

TERM 1, WEEK 8  
2021

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

**Monday 15th to Sunday 21st** - Harmony Week

**Wednesday 17th** - School Council AGM @ 7:00pm

**Thursday 18th** - Regional Swimming Carnival @ Swan Hill.

**Friday 19th** - National Ride2School Day.

### APRIL

**Thursday 1st** - Last day of Term 1.

**Friday 2nd** - Good Friday Public Holiday.

**Sunday 4th** - Easter Sunday



*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.*



# Underbool Primary School News

## Classroom Report

Students in the **Sunset and Linga Rooms** worked together on Monday to name and celebrate personal strengths. The students worked in small groups to create a list of strengths. As a whole group, they divided them into skills and character traits.

It can be challenging to recognise and name strengths in ourselves and in others. The children wrote an 'I am...' statement and helped to create a 'Strengths Vine' in the Linga Room.



### Sunset Classroom Newsletter Article

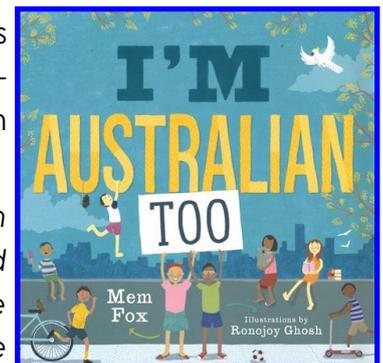
It was the Community Open Day on Friday. I hope the students got to show their parents everything. I hope everyone had fun and I hope some of your grandparents could visit. **By Evie Nathan**

Every Thursday afternoon we do different activities. Group 1 is knotting, Group 2 is knitting, Group 3 is cooking, Group 4 is running, Group 5 is bird watching and Group 6 is robotics. I did knitting and I am making a pink scarf. It is very fun. **By McKayla Donnellan**

Last week in the **Daalko Room**, the students completed an author study on Mem Fox. Yesterday we shared 'I'm Australian Too' which fits in perfectly with Harmony Day.

*"Our basic national character is one of such magnificent, open warmth and friendliness, and ultimate acceptance—we end up living as the most harmonious multi-cultural country in the world. I decided to write a very rhythmic, loving, friendly Australian book, (going back to my Possum Magic roots) about all the people who have come here to make Australia the lovely place it is.*

*The dedication list in 'I'm Australian Too' is the longest in any book I've written. Each person is dear to me. Each was born outside Australia. Each now lives here and has made a magnificent contribution to this country, and to me personally. Three cheers to all of them!" - Mem Fox.*



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### REMINDER!

The Banjo's Bakery Fundraising forms and payment are due on Thursday the 18th of March. An additional copy of the forms was attached to the school newsletter last week. Further copies are available from the school office, post office and Pink Lakes Pantry.

Thank you for your continued support!



## Principal's Report

### Community Open Afternoon

What a wonderful turnout for our open afternoon, where students proudly showed visitors around their school. The school community were able to meet our wonderful teaching team too. It was great to finally invite the community back into the school after a challenging year. The event concluded with an afternoon tea provided by the parents and coordinated by Sonia McVicar, followed by a school assembly.

Students shared their favourite books, samples of their work, school equipment and many of the school improvements. Stories of days gone by were shared by parents, grandparents and neighbours including lessons in the recently updated Daalko Room.

### Inquiry Afternoon - Thursday

Students enjoyed the varied afternoon activities with our volunteers on Thursday. This included knotting and 'how to keep a wild horse in check' with Ron Jackson, running techniques with Jo Morrison around the recreation reserve, knitting in the library with Helen Gloster, cooking up a storm with Mrs Scott, bird watching with Colleen Aikman (with a request for a Peregrine Falcon next week) and Wedo Robotics with Mrs Hogg.

We hope to continue with more Inquiry sessions next term, with more volunteers. **If anyone knows how to play bowls, there are junior sets down at the green or a tinkering group could be fun too!** Hopefully the kindergarten students can join in too with some bush building activities from Term 2.

