



Upper Mount Gravatt State School

# UMGnews

TERM 4, WEEK 4

24 OCTOBER 2024

## SAVE THE DATE

**30th October**  
Ready Set Prep: 2nd Session

**06th November**  
Ready Set Prep: 3rd Session  
P&C Mtg

**13th November**  
Ready Set Prep: 4th Session

**15th November**  
Swimming Carnival

**18th—20th November**  
Life Education: Yr 5 & Yr 6

**29th November**  
P&C Inflatable Day

**04th December**  
2025 Prep Transition Morning  
P&C Mtg  
Yr 6 Farewell

**13th December**  
LAST DAY OF TERM 4

**16th December—24th January**  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**27th January**  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**28th January**  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2025

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## From the Principal's Desk

Derek Brady

Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to opinions and feelings of others.

"Change is just an attitude away." Anonymous.

Learn from your mistakes and be willing to change bad habits. Imagine new ways to do things and adjust when something unexpected happens. Go with the flow and trust the unexpected.

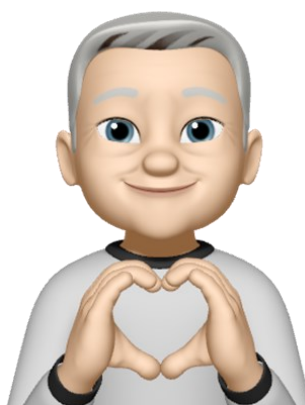
Say this mantra: "I am flexible. I keep changing for the better. I look for new ways to do things. I welcome surprises."

I am extremely proud of the year 6 student leadership team. The conversations about what delighted them last term and what they look forward to this term demonstrated maturity beyond their years.

Subsequently the high-level involvement at the Maximising Learning Precinct session with feeder schools to MacGregor and Mount Gravatt SHS was amazing. Students could clearly articulate key points about creating a smooth and seamless transition from year 6 to 7.

Year 5 staff and students had a wonderful time on camp and shared many of their adventures. Thank you everyone for making this possible. The students and staff reflection about the camp on Friday morning was top notch with high quality substantive conversations. This collaboration provided students with exemplar learning. Extremely proud.

***Warm Regards***  
***Derek***



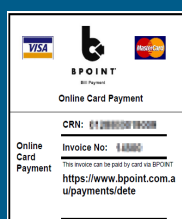


**Student Absence**  
**Text Message**  
**0455 446 399**



## SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Wednesday  
8:00am–10:30am  
Uniforms can be  
purchased  
online or their  
store at  
Loganholme  
Phone: (07)  
3440 9701  
[https://  
theschoollocker.  
com.au](https://theschoollocker.com.au)



**2x VOLUNTEERS  
WANTED FOR  
BREAKFAST  
CLUB**  
  
**WEDNESDAYS  
8-9AM  
IN TERM 3**

## TERM 4 UPCOMING PAYMENTS

| Date of Event    | Year | Name of Event                            | Consent<br>Due Date | Cost    | Payment<br>Due Date |
|------------------|------|--|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| 18-19th November | Yr 5 | Life Education: Welcome to Puberty       | N/A                 | \$12.00 | 13/11/2024          |
| 19-20th November | Yr 6 | Life Education: Navigating Relationships | N/A                 | \$12.00 | 13/11/2024          |

This is a friendly reminder that all outstanding ICT SRS invoices are due by October 30th.  
If your child is currently in Year 6 and will be leaving, please ensure that all payments are up to date.

### PAYING YOUR SCHOOL INVOICES

**UMG is CASHLESS.** All payments of Student activities, camps, excursions and ICT Student Resource Scheme to be paid online. This can be done using QParents, BPOINT, Eftpos or credit card payments over the phone (option 2).

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

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;

- Entering student absence and view absence details
- Consent requests (i.e. ICT SRS, photo permission, incursions/excursions, etc.)
- Making payments online, viewing unpaid invoice details and payment history
- Academic report cards
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Behaviour information



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

### BPOINT—Payment Option

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, as seen in example on the left):

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.

