

NEWSLETTER

The latest news from Ungarra Primary School



CHESS CLUB

Dear Families and Community Members,

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had a restful holiday and is ready for another exciting and productive term. It's been wonderful to see such enthusiastic attitudes from both our staff and students as we settle back into the rhythm of school life. Their energy and commitment set the stage for what promises to be an outstanding term ahead.

This term began with a buzz, thanks to our yearly gymnastics program. It has been fantastic to see students enjoying themselves while learning new skills and building confidence. Junior primary students will commence their gymnastics lessons during Week 2 and Week 4 on Tuesday afternoons, while upper primary students will have their return in Week 3.

Today, we experienced a truly special moment with the official opening of our wellbeing garden — a new space designed as a sanctuary for creativity, reflection, and connection. This beautiful project has been led by Nicole Clark, whose dedication and vision have brought this garden to life. A heartfelt thank you must also go to Kaz Boehm, Jamie Snodgrass, Justin Modra, Shelby Fraser, Laura Bates, Wendy White, and Eden Telfer for their incredible support and contributions, along with many other helpers whom we greatly appreciate.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT CONT..

The personalised artworks created by students and staff add such vibrancy and charm to this space. Their creative talents have truly transformed this garden into a vivid and appealing area for the entire school community to enjoy. Special thanks to Lisa for catering a delightful afternoon tea for our sponsors, families, and community members as part of today's opening celebration. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and admire this special space. We are excited about the many years of use and joy that the wellbeing garden will bring to everyone.

On another note, preparations for our end-of-year concert, "The Grinch," have begun for students this week! Students are busily working on their performances, and we can't wait to see it all come together. Please mark Thursday evening, December 4th in your calendars for the concert, with a school closure scheduled for the following day. We look forward to sharing this special evening with our families and community members.

Exciting changes are also underway here at Ungarra Primary School, as we transition to a new school management system called EMS. Our administration staff have commenced training and are committed to ensuring the smooth adoption of this platform. It promises to increase efficiency and enhance our ability to operate the school effectively in the years to come.

Finally, as part of planning updates for our school website, photos will be taken next Thursday. These photos will showcase our school and highlight the fantastic work of our students and staff.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we dive into Term 4! Let's make it a memorable term together.

Warm regards,
Rory Hunt



The official opening of the wellbeing garden





COLOUR RUN

in memory of Tex Charlton

FRIDAY NOV 7TH 1PM

Save the Date

UNGARRA PRIMARY



BUILDING A COLLABORATIVE UNDERSTANDING OF BUSHFIRES

Through initial conversations around bushfires, teachers at Ungarra and Port Neill identified that students lacked understanding and empathy towards those affected by bushfires. We came together with Port Neill, to listen to expert Steve Whillas about his lived experiences of being personally impacted by both drought and bushfires. We then had a special visit from a parent, George Charlton, in a local CFS truck. Students learnt about the different features and modifications on the truck, that have helped to solve problems associated with fighting bushfires.



BUSHFIRE INVESTIGATIONS



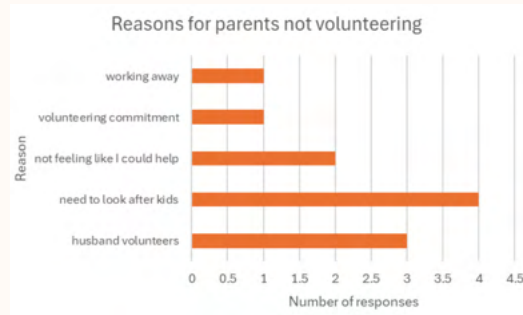
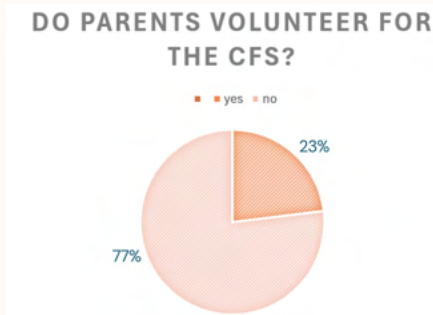
In Maths, Miss Bates' year 5/6 class conducted investigations into an issue relating to bushfires.

1. First, students explored real life statistics on bushfires in Australia, and more specifically here in South Australia.
2. From this data, students had to make some claims about bushfires, and back it up with the statistics presented. For example, a claim included: Bushfires are becoming more common and more deadly. This was backed up with the following data: Before 2002, over a 90 year period, there was only one megafire. Since 2002, there have been three megafire years.
3. After making data-informed claims, students brainstormed a list of questions or issues that arose from the data. Two examples were, why are bushfires becoming more common/deadly and what are the most common causes of bushfires here on the EP.
4. Students worked with a partner to investigate one topic. The following topics were investigated in our school context, through surveys with parents and students:
 - do people know how to prepare for bushfire season?
 - how many families have a bushfire plan (& do their children know what it is?)
 - how many parents volunteer for the CFS (& what may stop them from volunteering?)
5. Students collected the data and presented it to our school community at an assembly, highlighting their key findings in the data.

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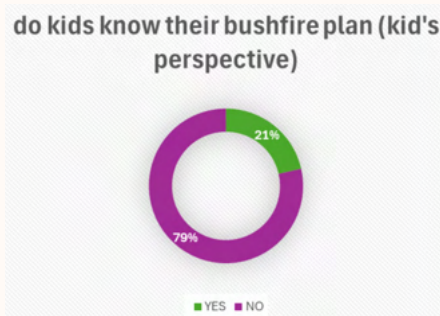
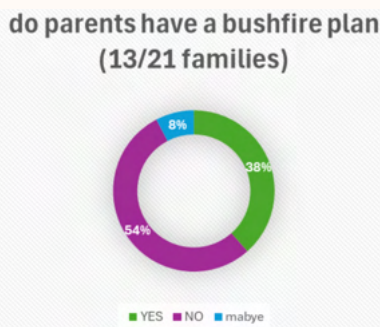


Investigation 1: How many parents volunteer for the CFS, and what may stop them from volunteering?



