

Term 4 Week 7

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17 November
2020**IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!****Dates to
Remember**

November
18—Kinder Kids Transi-
tion
19—Staff First Aid PD
23—Dental Van
30—Report Writing Day—
Pupil Free

December
18—Last Day of Term 4

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

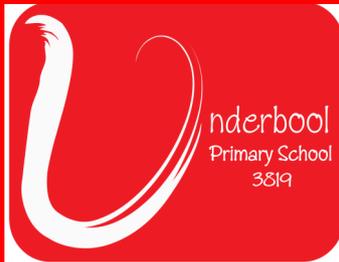
Darcie Jordan will be
working with me on
Thursday morning and
attending the First Aid
Course in the afternoon.

Kate Stone will be working
on Thursday afternoon.

Gaby will be away on
Monday of next week.

Report Writing Day

**A reminder to all
families that Mon-
day 30th November
is a Report Writing
Day for all staff.
This will be a Pupil
Free Day—please
mark this on your
calendar.**

For Your Information**Beyond Blue****1300 224636****Kids Help Line****1800 55 1800****Newsletter****2020****STAYING****APART****KEEPS****US****TOGETHER**

We've come through a difficult year with an array of emotions. This time of the year is very busy in the district with harvest in full swing, fire call outs, hot weather to contend with and sporting programs starting again. Students are going well at school, trying hard to improve learning goals whilst enjoying the many activities the school offers. We are currently planning for some end of year activities and fun days and will inform parents as the dates are confirmed. Current activities the students are enjoying include:

CEP - Science Extension Program**Art** - Famous Artist Studies**STEAM**—Animation using Stop Motion**STEAM**—Rainforests—Wheels and things that move!**Wellbeing Activities**—Sexuality Education (Yrs 5 & 6)

Respectful Relationships Positive Coping Meditation Tiger Paw

Leadership Activities - Rubbish Audit—Recycling - End Of Year

Book Production - Fundraising (Popcorn & Apples)

School Gardening - Weed Warriors**Library**—cataloguing and other activities**Lunch Time Activities**—Dress ups, Colouring, Sport, Jigsaws, Christmas Craft**Programs being explored** before the end on the year include - Singing & Music Program, Swimming Safety, Chess Club, Lawn Bowls***First Aid / Care Certificate Course***

All staff and some other local members of the community will be attending a Care Certificate Course run by Natasha Anderson on Thursday afternoon. Kate Stone has been hired as a CRT for the afternoon.

Year 7

Students in year 6 have been given a copy of the Year 7 stationery list for 2021. Please keep this somewhere safe so it doesn't get lost. We will also

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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.



be running a Transition Webex in the near future where students will be able to ask questions regarding 2021.

Ambulance / Paramedics Visit

We have been lucky to have a visit from our district ambulance service from Mildura today. The officers discussed when and how to call an ambulance, and lots of other very important things to know when people get hurt and things go wrong. A great big thank you for their very informative talk.



This Weeks

Birthdays

A Great Big Happy Birthday to Charli Brown who will be 10 on Sunday. We hope you have a great day Charli



The OMO Project Is Now Complete

The outdoor classroom tables arrived last week and are now assembled and installed. A HUGE thank you to Chris and Prue Lynch for putting the tables together on Saturday. This was a mammoth effort considering we are in the middle of harvest and Chris took time off the header to do this. Again, thank you.



The OMO Project is now complete and our \$20000.00 has been spent on our Outdoor Classroom.

School Dental Visit

The Australian Dental Health Victoria will be visiting the school on Monday November 23rd to check our students teeth. Thank you to the families who returned their consent forms, getting us over the 20 student threshold required. All forms have been emailed to ADHV for processing.



Mowing Roster

November

Matt Day

December

Vinnie Burns



Kinder Transition

The Kinder Kids will be at school tomorrow from 8.30am to 1.30pm, joining us for our morning classes, recess and lunch time.



Student Leadership Report—Week 7

R.E.A.P Award

This week's R.E.A.P awards go to Maggie, Isobel, Jazmin, Grace and Scarlett. The 5 of them showed respect, achievement, enthusiasm and persistence. Good job students!!!!

Fundraising

Thank you to all the students that have been bringing 20c or \$1 for a curled apple or for popcorn. We really appreciate it. We are doing this to fundraise for our year 6 jumpers.

What's Going On

Today in the afternoon we have an ambulance coming to visit us and to educate us on their services and to explore the ambulance vehicle.

Senior Room Learning

We will be soon sharing the senior rooms SeeSaw with the parents and they will be able to see our various school work.

In maths the senior room are creating their own 3D models of a town, for there double maths on Mondays due to having sexuality education on Fridays.

The senior room has been focusing on narrative writing. We are breaking down the structure to improve our writing skills. Below is a character writing by Kasey and Deklyn.

We have started our new spelling program called Spelling Smart provided by Mrs Hogg and Catherine Brown.

Winnie the Pooh

Winnie the Pooh is a vibrant, honey mustard colour. He wears a luscious, soft warm and red shirt. He has an over-sized tummy which hangs out under his red shirt. He can't start his happy day without his enormous brown rich pot of honey. Winnie isn't particularly bright, as he often forgets things, He's meant to do. When it comes to remembering birthdays don't rely on this yellow bear because he would only remember the time he's meant to eat his honey, at every possible second.

By Kasey and Deklyn

Farmer Don and his Farm Family

By Alexandra Treloar Ages 4-6.

The story of Farmer Don and his Farm Family is one that aspires to teach children the challenges of life on the land and non-traditional family routines.

Farmer Don spends most of his time living and working on his farm to support his wife and four children. They live in a town one and a half hours away so the children can go to school, work and participate in after school activities.

Farmer Don comes home when he can, but wheat farming is demanding and requires long hours and the reality is Farmer Don is not home with his family very often.

This somewhat dysfunctional family setup is sadly the norm for many regional families who need to live away from the family farm to receive education and to avoid a life of isolation that can sometimes be for families living on farms.

Pets are one of the most comforting aspects of life, and the characters of Mittyack the cat, Toby the Labrador and Rosemary the sheep show children the value of pets as well as the idea of 'two families'.

Although Farmer Don and his wife Maria are not separated, this story teaches children that families can look different and that's ok.

Farmer Don shows children that sometimes life can look a little different and there are challenges, but if everyone can do their bit, chip in, it means more time together.

https://www.instagram.com/farmer_don/

About the Author:

Alexandra Treloar grew up with the Mallee dirt between her toes in the township of Carwarp, Victoria. As a child, Alexandra's favourite time was when her mum read her books before bed; and as Alexandra learnt to read, her love for stories grew, naturally leading her to a career in journalism. Now working for the Australian Broadcast Corporation in north-west Victoria, Alexandra spends her days telling the stories of people in the Mallee and Millewa on the land of the Latji Latji, Ngintait, Nyeri Nyeri and Wergaia people. She hopes Farmer Don's story, which is similar to her own, helps kids of the Mallee recognise themselves and their own families.