### !LOST PROPERTY!

We have a large amount of items in our lost property, just a reminder to label your children's belongings. If you know your child has lost something, please collect the item/s from the lost property. Located on the Community Café Deck.

# Yr 5 Camp - 5D had a ball on Camp

Rachel Richter

Year 5 teachers and students went to Maranatha Camp at Yandina on Monday for 3 days and 2 nights. When Year 5 teachers and students arrived at camp, we had a lot of rules that are very important to follow. The activities we did over the 3 days were so much fun and also very challenging. Activities we participated in were kayaking; flying fox; giant swing; campfire; challenge trial; group initiatives and many more. The food was very yummy and unique, there was a lot of variety. Students definitely didn't starve.

Thank you, Parents, for allowing us to go and paying for this experience. It definitely helped us to develop our independence and leadership skills. We have lots of beautiful memories and many laughs reminiscing some of the special moments.

**Dev:** 'I loved the giant swing. It was so much fun.'

**Yeseong:** 'The flying fox was a bit scary, but I still did it.'

**Brock:** 'It was funny seeing Ms. Richter fall into the creek water.'

**Grace:** 'I liked the fact that ALL my friends called me a big back, because I drank all their juice.'

**Olivia:** 'I liked when Ms. Richter started pushing my mattress up from under the bunk with her feet, to wake me up.'

**Cleo:** 'I loved playing rocket ball.'

**Eugene:** 'I liked the giant swing.'

**Samuel:** 'I liked all the activities and food. I had the best time.'

**Yooshin:** 'I was scared to go on the giant swing, but I was brave and did it.'

**Phillips:** 'I liked playing rocket ball and the food was good.'

**Jack:** 'I liked staying up and eating food.'

**Bohyeon:** 'The campfire was so much fun.'

**Angel:** 'The giant swing challenged me.'

**Parker:** 'I liked the fact how my friend slapped herself while putting on sunscreen.'

**Ivy:** 'I loved going on the giant swing, it was the best views up high.'

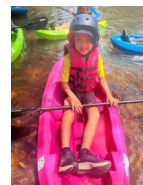
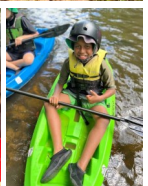
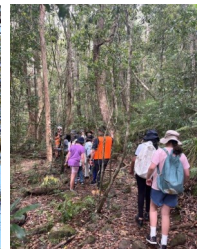
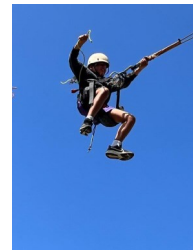
**Didi:** 'I went so high on the giant swing, but I really enjoyed it.'

**Samika:** 'I really enjoyed Rocket Ball. It was fun to learn something new.'

**Kaitlyn:** 'My favourite activity was Challenge Trail when we were blindfolded.'

**Caleb:** 'I really liked kayaking.'

**Alissa:** 'I screamed a lot on the Giant Swing. It was so scary.'





## 3A Art Projects

Katy Brady-Allen

This week the Year 3 students worked very hard to produce a piece of art. Students worked on Elements of Art including colour, texture and types of lines. 3A students Ariana and Freya collaboratively designed and drew their art. The girls said they designed their art so the animal's tails would connect together.



## Curlews at UMG

Rachel Richter

This week's virtue is encouraging students to embrace **FLEXIBILITY**.

One aspect 5D discussed around 'flexibility' was it means being able to change for the better. They feel 'flexibility' can be shown through giving up something or giving up what you would typically do, for the better of others. Try to go with the flow more for the benefit of everyone and everything.

Five students in 5D have volunteered their lunch breaks in order to protect the new addition to the Curlew Family. These five students have shown flexibility by not playing and doing their own activities, but instead putting the needs of these beautiful birds, who are very vulnerable and exposed, first.



# Library News

**Jennifer Morton**

## Scholastic Book Fair:



Thank you to parents, students and staff for your support of the **Scholastic Book Fair** last week, we have raised \$675 in Scholastic credits.

