

TERM 1, WEEK 5
2021

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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 24th - School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

Friday 26th - UDSSA Swimming Carnival @ Murrayville.

MARCH

Monday 1st - School Nurse Visit (from 11:30 am).

Red Cross 'Pillowcase program' (F-6 students) (9:00 am to 11:00am).

Wednesday 3rd - Sunraysia South Swimming Carnival @ Mildura.

Monday 8th - Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 18th - Regional Swimming Carnival @ Swan Hill.

APRIL

Thursday 1st - Last day of Term 1.

Friday 2nd - Good Friday Public Holiday.

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.



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Classroom Report

Daalko Room

Respectful Relationships – Emotional Literacy Unit

This week, students brainstormed emotion words and then played charades individually and in teams to express the emotion. They are building their emotional expression toolkits.



Students in the Sunset Room are allocated weekly classroom jobs. One of these jobs is the Journalist whose responsibility it is to provide a weekly newsletter report on a topic of their choice!

Sunset Classroom Newsletter Article

This year there is a new student in the Sunset Classroom. His name is Brody and he is 9 years old. He likes kittens, Minecraft and Roblox. **By Jake Lovitt**

Student Leader's Report

Congratulations to the Red Team who won the Underbool & Tempy Primary School Swimming Sports on Friday last week! Well done to everyone that competed on the day.

It was so nice to see all the parents and friends supporting and cheering the students on.

This was an amazing way to end week four of the school term, particularly after a three day lock down!!

By Deklyn Day



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This Weeks Birthdays...

A big happy birthday to **Billy Nathan** who turned **6** on the **13th of February**.

We send our birthday wishes to **Jazmin Day** too who turns **10** on Thursday this week. We hope you have a wonderful day!



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”
- Jane D. Hull

Principal's Report

Firstly, thank you for your patience and understanding with the brief lockdown that took place at the beginning of last week. Secondly, what a fantastic Swimming Sports on Friday as a conclusion to a well-run Swimming Program! Thank you to all involved in planning, setting up and running the program and event. The students were a credit with their participation ethic and support of one another.

Inquiry Afternoon Invitation

Can you share your skills and experience with the students of Underbool Primary School? We would like to invite parents, carers, grandparents and/or community members to work with small groups of students on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm to 2.45pm. We are looking at a variety of skills on offer for approximately a 4 week rotation program that is to commence as soon as possible. Skills may include art, cooking, crafts - knitting, gardening, music, photography, quilting, specialised sport, tinkering, woodwork, writing, etc...

A Working With Children Check (WWCC) can be organised at no cost to those who volunteer their time and expertise. We are excited to welcome the community back into Underbool Primary School. Please get in touch if you are interested in offering your skills and expertise as part of this unique program.

School Support Services

Recently, we have been fortunate with visits from several service providers including Sunraysia Health, MFC, Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Student Support Services Branch of the Department of Education. Jess Curnow and Tomara Hancock will be working with the school community through the Speech in Schools Program. This support is about capacity building and mentoring through evidence-based practice. Jess will also support the school in introducing The Zones of Regulation. **If your child has an NDIS Plan please let us know.** We will also be sending home permission notes for students we feel would benefit from speech or Occupational Therapy support.

Within the next few weeks, teachers will be coordinating Parent/Teacher and Student Led Conferences. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how we can work together to support your child in achieving their goals. A more formal information session will be planned from the beginning of Term 2 with the commencement of a new principal. If you have any queries or concerns please arrange a time to discuss these with your child's classroom teacher. The staff will also be holding education sessions for parents on Essential Assessments and Compass soon. Stay tuned!

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Student Reminder— Breakfast Club is back!!

A reminder to students that **Breakfast Club will run each Monday and Wednesday morning from 8:30am in the Library.**



Office Report

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs associated with school camps, excursions and sporting activities. **Payment is \$125.00 per eligible Primary School student.**

Applications are now open for parents who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent. A CSEF information sheet for parents has been attached to this weeks copy of the newsletter.

Please note: if you applied for the CSEF in 2020, you DO NOT need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family's circumstances. This arrangement is also in place for those families eligible for the Conveyance Allowance. If you would like an application

form sent home, please contact the office or for more information about the CSEF and a printable application form, please visit:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Chaplain Consent Form

Catherine Brown is the school's Chaplain/Wellbeing Officer for 2021. The consent form attached to this weeks newsletter grants permission for your child/ren to be offered pastoral care services and strategies that support their overall wellbeing.

Catherine is available on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm for parents/guardians who have questions or would like additional wellbeing resources sent home.

If you are interested in your child/ren taking part in the school's Chaplaincy/Wellbeing program please sign the consent form (page 3) and return to school by Tuesday the 23rd of February.

Emergency Contact Information

Each family has received a copy of their child's enrolment Information that is recorded on the Department of Education's CASES21 recording system. A copy of this information has been attached to this weeks newsletter. **We ask that all parents/guardians review this information, note any corrections or updates to be made and return these forms to the office by Friday the 26th of February. All forms must be returned even if there is to be no alterations made to the information.** Please note; the emergency contacts that are listed for your child are only to be used in an emergency when we are unable to contact you. It has come to our attention that many of the emergency contacts listed are not local to the Sunraysia area, which could prove to be quite difficult if your child is unwell and needs to be picked up from school!

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School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of the Underbool Primary School Council is to be held on Wednesday the 17th of March at 7:00pm. There will be five vacancies on the School Council.

A Self-Nomination Form has been attached to this newsletter. All interested parents/guardians are encouraged to take an active role in their child's education by nominating for School Council. **Nominations close on Wednesday the 10th of March.** In the event that the nominations received exceed the number of positions advertised, a ballot will be held.

Councillors whose two year term ends and who are eligible for re-election are:

Kylie Aikman Cherie Donnellan Prue Lynch Kyra Nathan

Councillors who have one year of their term remaining are:

Kristen Brown Jo Morrison Sonia McVicar

School Council Meeting

A reminder to our current school council members, a School Council Meeting has been scheduled for **tomorrow evening at 7:00pm.**



Sports Report

Underbool & Tempy Swimming Carnival Well done to all students who participated on Friday and made the Tempy Primary School students feel welcome. It was a fun day out for all. All students were displaying the school values of respect, enthusiasm, achievement and persistence. Thank you to all parents who assisted with the set up, pack up and moving of lane ropes. A big thank you to Helen Gloster, Joy Lynch and Maureen Wandel for volunteering their time to assist on the day.

UDSSA Swimming – Friday 26th February **The next stage for swimming is on this Friday the 26th of February at Murrayville Swimming Pool. This event is for students aged 9 to 13 years.** Catherine will provide further information on what events students will be offered the opportunity to participate in. An event schedule will be provided to these selected students on Wednesday. The event will begin at 10:30am and approximately finish at 1:30pm. Parents/guardians are to arrange travel for their child/children.



If parents/carers are struggling to find transport for the day, please speak with Catherine as Tempy PS are travelling through with a bus.

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2021 Underbool and Tempy Primary School Annual Swimming Carnival



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School Procedures for Bushfires

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red Day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red Day will be determined by the Emergency Commissioner no later than 1:00pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red Day, the school will provide families with advice prior to the end of the day. **Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and support your family to plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red Day.
- School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red Days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan—**on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red Days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red Day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have recently updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents/guardians do?

Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with the school by reading the weekly newsletters, website and by talking to your child's classroom teacher or any other member of staff about our Emergency Management Plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you are planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan. Families can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training's website <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667