

# Underbool Primary School News

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, welcome back to School and the beginning of Term 2.

Thank you to Sonia McVicar who attended a meeting during the school holidays to finalise the 'hand-over' of the renovations. There are some minor works to complete to have the new addition compliant.

Thank you to those who have distributed the mulch across the area we hope will become a quiet and low-impact play area of the school. Again, many thanks to Kristy for having the internal area of the school looking clean and tidy after the renovations. Hopefully, we will have Adam Mutimer, our computer technician, here very soon to have the Principal's Office up and running but, more importantly, to have Kate in the new Administration and front office area. It will be great to have her back in the main body of the school.

The second term will be busy and has already begun with School's involvement in the ANZAC day Commemorative Service both within the school and at the Dawn Service. Thank you to the students who were able to be there representing the school.

We wish Harry McVicar all the best in the State Finals of the Victorian Swimming competitions this Friday. This is a wonderful achievement.

Next Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, the grade 5 and 6 students head to Mildura to participate in the GRIP leadership conference. This programme is designed for younger students who will participate in discussions, hands-on workshops and group activities promoting good leadership virtues.

The following day, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Senior students who qualified for the Regional Cross Country in Ouyen will head to Mildura to participate in that competition.

Thank you to those parents who have made time to attend the three-way conferences this week. There are still times available if you would like to make a time to meet. Thanks to Fiona for coordinating the timetable.

We thank Harry and Jazmin for their school captaincy throughout the first term and welcome McKayla, Jake and Hunter into the role. I am sure they will continue the great example set by their predecessors.

Finally, thank you to all for your kind words of condolence for my mother's passing. I'm so appreciative of your thoughtfulness and understanding.

Have a great week and stay optimistic. Jim.



### Important Dates

#### May

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
GRIP Leadership 5/6  
Mildura

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Cross Country Mildura

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Enviro-Edu @ Underbool

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Comic Workshop

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Walk Safely to School Day

Possum Magic F-1  
Mildura

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
National Story Time

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
National Sorry Day

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>  
A Taste of Africa Regional  
Arts @ Underbool

#### June

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Cross Country St.A

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>  
King's Birthday

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
School Review



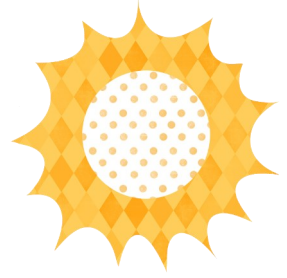
### School Contact Numbers

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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.

## Learning Diaries

I am hopeful that families have had a chance to look through their child's learning diary. The pages included aim to provide you with a snapshot of just some of the topics, concepts and skills that have been worked on throughout the term. A signature or comment included on the last page is an easy way to let staff know that you have had a chance to take a look. I'm sure all students would enjoy some praise and encouragement for their efforts. If all learning diaries could be returned to school as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated. Mrs Scott.



## Garden update

A huge thank you to Jo Morrison, Lydia Morrison, Bill Morrison, Maureen Wandel, Sonia McVicar, Isobel McVicar and Harry McVicar for spreading the bark throughout the new garden area during the school holidays. We are so appreciative of your work. The new area looks fantastic!



## Anzac Day

Thank you to the grade 5 and 6 students who assisted Miss Rowles with the Anzac Day ceremony at school on Monday. It was a special commemorative service for students and staff.



## Policies approved at School Council

The following policies were approved at School Council on the 29th of March: They are available on the school's website. Please contact Kate if you would like a hard copy of any policies.

- Child Safety and Wellbeing policy
- Working with children Clearance Register Policy
- Health Care Needs Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy



## Student Requisites/Fees

Please find attached a copy of the **2023 Student Requisites and Contributions letter** to the school newsletter. The school fees are to remain the same as 2022 which equates to **\$160.00 per student**.

Underbool Primary School endeavours to keep the cost of school items and activities to a minimum.

**Please note; Families who receive the Conveyance Allowance are not required to make the annual Student Requisites and Contributions payment as this will be taken out from their youth allowance payment.** We encourage all families to

## EnviroEdu Visit

Sarah from EnviroEdu, will be facilitating two sessions at school on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3).

The funding received through the Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant, is covering the cost of this incursion. Sarah attended the Hattah Activity Day; however, this visit will allow an up close and personal encounter with a great selection of our highly threatened wildlife.

There will be a Foundation/Year 1 session and a Year 2-6 session, which will allow Sarah to modify and adapt the experience to suit the needs of each group.



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## Sympathy

On behalf of all staff, students and families, we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mr Rinaldi, on the passing of his dearly loved Mum, Bernadette. Our thoughts are with Jim and his family at this time.

