

TERM 1, WEEK 9
2022

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Upcoming Events

MARCH

Monday 21st–Sunday 27th March Harmony Week

Friday 25th - National Ride2School Day

Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March - Smile Squad

Wednesday 30th - School Council AGM @ 7:30pm

APRIL

Friday 8th - Last day of Term 1

Monday 25th - ANZAC Day

Tuesday 26th - First day of Term 2

Thursday 28th - Cross Country at Ouyen P-12

MAY

Thursday 5th Sunraysia South Cross Country in Mildura

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations must go to those students who competed in the Regional Swimming Competitions in Swan Hill last Wednesday. Lydia Morrison, Mackenzie Lynch, Scarlett Brown, Hunter Brown, Harry McVicar, Bill Morrison, Benji Llewellyn-Crothers, achieved personal best in their events at this meet. A special congratulations goes to Harry who will represent the Sunraysia and the Mallee district in the State finals to be held in Melbourne in April. The report back from the carnival reported that students from our school competed with great sportsmanship. Our local district, which includes Murrayville and Ouyen combined with the Underbool community to encourage Harry on in his final which he won by a convincing half inch [2.5cms.] We wish him all the best in Melbourne. A huge thank you to Jacinta for coordinating this year's swimming programme.

Congratulations also to Darcie Jordan and Simon Brown who became the proud parents of Peyton Bernard Brown born 17th March.

Thank you to the school Council members who have willingly changed the date of the next Meeting to Wednesday 30th March. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm which will be immediately followed by the first ordinary meeting at 8:00pm

Welcome back to McKayla Donnellan who has returned from Somers Camp. She has written an account of what was an exciting time down on the Mornington Peninsula.

Yesterday we were able to join in a WebEx with other district schools, presented by the Richmond Football Club. The three players spoke openly about their rise to rank of an AFL player with great humility and honesty. Hunter and Bill have written a report the of very informative talk. A quiz at the end of the presentation, saw Underbool Primary School just pipped-at-the-post, by a matter of milliseconds by St. Mary's Primary School Robinvale.

We will continue hand out Rapid Antigen Tests weekly. If, at any stage, you would like more please do not hesitate to ask.

If you would like a second-hand filing cabinet, there are several in the sports shed that we'd like to have gone. Please see Jacinta if you'd like one.

Parents of Grade 3 and 5 students, please find attached some information regarding NAPLAN support for 2022.

We look forward to another productive week with the students.

Have a great week

Fiona, Jacinta, Kate and Jim

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Loddon Mallee Region Swimming Championships

On Thursday the 17th of March, seven Underbool students headed to the Loddon Mallee Region Swimming Championships in Swan Hill. Lydia, Harry, Hunter, Bill, Benji, Mackenzie and Scarlett all participated in swimming events, being cheered on by many family members and some Underbool community members.

Lydia participated in four events, the 12/13-year-old girls backstroke and freestyle, the 12/13-year-old girls freestyle relay and medley relay where she swam backstroke. Lydia's results were 3rd in backstroke, 4th in freestyle, 4th in the freestyle relay and 3rd in the medley relay.

Harry participated in the 11-year-old boys freestyle and the 11-year-old boys freestyle relay with Hunter. Harry placed 1st in freestyle and is off to state in Melbourne next month. Hunter and Harry's relay team placed 3rd.

Bill participated in three events, the 9/10-year-old boys freestyle, breaststroke and the 9/10-year-old mixed freestyle relay with Mackenzie and Benji. Bill placed 4th in freestyle and 3rd in breaststroke, the relay team placed 4th.

Mackenzie not only swam in the relay but also in the 9/10-year-old girls breaststroke and butterfly. Mackenzie placed 3rd in both of these events. Scarlett participated in the 9/10-year-old freestyle relay and the team placed 4th.

Congratulations to all the students for their great efforts in the swimming championships. We are so proud of their efforts and achievements.

The results are available at: <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/loddon-mallee-primary/Pages/LMRPrimaryResults.aspx>

Good luck to Harry who will compete in the state finals next month in Melbourne.



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Birthdays

We send our birthday wishes Danial Lovitt who turns **12** next Tuesday.

We hope that you have a wonderful day!



Somers Camp

From the 1st of March to the 9th of March, I travelled across the state to Somers. I did so many different activities, that I won't be able to mention them all in this report.

My favourite activities were Art, animal feeding, orienteering, the flying fox and the challenge swing. In art I made a friendship bracelet out of wool, I also made two little wool birds one of the birds was an endangered hooded plover. It nests on the beach at Somers. I also drew a brush tailed possum of which I am very proud.

In animal feeding I got to feed the smallest guinea pig named Sprinkles. All the guinea pigs were girls except Mr. Teddy which had to be de-sexed.

I also liked to do orienteering. We had to go right around the whole camp to look for little plaques. Blaire and I did all the courses except the alphabet course because we ran out of time. We also did a click stamp course. That was fun. We had to look up to find all the little plaques.

I also liked playing on the flying fox, but I only got to do it once. The challenge swing looked a bit scary. It was almost 18 metres high. When I got to the top of the swing, I could see the beach in the distance. The other campers pulled the rope with me in the harness, back to the top of the challenge swing and when ready, I pulled at little toggle and gravity did the rest and I went hurtling towards the bottom.



I stayed at the camp in a cabin with 16 other girls. I was on the top bunk but the mattress was so uncomfortable.

I thought the meals were very healthy. Lots of fruit and vegetables. I was only given a tiny piece of steak about the size of a kitchen timer. I had to go back to get more steak because I was so hungry and the lady gave me five more pieces that I asked for with one extra piece. It was delicious.

It was the best camp that I have ever experienced. I met many new friends.

McKayla Donnellan



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Reminder

The Banjo's Bakery Fundraising forms and payment are due on Monday the 28th of March.

Thank you for your continued support.



Richmond Tigers—Webex

On Monday the 21st of March, Underbool Primary school participated in a Webex meeting with three Richmond footballers; young gun Tyler Sonsie, star player Noah Bolta and 3-time Premiership Champion Nathan Broad. AFL scout Aiden McDonald hosted the meeting. There were more than eight schools attending the WebEx including Ouyen P-12 college. We got to know how the players got into football and who inspired them. Students, or their teachers could type questions through the chat or speak aloud to the players and get their responses. We learnt about their childhood and what they'd be if not a footballer. I thought one of the most interesting things Bill and I learnt was that only one of the players actually wanted to play for Richmond when they were young. As we were concluding the meeting, we had one more activity to do, a Kahoot! We finished second in the kahoot not many points behind St Mary's Robinvale.

Written By Bill Morrison and Hunter Brown



Smile Squad

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary school students. They will attend Underbool Primary School on **Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March.**

It would be great if families could complete their form and return it to school or advise if you will not be participating. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you would like further information.

