Underbool Primary School Centenary

A Little "Byte" of History -   Information Technology……..Computers and other good stuff!!!!

Over the years the school has embraced the use of technology and have made the students' exposure to all areas a priority. When technology became a part of the curriculum, the Principal at the time, Rod Robinson, embraced the Apple brand and all it had to offer. The introduction of the technology was huge learning curve for staff, students and parents, who all had to embark on a "new language". Words commonly used in everyday conversations now took on new meanings: "Ram" no longer referred to an animal roaming around in a paddock with a smile on his face, "Apple" wasn't a piece of fruit, "Byte" wasn't something you did to your sandwich at lunch time, "Desktop" was no longer a place to fill up with papers and loose important stuff and "Cursor" wasn't a student swearing in the playground. "Save" wasn't something you did with your money, "Web" wasn't something you found behind the telly, an "Ipad" wasn't something you put on your eye in outpatients, a "Laptop" wasn't something a little fluffy white dog likes to sit on and you no longer received your "Mail" at the Post Office. And that's just a bit of the language see what else you can come up with!

 As time passed it became evident that the Education Department seemed to favour IBM computers with Microsoft programs, so the school began to replace the Apple computers. The school is very proud to have a student computer ratio of 1:1 which is excellent considering our size and the cost involved. The school "connected to the internet in 1996 and the "world was at our fingertips". We could now "Google" and "Explore" all sorts of themes and subjects being taught in the class rooms and do all sorts of research. Along with the internet the students now enjoy a variety of educational programs such as Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Digital Photography to name a few.

In 2008 the school purchased two Electronic White Boards which replaced the old "Black Boards". The boxes of chalk were moved to the back of the cupboard!!! The students and staff use the White Boards on a daily basis for all classes, slide shows, viewing programs over the internet and much, much more. All of this is now done wirelessly, gone are the plugs and connections. Since the introduction of Technology in 1994, the school has spent approximately $110,000.00 purchasing and upgrading computers, whiteboards, printers, projectors, cameras and other odds and ends.

All of this fantastic Technology will be on display at our Centenary Celebrations on Sunday 9th June so please feel free to come along an watch all of this in action!