

Term 1
8 March 2023

Underbool Primary School News

From the Principal and Staff

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Urgent Reminders:

*If you haven't already done so, please return the Lions Club Eye Test forms tomorrow. Apologies if you were sent the wrong piece of paper -Jim.

*The Foodbank delivery has arrived. We have ordered a box for every family. Please come and take a box as soon as possible.

Congratulations to our School Captains Harry and Jazmin, both of whom received an Act of Kindness award from Lozz Deaves our Student Welfare Educator. Both students show great care and thoughtfulness to the younger students at the school and are excellent role models for others.

NAPLAN assessments for students in Grades 3 and 5 will begin on Wednesday 15th with Writing. On Thursday 16th the students will sit the Reading assessment, Friday 17th Language Conventions and on Tuesday 21st March the numeracy assessment will complete the NAPLAN requirements. Please let Jim or Jacinta know if you do wish your child to participate in these valuable assessments.

In completing the School Review process covering the past four years 2019-2022, we are asking the parent community to look at the data from the period to determine the School's achievements against the School's Strategic Plan goals and targets. We are asked to analyse the data to determine achievements against the plan determining the enablers and barriers to success. We are also asked to determine the progress and level of proficiency against the dimension of the FISO Continua Improvement, providing evidence to support the selection to proficiency level. This sounds like a complicated request but much of the work has been done. We are hoping to have this completed before the end of the term.

Good luck to the students who are competing in Regional Sports next week to be held in Swan Hill next Tuesday. The students who are successful will go on to represent the Mallee Region in Melbourne.

On Monday 20th March the whole school will travel to Hattah Lakes to spend the day with staff from the park to observe the native flora and fauna and find out why and how the lakes are managed. There is no cost for this field trip, however, students will need to bring their own snacks, drinks and lunch for the day. We will be leaving the school at 8:45 am and expect to be back at 3:20 pm.



Important Dates

March

Monday 13th
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 14th
Regional Swimming
Sports Swan Hill

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

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

- 5094 6342
- 0478 662 394

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.

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Thanks to Eric Smee who has offered to drive the bus.

A reminder that the school will be closed for the Labour Day Holiday, commemorated Monday 13th March.

We are holding two information afternoons for parents and guardians:

Foundation and Year One, Wednesday 15th March
Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, Thursday 30th March

Have a great week and stay optimistic. Kate, Jo, Fiona, Francey, Jacinta, Lozz & Jim



Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed in the Sunraysia South Swimming sports in Mildura last week. Bill, Harry, Hunter, Scarlett, Georgie and Kenzie represented our school and each and every one of them qualified for regional swimming in Swan Hill next week. They will be joined by Maggie and Evie in various events. Thank you to the parents and friends who supported us on the day and who have worked behind the scenes to help our students achieve great things. We are looking forward to the regional carnival in Swan Hill next Tuesday!

Highlights of the day:

Harry received 1st place in freestyle, butterfly, and a freestyle relay. Hunter also competed in the same freestyle relay earning a 1st place ribbon.

Bill received 1st place in freestyle, 2nd in backstroke and 1st in a freestyle relay.



Scarlett swam with the 11 year old boys in the freestyle relay earning her a 1st place ribbon.

Mackenzie received 1st place in breaststroke, and her freestyle relay.

Georgie joined Kenzie and two others in a relay earning her a 1st place ribbon.

Ms Rowles

School Leaders Term 1, 2023

Congratulations to Jazmin Day and Harry McVicar who were nominated to be School Leaders for Term 1 2023. [They will also get a further turn in term four.] We are confident that both students will take on the captancy with great enthusiasm in helping to organize and present important school events at our school. And, that they will always promote the school's values demonstrating an empathic manner to all at our school.



**SUNDAY 2ND
APRIL**

JUNIOR NETBALL CLINIC 2023

DEAR JUNIOR KANGAS,

On Sunday April the 2nd 2023, the club is hosting a netball clinic for players from Under 11s to Under 17s (Under 11s = players turning 10 in 2023).

We will have coaches and club members providing various tips to grow your netball skills.

Our topics will include:

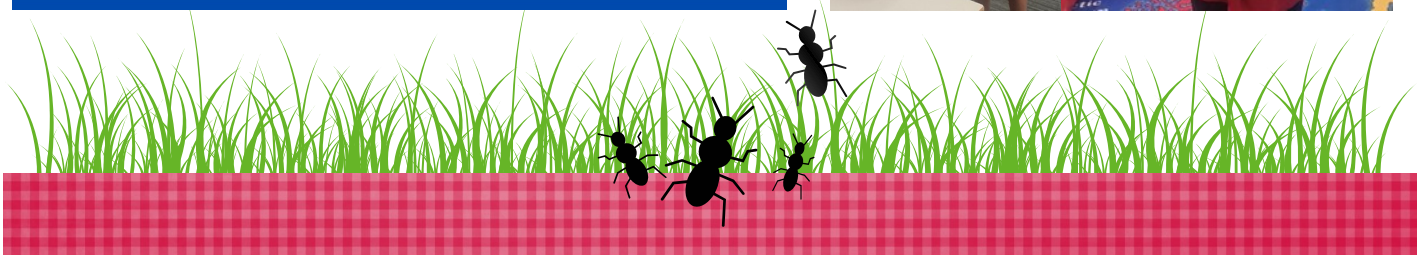
- Injury prevention and conditioning your bodies.
- Strength and balance.
- Attacking & defending skills.
- Footwork.

Closer to the date we will provide further information regarding a start time and a finish time.

If you are keen, can you please fill out the [Google Form \(link provided in post\)](#) by Monday 20th March if your child/ren will be attending.

Much appreciated.

Pancake Day



Speech Pathology in Schools Program (SPiS)

As a result of our involvement in the SPiS program, we have had the opportunity to purchase new evidence-based speech and language development resources.



* Some of the new books purchased

The program not only aims to support students who have speech, language and communication needs, but allows schools to further consider the needs of their school community by providing access to a range of resources that will best meet those needs. A fantastic range of decodable texts have been purchased through Little Learners Love Literacy, in addition to a selection from Sound Waves, totalling over \$5500.

These resources will predominantly be enjoyed by the children in Foundation and Year One, and any other students across the school whose reading, writing and spelling skills can be further developed with access to the new material.

Stay tuned for possible 'book contacting working bees' in the near future.

Mrs Scott

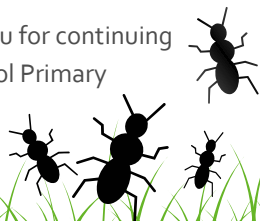
Acts of Kindness

Week 5 has been a productive one with lots of young people enjoying the gratitude journals and reflecting on the good that has happened in their week for what they may be thankful for and what went well.

This week we commend Harry McVicar for complimenting another young person. This is the first act of kindness in which the power of positive words have been mentioned.

Genuine compliments help to build relationships and community. They increase self esteem and self confidence also.

Well done Harry and thank you for continuing the positivity within Underbool Primary School. Ms Lozz





Building Works

Building works are progressing well. The building is locked up and the plaster has been hung this week. Painting will commence later this week and continue into next week with cabinetry to follow.

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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card valid on 31st January 2023 you will be eligible to claim costs towards camps, excursions and sporting activities. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact Kate in the Underbool Primary School Office on 5094 6342 who will assist you to complete an application form.