A group of Daalko students also commenced Maths Challenge/Inquiry this week. This is an extension program that will challenge the students thinking and applied mathematic skills whilst working in a group. The challenge runs over four weeks.

### Last Newsletter

Sadly this is my last newsletter and second last week with this amazing community. I am off to prepare for my daughter's wedding next week. I have really enjoyed my time with you all and have been made to feel so welcome. I've loved teaching most of all, the children are a delight, sponges for knowledge, enthusiastic and with so much personality. The improvements we have been able to achieve together to the infrastructure and administrative systems has also been a highlight. I am also proud of our last minute concert in December of last year - the first community get together after an unusual 2020 year.

I wish you all the best for the future and hope the students from my new school can work together with the Underbool Primary School students online. Stay well and look after each other. You have much to be proud of.

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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

### APPOINTMENT OF A NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

We are pleased to announce that Underbool Primary School's new Principal to commence from Term 2 is Mr Jim Rinaldi. Jim is currently the Acting Principal of Leitchville Primary School in the Southern Mallee district. Jim brings with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field of education, having worked in the Sunraysia district previously. The staff and students look forward to welcoming and supporting Jim as he begins the role of Principal from the beginning of Term 2.

### Emergency Contact Information & Student Medications

There are a select few families who have not returned their copy of the Emergency Contact Information. We ask that these families review this information, note any corrections or updates to be made and return these forms to the office as soon as possible. Please note, all forms must be returned even if there is to be no alterations made to the information.

**Please note; parents must provide written documentation with regards to any medication that is to be administered to students during school hours. This note should be supplied by a medical professional and include instructions of time and dosage that is required.** All medication must be handed to staff and must not be left in student's bags as this is an OHS issue. This is an Department of Education and Training (DET) Policy that must be adhered to.

### School Council AGM - Wednesday 17th March @ 7:00pm

The School Council AGM Meeting is to be held **tomorrow night** from **7:00pm**. The March meeting is to commence at the conclusion of the AGM.

### 2021 Student Requisites and Contributions (School Fees)

Last week, a copy of the **2021 Student Requisites and Contributions letter** was attached to the school newsletter. The school fees are to remain the same as 2020 which equates to **\$160.00 per student**.

Underbool Primary School endeavours to keep the cost of school items and activities to a minimum. A once-off online subscription and bus fee has been included in the breakdown of the requisites so that families are not required to send small amounts of money to the school throughout the year.

**Please note; Families who receive the Conveyance Allowance are not required to make the annual Student Requisites and Contributions payment as this will be taken out from their youth allowance payment.** We encourage all families to read over the information presented in the letter and forward any questions or queries to Darcie in the office.

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## Sport Report

### Sunraysia South Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to **Jess Lynch** for representing the school on Friday at the Sunraysia South Tennis Tournament. Jess was the only female in her age category to participate in the tournament and due to the low number of females participating, she was rostered on to compete with the boys. We



are so proud of Jess' efforts as she held her own out on the court and received a championship medal! Well done Jess!  
**#thisgirlcan**

### Cross Country - Term 2

Thank you to Jo Morrison for volunteering her time on Thursday afternoon during Inquiry. We had four keen students complete a short run to begin their preparation for Cross Country. Jo informed students of the importance of setting goals, their mindset and warming up their bodies.

The Daalko Classroom have taken on the challenge on Tuesday and Friday to run around Victoria. As a classroom we are accumulating our kilometres by running around the school oval during brain break, maths and PE. This could be a great challenge to complete during the school holidays with your family, creating some competition on who can run the furthest for the week. Don't forget to build up your distance but still challenge yourself.



### School Sports Victoria Regional Swimming - Thursday 18th March

All the best to **Hunter, Harry, Jess and Lydia** on Thursday at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill. Swim well and enjoy the day.

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