

TERM 1, WEEK 7
2022

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Upcoming Events

MARCH

Wednesday 9th - Sunraysia South Swimming Carnival @ Mildura.

Monday 14th - Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 17th - Regional Swimming Carnival @ Swan Hill

Monday 21st - School Council AGM @ 7:00pm

Monday 21st-Sunday 27th March Harmony Week

Friday 25th - National Ride2School Day

APRIL

Friday 8th - Last day of Term 1

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples the first peoples and traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to the Elders, both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Indigenous Australians.



Underbool Primary School News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, thank you to the parents and community who catered for the Mallee Sustainable Farming Forum on Tuesday. Your delicious, generous fare was appreciated, not only by those who attended the function, but the shared leftovers were certainly enjoyed by the students and families.

Thanks also to Anne Jennings, Giselle's mum and Ning who gave the students in the upper school a 'Taste of Asia' cooking demonstration with reportedly the most delicious 'spring rolls.' Anne managed to cater for the whole school including the staff and we thank her for her skills and generosity.

We wish students attending the swimming meet in Mildura today all the best. I have no doubt they will perform to the best of their ability and show exemplarily sportsmanship. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Lydia Morrison, Harry McVicar and Hunter Brown for their swimming achievements thus far.

We have continued to purchase reading resources that have included 'decodable readers,' supporting the school's Early Literacy Programme.

Jacinta and I spent Monday at a WebEx meeting giving instruction on how to implement NAPLAN for Grades 3 and 5 on the tech-based platform. Whilst students in grade 3 can handwrite their writing assessment task, all other assessment will be completed on-line, including the grade 5 writing assessment task. This should lead to a speedier return of results which should guide teachers' planning and curriculum focus to improve student outcomes. We have scheduled the assessments for May 9th to 13th. Further information about NAPLAN and how you can support your children will be available nearer the time. Thanks to Kate Stone who capably filled in for us. She certainly enjoyed her time with us.

Despite the very sobering news both nationally and internationally, we can be thankful for where we live and the support that we can give to those less fortunate.

Have a great week and stay optimistic,

Fiona, Jacinta, Kate and Jim

Reading Resources

The school has purchased new readers and we would like some assistance to cover the books with contact. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this in the library. Please contact Fiona for further details.

School Council Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Underbool Primary School Council is to be held on Monday 21st March at 7:00pm. Thank you to the parents who have returned nomination forms. Nominations for School Council close today.

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Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

The School Council has agreed to participate in a fundraising opportunity with Mildura based local business Banjo's Bakery. Please complete the attached order form and return to the school by Monday the 28th March. **Note that traditional hot cross buns are not available.** We apologise for this change to availability. Families may pay via cash (to be placed in a sealed envelope with their order form) or via direct deposit into the Underbool Primary School Bank account with the family name as a description/reference for payment. **BSB 063 732 Account Number 10029655.**

Orders will be available to pick up from the school on Tuesday the 5th of April from 2.30pm. Local delivery can be arranged through Cherie Donnellan if you are unable to collect your order on the day.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, you may be eligible.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible 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 the Underbool Primary School Office on 5094 6342 and ask for an application form.

Tech Strategies for Families Workshop



Workshop dates & locations:

Free

Where: Online via Zoom

Dates: Thursday 24 March @ 7pm – 8:30pm **OR**
Thursday 31 March @ 11:30am – 1:00pm

Register Now | Bendigo Office Reception
P 03 5438 1300 | E email@ccds.org.au



Smile Squad

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary school students.

Forms will be sent home with the newsletter today. It would be great if families could complete the form and return it to school by Tuesday 22nd March. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you would like further information.



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Taste of Asia Cooking



Regional Swimming Sports (Swan Hill)

Students who will be competing at the Regional Swimming Sports will be informed before the end of the week. This event will be held on Thursday 19th March and includes the 9-13 age groups. The events that students are nominated to compete in will be based off their results from UDSSA (9/10 age group) and Sunraysia South (11 & 12/13 age group) competitions.

