

Underbool Primary School News

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST

Tuesday 16th

School Photographs

Wednesday 17th

School Council at 5.45pm

Friday 19th

Mini Olympics with Tempy

Wednesday 24th

Book week dress up day

Thursday 25th

Excursion to Pink Lakes

Friday 26th

UDSSA Athletics—Ouyen

Wednesday 31st

B:Safe Parent Session 6-8pm

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1st

Body Safety Workshops

Tuesday 6th

Student Free Day

Wednesday 7th

Sunraysia South Athletics—Mildura

Friday 9th

Market Day

Monday 12th

Lynton Allan—visiting artist

Tuesday 13th

Farm Safety Day Ouyen F-6

Friday 16th

Last Day of Term finish at 2.30pm

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.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

COVID is proving to be a devilish infection affecting attendance at school with a decrease of almost 50%. All we can say is thank you for being diligent around mask-wearing, personal, space and heightened hygiene habits.

We are not the only school in the district dealing with a wave of infection, our 'Mini-Olympics' with Tempy Primary is postponed until Friday 19th August.

Please find attached the latest information regarding managing covid in schools from the Education Department.

A reminder that our next school Council meeting is on Wednesday 17th August at 5.45pm at the school. Policies for ratification will be sent out shortly.



We are looking forward to Thursday 25th August, when Kelly Mott, District Community Engagement Ranger, leads us on a journey of discovery excursion to Pink Lakes. She will focus on the importance of the survival of our native flora and fauna.

A reminder that we will celebrate 'Book Week' with a dress-up parade and activity day on Wednesday 24th August.

The Body Safety workshop for parents will be held on Wednesday 31st in the evening commencing at 6pm to 8pm. The following day, 1st September, students will attend the Body Safety workshops during the day.

Tuesday 6th September is our Curriculum Day with Professional Development in Adelaide for the whole staff. It is a pupil free day.

The 'Market Day' has had to be brought forward to Friday 9th September to avoid a clash with Ouyen P-12 College's Transition Programme for the grade six students.

We have only recently been advised of the 'Farm Safety Expo Day' on Tuesday 13th September. We have booked for the whole school to attend the day.

Lynton Allan, our visiting artist will be at the school on Monday 12th September.

It will be a busy time as we seemingly hurtle towards the end of Term 3.

Take care, stay safe

Jo, Francey, Kate, Jacinta, Fiona 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.

Birthdays...

Wishing Francey Brown a very happy and special birthday on Saturday!



Speech Pathology Week

Speech Pathology week is from August 22nd to August 28th and the theme this year is 'Good Communication, Better Communities'. Lucy Joyce is a speech pathologist from Robinvale District Health Services who works with allied health assistants Deanna Beer and Yve Emonson from Mallee Track Health and Community Service to deliver speech pathology services to a number of towns across the Mallee. The program is funded by the Royal Flying Doctors Service and visits Ouyen, Sea Lake, Underbool, Murrayville, Robinvale, Tempy and Manangatang.

Anyone can refer a child aged 0-12 years to the service, including parents, educators, GPs and Maternal Child Health Nurses. Appointments can be face to face or via Telehealth, generally on a fortnightly or monthly basis with the speech pathologist and/or allied health assistant. Speech pathology covers a wide range of areas related to communication, including speech and articula-



tion, understanding and using language, pre-literacy and literacy skills, social skills, stuttering, voice and also swallowing. Supporting a child's communication leads to better outcomes in life including improved literacy skills, quality of life, mental health and job and social opportunities. Accessing speech pathology services early in life can greatly benefit these outcomes and build a child's confidence in communicating with others.

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