

Term 2 Week 6

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IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY!**Dates to****Remember****May****Well Being Week.**

Week 6 (this week) -
Please enjoy some down
time for yourself, your
children and your family.

25—Pupil Free Day

All staff return to school

26—Prep—2 will be re-
turning to school for on-
site learning

June

8—Queens birthday Pub-
lic Holiday

9—Students in years 3—6
will be returning to school
of onsite learning—

**ALL STUDENTS
ARE TO BE AT
SCHOOL AS OF
THIS DATE
WITH THEIR
WATER
BOTTLES!**

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

All staff are getting
tested for Covid19 this
week. Thank you!

Molly, Catherine, Ash-
lee, Francey & Colleen
have been working to-
day—Tuesday

Thursday—Fiona, Ellen
and Colleen will be
working.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE
YOU ADHERE
TO THE DROP OFF &
PICK UP INSTRU-
CTIONS REFERED TO
IN THE NEWSLET-
TER—THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CO OPER-
ATION**

**Newsletter****2020**

**If you have any questions about the school's opera-
tions, please refer to the Newsletter for a clarification
of information. If you still have a question that re-
quires an answer you can't find then contact the staff.
Thank you.**

***Transition Back To On-Site Schooling At Underbool Pri-
mary School***

- As of Monday 25th May all staff will return to working on-site each day at school.
- Students in Years Foundation – 2 are expected to return to school on **Tuesday 26th May** for their transition to onsite –learning.
- The school will be open as of Tuesday 26th and will welcome and support any families of students in Years 3-6 that cannot learn from home and feel that their students would benefit from returning to the school's learning environment.
- For families with students in Years 3-6 - The school will respect and support any families that wish to continue to 'learn from home' until the 9th June.
- All students from Underbool PS are expected to be on-site and learning as of the 9th June. Remote learning will not be provided for after this date unless it is of a medical circumstance.

Changes To Our Daily Operations at Underbool Primary School

- **Drop off & Pick up by car** – we ask that families drop off & pick up students at the school gate (car park entry). A drive- by style drop off whereby parents remain in the car and students are safely dropped at the school gate and greeted by staff. (8.30 am – 9am morning)
- **Pick up by car** – staff will have students organised with their bags and be waiting for pick up at the school gate from 3.20pm. Avoid parking and progress in a line up style down the lane.

School Contact Numbers

School—50946342

Molly—0429 941211

Fiona—0429 922600

Ashlee—0427 221514

Colleen—0407 946376

Francey—0439 999654

Catherine—0429946225

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.



- **Riding your bike/walking to and from school** – students can be greeted by their parents/carers at the bike shelter if they are assisting them to ride home or picking them up to walk home together.
- **School oval** – some parents /carers who choose to use the school oval as a pick up point are encouraged to meet and drop their students at the double gates /top end of the oval.
- Parents are only to enter the school grounds when essential to do so
- Parents are encouraged to contact the school by phone or email to arrange suitable times/days/places for any discussions to take place.
- Maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 metres will not always be practical in educational settings, however physical distancing is most important between adults.

This Weeks

Birthdays

No Birthdays this week

COVID -19 / Health / Feeling Unwell

- All staff have accepted to be tested for COVID-19 and results will be informed before returning to school. If a positive test is found the procedures for responding to this will be put in place and the school community notified.
- As we come in to winter and experience cold and flu symptoms, be aware that you are unable to send your child to school when they are feeling unwell or show signs and symptoms of COVID -19, including cough, runny nose.
- The school will not be conducting temperature checks of students as there is limited evidence to demonstrate the value of such checks. However, we will have a temperature check of students who become unwell during the school day and inform the parent/carer if the student displays a temperature above normal range.
- Hand hygiene, physical distancing and where applicable, gloves and masks will be worn when responding to staff/students experiencing compatible symptoms of coronavirus.

Mowing Roster

May—Scott Brammer—thank you....the yard and oval look great!

Hygiene / Water bottles

- All staff, students, visitors are required to wash and sanitise hands
- on arrival to school.
- before and after eating
- after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet.
- This will be directed or supervised by staff where required.

- Students are required to drink from their water bottles and not the school water fountains.
- Please ensure students bring their water bottles each day filled up, however they can refill bottles during the day at the water tap.



School Cleaning



The Department has provided extra funding to all schools for School Cleaning to ensure a safe and clean environment for all staff and students. Thank you to our cleaner Kristy, who has been, and will be continuing to do a lot of extra cleaning of the school over the next months to ensure we all have a safe place to work and learn.



Well Being & Mindfulness Week

As well as completing learning tasks and extra activities, we hope you take some time this week to enjoy a bit of well deserved downtime with your family and enjoy some things you haven't been able to do over the past few weeks. Did anyone see the beautiful sunrise this morning or the fantastic sunset last night? Have you been watching the explosion of butterflies in the garden or the goat moths on the windows or their cocoons around the yard? There are so many things around us to enjoy.

A huge thank you to all parents and other family members who have gone above and beyond with the "schooling from home" over the past weeks. Your efforts and your patience have been greatly appreciated and we can't thank you enough.



Remote Learning Mural

The Year 6 Leadership Group would like to encourage everyone to bring in or email photos of what you have been doing during Isolation. This can be photos of anything you want to share like schooling, drawings, craft work, gardening, farming or anything you have been doing. We are then going to use them to create a big mural of what we have all been doing during our time away from school to share with everyone.

If you would like to share photos please email Catherine, brown.catherine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank You Staff

A huge thank you to our staff who have overcome many hurdles and unforeseen difficulties while providing lessons for the students over the past few weeks. Everyone is looking forward to "getting back to a new normal" as soon as possible. Online learning, logging on, Google Meets, preparing home learning packs, corrections, attending scheduled Department online meetings and extra contact with parents are just a few of the adjustments and tasks staff have had to learn and undertake over the past weeks. Special thank you to Molly and Fiona who have also been providing "at home schooling" for their own children while providing lessons for students of Underbool PS. Thank you to Ashlee and Catherine who are both new to the job and who have had a steep learning curve in this new and different classroom environment—nothing like this was included in their Uni Course!!! We thank you all for your dedication and are so grateful to have you as members on our staff.



Laptops

All students who are returning to school will need to bring their laptops and headphones back with them. Thank you.

RESPECT

ENTHUSIASM

ACHIEVEMENT

PERSISTENCE

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