

Calendar Dates

TERM 2

Week 1

Wednesday 3rd May
- Report Collection
Afternoon 2:30-7:00pm

Thursday 4th May
- Year 10, 11, 12 Meningo-
coccal Immunisations

Week 2

Tuesday 9th May,
Wednesday 10th May &
Thursday 11th May
- NAPLAN

Wednesday 10th May
- Whole School Assembly

Week 3

Tuesday 16th May
- Governing Council

Week 4

Week 5 **RAMADAN**
Wednesday 31st May
- Year 8 Immunisations

Thursday 1st June
- Year 10, 11, 12 Meningo-
coccal Immunisations

Friday 2nd June
- Pupil Free Day

From our Principal, Mr David Harriss

Welcome to the second newsletter for the year. What a start to 2017 it has been. Since we last spoke, we have had one of the best Sports Days in recent memory, with Resilience winning for the first time in some say 20 years, and the level of school pride and enthusiasm, teamwork and appreciation for other's efforts shown was amazing, something commented on by attending parents and others who work at the stadium. Congratulations to us all! Another successful running of the "Underdale Cup" saw many Primary Schools compete in a competition that witnessed high levels of teamwork and competitive spirit as well as fair play and pleasing sportsperson like behaviour. This certainly helps promote one of the reasons as to why Underdale is becoming more and more a school of choice.



I met with a small group of parents earlier this term to get feedback on their perceptions and use of the DayMap parent portal. It was an extremely supportive meeting that reinforced the powerful opportunity this program gives parents and teachers to communicate about the progress of their child. We are continually exploring ways that we can improve the use of this program to facilitate better communication with home, including reporting through DayMap, and would welcome any feedback you can provide. The system is dependent on the accuracy of each parent email address, so when confirmation requests come home, please check the information carefully. Parents without an email address will still receive paper copies of correspondence as has historically happened. Term 1 reports will be printed out and distributed on Wednesday 3rd May (Week 1) in the school gymnasium, from 2:30 to 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing you all there, where you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. No need to make an appointment, just turn up! As it is the first time we have produced reports from DayMap with comments, there will be some production set-up anomalies (names in capital letters, spaces missing between sentences etc) that we need to address for the next reports, and we would welcome any feedback you can give us so that we can improve on our service with the next reports.

This term has seen all of our teachers working diligently on further developing their teaching skills, through the Pupil Free day and our Professional Learning Teams which meet for an hour each week. We have worked on improving our skills in developing better writing and literacy skills in our students, designing better tasks for all of our subjects (particularly within the Australian Curriculum) and expanding the width and depth of our leadership skills throughout the school.

Apart from the report collection evening, other important events for Term 2 include our NAPLAN tests (I would encourage every student to partake, as the results are an excellent tool for us to use in designing student learning into the future, on both an individual and collective basis). We should also see the final plans for our STEM development, something we will share fully with your Governing Council in the Week 3 meeting (these meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend).

I wish all students and teachers a very well deserved break, and look forward to everyone returning on the 1st May refreshed and ready to soar to new heights. Special reminder to Senior Students that learning never stops, and that whilst it is important to recharge the batteries, it is also important to continue deepening the knowledge you have gained.

Happy holidays!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are an excellent way for you to find out how your child is progressing at school. Here are some tips for talking to your child's teachers.

Prepare

Before heading off for the meeting, it's a good idea to put together a list of questions to ask the teachers. Here are some effective questions you might like to ask:

- **"What are my teen's strengths and what goals should we be aiming for in this subject?"**

Talking to their teachers about your child's strengths and identifying realistic goals for each subject can help focus their attention and improve their learning.

- **"What can I do to help my child's performance?"**

Your child's teachers might have some good suggestions about strategies your child can use to improve academically – such as study techniques and goal setting, and can give you ideas about things you can do to help build their confidence at home.

Take notes and talk to your child

It's a good idea to take note of the comments and suggestions your child's teachers make so you can discuss them with your child when you get home and make sure everybody is on the same page. It's important to let your child know the positive things their teachers said and praise them for their strengths, effort and achievement. Discuss any learning plans that you and their teachers have made to help your child make improvements and talk about how you will work together to follow through with the plan.

Being prepared, asking effective questions, and discussing the outcome of the meetings with your child will provide opportunity for positive communication and will help support your child's learning.

