

# NEWSLETTER

The latest news from Ungarra Primary School



## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear Families,

We are very proud of how well our students participated in swimming lessons in week 1. They all had great attitudes and developed their water confidence and swimming skills throughout the week. The leisure centre instructors were very complimentary of all our student's behaviour and swimming.

It was great to have so many families attend our open night on Monday night. Partnerships with families and community is one of our schools focus areas of our Site Learning Plan and it was a positive night in which we could share our learning intentions for the year. It was encouraging hearing Rachel and Abbey passionately speak about the wellbeing and learning that will be happening in their classrooms and what can be done to strengthen that with home learning. If you were unable to make the evening information will be shared on Class Dojo or sent home with your child. As always if you have any questions please let us know.

We are very thankful to have a supportive Governing Council. At our AGM we elected the following members to roles for 2025: Chairperson – Justin Modra, Vice Chairperson – Sasha Stratford, Secretary – Miriam Telfer, Vice Secretary – Kaz Boehm, Treasurer – Eden Telfer, Playcentre Representative – Kaz Boehm, Parents and Friends Representative – Rebecca Nowikow. Congratulations and thankyou to the members taking on these roles.

Teaching staff are looking forward to learning further into concepts around developing effective learners presented by world renown educator Ron Berger during the Student Free Days – Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th of February. Thank you to the Governing Council for approving these learning days. This term will be NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 students 12th – 14th of March with a practice test occurring next week.

We have plenty of sports happening with sports day, LEP athletics, beach sports day happening toward the end of the term. The mini marathon and Sporting Schools golf are also on the sporting agenda for this term. Keep checking the calendar on the newsletter and Class Dojo for school events.

Rory Hunt,  
Principal

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# Upper Primary Class

year 3 - 6



Monty



Adele



Finn

## 2025 school leaders

Our new school leaders are looking forward to earning their leadership badges. They have had a great start to the year, and we look forward to seeing what they achieve!



## Reading fluency

In reading, we are developing our fluency, accuracy, use of expression and tone of voice. Last week we learnt about the effect littering has on our environment.



## Maths

In maths, students have engaged in collaborative learning to build their understanding on a range of number concepts.



First desk pet



Well done to Adele for earning the first desk pet for 2025! Adele has shown excellent leadership, giving new things a go!



## Gardening

Gardening was a highlight last week, with students harvesting produce that had grown over the holidays, ready to use in kitchen lessons.

# GEM Principles



I am grateful for...

Marlowe



"my tiny teddies."

Dane



"our farm plots so we can practice our farming skills."

Hugo



"coming to school to learn."

Cruz



"airconditioning on a hot day."

# SCIENCE

Students in the Upper Primary class have enjoyed exploring states of matter including conducting experiments to explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Within the Junior Primary cohort we have been investigating Living Things which saw us take our learning outside and investigate what living and non-living things we could see within the school yard.



# CULTURAL STUDIES

In cultural Studies we are exploring Antarctica. The climate, animals and predators, living conditions and the flag are topics that have been investigated so far. We look forward to welcoming in our special guest, Lewis Williams, who will visit on site to share his experience of living in Antarctica, with the students. Students have made comparisons and asked many questions which we look forward to exploring as we move through the topic.



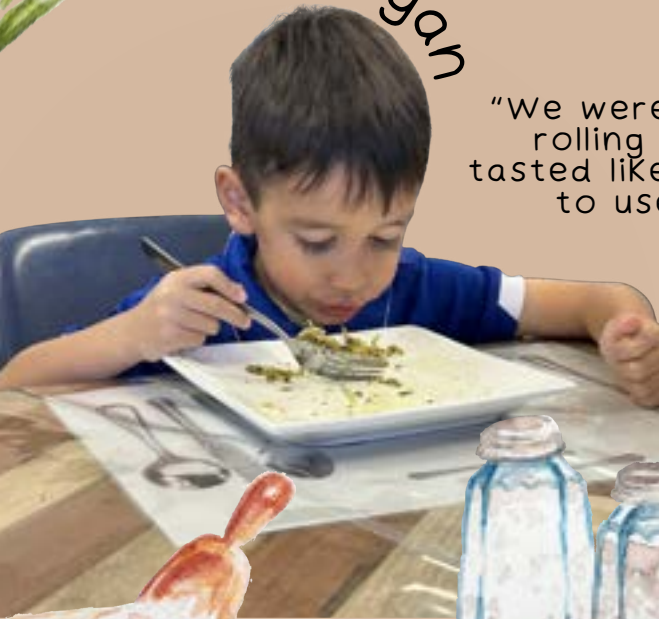
# Kitchen Lessons

## Basil Pesto Pasta



Logan

"We were making basil pesto. I enjoyed rolling the pasta in the machine. It tasted like basil. I'm excited to learn how to use sharp Knives next week"



