

Term 1  
22 March 2023

# Underbool Primary School News

## From the Principal and Staff

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we welcome back Mrs Raelene Vine,. She is replacing Mrs. Scott, who is taking just one week's well-earned Long Service Leave. As most of you are aware, we are fortunate to have Raelene in the Early Years classroom. She is a teacher of immense and varied experience and talent. Again, we thank her for her time here at school.

On Monday we sojourned to the Hattah Lakes National Park joining in with Ouyen Secondary College and Tempy Primary School in an informative, hands-on and fun-filled day. We can say that without equivocation, as the student survey attested; 100% satisfaction with the day. We'd like to thank the staff from the Mallee Catchment Management Authority for their thorough and passionate conversations with the students and the captivating activities. The catering was plentiful and delicious as well.

A huge thank you to Simon Morrison who drove the bus and Francey Brown and Jacinta Rowles for taking their cars.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March we have organized an Information Evening for families at the school. We will begin the evening with a walk through the school, discuss the literacy and numeracy programs as well as play some 'Play is the Way' games which we are embedding into our Welfare Programme. It will also be a great time to meet Lozz [Ms. Deaves] our student support person. We will end the evening with a BBQ dinner. For catering purposes please indicate how many family members will be attending. We are looking forward to a great evening.

The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This will include the AGM which will precede the regularly scheduled meeting.

NAPLAN assessments have continued this week with a catch-up day concluding the schedule on Thursday.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March is 'Ride to School' day. Just a reminder that whilst we encourage 'pedal power' please ensure that bikes are in good working order and your child/ren wear a bike helmet.



### Important Dates

#### March

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

Sunday 2nd April @3am

Daylight saving time ends

Wednesday 5th

Cross Country at Ouyen

Thursday 6th

Last Day Term One

Finish at 2.30pm

Monday 24th

First Day Term Two

Tuesday 25th

ANZAC Day Holiday– no school today



### School Contact Numbers

- 5094 6342
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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 to families. Tickets are available from Pink Lakes Pantry and the school. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.



## From the Principal and Staff continued

On Friday morning we will have a visit from Ash Manuel who will present his programme "Growing with Gratitude."

ASH MANUEL is a passionate educator with 20+ years experience, he's a world-renowned and sort after author, speaker and workshop facilitator on the topic of gratitude and resilience in schools and sports clubs, workplaces and to parent groups. His talks and programs have reached 800+ schools, sports clubs and organizations. Ash is founder of Growing With Gratitude. A global mental wellbeing / positive education program that helps to build and protect people's mental wellbeing. He's also host of the top-rated 'Positive Education Podcast'.



The end of the term is approaching swiftly. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April all students will head into Ouyen to the annual District Cross Country.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April is the last day of Term 1. School will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Term 2 begins 9:00am Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April is ANZAC Day. The school will be closed on this day.

Have a great week,

Stay safe and optimistic!

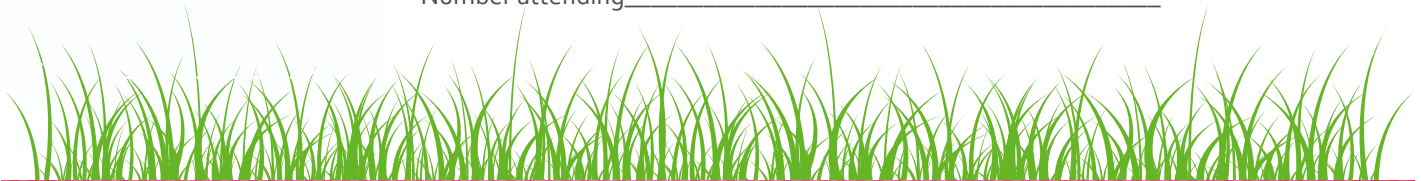
Jim, Kate, Jacinta, Jo, Lozz, Francey and Raelene

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INFORMATION EVENING THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_



## Hattah—Kulkyne National Park Trip 20th March 2023

By Jazmin Day

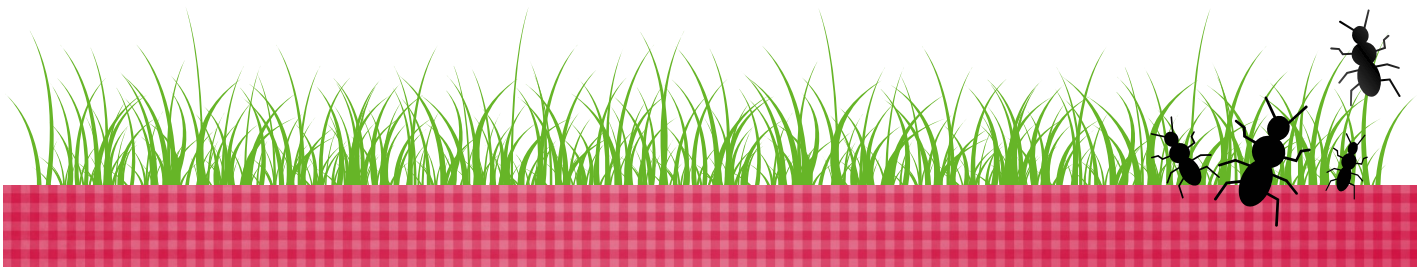
On Monday the school travelled to Hattah-Kulkyne National Park. There were two other schools Ouyen and Tempy. Everyone gathered around the adults and a park ranger started to talk about the Hattah Lake. The schools were then split into groups: Underbool 4-6 and Tempy 4-6 were in a group and the other group was Underbool F-3 and Tempy F-3. The first activity with the 4-6 was a life size snake and ladders but instead of a ladder there were Typha. The die was the biggest I'd ever seen. The next activity was seeing and talking about the long neck turtle and a carpet snake. The turtle's name was Clay the snakes name was Barry. Our group got to hold Barry. The group also got a detective book and we looked for different types of trees in the area and then the schools got together to

