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Term 3 Week 5 2022

At Undera Primary School our vision is for all students to be independent, self-motivated learners with a love and curiosity for learning and to face challenges with courage to achieve life-long success.

Important Dates:

- **TwistedED excursion**
Thursday 18th August
- **Book Week Parade**
Tuesday 23rd August
- **AFL Clinics 19th & 26th August**
- **Pupil free Day (Spelling PL)**
Monday 29th August



No birthdays this week

Attendance

Every Day Counts

Our school's aim is for 90-95% attendance.

This week our attendance percentage is: **94%**

This week at UPS

Book Week

Book Week is just over 2 weeks away so start planning your costumes. The theme for Book Week this year is 'Dreaming with eyes open...' In Library lessons students have read many of the shortlisted books and will decide on their favourite. We will have a parade on Tuesday 23rd August at 9.00am and all parents and families are welcome!



Information Text presentations in the Big Room

This week students in the Big room presented their information texts to teachers and the Little room. All students created a PowerPoint on their topic of interest and included many info text features such as contents pages, heading and sub-headings, diagrams, glossaries and interesting facts. We were blown away with the standard of the presentations by every student and extremely proud of their confidence when presenting their information. Students were assessed by their peers and teachers, and they also completed a self-assessment.

School Website

Our school website has received an upgrade recently. An update was way overdue and over the next few weeks we will continue to add more information to the website such as the newsletter, updated DET policies, photos of weekly activities and a calendar of upcoming events. When you get the chance check out the new look at <https://www.underaps.vic.edu.au/>.

Values Award



Lewis Lagana **Foundation**

For confidently using a ruler to measure his rain cloud in centimetres.

Values Award



Gabriella Lagana **Year 6**

For working diligently on her Wolf project and creating a high quality information text.

School Information

Scholastic Books

Book Club catalogues have been sent home last week. You can now order books through the LOOP app. Here is a link to the parent's Guide to Book Club.

https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI It explains the easy steps to ordering online. For every book ordered our school receives reward points which are used to purchase more books for our classroom.



Undera Primary School Bus

A big thank you to Nicole, our bus driver. Her mobile no. is **0458243454**



Free Education at Undera PS

Thanks to the Schools Plus grant program we are fortunate to offer our students free education for the next four years - 2022 to 2025.

This means no school fees, no-cost swimming program, free excursions and devices such as netbooks and/or iPads available for every student.

This term so far thanks to the Schools Plus grant we have been able to enjoy Circus Quirkus and next week we will head to TwistEd in Echuca to celebrate Science Week. Later in the term we have a Sports Day organised at Mooroopna North Primary School, with a few more surprises coming up in Term 4.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility. Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



The new Child Safe Standards now apply. Links to these policies will be on our website soon.

Disclosure Response Checklist



Bravehearts Counselling
1800 272 831
Goulburn Valley CASA
1800 112 343
Kids Helpline
1800 551 800

- Listen
- Affirm
- Don't Blame
- Support
- Safety
- Document
- Check
- Act

Listen carefully to all that they say. Have eye contact at the child's level, check that you have understood, put your adult thoughts aside and be respectful of the child's perspective.

Tell the child that you believe them.

Let the child know that what has happened is not their fault.

Tell the child that they are not responsible for the assault and acknowledge that it must have been difficult for them to tell you.

Let the child know that you will do everything in your power to help them.

Write everything down, using the child's own words as best you can. Include behaviours and anything they have said previously that may have hinted at the assault.

Check your organisation's policy on reporting disclosures.

In the best interests of the child, report the disclosure to your State's statutory child protection authority or the Police.

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