

5 June 2017

IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!**Dates to Remember**

June

6th—Regional Cross Country—St Arnaud Molly will be attending

7th—Out of Home Care—designated Teacher Training—Molly is required to attend

7th—Walpeup Community Meeting—Walpeup Hall 5.30pm

12—Queens Birthday—Public Holiday—No School

14th—Working Bee —3pm onwards

16—Lightning Premier-ships—Football & Netball—Mildura

26-28—Prins Conference Melbourne

29th—Students last day term 2

30—Last Day Term 2—Staff PD—Pupil Free

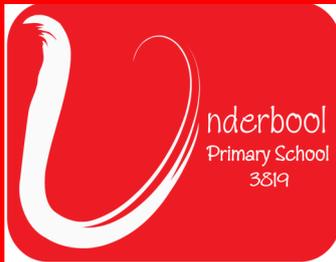
WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK?

Mrs Stone will be attending the Cross Country tomorrow—she will not be replaced.

Mrs Stone will be attending Out of Home Care tomorrow—she will not be replaced.

THIS WEEKS BIRTHDAYS

A big Happy Birthday to Eleanor Lynch who will be 10 on Wednesday—have a great day Eleanor.

**Newsletter****2017*****Sensory Garden Grant***

We are very happy to report that thanks to President Sonia, our school has been successful in our grant application for a “Sensory Garden” to the value of \$500.00. These funds come in the form of vouchers but as yet, we are not sure where. Well done and thank you Sonia.

Bricks and Mortar Grant

This grant was discussed at length at School Council on Wednesday night. As this is a maintenance grant, the priority is to focus on the overall state of our school buildings—are they water tight, are they heated and cooled properly, are they weather proof, does the space allow for optimal learning for our students? Each school is allowed a certain area based on the student numbers and our school is way over size. As a result of this we have to work within the space we have—no new space is allowed. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at our existing buildings and learning space and then hopefully come up with a plan that will best suit our needs. Parents are welcome to comment or share their ideas with us.

Regional Cross Country

Good luck to Jack, Kate and Eleanor who are competing in the Regional Cross Country at St Arnaud tomorrow. A HUGE thank you to Jo Morrison who has volunteered her time in training the students for this event, your time, effort and expertise has been greatly appreciated Jo.

Annual Bus Inspections

The two buses have been booked in at Nunga on Thursday 22nd June for the annual inspections which is a Vic Roads requirement. We will require 2 volunteers to drive the buses for the inspections, if you are either of these people please contact Molly asap!

Hands Up Mallee**Brief Summary of Hands Up Mallee**

“Our community is great, but many people live with problems like family violence, drug and alcohol use and mental health challenges to name a few. Hands Up Mallee exists to change that. To help our community be a place where everyone can be their best, where kids have a great start to life and can learn so that they thrive, where families are healthy, safe

**MOBILE LIBRARY
DATES**

13th June

27th June

**WALPY SHOP
LUNCHES**

Available this week

*Mowing & Watering
Roster 2017*

February— Steve McVicar
& Matt Brown

March—Mark Jolly & Theo
Magnisalis

April— Chris Lynch &
Cameron Gloster

May- Day and Lovitt
Families

**June—Garth
Aikman & Simon
Morrison**

July—Steve Donnellan &
Scott Brown

August—Piers Farnsworth
& Buzz Wisneske

September— Adam Kelly &
Mark Jolly

October—Cameron Gloster
& Molly

November— Matt Brown &
Chris Vorwerk

December – Steve
Donnellan & Chris Lynch

**Could you please check
garden beds and the
edge of the oval for
weeds.**

**Don't forget to fill in
the calendar when you
water.** Please arrange
your swap if necessary.

and feel like they belong.

We can make this happen if all of our community get involved. We need to know what issues and ideas people think we should focus on together so we can create a plan and make it happen. “

The school was contacted by the Hands Up Mallee regarding what our kids have to say about where they live. Students in Years 3—6 completed the surveys on Friday and we have sent these off today. There will be further contact in the community by Hands Up Mallee in the near future.

Please see page 4 of the newsletter for some interesting statistics about our community within the MRCC area.

Yard Maintenance

A big thank you to Matt, Steve and their band of merry men for removing the trees from the front garden yesterday. The melaleuca that was going to be trimmed had to be removed completely as the trunk was showing signs of rot and was therefore dangerous. Once again, a BIG THANK YOU.

School Working Bee—14th June

As we have a home game in the football on Saturday 24th June it was decided that we will have a school working bee on Wednesday 14th June—3pm onwards. This will be to complete any jobs on the “list” and to do a general tidy up. Look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Out of Home Care

Mrs Stone will be attending compulsory “Out of Home Care” Designated Teacher Training PD in Mildura on Wednesday. (Out of Home Care refers to students who attend school but don't have a home to go to). It is sad to think that there are students who are in this position. Mrs Peers will be taking 3-6 students and Mrs Gloster P-2.