have lunch, but there was no BBQ as I thought. Instead the schools had sandwiches, and some juice boxes. Then the groups went on and the 4-6 group went with an indigenous man named 'Uncle Dave.' We walked and picked some red berries was told that the aboriginal people of the area used to, and still do eat the berries. Bush Tucker! Further along we went and soon found the pointy grass. We pulled 3 pieces of the dark green pointy grass and then we had to plait the grass and make a strong piece of rope. We couldn't break it when we tried to pull it apart. After finishing plaiting, we discovered and picked some "Old Man Weed." The Indigenous people used the grass as a type of medicine to rub on a wound. And after picking the "Old Man Weed" the 4-6 went with two experts and learnt about Mallee Fowl Mounds, soon. We saw three different types of mounds. One that was active, one that was recently active and a third was dormant. We finished the day with a look at the lake trying to imagine what foods were there if we got hungry. It was a wonderful day.



## Working With Children Check - for volunteers including parent volunteers

The Working with Children Check is a screening process for assessing people who work with or care for children in Victoria. Underbool Primary School require Working with Children Checks for visitors and volunteers engaging in child-connected work, for example school camps, excursions and sporting events. We are required to keep a copy of current checks for parents and volunteers attending the school. Please contact the office if you require assistance with your check.



## Ride2School Day

Friday we will join more than 350,000 students from around 900 schools around Australia who are participating in Ride 2 school day. Students will not only ride, scoot or skate to school they will join in some activities that



include safety knowledge and reasons why riding is a better option for health and the environment.

### Why Ride 2 School?

It helps build confidence: Riding, walking, skating or scooting to school will make your students feel more self-sufficient, build resilience and helps them to develop an awareness of road safety and the environment around them.

Students perform better in class: Being active on the school journey has a much greater impact on student concentration than having breakfast before school. A Danish study has shown that children who walk or ride to school display improved concentration for 4 hours longer than those who are driven.

## Acts of Kindness

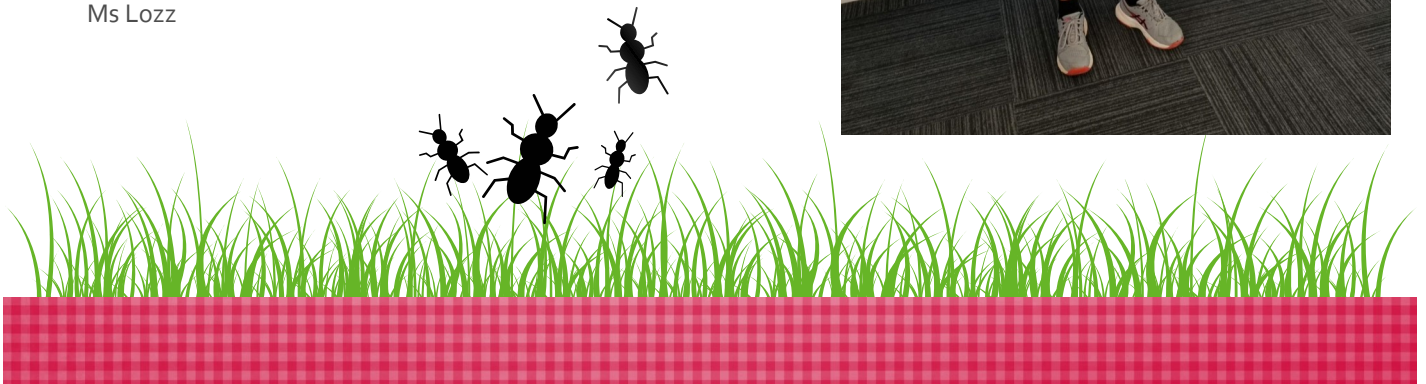
Week 7 has been jam packed full of fun with more lunchtime hangouts and mindful activities.

This week we commend Hunter Brown for encouraging another young person in the cross country practice Friday mornings. It can be quite daunting for some young people to get out of their comfort zone and be physical.

Therefore, in all activities we want to build each other up. At Underbool Primary School cheering on others is a great way to build confidence, strengthen connections and improve physical and mental health amongst our peers.

Well done Hunter and thank you again for being kind!

Ms Lozz





## Building Works

Works have continued this week and are progressing well. Internal and external work have both featured. Plumbing works are underway this morning. The majority of work is expected to be completed by Easter and the project in Term 2.

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## Exclusion Periods for Illness

The Education Department has guidelines for children who are unwell.

**Diarrhoeal illness:** Absent until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. 48 hours is preferable.

**Covid-19:** Isolate at home for 7 days (inclusive of weekends) and **do not attend school** during this period. Inform the school, that they have tested positive to COVID-19.

**Influenza and influenza like illness:** Absent until well.

**Chickenpox:** Absent until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days.

**Ringworm and Head Lice:** Absent until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.

**Conjunctivitis:** Absent until discharge has ceased.



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