

NEWSLETTER

The latest news from Ungarra Primary School



PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear families,

I was very impressed and super proud of the Year 3 and 5 students this morning as they completed their first NAPLAN test for the week (writing). The students will have reading and conventions of language (spelling and grammar) tomorrow and numeracy on Friday. We will have a smoothie celebration at the completion of their final test.

Some key messages from a recent leaders day that I attended that resonated with me in regard to where we are heading are:

1. Starting with school culture - belonging and safety for all students with high standards. This links well with our Resilience Project and "Hive time".
2. Deeper instruction - students do most of the thinking and work. Our staff are focussing on students doing the deeper thinking about their learning and developing on other stuck strategies rather than relying on the teacher/SSO. Providing good quality instruction and the opportunity for students to delve deeper in their learning will further elevate student progress.
3. Learning with purpose - Staff have been doing more purposeful learning such as persuasive speeches for enterprise roles, having more agency and voice in their learning, writing letters to Tumbly Bay Council about solutions to the Tumbly Bay Foreshore etc. Feel free to discuss with your child about their learning to further deepen concepts learnt in class.

Despite the windy weather, students enjoyed the fishing excursion to Port Neill. Unfortunately, no fish were caught but this was a great experience for the students to learn fishing skills, about sustainability and was a great chance to bond together.

Keep checking the calendar on the newsletter and Class Dojo for school events. With more information to come in regard to LEP Athletics for Upper Primary Students and Beach Sports Day at Port Neill.

A reminder that governing council meeting is on Monday at 6pm. Sports Day is next Friday with lunch orders due by the end of the week. This event will require private transport and is a great event to have families there. We understand if you are unable to make it, so please contact us if you are having difficulty transporting your child to the event. Hopefully see you all at assembly on Friday where students will share some of their cultural studies work on Antarctica.

Kind regards,
Rory Hunt



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Year 3-6 Fishing



As part of our learning expedition, of giving back to the community, the upper primary class is looking for donations of recycled goods to reuse and repurpose them. Please send in any donations of aluminum tins, chemical drums, recycled paper, plastic milk bottles, old clothes, jeans, candles/wax and plastic bags. We appreciate your help!!



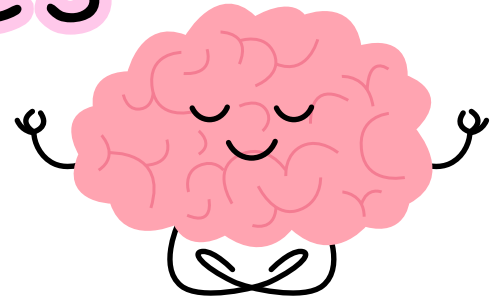
On Thursday, the upper primary class travelled to Port Neill to learn about sustainable fishing practices, with RecFish SA. Although no fish were caught, students had an excellent day developing their Knowledge and skills in fishing.

'I liked how I kept having a go, even though the fish kept taking my bait' - Sienna

'I liked going fishing because it was fun hanging out with my friends on the jetty' - Sandy



GEM Principles



I am grateful for...

Aishah



"for nice teachers and being able to do Kitchen and garden lessons".

Blake



"for the teachers teaching me"

Florence



"that i can learn at school and for Jon taking us to and from school so our parents dont have to pick us up."

Sienna

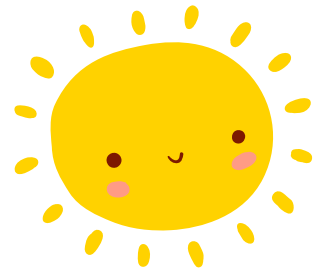


"for having a school to learn at and a family, for caring about me."

I'm grateful for

Jon

because ...



"I appreciate Jon dealing with us being loud on the bus and he's good at dealing with the kangaroos"

Aishah

"He uses his own time through the day to take us on excursions."

Kye

"He drives us on the bus every single day"

Monty

"I like that he is always kind & happy."

Hannah

"He drives us to swimming lessons."

Logan

"I like how he says good morning to me. He always asks how my weekend was and is such a kind & loving person."

Bella

"I love Jon because he mows the lawn so it doesn't get overgrown and he maintains the school yard."

Dane

"When i get off the bus he always uses my name and says See ya, Adele"

Adele

"He fixes things and keeps the school tidy and he also cleans the school bus"

Emmett

"Jon drives the bus well, he makes sure we're all there and helps us with things."

Arnold

"Jon always puts music on in the bus and he lets us eat on the bus."

Sandy

"He always puts music on in the bus and he lets us eat on the bus"

Kylie



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Kylie



ANTARCTIC

PENGUINS





SPECIAL GUEST: Lewis Williams

To support our research and provide an opportunity to address some of our pressing questions, Miss Stratford invited special guest, Lewis Williams, to share his experiences of living in Antarctica for a whole year.



There were no 4-legged animals in Antarctica. SANDY

Elephant seals are really fast on land and even faster in the water. ALEXIS

Lewis worked on the airstrip in Antarctica. SIENNA

He wore lots of layers of clothes to keep warm. ADDY

The cabin Lewis lived in was tiny and only had room for a bed, cupboard and a small space to get dressed. AOELE

He had to practice his survival skills by digging a bed in the snow and sleep on a yoga mat for one night. KYE





You are invited to attend our

Community Workshop

When: 1-4pm Sunday, April 6th

Where: Ungarra Complex

What: Establish a shared vision for the future of our local sporting community

(see letter for more details)



Ungarra & Districts Hall & Progress Association



Annual General Meeting



*All Welcome
New Members encouraged*

🕒 Tuesday 7:30 PM
March 25 2025
📍 Ungarra Hall, Supper Room



UNGARRA & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB AGM

Monday 17th March 2025, 8pm
At the Ungarra Complex
ALL WELCOME
any enquires or apologies contact...

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