Your support of both Book Club and the Book Fair puts books on the library shelves for the children's reading pleasure.

Watch out for these great books coming to our library collection soon.



### Overdue Library Books:

We have a number of **OVERDUE books**; please remind your child to bring their library bag and book on their library borrowing day. We have other children waiting to read many of these titles, this will also allow your child to read more of the great books available through our library.



***Happy reading!***





UMG P&C

### Fun Food Friday Menu

- \$2** Beef bolognaise sub\*
- \$3** Chicken tender sub\*
- \$2** Cheese pizza sub
- \$2** Garlic bread
- \$3** Garlic bread (GF, vegan)
- \$2** Yoghurt
- \$2** Custard
- \$1** Fruity icy tubes

\*Halal



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER  
MANGOES AT ELECTION BBQ!



## Christmas Stall

27-29 November

We are seeking donations for the stall.  
Now's the time for potting up  
cuttings/seedlings from the garden  
or get started on some hand-made items!



### Next P&C Meeting

6.30pm, Wednesday 6 November.

This year we are raising \$20k to refurbish the pool area.

## Parent Tech-Talk

Understanding your child's developing  
brain and screen time effects

7pm Monday 4 November at UMGSS



# INFLATABLE FRIDAY!

Friday 29 November

More info coming soon!



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# YMCA Upper Mt Gravatt OSHC

## Messages from the Team:

### Lost Property

Friendly reminder to please name your children's items of clothing they are bringing into the service. After sorting through our lost property only a couple of weeks ago, it is starting to fill up with items and equipment that do not have names. Please ensure that your children's belongings are named so that it can be returned to them as fast as possible.

All named items will be either kept at the service (if the child's attends) or moved to the school lost property at the community café. Any items (clothes, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc.) that are not named at the end of this week will be placed in the donation bin to be donated to charitable organisations.

### **Staff:**

A big welcome to Anna-Leah Wickliffe who is our new Assistant Co-ordinator.

Anna-Leah has been with the YMCA since April 2022. Anna-Leah has a teaching background in NZ and an avid sportsperson especially Netball. She joins the service with a vast amount of experience working with children.

### Farewell to Alison Furze

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Alison's departure from the role of Coordinator at Upper Mount Gravatt OSHC. To ensure stability in the service, Alison will remain at the service for two days per week until the middle of November, after which she will transition into a new role as Area Coordinator with YMCA.

## **Important Reminders:**

It is also important to note that all children are required to be signed in and out by a caregiver or approved person, they cannot be left at the gate to walk in by themselves.

Reminder that all toys brought from home to YMCA are not our responsibility and therefore have the potential to be lost. Please be mindful to what your children are bringing to YMCA as we would hate for anything to be lost while in our care.

Another small reminder that if your child is to absent, please notify the service otherwise you may incur an absent charge fee. This is to ensure both school staff and service staff are not chasing children that do not require care that afternoon.

If you require any more information about our services, please email us at [aug@ymcabrisbane.org](mailto:aug@ymcabrisbane.org) or call us on 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.





# Interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?

**Make a difference to the lives of school children in your area.**

- Casual employment with TMR
- Training provided
- Fortnightly pay
- 24 hour Employee Assistance Program

To apply, contact your local Road Safety Officer

Christine Goh at 33477867 or

email: [macgregorroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:macgregorroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au)



# After School Activities



## KELP ROOTS VOLLEYBALL

BY SHARKS VOLLEYBALL

**COMING TERM 4**

REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE

**UMGSS  
REC CENTER**

GRADES 1-6

**8 WEEK  
PROGRAM**

WEEK 2 - WEEK 9



## TENNIS



Holiday Clinics are available at a school near you

THESE FUN FILLED SESSIONS ARE IDEAL FOR BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE LEVEL CHILDREN LOOKING TO START PLAYING TENNIS, IMPROVE THEIR TENNIS OR JUST HAVE SOME HOLIDAY FUN!

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