School Council AGM
A reminder that the AGM is to be held on WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH beginning at 8pm. (Please note the change of date).

New School Councillors
Nominations closed on Friday of last week and we welcome our new School Councillors—Garth Aikman, Matt Brown, Sonia McVicar, Cameron Gloster and Cassey Gloster. We look forward to your valuable input into the running of our wonderful school.

Labor Day Long Weekend
A reminder to everyone that Monday of next week is a public holiday. Please keep your children at home!!!

Welcome BBQ—Friday 7th March
We are considering having our welcome Family and staff BBQ on Friday of this week if it suits the majority of families. Could ALL families please text Mrs P on 0432 506694 no later than lunch time tomorrow to let her know YES OR NO to this date. We will send home a notice on Wednesday to let you know if this will go ahead or not. The school will supply meat, bread and sauce and families are asked to supply a salad and some nibbles. BYO drinks, plates & utensils.

Interschool Swimming Sports
Congratulations to our “team” for coming seconded at the Interschool Swimming Sports held at the Ouyen Pool on Thursday of last week. We had some outstanding individual results:
Samuel Magnisalis—10 Year Boys—Breaststroke and Butterfly Champion. New Breaststroke Record 33.28 seconds
Indie Wisneske—10 Years Girls—Butterfly Champion
Finalists—10 year Freestyle—Sam, Indie & Jack
10 year Backstroke - Sam Indie & Jack
11 year Backstroke—Tyler
12 year Backstroke—Marissa
Congratulations and all the best to Sam who has qualified to swim at the
Regional Finals at Swan Hill on Tuesday 18th March. Sam will be competing in the 10 year Breaststroke event. Well done Sam and good luck.

**Somers Camp**

Good luck to Hamish who will be travelling by bus to Somers Camp tomorrow morning. We hope you have a wonderful time Hamish and enjoy all that the camp has to offer. It must be a very successful camp and a very old camp because I attended in 1968!!!!! I can still remember lots of the activities. Have a great time Hamish and behave your self!!! (we know you will).

**Preps Full Week**

This is the first week Preps will be attending every day. They are all managing very well and we look forward to seeing their lovely smiley faces for an extra day.

**School Payments**

Families will be required to make payments to the school during the year for a variety of things such as—School Fees, Camp payments, performances etc. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer to the school’s official account. I have sent home “Remittance Advice” forms today to be used if you choose to make payments via internet banking. Please notify us of your payment by sending a form to school after you have made a transfer.

**Book Club**

Forms have been sent home today and are due back on the 11th March. If your order is a gift, please let Helen know so she can contact you when the books arrive rather than send them home with your children.

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

This payment is made to eligible families to assist with the cost of education. Families who have a Health Care Card or are on a Pension may be eligible. If your circumstances have changed or you are not sure if you are eligible to receive this payment please fill out a form just in case. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**Shave for a Cure**

The whole school will be travelling to Tempy on Thursday 20th March to support the “Shave for a Cure” fund raiser. There will be a sausage sizzle, lucky dip, plants for sale, throw the pie at the teachers and lots more fun. We encourage the students to start making some extra pocket money to spend on this day. Put the dishes in the sink, put your PJ under your pillow, help with the washing up, put your dirty clothes in the laundry,
empty the rubbish, clean up your room, make your bed and that’s just to name a few!!!

**Prep News**

Library—The preps will visit the school library on a Tuesday. Please make sure library books are sent to school on Tuesdays so the children can exchange their books.

Children should be completing Contract 4 this week. Please encourage your children to complete this week’s contract well, rather than going onto future week’s contracts.

The students have been busy today studying the letter “I”. They have made and coloured some wonderful American Indian Head gear. Well done kids!!

**Family Information Updates**

I have sent home Information Update forms today to help with our records. If you have made changes to your phone numbers, email contacts they can be updated on this form. If you wish to change your emergency contact names and numbers they can be done on this sheet as well. Please note, the emergency contacts are to be those other than parents or guardians and need to be someone who is local. We will always ring both parents before we use the emergency contacts. If you child needs to go home if they are sick we need to have someone local, not someone who lives in Mildura where it would be impractical to expect them to travel to Underbool. Parents of prep students won’t need to fill out this form unless their circumstances have changed since filling out the enrolment forms at the end of last year. If you have any questions please give us a call.

**Brain Food For Classroom—More Good Ideas!**

Carrot & Celery Sticks, Cheese & plain biscuits (please pack the cheese separately), Twiggy sticks, cucumber sticks, sultanas, popcorn—must be plain not coloured or flavoured, fresh fruit (staff can cut up).

**More Healthy Lunch Ideas**

Kids sick of sandwiches?—try making savoury pikelets—add diced ham, corn, peas, grated carrot, grated cheese to your mixture and then spread with butter or marg.

What about fruit pikelets—add mashed banana, grated apple & cinnamon

Rice salad or fried rice.—you can add lots of goodies to leftover rice—ham, bacon, capsicums, corn, peas, grated carrot and lots more.
Friday Shop Lunch Orders
I have sent home an updated price list for the Shop Lunch orders. Please keep this on your fridge so you can send the correct money with the lunch orders on Fridays.

Interschool Swimming Sports