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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.

**Term 1 Week 6 2023**

### What's happening at UPS

- 15<sup>th</sup> March – NAPLAN testing begins
- 20 – 24<sup>th</sup> March - Swimming program at Aquamoves
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Family night at Undera Pub 6.00pm onwards
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Meet the Teacher evening 4.30 – 5.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> March – School Council meeting 6.30pm

### March birthdays

28<sup>th</sup> – Jaxon

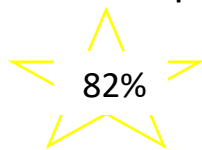
30<sup>th</sup> – Shay-lee



### Attendance

*Every Day Counts*

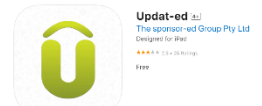
This week our attendance percentage is



Please notify the school if your child is absent or late. Thank you

## Undera PS News

### Updat-ed App: School communication



To help with communication between school and home we are going to start using the Updat-ed App. Through the app you will be able to access the newsletter each week, contact the school via message and see any upcoming events easily. We will be able to send out alerts to families to let you know about important school news.

To begin using the app simply download and type in Undera Primary School. I will then receive an alert and will be able to add you to our schools list. Please let me know if you have any trouble or would like support with this. The app is free!

### NAPLAN

Next week NAPLAN testing begins for Years 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN provides a snapshot of how students are achieving at one point in time, but we also know how far our students have come in their learning over the last year, and so will be encouraging our students to try and achieve their personal best.

Having a good night's sleep and not feeling stressed about the tests will help with this. We regularly provide students with assessment tasks using similar platforms so all Year 2-6 students are familiar with these types of assessments.

### SWIMMING

Notes have gone home for swimming lessons from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please return these as soon as possible. Lesson times are 1.30 – 2.15pm if parents would like to come along and watch.

## Students of the Week



**Kitt Chamberlain**

Foundation

For displaying enthusiasm in all areas of learning this week



**Hayden Eddy**

Year 3

For a great week of learning! 😊

# School Information

## Scholastic Books



Welcome to our new families. Children bring home Scholastic Book Club catalogues twice each term. There is no pressure to purchase however the school earns points for any purchase you make. This helps stock our class libraries. Books can be ordered 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=sODVIMDMONDU5MDI](https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDMONDU5MDI) It explains the easy steps to ordering online.

## Wellbeing at UPS

Kids Helpline is coming to our school via Zoom on March the 20<sup>th</sup> 2023. The Junior Room will be connecting with a Kids Helpline Counsellor as part of the Kids Helpline @ Schools Program.

The program aims to:

- Improve students' emotional intelligence and wellbeing
- Assist students to develop resilience and learn new coping strategies
- Teach students about their support options and where to seek help.

For more information please see Emma at school.

## Community News

If you have anything you would like shared through our newsletter such as community events, please contact the school on 58260211 or email.

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## 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 three years – 2023 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. If you know of any new families looking for a great school please send them in our direction.

## Little Learners Love Literacy

In our F-2 classroom we teach Literacy using the Little Learners Love Literacy program. This is a phonics based program where students learn the sounds firstly for individual letters of the alphabet and then all combinations of these such as sh, ee, thr- etc. Students only use the sounding out strategy when trying to read words. We send home decodable books where students are able to easily do this. They also learn heart words (my, I, the, to) for when a word cannot be sounded out.

Students in Foundation have learned the following sounds so far: m, s, f, a, p. we use the letter sounds and not their names at this stage. This week Braxten, Elloise and Kitt worked collaboratively to sort pictures as to the sound they started with.

