

Term 4 Week 4

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

29—School Council Meeting—6.30pm

30—Day for Daniel

November

2 –Pupil Free Day

3—Melbourne cup Day—Public Holiday

8—NAIDOC Week

30—Report Writing Day—Pupil Free

December

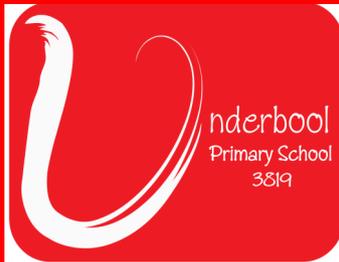
18—Last Day of Term 4

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK?

Darcie Jordan has been attending "training" with Colleen again today.

PLEASE NOTE—ALL FAMILIES HAVE RECEIVED A HARD COPY AND AN EMAILED COPY OF TODAY'S NEWSLETTER AS IT CONTAINS SEVERAL POSTERS & PHOTOS.**Second Hand****Clothing**

We have lots and lots of clothing at school. We will be sending some items home with students in the near future. Please feel free to return the items if you don't want them.

**Newsletter****2020****STAYING****APART****KEEPS****US****TOGETHER*****School Council Meeting***

We will be having our next meeting on Thursday 29th March, commencing at 6.30pm. This will be an evening meeting and will be held outdoors with social distancing and masks to be worn, weather permitting. This will be our 6th and final meeting for the year unless there is a requirement for another meeting. All financial documents and a copy of the minutes will be emailed to councillors prior to the meeting.

Pupil Free Day Staff PD—Monday 2nd November / Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Tuesday 3rd November

Next Monday is a pupil free day as staff participate in Professional Development around Wellbeing Planning and Literacy. Tuesday is a public holiday for Melbourne Cup. We hope all families enjoy a four day break and we look forward to all students returning for a short school week.

Kinder Transition

It was lovely to see Tessa and Billy here at school today for the second day of our Kinder Transition Program. A list detailing the future dates has been attached to the relevant families newsletters.

School Dental Service

We have been contacted by the Australian Dental Health Victoria regarding a visit to the school this term which had been organised earlier this year. A condition of this visit is that 20 students attend and we have 11 students so far. The forms that were sent home last week need to be returned to school ASAP so arrangements can be made.

Fire Drill

Recently we had a practice Fire Drill as a part of our OHS and BARR requirements. We will review the process at tonight's staff meeting to ensure all processes are clear and safe in the event we ever need to evacuate the school. The practice went well.



School Contact Numbers

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Gaby —0429 336539

Fiona—0429 922600

Ashlee—0427 221514

Colleen—0407 946376

Francey—0439 999654

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This Weeks

Birthdays

No Birthdays
this week

Mowing

Roster

October—Mal
Crothers

November—Matt
Day

December—Vinnie
Burns



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.



Mathletics

Once again, the school has signed up for the online program Mathletics to support learning and can be used at school and at home. Students will have access to relevant content that will reinforce their learning and challenge them to go to the next level. Activities provide a captivating multi-modal learning experience for students.

Recently several students have acquired bronze and silver certificates for their efforts and math understanding. This were shared with students last week.

Sexuality Education

As a part of the health and wellbeing curriculum Grade 5/6 students will be commencing Sexuality Education this Friday for 5 sessions. Body Safety Australia will be providing the sessions. They are very experienced and supportive. An online session for all interested parents is tonight. The link for the zoom session is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89352714400?pwd=TG1wZVZ0VEx0VUF6ck5lYWwzeXE5QT09>

Meeting ID: 893 5271 4400

Passcode: 461641

A link to a survey for parents has been emailed. This has been requested as part of the funding process.

We have been funded for the pilot program in conjunction with Swan Hill Primary and Tempy Primary through SYFS. We'll be very interested in feedback from parents and students about the sessions to help with planning for next year.

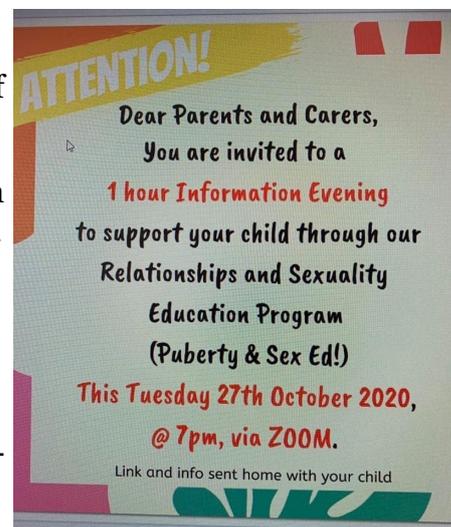
If you have any further queries, please contact the school to discuss.

