

Underbool Primary School News

From the Principal and staff

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we are mid-way through term 2! Typically, as we end this first semester, there are many administrative jobs to complete. We thank Kate for her work in finalising data and accounts before the end of the financial year. Thank you also to the parents of grade 6 students who have completed the necessary transition forms in preparation for secondary education.

Teachers are completing assessments to inform parents of the students' progress before first-semester reports are sent home at the end of the term.

The school review will take place at the school on Wednesday 14th and Friday 16th June. We need representatives of the parents' community at certain times during the process. Please let us know if you can make time to be available.

Foundation enrolments are due in July, please let us know if you are aware of any prospective Foundation students for 2024.

The feedback from the Foundation and Grade One students was that the theatre production of 'Possum Magic' was a wonderful event, with bedazzling sets and costumes adding greatly to the experience.

Today the grade 5 and 6 students headed up to Walpeup to look at the artwork being painted on the old concrete silo. The work is a tribute to the solemn spirit of ANZAC. It was wonderful to meet the creator of the work Julian Clavijo and to ask just how he came up with the idea and how he projected the art onto such a huge 'canvas.'

Jim will be away on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th June. He is attending the annual Principal's Conference in Melbourne. He is hoping to be at the cross country in St Arnaud, supporting the group of students from Underbool who qualified for the event.

The next school council meeting will be held at the school on Monday, 29th May at 5:30 pm.

In the meantime

Stay safe and optimistic,

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



Important Dates

May

Friday 26th May
National Sorry Day

Monday 29th May
School Council @5.30pm

Wednesday 31st
A Taste of Africa Regional
Arts @ Underbool

June

Tuesday 6th
Cross Country St.Arnaud

Friday 9th
Proposed Curriculum Day—
student free. TBC at School
Council on 29th May

Monday 12th
King's Birthday

Wed. 14th and Friday 16th
School Review

Friday 23rd
Last Day Term Two



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.

Birthdays



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) is now open and Underbool Primary is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
 - a modern user-friendly interface
 - rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>



Stay well this winter

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu. Annual influenza vaccination is recommended from mid-April each year and is free under the National Immunisation Program for those at higher risk of complications from the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing · staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

COVID-19 booster

The 2023 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness. You can have your booster dose 6 months after your last dose or COVID infection.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2023 booster dose. You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP.

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Resilience and Acts of Kindness at Underbool Primary School

In Week 4 the young people started learning more effective ways to manage and resolve conflict through role play and videos. Often as educators we can be quick to solve other's problems, but it is imperative that we teach students the skills to use in everyday situations.

This week the Acts of Kindness draw goes to Scarlett Brown for being kind to another young person and assisting them with one of their classroom tasks. Often we look to the older students to assist the others and model positive behaviours. This then becomes second nature for these kids. It is really lovely to see and hear each week. It is the highlight when I arrive at Underbool Primary School.

Well done again Scarlett.

Ms Lozz

