

TERM 1, WEEK 7  
2021

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

**Friday 12th** - Community Open Afternoon from 2:00pm.

**Monday 15th to Friday 19th** - 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.

*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

## Sport Report

### Sunraysia South Division Tennis Championships

All the best to Jess Lynch who will be competing and representing the school on Friday at the Sunraysia South Division Tennis Championships. Ace them Jess!

### Sunraysia South Division Swimming Carnival

Well done to Jess Lynch and Lydia Morrison for competing at the Sunraysia South Swimming Carnival in Mildura last Wednesday. They both swam exceptionally well in their 50 metre individual events and combined relay with Ouyen P-12 College.

### School Sports Victoria Regional Swimming Carnival - Swan Hill

Congratulations to Hunter Brown, Jess Lynch, Harry McVicar and Lydia Morrison for being invited to compete at the School Sports Victoria Regional Swimming Carnival to be held in Swan Hill on Thursday. **If families are interested, Simon Morrison has offered to take the school bus across to Swan Hill. Please let Catherine know if families would like the bus as a travel option.** Catherine will provide students with further information throughout the week.



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A reminder to our families that if you wish to contact the school, the preferred method of communication is via the landline or mobile phone number outlined above.

*Thank you to the families and community members who attended the Working Bee held on Thursday afternoon last week. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Our staff and students are very lucky to learn and work in a beautiful school environment. Stay tuned for further information as to when the next Working Bee will occur!*

International Women's Day

"I want every girl to know that her voice can change the world."

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

## Principal's Report

### Community Open Day - Friday the 12th of March

Members of the Underbool Primary School Community are warmly invited to attend an open afternoon this Friday the 12th of March from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Parents, family members and friends are invited to tour the classrooms with students who will share samples of the work that has been completed throughout the term. Afternoon tea and refreshments will be supplied.

Student leaders have created invitations for this open afternoon which have been posted at businesses across the local community. For further information, please refer to the school Facebook page.

### 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 2-4 week rotation program that is to commence on THURSDAY THIS WEEK. 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 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 TOMORROW - 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

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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>

### 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.

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

Attached is a copy of the 2021 Student Requisites and Contributions letter that was approved at the School Council meeting last week. 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.