

NEWSLETTER

The latest news from Ungarra Primary School



Dear Ungarra Primary School Community,

PRINCIPALS REPORT

It has been a vibrant and productive start to Term 3 at Ungarra Primary School, with students, staff, and the wider community working together to foster a rich learning environment.

School Attendance

Regular school attendance is fundamental to ensuring that children maintain continuity in their learning and wellbeing. Research shows that missing just one day of school each week can equate to an entire year of learning lost over a five-year period. This disruption can have a significant impact on academic achievement, social connections, and overall student wellbeing. As a school, we closely monitor attendance, and your support in reporting student absences is crucial.

Student Absences

If your child is absent, please notify the school on the same day, with a valid reason provided for each day missed. This allows us to enter the correct absence code in our management system and monitor student welfare accurately. For extended periods of illness, please provide a medical certificate, so we can appropriately document the absence and better support your child's return to school. If your family is planning an extended holiday, please apply for an exemption from school with as much notice as possible. Prompt communication helps us fulfil our duty of care and support all students to access their learning.

Upper Primary Explore Ungarra's History

Our upper primary class has been delving deeply into the history of Ungarra, welcoming local experts to share their insights. This learning expedition has been both engaging and enriching, sparking student inquiry and celebrating our township's heritage. Special thanks to Miss Bates and her students for their efforts in research, organisation, and planning, and to our local contributors for their valued involvement. The legacy of this project will be evident in the forthcoming display plaques around Ungarra's township with thanks to Tumby Bay District Council.

Self Defence with Corey

Students have been participating in self-defence sessions led by Corey from Brave Monkey, funded through the Sporting Schools initiative. These sessions have provided practical skills and boosted student confidence, contributing positively to our wellbeing focus.

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Food Ladder PD

Our kitchen/garden program continues to flourish, attracting visits from neighbouring schools seeking inspiration. Staff members Lisa, Rachel, and Sue attended the Food Ladder Conference on the Gold Coast last week, returning with fresh ideas to enhance our initiative.

EP Field Days Next Week

We look forward to showcasing our program at EP Field Days with our stall, catering, and coffee stand – supporting valuable fundraising for our school. If you can assist, please reach out to Lisa Fitzgerald. An online form regarding student volunteers and travel arrangements for Tuesday's EP Field Days excursion is accessible through Class Dojo and will help with arrangements for the event. There is also an online excursion form to fill out via email. Wednesday will be a school closure. Thank you to our volunteers, Lisa Fitzgerald, Rachel Fuller, and Rabobank for supporting this effort.

Thankyou Cathy

Our staff are working diligently to analyse student data and provide targeted reading support. Cathy Ford's (Leader of Effective Teaching and Learning) contributions to Early Career Teacher mentoring remain invaluable, enhancing classroom practices.

SAPSASA Soccer & Athletics

Congratulations to Bella Stratford and Aishah Modra for qualifying for SAPSASA Soccer and good luck for next weeks carnival, and to Scarlett, who will compete in SAPSASA athletics next month. We are proud of their achievements and representation of our school.

Community Partnerships in Action

New interactive boards thanks to the Telstra FRRR Connected Communities Grant have been ordered and laptops have been ordered to account for our growing student population. Thank you to Craig Coleman for playground maintenance, and to Justin, Jon, and Steve Fuller for working on the new garden shed, funded by Cockaleeche Sheds and the FRRR In a Good Place Grant. Rachel Fuller will run the Mental Health, Farm Plots and community connections aspect of this grant, which we will launch at a Father's Day event on September 4th.

Our continued commitment to improvement and community engagement is evident in preparations for the EP Field Days, Festival of Music performance and the Upper Primary Camp. Thank you to our Parents and Friends and all parent volunteers for ongoing support in school activities.

Kind regards,
Rory Hunt
Principal, Ungarra Primary School

LEP GIRLS FOOTBALL

BELLA: I enjoyed working with new people in a team and making new friends.

AISHAH: I enjoyed playing with new people and playing against some of my friends.

ALEXIS: I'm grateful that I could play football with lots of new people and Mum got to watch.





UNGARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

term 3

MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JULY	1	20	21	22 Newsletter	23 UP Soccer Carnival @ Tumby Bay AS	24
	2	27	28 	29 P&F Canteen Lunch Brave Monkey Self Defence lessons	30	31
AUGUST	3	3 Playcentre	4	5 Newsletter	6	7 Principals Day Assembly 3:10pm 
	4	10 Playcentre	11  Cleve Field Days excursion	12 SCHOOL CLOSURE	13	14
	5	17 Science Week  SSO Week Playcentre	18	19 Newsletter	20	21
	6	24  UPS Cafe Fundraiser BOOK WEEK dress up Playcentre 	25	26  Touch Football	27	28
SEPTEMBER	7	31  School Photos Playcentre	1	2 Newsletter	3	4
	8	7 Playcentre	8	9 Dental Visit 	10  DAY	11
	9	14 Playcentre	15  UP Camp ADELAIDE	16  UP Camp Choir Concert Newsletter 	17  UP Camp	18  UP Camp
	10	21 Playcentre	22	23 Hot Shots 	24	25 Last day of Term 3 

RESPECT • RESILIENCE • ACHIEVEMENT • INTEGRITY



COME SEE US AT THE CLEVE FIELD DAYS!



