

Term 1
15 March 2023

Underbool Primary School News

From the Principal and Staff

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday I had the pleasure of attending the Regional Swimming Sports held in Swan Hill. Congratulations to all those who participated in both individual and team events. Their determination and importantly encouragement and support for others was appreciated and added to the great spirit displayed on the day. Underbool Primary school was well represented with seven students attending. For more information, please read Harry's report about the day in this newsletter. Results are also online. Search 'Google' Loddon Mallee Regional Swimming Sports results.

Harry is to be individually recognized for his efforts. He qualified for the State Finals in Melbourne in April.

On Monday we all sojourn to Hattah National Park. Students need to wear their school uniform with appropriate footwear and a hat. A BBQ lunch will be provided and the school can supply each student will an apple and an orange, however students are welcome to bring additional snacks. We will be leaving the school at 8:30 am with a pick up at Walpeup at 8:45 am.

For members of the School Council, please find attached a copy of the School's Strategic Plan. My request is that you just read the document at this stage in readiness for a discussion at the next School Council meeting. This is a major part of the review process looking at the predictions and targets over the past four years. Because the reviewer needs the data a month before the review, the whole process needs to be completed before the end of the term.

NAPLAN begins this week with students in Grades 3 and 5 sitting the assessments. NAPLAN will conclude next week.

Mrs. Scott will be on long service next week. Mrs. Raelene Vine will be in the classroom for the week. We wish Fiona a well-deserved break.

Mr. Rinaldi is away tomorrow and Friday and Mrs. Torpey will be replacing him.

Have a safe week. Stay optimistic.

Kate, Jo, Françoise, Lozz, Fiona, Jim



Important Dates

March

Wednesday 15th
Information Session F-1
with Mrs Scott @3.30pm

Wed. 15th—Mon. 27th
NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5

Monday 20th
Field Trip to Hattah Lakes

Monday 20th -Friday 24th

Harmony Week

Friday 24th

Ride to School Day

Tuesday 28th
School Council AGM and
meeting @5pm

Thursday 30th
Information session 2-6
@3.30pm followed by
BBQ for all families

April

Wednesday April 5th
Cross Country at Ouyen

Thursday April 6th
Last Day Term One

Finish at 2.30pm



School Contact Numbers

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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 above.

Easter Raffle

Families are invited to contribute to the Easter raffle. Any donations are welcome and donated Easter eggs/chocolate can be left with Ms Rowles. Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Tickets are available from Pink Lakes Pantry and the school. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.



Swimming

On Wednesday the 14th of March, Hunter, Bill, Mackenzie, Evie, Scarlett, Maggie and I went to the Loddon Mallee Primary School Regional Championships at Swan Hill. We had four medals come back. Maggie and Evie with two Ouyen girls came third in the 9-10 year girls 200m Freestyle relay and I came first in the 12-13 year boys 50m Freestyle and second in the 12-13 year boys 50m butterfly.

Maggie: 9-10 Girls 50m freestyle	50.76
Bill: 11 Boys 50m Freestyle	44.98
Me: 12-13 boys 50m freestyle	34.60
Evie: 9-10 Girls 50m breaststroke	1:06.24
Mackenzie: 11 Girls 50m Breaststroke	1:03.49
Me: 12-13 boys 50m butterfly	44.67

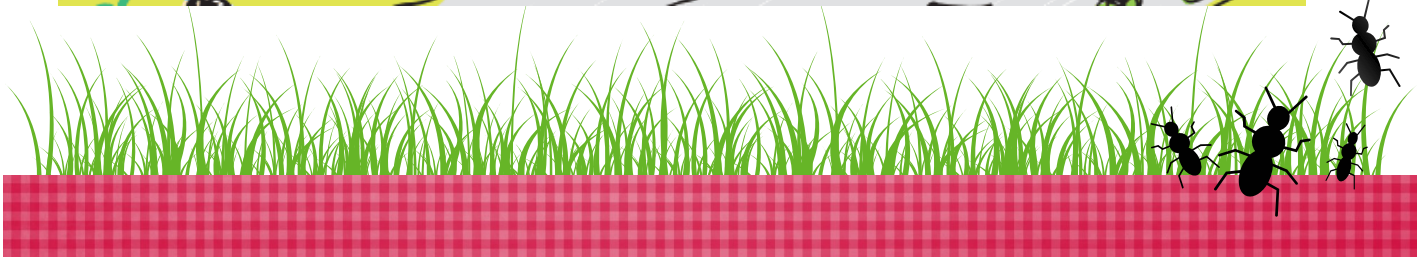
There were several relay teams where Ouyen P-12 College and Underbool Primary School combined and I reckon with a bit more practice we could have won a medal there as well.
By Harry McVicar.

Thank you to Isobel McVicar for taking photos at yesterday's swimming sports.



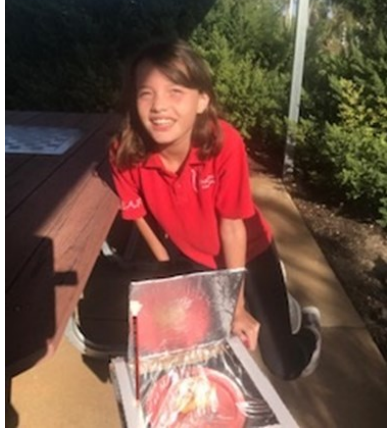
Hattah Lakes Excursion

- Arrive at school 0815 to 0830. Supervision provided.
- Leaving school at 0830am.
- Sausage sizzle for lunch provided (BYO lunch if preferred).
- Please pack enough food/snacks/water for the day.
- Return to school at 3.30pm



STEM

Last week in the 5/6 class, students constructed a pizza box oven. Successes were varied, but several students warmed up their morning tea and Jake managed to heat up his serve of baked beans very successfully.



Acts of Kindness

Week 6 has been another productive and mindful week with the young people practicing being present and trying various differing ways to self soothing.

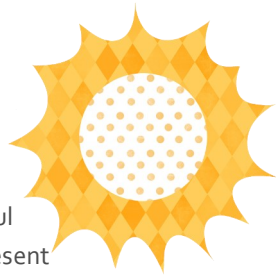
This week's Acts of Kindness award goes to Claire Inness for picking up another young person's hat and returning it to them without being asked.

The prep class are observing the positive behaviours amongst their peers and as a result are being rewarded for their replication of this behaviour also.

We are super proud of our young people at Underbool Primary School. We continue to look forward to the positive chain that recognising acts of kindness is having within the community.

Well done again Claire!

Ms Lozz





Building Works

Painting has commenced and the cabinetry has been installed. We were pleased to see new steps at the rear of the building and progress on the ramp at the front this week.



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Harmony Week

Next week we will celebrate Harmony Week at school. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity :

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data.

