

Term 1 Week 1

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30 January
2020**IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!****Dates to****Remember****January**

30—First day of term

February

3—Swimming Program Begins

14—Swimming Program Finishes

Swimming Sports with Temy PS

21—UDSSA Swimming Sports to be held at Murrayville

Watch this space!!

**WHO'S DOING
WHAT THIS WEEK?**

All staff were present on Tuesday

Teaching staff attended the Cluster Day at Ouyen P-12 College yesterday

All staff present today and tomorrow.

**Newsletter****2020****Welcome Everyone to 2020**

It is so wonderful to see everyone back at school this morning and fantastic to see our new "Foundation" (formally "Preps") students, Maggie, Ava, Annie and Harvey. We welcome our new families—Mal & Casey Crothers, Scott and Courtney Brammer and Neil and Ann Jennings. We hope you all enjoy your time at the wonderful Underbool Primary School.

**Staffing 2020**

We have made a few changes to our staffing this year and we are looking forward to lots of positive outcomes. We welcome Ashlee and Ellen Morrish to our school and hope you enjoy your time with us!



Foundation—Year 1—Fiona Scott—Junior Room (West End Room)

Years 2,3 & 4—Ashlee Morrish—Middle Room

Years 5 & 6—Molly Stone—Senior Room—(East End Room)

Catherine Brown—Student Wellbeing—3 days—Classroom Teacher—2 days

Francey Brown—Integration Aide—3 days

Ellen Morrish—Integration Aide—1 day (at this stage)

Colleen Aikman—Business Manager—2 days

We are all looking forward to working together and creating a happy and positive environment for everyone (both staff and students) to work in.

Timetabling Changes

Our school's curriculum focus is Literacy and Maths and we have made some timetable changes to reflect this. These programs will run every morning from 9am—12.45pm. Our Literacy Block will begin each morning

School Contact Numbers

School—50946342
Molly—0429 941211
Fiona—0429 922600
Ashlee
Colleen—0407 946376
Francey—0439 999654
Catherine

This Weeks Birthdays



Swimming

Requirements

- Bathers
- Towel
- Rashie
- Own Sun Screen if applicable
- Hat
- Thongs /slip on shoes to wear to and from the pool

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples the first peoples and traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to the Elders, both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Indigenous Australians.



at 9am and we will have a 10 minute break at 10am and then brain food at 10.10am. As a result of these changes, we will no longer be having our Monday morning assembly at the beginning of the day. Assembly will now be held at 3.10pm and then students will be dismissed—parents are most welcome to join us for this assembly. It would be greatly appreciated if parents who wish to discuss any issues with staff, arrange to do this after school.

Classes will be shared during the Literacy Block and students may be moving between rooms and staff depending on the program that day.

Foundation Students—Day Off

Students in “Foundation Year” will be having each Wednesday off during the month of February for a much needed “Sleep In” and a rest. Whole days at school, particularly during hot weather are very tiring. This will be reviewed at the end of February and families will be notified if this will be extended into March.

Lunch Time Activities

Catherine will be holding lunch time activities in the Library each Wednesday and Friday, for any students who wish to participate. An Activity List has been attached to the newsletter for your information. Please keep this on your fridge for future reference.



Swimming Program

The Whole School will be participating in our Annual Swimming Program which will begin on Monday of next week and continue until Friday 14th February. Thank you to Joy Lynch who will be conducting the lessons. Students will be driven to and from the pool on the bus for their lessons. A permission form has been attached to the newsletter and MUST be returned tomorrow. Please note—we will be having our Annual Swimming Sports with Temy PS on Friday February 14th.



English On Line Interviews

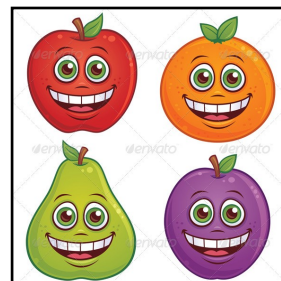
Fiona will be conducting the “English On Line” with students in years Foundation, One and Two on Wednesdays. Fiona will contact parents of Foundation students to organise a time for this program during their Wednesdays off.

School Uniforms

Thank you to Kylie for organising the uniforms through Totally Work Wear in Mildura. Payment can be made in cash, cheque or Direct Credit into the school account 063-732 10029655. Any future uniform orders can be made individually at TWW

Brain Food

Students are encouraged to bring “Brain Food” to be eaten after the 10am break. Brain food includes fruit, cheese and crackers.



Local Schools Community Fund

We applied for funding through the Federal Government’s Local Schools Community Fund via our Local Member, Dr Anne Webster, in September last year. We have been notified that our application was successful and we will be receiving \$14566.00 to be used to upgrade various outdoor areas at the school. Our application includes—two new flag poles for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags, Pencil Totem Poles with the school values printed on them, a ramp for wheelchair access, an outdoor clock and garden screens to be attached to the north end of the sports shed.

We would like to thank the Federal Government for their favourable consideration regarding our application.



School's Privacy Policy—FYI

We have attached a copy of the Department of Education’s Schools Privacy Policy and other information relevant to parents regarding this. Please note—this policy is available on the School Website.

Coronavirus Update

The information regarding the Coronavirus has been featuring far and wide in the community during the past week. Please be aware of the symptoms, as members of the community may have unknowingly come in contact with someone who was contagious. We have attached a copy of the Department’s Fact Sheet for your information.

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