 30th of March 2021 in order for the screening to be carried out on your child.

[Hear & Say School Screening consent form 2021](#)



**Hear and Say**  
Opening worlds

Head Office and  
Brisbane Centre  
29 Nathan Ave,  
Ashgrove  
Qld 4060, Australia  
ABN 32 058 430 069



Dear parents/ guardians

## Hearing Screening at school

Your school wants to ensure the best learning environment for your child and is offering the opportunity for your child to participate in the Hear and Say Hearing Screening Program.

This service is conducted by specialist Hear and Say Audiometrists and or Hearing Screeners at your school. Screening at your school will take place on **Wednesday, 21 April 2021**.



The testing will consist of the following:

The screening will take no more than 15 minutes and will be adapted according to your child's responses. The testing will be performed by a specialist Audiometrist or Hearing Screener experienced in Paediatric Audiology. Our team will take additional precautions during the screening process to ensure strict personal hygiene practices are implemented and all equipment is thoroughly disinfected between each student. Within two weeks of the screening, a summary of the results will be sent home with your child which will indicate the results of their screen and, if necessary, make recommendations for further comprehensive diagnostic testing at Hear and Say or a referral to a General Practitioner for medical intervention. Hear and Say may also contact you to follow up on your child's results.

Please click [here](#) or visit our website [www.hearandsay.com.au/school-visits/](http://www.hearandsay.com.au/school-visits/) and complete the 2021 School Screening Parent Consent Form. This link will expire on 29 March 2021.

The consent form gives permission for your school to have a copy of your child's results. You may find that providing a copy of your child's results to the school could be beneficial for your child's education.

Please feel free to contact the Audiology team at Hear and Say if you have any questions about your child's results or at any time if you have concerns about your child's hearing on 3850 2111.

Kind regards,

Petra Grum, Customer Experience/Operations Manager

## UMG Breakfast

Starting on the 24th of February, Vegemite and jam toast will be supplied from the community café from 8 am every Wednesday to all students.



HARMONY  
DAY 17  
MARCH







# YMCA Upper Mt Gravatt OSHC

## Messages from the Team:

Thank you to the incredible parent volunteers who helped us deliver the *Community BBQ Breakfast* on the Fairway last week. It was great to see the community back in the school grounds and enjoying some bacon and egg rolls!

As the school term progresses, our numbers here at the Y are steadily increasing – please make sure you organise your child's care as early as possible to avoid disappointment. You can make changes to your permanent booking online or you can use the *My Family Lounge* app to make casual bookings.

## Our Program:

Over the past two weeks, we have been really focusing on getting to know the children's evolving interests and drawing ideas from them for our weekly educational program. As per child request, we started up a *Drawing Club* where Miss Jacinta will guide students through drawing different popular characters and images each week. So far the children have drawn excellent *Minecraft* zombies, *F.R.I.E.N.D.S* icons, and *Pusheen* the cat. The children have also been begging our male educators, Mr Nathan and Mr Connor, to do the Beep Test out on the Green in the afternoons. There are some very fit children in our care!

This week is fantasy week where we'll be making mermaids and mermen, unicorns, dragons, monsters and Trolls... what will next week bring?!

## Important Reminders:

If you require any more information about our services, please email us at [aug@ymcabrisbane.org](mailto:aug@ymcabrisbane.org) or call us on 3343 8244 or 0419 522 663. You can also pop in to see us at the service located in A Block. It's the room with the red doors next to the teacher car park area and tennis court.

P: 07 33438244

M: 0419522663

[aug@ymcabrisbane.org](mailto:aug@ymcabrisbane.org)  
[e.org](http://e.org)

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Simply link your **rebel active membership**  
to our club next time you shop at rebel

Not a member? Joining is free & easy. Ask instore for details.

ARE YOU READY TO BATTLE?

# UMG P&C TRIVIA NIGHT 2021



Save the Date

Saturday 27th March 2021 | 7PM

Upper Mount Gravatt State School  
Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Tables of 6 to 8 members  
BYO food/nibbles, no drinks  
Fully stocked bar operated by P&C  
Heaps of prizes to be won



Start planning your table members now  
Seeking business sponsors/prize donations

Contact: Tanya Green 0411 289 499

Upper Mount Gravatt State School

## UMG Prayer Group

We are a group of Christian parents who meet fortnightly at school. We pray for our school children, families and community. We have fun together and look after each other too.

Mondays in week 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 each term.

From 9-10am in the Community Cafe. All welcome.

For more information or to request prayer or other support, email  
[UMG.Prayer.Group@gmail.com](mailto:UMG.Prayer.Group@gmail.com)

Support our kids with a cool treat!



## Treat Tuesday is back

Bring \$1 on Tuesdays for  
your ice block

TERM 1 WEEKS 3 - 10 • 1.15PM  
COMMUNITY CAFE  
PREPS ICE BLOCKS ARE  
DELIVERED TO CLASSROOMS

# Term 1 After School Activities @ UMG



## SAINTS NETBALL CLUB-SUNNYBANK

### 2021 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Saints Netball Club Sunnybank is affiliated with Macgregor Netball Association Inc. Games are played at Macgregor on Saturday mornings (Juniors 7-12yrs) and Saturday afternoons (13+yrs). The Season runs from March through to September.

Saints Netball Club prides itself as a "family friendly" Club. Our Coaches are committed to teaching our players the necessary skills in order to enable them to be successful and enjoy the great game of Netball. We strive to create a culture of teamwork, respect, discipline, sportsmanship and camaraderie within our Club.

We aim to provide pathway options for players who wish to play representative netball and also those who enjoy the social, health aspect of the game.

Registrations are open for girls 2014 and older and boys 2009 – 2014.

#### Registration Information

##### Cost (Includes)

- No ongoing match fees
- Presentation Event with prize giving
- Netball QLD & MacGregor Registration and Insurance fees
- Umpires for ages 10+yrs

\$250 7, 8 & 9yrs

\$270 10+yrs

#### Club Training Days

Thursdays and Wednesdays. Teams train once per week

### REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

Once teams are filled, registrations will close for that age group

### MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

<https://www.sunnybanksaintsnetball.com/day-season-faq>

NOTE: Registrations will close on the 15/02. Registrations post this date will only be accepted if vacancies exist in that age group

### SAINTS NETBALL CLUB 2021 ONLINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

FOR NEW AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS  
BORN 2014 AND OLDER

SEASON STARTS  
24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

11YRS+ SAINTS GRADING DAY  
6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

MACG GRADING CARNIVALS  
13<sup>TH</sup> /20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

FOLLOW THE LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE  
BELOW TO REGISTER

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