Come see us at the Cleve Field Days

Ungarra Primary School Enterprise Stall



Located at the Rabobank Site
52, Corner of Second Street

**Barista made Coffee & Tea
with a Sweet Treat**

Available from 9 am - 1 pm daily
(Donation to Enterprise Appreciated)

**Check out our school grown products
for sale including:**

**Jams, Chutneys, Pastes, Gourmet
Salts sponsored by Olsson's, Soaps,
Super Cleaning Spray, Lupin Heat
Packs and more!**

*Rabobank client events Tuesday and
Wednesday at 3 pm*

**Barista
Coffee & Tea
& Sweet
Treats 9-1**



VALUE FOCUS: *respect*



Alison

Demonstrating the importance of treating others as she would like to be treated by always being so willing to help her classmates.



Clara

Consistently showing a positive attitude and Kindness to everyone around her, warmly welcoming new students, and upholding the value of treating others as she would like to be treated.



Illiana

Being Kind and considerate member of the Upper Primary class, by considering the needs of others and treating her peers with respect.



Blake

Treating his peers with respect, by being inclusive in the classroom and yard.

CHEESE MAKING WITH YOOK



In kitchen lessons today, students were busy preparing a range of goods for our School Enterprise stall, at the Rabobank site at the Eyre Peninsula Field Days. We also invited in special guest, Jamie (aka Yook) Coote, who demonstrated and taught upper primary students how to make caerphilly cheese. Students learnt how cheese cultures through a heat process, and how a cheese press is used to cure the cheese. Yook explains that cheese-making is an exact science unlike many others recipes. Over the next 2 weeks students will turn and pat dry the cheese to remove any moisture. We cant wait to see how it turns out.

Caerphilly is a hard, crumbly white cheese that originated in the area around the town of Caerphilly, Wales.

FIELD DAYS PREP





FOOD LADDER CONFERENCE

Last week, Sue, Rachel and Lisa were fortunate to attend the Food Ladder Conference on the Gold Coast. We visited Pacific Pines State High School, where schools from across Australia shared how they are using their Food Ladder greenhouses and the positive impact they are having on students and their communities.

The day was filled with inspiring presentations and impressive results, including schools reporting attendance increases of over 30% and producing more than 25,000 serves of fresh food for school lunches and canteens. We also had the privilege of hearing from leaders in education, agriculture and technology, including the General Manager of IBM and scientists discussing the future of nanotechnology. It was a humbling experience to be surrounded by so many passionate innovators.

A highlight for us was presenting Arthur's journey towards food acceptance since starting at Ungarra Primary School. His story was incredibly well received and highlighted the personal impact that the Food Ladder program can have on students and families.

Food Ladder also showcased an exciting range of AI-powered tools, including harvest trackers, crop planning, yield estimators, recipes and native food resources. We are excited to bring these ideas back to our students and continue growing our Kitchen Garden and Food Ladder programs.

We are extremely grateful to Principal Rory Hunt and our school community for supporting this valuable opportunity. We returned inspired, full of new ideas and determined to ensure that, as one speaker said, "our Kitchen Garden and Food Ladder greenhouse is something we do, not something we did."



FOOD LADDER AUSTRALIA

-  Winner of Australia's most innovative non-profit
-  84,000+ meals served in one school year
-  5 x more productive than traditional farming
-  Over 135,600 servings of vegetables
-  Greenhouses now in 64 schools, reaching 14,200 children across Australia

UPPER PRIMARY

SOCCER CARNIVAL



We are really proud of how our students displayed amazing sportsmanship, supported each other and demonstrated our school values of integrity, resilience and respect!

Both teams played extremely well and finished 4th and 6th overall in their pools.

A fantastic day at Tumby Bay Soccer carnival. Thanks to Mr Masson & Tumby Bay Area School for organising this fun day.



Fruit tree grafting and pruning workshop

Growing knowledge, skills and community connections

Facilitated by **Cummins Community Garden**

Thursday 20th August 1:30 - 3:30pm

Join us for a hands-on workshop learning the skills to care for, maintain and improve fruit trees.

Learn the basics of

- Fruit tree pruning techniques
- Seasonal care & maintenance
- Grafting techniques & how to propagate new varieties
- Tips for healthier, more productive trees

Contact Rachel on Dojo to confirm your spot

This FREE community workshop is proudly supported through our school grant, providing an opportunity for families, community members and gardening enthusiasts to learn practical skills and connect through a shared love of growing.



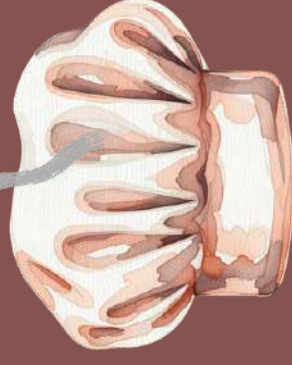
Capped at 10 people

NEW P&F COOKBOOK

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE FAMILY RECIPE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IN THE NEW UNGARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL'S COOKBOOK?

P&F are looking for delicious family recipes to include in the new cookbook - think sweets, savouries, lunchbox or dinner etc

please email Jamie.Snodgrass@activ8.net.au



THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY NEWS



FRRR

Foundation for Rural
Regional Renewal

to our amazing
community

STEVE FULLER



**COCKALEECHIE
SHEDS**
SHEDS & STEEL SUPPLIES

JAMIE SNODGRASS

volunteering her time
in our garden lesson

CRAIG COLEMAN

playground maintenance

RACHEL & KAZ

A big thank you for
preparing a delicious
chicken wrap lunch and
fruit salad for our
whole school last week.
Your generosity and
Kindness were greatly
appreciated, and
everyone thoroughly
enjoyed it!



JUSTIN MODRA

for volunteering your time to help with
building our new garden shed.

JON ASHWORTH