Findings: Less people volunteer for the CFS because they need to protect their kids. I think we should promote volunteering to the people who don't have kids. Some of the benefits of volunteering include creating safer communities, helping save lives, learning new skills, and becoming a strong and empathetic person.

Investigation 2: Do parents have a bushfire plan, and do their children know what it is?



Findings: From these results we know that lots of families (54%) do not have a bushfire plan, therefore can recommend that all parents and families should make a bushfire plan and tell their kids about it. Our next step is to share this so kids and family members know what to do.

Investigation 3: Do parents know how to prepare for bushfire season?

do you know how to prepare for bushfire season



Findings: As a result of the data, we found out that most of the families were well prepared for bushfire season. This is good because it means our families are educated, and can reduce the likelihood of a bushfire burning their house.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS

On the 25th of September, year 3 & 4 students travelled to Tumby Bay to participate in the Hot Shots tennis carnival. Students played matches of tennis against students from Tumby Bay and Cummins. All students displayed excellent sportsmanship, with a special mention to Hazel and Ollie for receiving our best sports awards!

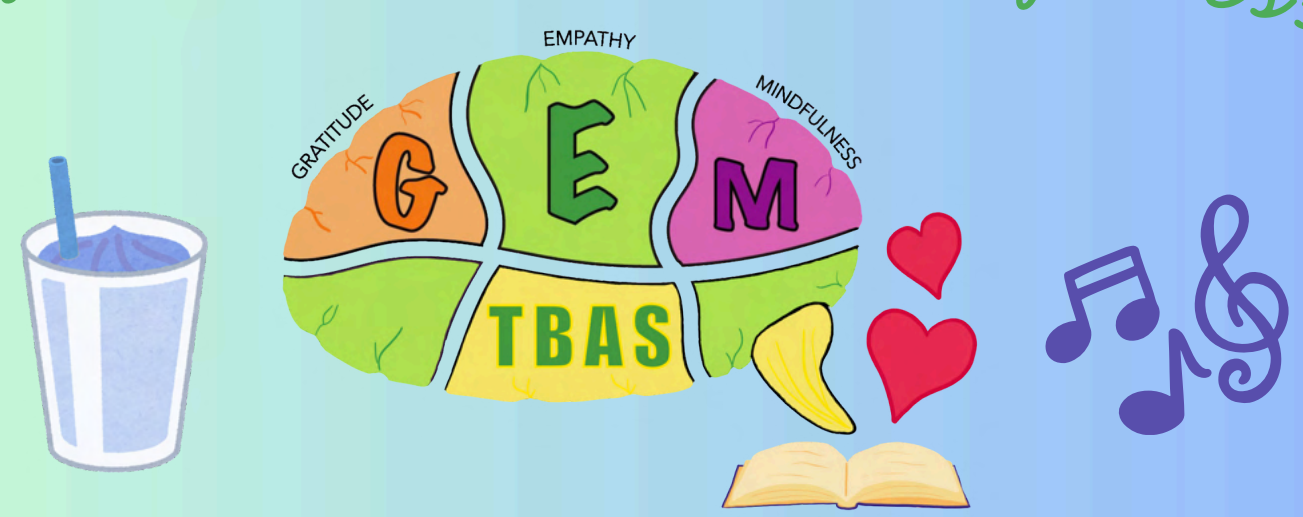




GEM



Gratitude • Empathy • Mindfulness



@ TumbbyBaySchoolOval
4:30PM - 7:30PM

Friday 24th of October 2025

GAMES • MUSIC • FOOD • CRAFT • FUN ACTIVITIES!
ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME 9

BUSHFIRE SAFETY

With bushfire season upon us, we are attaching the latest information for families from the Government of South Australia. We urge you to read through this important information and use it to aid in discussion and to help revise your own plan if a situation occurs.

In the event of an emergency, you will be contacted by the school, advising you of the situation and courses of action. This will be by either SMS, phone call, facebook , or if the power is down, in some instances UHF radio. We ask that you reply promptly to any communication sent and please ensure that you notify us immediately if any of your contact or emergency pickup details have changed (if you are unavailable).

Be assured that District Office guides us through any incident and that we are well prepared in case of an emergency.

If you have any questions, please phone the school or talk to a staff member.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/docs/infrastructure/security-and-emergency-management/bushfire-and-your-childs-school-or-preschool-brochure.pdf>

Security and Emergency
Management (SEM) unit
1800 000 279



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of South Australia
Department for Education

Come play tennis with Ungarra Tennis Club!



Hot Shots

Commencing Wednesday 15th October 3:40pm @ **Ungarra School Courts**

For primary school-aged children (5+) to learn basic tennis skills in a games-based, fun setting. No experience required, equipment provided!

Wednesdays, 3:40 - 4:30pm in Term 4 @ Ungarra School Courts

Junior Tennis

Commencing Thursday 16th October 4:30pm @ Ungarra Complex
(continuing on Wednesdays from October 29th)

Junior tennis training will be Wednesdays 4:30pm @ Ungarra Complex.
Matches played in the Port Neill Tennis Association on Friday afternoons at 4pm. The competition runs from October-March.



More Information contact Rachel Telfer 0429 888 143

<https://play.tennis.com.au/ungarratennisclub>

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FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

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