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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Voluntary Contributions for 2015 are $60.00 per child, per year. We do encourage payment of the Voluntary Contributions for your child/ren at the beginning of each school year, directly to the school office or via the school bank account. Reminder Statements of outstanding amounts will be issued at the beginning of each Term to parents. If you would like to make arrangements to pay instalments on either Contributions or Charges please contact Wendy Dailey on 9296 4622.

Thank you to the families that have made payment to date. Your continued support enables us to provide the extra resources we need to enrich your child’s/ren’s learning. The money we collect is a vital part of our school budget.

There is an expectation that all students pay for incursions/excursions, or make arrangements for a payment plan with classroom teachers or directly with the office. Charges for each optional activity should be paid into collection envelopes and placed into the collection tin outside reception. Permission slips should be returned to the class teacher for their records.
The Exciting School Life of 2015

We sure have a few things happening to keep all of us busy as we head towards Easter. Tomorrow we have our Multicultural Day. Teachers and Assistants have organised a host of activities and there is an incursion as well. Children are able to wear national costumes. You are welcome to dress your children as “little Aussies”. You can interpret that any way you like. Your children may also wear international sports uniforms. Eg: Socceroos, Wallabies, All Blacks. Otherwise the regular school uniform is fine.

On Friday we have the summer carnival for senior students. They have a permission slip and payment envelope to return. On Friday evening there is the P & C Disco. It runs from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The cost is $5 per student with Kindy children admitted free. Drinks and sizzling sausages are available for purchase along with ‘glo’ items.

Parent Teacher Meetings / Early Closing

Hopefully you have all made an appointment to see the teachers. Today a paper copy of a note about going home early on Wednesday the 1st of April has been sent home with all children. Every child going home at 11:45 must return the permission slip to their teacher. Those staying to the normal closing time of 2:50pm do not have to bring the note back. This is the 7th year we have done this. Each one has been successful due to your support and cooperation with our teachers. I look forward to another positive afternoon.

Year 3 Assembly

On the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April, Mr Anthony’s year 3’s will host our first class assembly for 2015.

Subway Lunch Day

Thursday 2nd is also our third “Subway Lunch Day” for the term. These “Subway Days” are a fundraiser for the P & C, with Subway Aveley donating 50 cents for each sub that is sold. There is also a mark up of $1; meaning the P & C makes $1.50 per order. Last year $1183 was raised. So far this year the total is $565. Every order helps. Thanks to Joeline, Kellie and Dorothy for their efforts and positive outlook.

Easter Raffle – Drawn Friday 27th

Although there is no assembly on Friday, we’re still drawing the raffle prizes. Perhaps interested people could gather in the undercover area around 8:30ish and we’ll see how many of my purple tickets are drawn. Thanks to all the families that donated prizes and to our incredible P & C team for selling tickets and bundling up the 20+ prizes.

Community Connect

Our P & C President, Debbie McDermott, did a terrific job of representing out school at the Ellenbrook Community Connect event last Sunday. It was terrific for our school to have a presence at the event. Thank you to the Ward family for the loan of the shelter, to Mrs Cepo for the art work and to the families who dropped by to say hello.

P & C Donations

With your support, our P & C does an amazing job of raising money for the extra things we can’t readily buy from school funds. Very soon the new $8500 audio visual system will be installed – fully paid by the P & C. We’re also in the process of topping up our sandpits with our P & C picking up the tab.

Term 2

Tuesday the 21st of April is the first day for children. Monday, 27th April is a holiday for ANZAC Day. The term runs for 11 weeks, finishing on Friday, 3rd July.

Ms White will be on long service leave for the first 4 weeks, returning on Monday 18th May as the freshly minted Mrs Kerry. I will be taking leave for the last 5 weeks with Friday 29th May being my last day for the term. I will be back for the beginning of term 3.
Car Park Safety
Last Friday Debbie McDermott and I met with City of Swan Councillor Darryl Trease; MLA for Swan Hills, Frank Alban; and City of Swan employees to work out what can be done to make parking on the edge of the highway safer. Our wish list consists of:
1. Crash barrier on the edge of both gravel parking zones
2. Bitumenise both gravel car parks
3. Car bays marked on the new bitumen

It’s fair to say that Debbie and I were made aware of the many rules and regulations that apply to these situations. Suffice it to say that it is extremely unlikely that anything on our wish list will be forthcoming. The best we may get are treated pine bollards along the edge of the road. We’ll see what happens.

In the meantime, please continue to show courtesy to your fellow community members by driving and parking sensibly. This means no parking parallel to the highway. If you park on the gravel at the front of the school you need to use the designated exit to get on to the highway.

**Speed in the slip road and the parent car park is sometimes a problem.** I am sure many would agree that doing 50kph instead of 15kph is not worth the carnage an accident would cause and it’s not worth the 5 seconds people think they are “saving”. Stay calm, be sensible and please don’t speed.

Thank you all for your cooperation with the *Kiss and Drop* area. The temporary fencing is in place to stop pedestrians taking a short cut through the traffic. It has made it much safer for children to access cars in the pick up zone. We may have to look at what can be done to put permanent fencing in place.

**Merit Certificate Recipients – Friday 20th March**
Congratulations to these children for their willingness to give everything their best shot. It’s important to push yourself and strive to achieve personal best each and every day.

**Little Athletics Stars**
Last weekend a few of our students competed in the Little Athletics State Championships at Challenge Stadium. To get there the children had to qualify through the Zone Championships. Ashleigh Candy, Ella Thompson and Chelsie Alessandrin received special acknowledgement for their hard work.

Please let me know if your child competed as I would like to acknowledge all students who took part.
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We desperately need your help to make our WONDERFUL PROJECTS shine!  
On Saturday May 2nd 9.00am – 1.00pm.

If you can help us complete the jobs below, that would be so AMAZING!

- Repairs to our chook house
- Creating new cube hideaways in the nature garden
- Painting our boomerang
- Planting our bush tucker garden
- Creating new additions for the nature garden
- Putting in the final sculptures for the nature garden
- Creating a cover and doorway for the worm farm

If you can help with any of these jobs please come for a few hours with some tools ready for action.

See you on Saturday 2nd May!
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