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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 4 Week 4 2023**

### What's happening at UPS

- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Prep transition (9-11am) and Parent Information session (9-10am)
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Pupil free day
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Melbourne Cup Day (no students at school)
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Excursion to the Shepparton lake (Senior room – yachting)

### October birthdays.

**No birthdays this month!**



### Attendance

#### Every Day Counts

This week our attendance percentage is

86 %

a total of 10 days absent.

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

### Undera PS News

#### Literacy focus

This term the Junior and Senior room students have been learning about procedural texts, such as recipes, instructions and how to guides. They have written their own procedures using specific structures, features and vocabulary. The senior room have published their Magic Potion recipes.

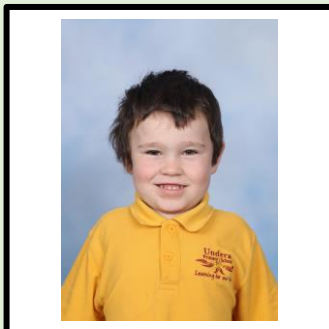
#### Schools Upgrade Fund grant

Earlier this term we were successful in receiving the Schools Upgrade Fund grant. We have replaced the ceiling fans in two of our classrooms and had windows in all classrooms refurbished so they open and lock properly. The carpet in the senior room is to be repaired and the office area replaced. We have also purchased 10 new iPads for students along with iPad pencils, cases and screen protectors. These will allow us to install more up-to-date apps.

#### Kart Track Grand Opening

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November we will hold the grand opening of our kart track at 5:00pm. This will be followed by a BBQ/sausage sizzle. We will also be cleaning out the sports shed and will have excess/unwanted items to give away. Please return the RSVP slip on the notice that went home with the newsletter.

### Students of the Week



**Braxten Sturrock**  
For being a helpful and organised member of our classroom



**Samuel Lagana**  
For persisting with his procedural text to improve the presentation.

# School Information



## Undera Primary School Bus

Nicole is our dedicated and friendly bus driver. She can be contacted on **0458243454**.

## Free Education at Undera PS

Thanks to the Schools Plus grant program we are fortunate to be able 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.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing at UPS

On Wednesday I attended a conference at Melbourne University with 400 other Mental Health and Wellbeing Leaders.

The day started with a 3 hour lecture style presentation from 2 professors. They discussed a mental health check in pilot program they will soon begin running in primary schools. I have signed our school up to be kept 'in the loop' when the program is up and running.

I then took part in 2 workshops. The first, with a paediatrician from the Royal Children's Hospital discussing challenging behaviours and conversations.

The second workshop was with Narragunnawali regarding the importance of our school formally committing to reconciliation through an action plan. The day was a great opportunity for me to learn as a professional as well as network with other MHWL. I would like to thank Katrina Wood and Robyn for taking the Grade F-2 Students whilst I was away.

Emma Cox – Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

## 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



## 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.

## 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.

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