Kylie

"We were making pasta. It was called basil pesto spaghetti. It was really tasty. I really liked it. I hope we have it again. We grow our own food at school to eat and survive."





# Basil Pesto Pasta

## ingredients

Basil Pesto

50 g Parmesan cheese, cubed

2 cloves fresh garlic peeled

1 bunch basil leaves, fresh (stalks removed)

100 g cashew nut/pine nuts roasted, unsalted

120 g olive oil, extra virgin



## directions

Place the cashews/pine nuts, basil, garlic and parmesan in a food processor and process until finely chopped. With the motor running, gradually add the oil in a thin steady stream until well combined.

## thermomix

Place parmesan and garlic into TM bowl and grate for 10 - 15 seconds on speed 8

Add nuts & basil - process on speed 6 for 10 seconds till smooth - Bowl may need to be scraped down and step repeated

Turn to speed 4 and add the olive oil, slowly until combined well with other ingredients - 40 seconds

## variations

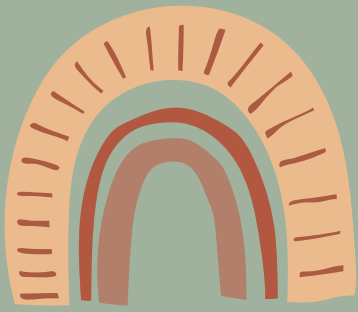
to add a handful of fresh rocket or baby spinach leaves along with the basil.

Great on hot pasta, as a dip, to garnish soup or mixed through a salad dressing

keeps well in the fridge for about a week and can be frozen.

a great gift for loved ones

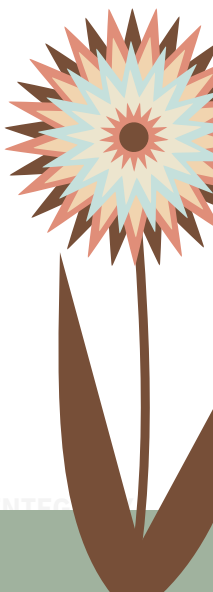




# Playcentre happenings!



We've had a hot start to Playcentre this term - which has meant lots of water play fun outside! Baby baths, truck/tractor wash, sensory play and lots of ice play! We will be exploring an "All About Me" theme, as well as "Valentines" theme this current week. It's been fantastic to see returning families as well as some new faces join us this Term!





# kindergym

1st session

Friday 14th Feb  
10am  
Ungarra Hall



**COMMUNITY MOVIE SCREENING**  
**THURSDAY FEB 27TH**  
**Embrace Kids**

Embrace Kids is a heart warming and empowering documentary focusing on body positivity, self-esteem, and mental health.  
This free screening is for young people aged 8+, parents/caregivers and anyone passionate about supporting young people.  
Let's support the next generation to love themselves just as they are.

Nautilus Art Centre - 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Free Admission  
Embrace Kids is rated G with very mild coarse language and references to bullying and discrimination.

Scan QR code to get your **FREE** ticket

Embrace Kids Port Lincoln has been made possible by funding from Country SA Pty

**GLOBAL FEST GIANT KITES**  
**SPECTACULAR**  
**Plus Kite Workshops**  
**Monday March 10th**  
**Centenary Oval**

**AWESOME FUN FOR ALL AGES**

11a.m. - 3p.m.

**PRESENTS**

**GLOBAL FEST**  
Flinders Park  
**Sunday March 9th**  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Free Public Entry Event

Featuring Cultural Workshops, Live Music, Art & Craft Activities, Special Dance Performances and Delicious Foods.

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Children University Members gain passport hours for participation in events.

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