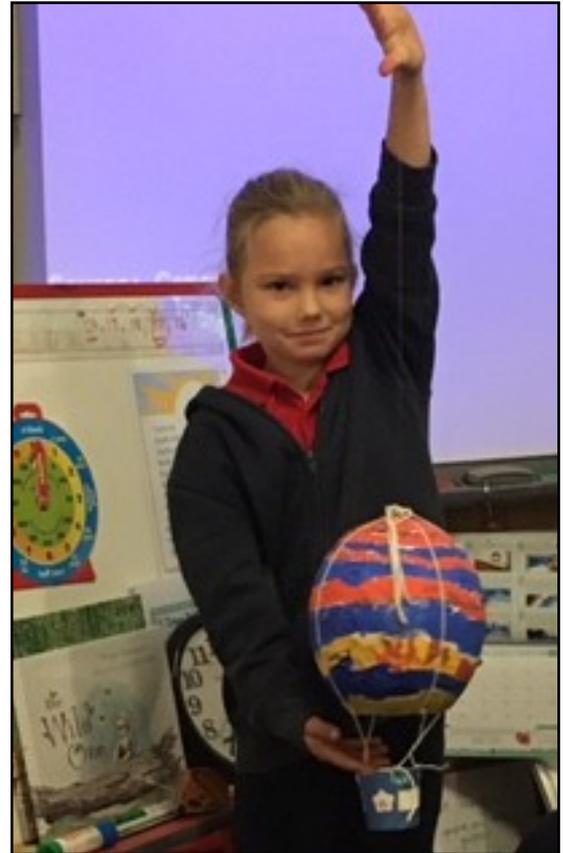
UDSSA Lightning Premierships

These are to be held on Friday 16th June and parents are expected to get their own children to and from the event. Year 4/5 girls will be involved in the B Grade Netball (combining with Tempy) and Grade 6 boys will be involved in the Football (combining with Ouyen). More information to follow next week.

Winter is Here!

As Jack Frost is getting about, can you please ensure that your students are coming to school with their winter jackets on and coats and warm woollies if needed. Despite beautiful days, the mornings are quite chilly when arriving at school - even in the Mallee!





Homework Sharing

Thank you to Bill and Lydia for sharing their Homework project with us last week. Both Lydia and Bill shared their Hot Air Balloons to their respective classes, informing the students on how they used paper mache to create their balloons. Well done Bill and Lydia!

A reminder to all parents, although formal homework is not being sent home each week, students must continue to read every night. The importance of developing a "Healthy Reading Habit" cannot be stressed enough. Thank you for sending in your "homework" pictures and ideas to be added to the newsletter, keep them coming!



HANDS UP MALLEE

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Our Community Data

Our community is great, but many people live with problems like family violence, drug and alcohol use and health challenges. This is a snapshot of our community data in the Mildura Local Government Area that shows some of the issues people live with daily. (Data sources available on our website)



Children

-  Teen pregnancy is double that for Victoria
-  1 in 5 mothers smoke during pregnancy, double that for Victoria
-  74% of babies are breastfed on leaving hospital. 50% of babies are breastfed at 3 months
-  1 in 50 children are overweight at prep and 1 in 5 are obese at 18 years
-  1 in 3 children are not read to by their parents each day
-  1 in 5 parents reported concerns about their child's speech at prep (2015)



Education

-  Prep students miss up to 4 weeks of school on average
-  Year 9 students miss over 6 weeks of school on average
-  48% of students enrol in university compared to 60% for Victoria



Work

-  Over 300 people, 15 to 19 years, are not in education, training or employment
-  Youth unemployment rate is 9.3%
Adult unemployment rate is 7.1% (2011)



Family

-  1 in 5 parents with children under 15 years are unemployed
-  1 in 10 parents have a history of mental illness
-  Family drug and alcohol problems are double that for Victoria
-  Mildura ranks second highest place for family violence
-  Child protection rates are 3 times the state average
-  Out of home care is nearly double that for Victoria



Community

-  1 in 5 children in year 7-9 are bullied
-  Our juvenile crime rate is double that for Victoria
-  Mildura is the third most socio-economically disadvantaged area in Victoria
-  Over \$25 million was lost in Mildura's poker machines in 2015

Hands Up Mallee exists to turn this data around. We want our community to be a place where everyone can be their best, where kids have a great start to life and can learn so that they thrive, where families are healthy, safe and feel like they belong.

We can change this together but we need people like you involved.

If you need help: **For emergencies dial 000** **Lifeline** 13 11 14 **Kids Help Line** 1800 551 800 **Safe Steps** 1800 015 188
Men's Referral Service 1300 766 491 **Direct Line** 1800 888 236 **Your doctor / General Practitioner**