School Maintenance

Thankyou to the families that helped with further gardening, cleaning, mowing and moving equipment. The school appreciates your support.

School Photos

It looks like these will be going ahead now, due to COVID changes. We will notify families when a date is organised with Chelsea.



Where Are They Now?

Nicky O'Callaghan came to Underbool Primary School as a Graduate Teacher in 2007 and worked on staff with Greg Vallance & Helen Gloster and myself. Nicky has recently published a book about Ned Kelly and I attended the Zoom Online Book Launch on Thursday of last week.

Since I left Underbool I've worked as a teacher at Ballarat Clarendon College and the Ballarat Specialist School. I've been at Ararat Primary for the past 5 years and I'm currently a learning specialist there. I have also been in the position as acting AP for a short period. I've travelled overseas, living in the North of Scotland for 8 months. I married Damien in 2009 and have two children, Jack (almost 7) and Elsie (4). My writing has really taken off this year, coming runner up in the Hawkeye Manuscript Development Prize and then getting a publishing contract for *Lament*. This year I've also won the Stringybark Tales with a Twist competition with my short story "Just Alice" and I also had some pieces published in journals.

LAMENT ... Coming soon ... flips the Ned Kelly story on its head.

Author of *Lament*, Nicole Kelly, is a writer, teacher, wife and mother who loves her life in rural Victoria.

Lament, the fresh, fictional re-telling of Australian bushranger, Ned Kelly's life, takes its readers from the true event – the attempted de-railing of the train at Glenrowan – and explores what might have been, had that attempt succeeded. From one Kelly to another – the gift of life to an Australian legend whose brutal ending came too soon, or so say some.



Hawkeye Publishing is thrilled that the first wave of books released under our book publishing arm includes *Lament*, a culturally significant re-write of an Australian legend ... the Ned Kelly story. Nicole Kelly, along with authors L. E. Daniels, Khaiah Thomson and Cate Sawyer, make history for Hawkeye Publishing as the debut team selected to represent quality works by Hawkeye.





DO YOU REALLY KNOW TIKTOK?

TikTok (formerly Music.ly) is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos. You can create and share short lip-sync, comedy and talent videos of 3 to 15 seconds. You can also create short looping videos up to 60 seconds long.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The age recommendation for TikTok is 13-year-old.
- TikTok's Default settings are set to public, meaning any other user can see content posted to a users profile and make contact/message that user.
- TikTok users sign up with a phone number, an email address, or a third-party account such as Facebook and Instagram.
- TikTok videos can be accessed on YouTube



WHAT'S THE CONCERN?

Across so many of the shared videos the outfits, provocative poses, promiscuous dance moves, sexual connotations, drug references and crude language is the unfortunate reality for much of the content within TikTok. The concern here lies in how freely this type of content can be found. There has also been reported cases of users sharing more concerning content linked to self-harm, cutting, violence and pornography.

HOW CAN I MAKE IT SAFER?

The first step in creating a safer space for young users to always set accounts private. To do this, navigate to the profile page and select the ellipses (...) in the top right-hand corner to then select click on 'Privacy and Safety'. Here you have several settings that can then be specifically managed to better protect the user's safety and wellbeing when using TikTok.

BE ACTIVE, DO YOUR RESEARCH!

If your child has TikTok, so should you! Or at least, you should have access to their account. As parents/caregivers, be sure to actively explore the content in the Discover section of TikTok so you can see for yourself what your children will see. Talk to your child about what to do if they see something that is inappropriate.

INFORMATION SOURCED FROM

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WWW.E SAFETY.GOV.AU/KEY-ISSUES/ESAFETY-GUIDE/TIKTOK

FOR MORE INFORMATION. . .

WWW.SAFEONSOCIAL.COM/

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'What you need to know before you give your child a smartphone'



TikTok App

It's always important to know the pros and cons of various digital apps and social media to ensure our children are participating in a safe environment.

We discussed TikTok in class this week and discover the legal age is 16 to have an account, as children could be exposed to older participants and inappropriate content, as well as sharing there own information.

