

Underbool Primary School News

TERM 2, WEEK 1

27 APRIL 2022



Upcoming Events

APRIL

Thursday 28th - Cross Country at Ouyen P-12 — All students

Friday 29th - State Swimming Finals—Melbourne—Harry

Friday 29th - Curriculum Day—Student Free Day

MAY

Thursday 5th - Sunraysia South Cross Country Carnival @ Mildura.

Monday 9th to Wed. 11th—NAPLAN—Grades 3 and 5

Thursday 12th Mildura Arts Centre The Alphabet of Awesome Science—8am to 4pm—All students

Tuesday 31st May Regional Cross Country Carnival @ St. Arnaud.

JUNE

Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd Grade 3 to 6 Camp Creswick

Monday 13th June - Queen's Birthday 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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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting Term 2 at Underbool Primary School. We begin this week by wishing Harry McVicar all the best in the State Finals of the Victorian Swimming competitions. This is a remarkable achievement.

Tomorrow, we participate in the 'Cross Country' to be held at the Ouyen P-12 College. All students will be expected to attend this event. Please let us know if you are planning to pick up your child from Ouyen, otherwise, we should be back at school just after lunch. Eric Smee who has the appropriate Heavy-Vehicle Licence and Working with Children's Check will be driving the school bus to and from the venue.

Friday 20th April is a Maths Curriculum Day. Students are not required at school. We will be working with the staff from the Murrayville Primary School Division of the Murrayville College.

NAPLAN for students in Grade 3 and 5 will be held over the third week of term beginning on Monday, May 9th, and concluding on Wednesday, May 11th.

We have our first major outing as a school on Thursday 12th May with a visit to The Alphabet of Awesome Science at Mildura Arts Centre on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 10:00 am. Given the start time of the programme, we will need to leave Underbool Primary School at 8:00 am and pick up the Walpeup students at 8.15 am. It should be a great day out. We will be leaving Mildura at 2.00 pm to be back in Underbool at around 4:00 pm.

The grade 3 to 6 camp at Log Cabin Lodge Creswick has been booked for Wednesday, June 1st to Friday, June 3rd. The majority of the cost will be met by the Victorian Government. We are planning to spend one whole day in Ballarat at Sovereign Hill Historical Park. Further details will be shared with you nearer the date we are hoping that the admission costs to both Sovereign Hill and The Eureka Stockade will be included in the camp itinerary.

Kind Regards,

Jacinta, Fiona, Jo, Kate,
Francey and Jim



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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.



ANZAC Presentation

On Thursday 7th of April Simon Morrison visited the school to deliver an ANZAC Presentation to our F-6 students.

Simon shared stories of his experience in the army and taught the students about the history of the flag.

Thank you Simon taking the time to visit and share your stories with our students in the lead up to ANZAC Day.

An ANZAC Day Commemorative March and Service was held in Underbool on Monday 25th April.



Net Set Go

Net, Set, Go commences this Thursday and there are some changed training times.

Girls taking part in Net, Set, Go and playing Under 11 will start training at 3.45pm. This arrangement will only be in place for Term 2.

Net, Set, Go is offered to students 5- 10 years of age.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Morrish, Ouyen United Football and Netball Club or Ouyen P12 College.

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2022 Student Requisites and Contributions (School Fees)

Last term a copy of the **2022 Student Requisites and Contributions letter** was attached to the school newsletter. The school fees are to remain the same as 2021 which equates to **\$160.00 per student**. Underbool Primary School endeavours to keep the cost of school items and activities to a minimum. **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 Kate in the office.

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 6th of May. All forms must be returned even if there is to be no alterations made to the information.** The emergency contacts that are listed for your child are only to be used in an emergency when we are unable to contact you.

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 a Department of Education and Training (DET) Policy that must be adhered to. Thank you in advance and please contact Kate in the office on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday if you have any queries.

Bread Wrap Bags for Sports Equipment

Start collecting your empty bread and wrap bags.. We will be participating in the wonder recycling rewards program.. Collections start now and end in September!



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Term 2 COVID Update

Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Screening requirements

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts

Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption.

If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Community use of school facilities

Schools will no longer need to request evidence of vaccination of staff or workers from external community groups who use premises outside the school's normal operating hours.

RAT screening program extension reminder

The supply of RATs will continue for the first 4 weeks of this term. The screening recommendations remain the same:- recommended to test at home twice a week.



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