



UNGARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FAMILY NAME: _____

Read on to find out more about our partnership with

Food Ladder

and what is happening in our new greenhouse.

We are only the 16th funded Food Ladder school in Australia which is pretty cool!



FOOD LADDER

Diary Dates

MAR 15-24 NAPLAN

MAR 16 Mini Town construction afternoon

MAR 17 Assembly 3.10pm

MAR 24 SVA Leaders Visit

MAR 30 LEP Athletics

APR 3 Governing Council 6pm

APR 3 & 5 Interviews

APR 7 GOOD FRIDAY

APR 10 EASTER MONDAY

APR 11-13 Swimming Lessons

APR 14 Last day of term

Beach Sports Day @



Dear Ungarra Primary families,

What a terrific sports day on Friday! All the students consistently displayed our school values throughout the day and competed to the best of their abilities.

It was great to compete with Port Neill and Poonindie students and there was a great atmosphere during the events with teams cheering on their team mates. Congratulations to Hirschhausen on their team win and our Good Sports recipients Mila and Arnold. Thank you to Poonindie Community Learning Centre for hosting the event.

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined our Governing Council for 2023. I really appreciate having so many parents keen to contribute to the governance in the school. I am grateful to have the following parents in roles for 2023:

Chair: Justin Modra, Secretary: Miriam Telfer, Treasurer: Eden Telfer

Parents and Friends Rep: Sasha Stratford, Playcentre Rep: Kaz Boehm

The mini-town technology project has been superbly led by Aisha Cox and Nicole Clark. This project idea originally came from the students who wanted a mini-town play area to complement their mini farms. Today the students, parent volunteers and Rabobank staff put our mini town together. Photos of the construction day will be shared on Facebook.

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Rory Hunt, Principal

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Principal's Report cont...

Thank you to Veronica and Nigel for constructing our greenhouse and teaching us how to use and maintain the growing system. We are thrilled to have this system to compliment our existing kitchen/garden and enterprise programs.

We will be hosting approximately 20-30 Principals and leaders from around the state on the 29th of March to showcase our school and partnership of schools. Our students will be catering for the event and giving our visitors a tour of the school.

Finally I would like to wish our Year 3 and 5 students all the best for their NAPLAN testing this week.

Kind regards, Rory Hunt

NOTE: In week 9 students will cook and eat on the **TUESDAY** instead of the Thursday due to SVA visit

Tabloid Sports Day at Poonindie



Last Friday we had Sports Day at Poonindie school. We had to do lots of sporting activities. There was a Ninja course where you had to go through hoops and through bean bags into holes." My favourite was the Long Jump where I jumped 3.15m." Callan

"My favourite was doing the Long Jump because you get to run and jump at the same time. I enjoyed Shot Put too, I got a ribbon for that one." Sandy



"I liked doing the high jump because it was so fun and I'd never done it before. Mr Hunt and Dane taught me how to do it at school. I made some new friends that I played with at Sports Day. That's all!" Raffy

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The New Food Ladder Greenhouse



Thank You FOOD LADDER

This system has benefits such as improved access to healthy food, important life skills, increased health and nutrition, and education and employment pathways and outcomes – including the ability to establish their own social enterprises.

From Nigel and Veronica.....

“Food Ladder arrived on the 20th of February with the concrete footings already completed. We began by filling the inside with weed matting and gravel, then proceeded to attach the base of the greenhouse to the footings. The rest of the week saw the frame construction completed.

Week two saw the installation of the climate control and growing systems. We had a plumber and electrician to connect water and power to the greenhouse. In week three, the students planted 8 varieties of greens and herbs and both teachers and students were trained in the uses of operation of the greenhouse and growing system.

Ungarra School has been welcoming to Food Ladder. The student buddy system that we encountered was inspiring and worked well in the greenhouse when filling pots and planting seeds. We found Ungarra students polite, respectful, knowledgeable and engaging; as well as friendly, often offering us food from their garden.

We have loved working here at Ungarra with students and teachers and look forward to returning soon to check out their harvest and another lunch invitation. Thank you for having us. Happy growing!! Veronica, Nigel and the Food Ladder Team.

** A highlight of our visit has been Thursdays in the kitchen joining the school for lunch provided by their garden.”*



Above: A fully planted system



Above and below : Equipment for daily hydroponic monitoring by students



Below: Fresh Pear, Apple and Chicken Salad for lunch using our own produce including almonds!



Above: Nigel and Veronica

Below: Nigel runs through how to monitor the water



Below: Four days ago there was no germination. Most plants have 4-6 week turnaround



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Ungarra Playcentre Week 7 Term 1 2023

We have had a busy and fun-filled few weeks at Playcentre with our excursion to Port Neill beach and transitioning to our new theme 'camping' which has seen science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) inspired activities. These included painting a pet rock, decorating binoculars, and creating nature crowns for the morning group. The nature crowns were a highlight for many as children sought to collect their own decorations from the school gardens that we then stuck onto contact and assembled into crowns.

In the afternoon we undertook an experiment with chocolate, monitoring how long it took to melt in the sun. This activity had children making predictions, checking the time, and observing the changing textures of the chocolate. We also completed a tower competition consisting of marshmallows and spaghetti. Children were challenged to build a tower utilising the materials following the constraints of it must be able to stand up, and not eat the marshmallows until the end.

We have also had a lot of focus on name writing to familiarise children with the sounds and letters that are in their names. This has been in form of using nature to trace their name, identifying their letters from the sheet to cut and stick to form their name.

Thank you to Jeff and Levi, our Upper Primary students for filling in for Mr. Hunt and reading our Playcentre children a story each. You both did a great job and the children loved having you read them a book. We look forward to sharing what we get up to in the coming weeks.

Georgia and the Playcentre Community.



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Our AGM and general meeting were held on 8th March 2023. We discussed how great the new greenhouse is looking, and would like to thank all the volunteers who have come in and donated labour and supplies. If you're at the school, pop in and have a look.

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Surprise Baby Shower & Tiny Town Progress



A big thanks to grandparents Hartley and Robyn Modra and Kevin and Tess Davies along with George and Tammy, Kaz, Eden, Kyrie, Rebecca, Dan, Richelle and staff for all their hard work.



Stay tuned for a virtual tour of Tiny Town once it's completed!



Kylie Stoddard from Rabobank got down and dirty in Tiny Town today while Hartley and George took to the tools



Parents and Friends surprised Aisha with a delightful Baby Shower morning tea. Thanks to Kyrie and Rebecca for organising.

School & Community News

Ungarra Primary School Governing Council Report

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A poster for Port Lincoln Soccer Association '2023 COME AND TRY DAYS'. It lists two dates: 'Sunday 5th March and Sunday 19th March' at 'Kirton Point Soccer Oval on Matthew Place'. It specifies times for '4 to 6 year olds 9:30 - 10:30am' and '7 to 9 year olds 11am - midday'. It says 'Season commencing Sunday 7th May'. A note says 'New players and families are welcome to attend!'. Contact info: 'For further details contact Richard 0456 733 330 portlincolnsoccerassociation@hotmail.com'. There is a Facebook logo and 'Find us on Facebook' text. A soccer ball is shown on a grass field.

Ungarra & Districts Hall and Progress Association

AGM on 28th March 2023 at 7.30pm in the supper room

All Welcome. Light supper and hot drinks supplied.

Please contact Kaz: 0428 745 997 (secretary) for more details.



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