

Underbool Primary School News

From the Principal and staff

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thanks to all parents who continue to listen to their children read at home. It makes a significant difference in the reading success of the students. Many students in the early years are making solid gains in reading using decodable readers. The school has invested significantly in purchasing new reading material this year. Please help your child to look after the readers when they are at home.

Last week, the grade 5/6 class headed to the GRIP Leadership Conference in Mildura. They shared the room with approximately 350 students from Sunraysia and Mallee schools. The students certainly enjoyed the day with many hands-on activities that encouraged them to mix with one another and decide how to improve their leadership skills that could impact their school.

Congratulations to the students who were successful at the cross-country trials in Mildura. Some personal bests were achieved, and several students qualified for the Regional finals in St Arnaud on Tuesday 6th June.

The students enjoyed and learnt much from Sarah Holmes from Enviro Education. Sarah brought several endangered native animals to the school and spoke to the students about conserving and sustaining our local environment, biodiversity, and the natural habitats of the district's native fauna.

We were successful in our grant application of \$24,000 to have a shade sail put over the proposed quiet play area. The application also included low-play equipment, and a water play pump.

The school has been notified of a case of Hand, foot and mouth disease. HFMD is a viral infection that causes a rash or blisters on the hands and feet and in or around the mouth. This condition is contagious, and children need to be excluded from school until all blisters have dried.

Stay staff and optimistic,

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



Important Dates

May

Tuesday 16th
Comic Workshop

Friday 19th
Walk Safely to School Day

Possum Magic F-1
Mildura

Wednesday 24th
National Story Time

Friday 26th May
National Sorry Day

Wednesday 31st
A Taste of Africa Regional
Arts @ Underbool

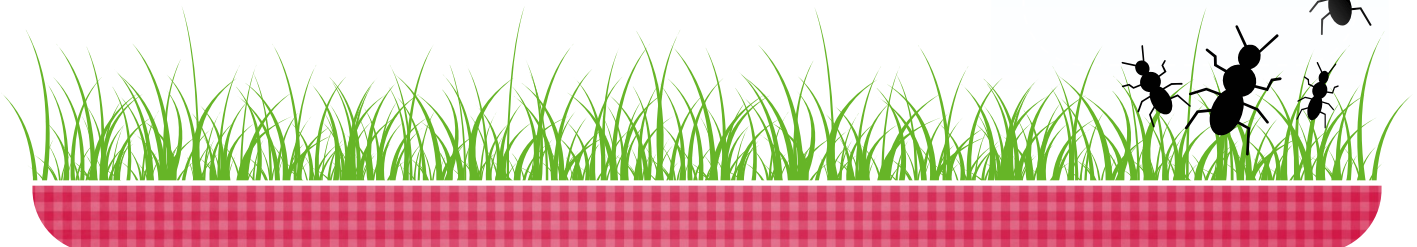
June

Tuesday 6th
Cross Country St.A

Monday 12th
King's Birthday

Wed. 14th and Friday 16th
School Review

Friday 23rd
Last Day Term Two



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.

Birthdays

Wishing Claire a very happy 6th birthday on Friday. We hope that you have a fantastic day!

We wish Mackenzie a very happy 11th birthday for next Tuesday! Have a wonderful day Kenzie.



Sports report Sunraysia South Cross Country Mildura

Last Thursday 2nd of May, nine students travelled to Mildura to compete in the Sunraysia South cross-country competition in beautiful Autumn weather.

Evie, Scarlett, Cayley, Maggie and Grace competed in the 9/10-year-old girls race. The 2km run had an exciting ending with Evie and another competitor battling it out for 1st and 2nd place. Evie over taking the other girl in the last 400 metres, then unfortunately coming 2nd in the last 100metres of the race. Well done Evie it was a great finish. Scarlett placing 9th, Grace placing 17th, Maggie placing 19th and Cayley placing 22nd.

Bill competed in the 11-year-old boys 3kms race, running a good race and placing 9th.

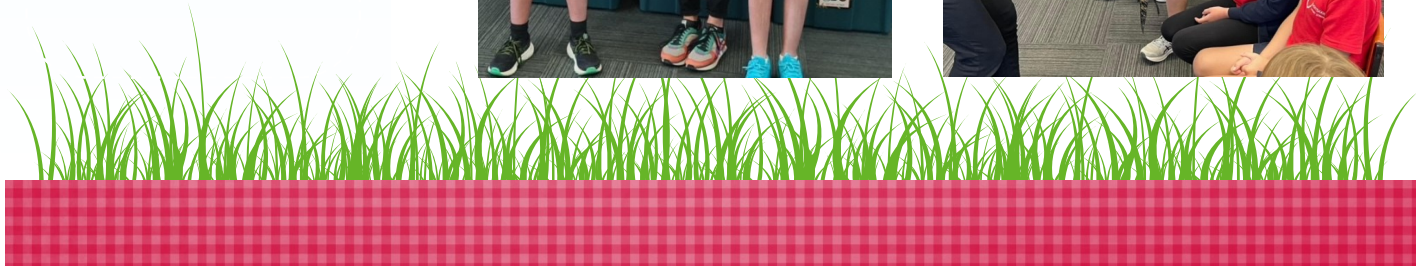
Giselle and Jazmin battled it out with other 12-year-old girls, running 3kms with Jazmin placing 2nd after making up a lot of ground in a great race and Giselle placing 5th.

Harry competed in the 12-year-old boys race, looking like he was going to place 4th, but in true Harry style he made up some ground and placed 3rd overall.

Congratulations to all that ran on the day, to all the parents, friends and family members who transported, supported, and helped in any way. A huge thank you to Jo Morrison who took time out to help train students in and outside of school hours, we appreciate the time you put in Jo.

Good luck to Scarlett, Evie, Bill, Jazmin, Giselle and Harry who will compete in the Regional cross country in St Arnaud on the 6th of June. Ms Rowles

EnviroEdu visit





Student Requisites/Fees

A copy of the **2023 Student Requisites and Contributions letter** was attached to last week's 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

Resilience and Acts of Kindness at Underbool Primary School

Week 2 has at Underbool Primary School has been a busy one! The young people have engaged well and are now back into routine with their learning, responsibilities and resilience activities.

This week the young people were able to learn about positive communication and practice role plays that were highlighting what not to do and how it can impact their relationships. Additionally, how they can work on their communication style to practice active listening, being respectful without squashing or sharing others news.

This week the Acts of Kindness draw goes to Ava for asking another young person to play at lunchtime. This highlights the positive impact of working together and caring for one another. Paying it forward as always.

Fantastic work again Ava!

Ms Lozz



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