Sophie Pyromallis

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Leader



NAPLAN - Year 9

We wish to advise you that the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will proceed in all schools on Tuesday 9th May – Thursday 11th May for our Year 9 students. In the event that a student misses a test due to absence he/she will be required to do the 'catch up' test on Friday 12th May.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN experience; however there is an option for parents to seek exemption or withdrawal from one or all of the tests. Students with a language background other than English, who arrived from overseas less than a year ago, or students with significant intellectual or complex disabilities may be exempted from the NAPLAN testing. Students may also be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer for reasons of religious beliefs or philosophic objection to the testing. Parents/Carers wishing to seek exemption or withdrawal for their Year 9 student should contact the school to discuss their concerns and collect the relevant form. The exemption and withdrawal process must be completed no later than Friday 5th May, 2017.

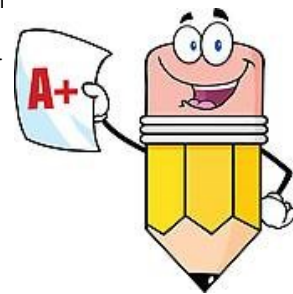
Further information available at www.naplan.edu.au/.

Should you wish to discuss the NAPLAN tests further, please feel free to contact the Deputy, Lesley Holliday on 8301 8000.

Term 1 Report Collection

Following on from the great success over the last two years, the Term 1 reports will again be made available for you to personally collect from the school gymnasium in Week 1, Term 2 on Wednesday 3rd May.

All teachers will be available for you to discuss your child's progress and how we can continue to work together to further develop the partnership between school and home to better support their learning. Reports will be available from 2:30pm until 7:00pm in the school's gymnasium



If you are unable to attend to collect your child's report please contact their Home Group teacher by email or phone either before or shortly after Wednesday 3rd of May, and after this personal contact and discussion the report will be sent home with the student.

Primary School Visits

Over the last four weeks, our year 8 students have been outstanding ambassadors in promoting our school at information sessions in the various feeder primary schools. The students have volunteered to participate in this important program which promotes Underdale High School's curriculum and outstanding programs to prospective year 8 students in 2018.



In week 9, the year 7 students from Cowandilla Primary school visited and they had the opportunity to be involved in a Maths lesson and also experience another specialist subject. Our Maths Coordinator, Mr Ash Brook is continuing the collaborative work with the Year 6/7 teachers from Cowandilla on the 6-8 Maths curriculum and effective pedagogy and this visit extended the work that had previously been undertaken.

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy



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Timetable of Year 9 NAPLAN Tests for 2017

The NAPLAN tests for 2017 will be held from Tuesday 9th May to Thursday 11th May 2017. We will organise a 'Catch Up Day' on Friday 12th May.

Date	Test	When held	Introduction and practice questions	Time allocation
Tuesday May 9 th	Language Conventions	L 1	10 minutes	45 mins
	Writing	L 2	15 minutes	40 mins
Wednesday May 10 th	Reading	L 1	10 minutes	65 mins
Thursday May 11 th	Numeracy (<u>calculator may be used</u>)	L 1a	10 minutes	40 mins
	Numeracy (<u>calculator must NOT be used</u>)	L 1b	10 minutes	40 mins
Friday May 12 th	Catch-up Time	As required (Managed by Lesley Holliday and Executive Team in room 20)		

Language Conventions incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Numeracy incorporates Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Space, Measurement, chance and data.



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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WEBSITE Support:

Check out the following websites to assist you with supporting your students in their preparation for the NAPLAN testing in May (Week 3, Term 2).

We need to start working with students NOW!

[NAPLAN Online](http://lms.naplanonline.com/) - National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

Completely free to use, **NAPLAN Online** provides students with the ability to take **NAPLAN** tests **online** and strengthen their abilities. <http://lms.naplanonline.com/>

Welcome: [NAPLAN](http://www.naplan.edu.au/)

As part of the National Assessment Program – Site has previous tests, sample questions, reports related to the tests, Frequently Asked Questions, etc. www.naplan.edu.au/ -

For other sites and resources simply do a google search.

Sports Day 2017

The last 12 months in world sport has been all about the underdogs and drought-breakers winning championships in various sports leagues. There was Leicester City, the Chicago Cubs, Cleveland Cavaliers, Western Bulldogs, Cronulla Sharks and Adelaide United who all won their respective championships against the odds or after long droughts. This trend continued at the Underdale High School Sports Day, with Resilience, led by Ms Virgo taking out the Sports Day championship after a 13-year drought!

It was a warm, autumn day that started with the novelty events to get the competitive edge amongst teams going before the track and field events started. It was fantastic to see so many students involved with events on the day, helping their house win points in what was one of the closest, if not the closest Sports Day Underdale has seen. As the day drew to a close, the relays, a crowd favourite event took place as each house cheered their runners to the finish line.

The time came to announce the results for the day (listed below). Two points separated second (Courage) and third (Optimism) while the champions, Resilience, were just 41 points ahead to take out the Sports Day crown with scenes of joy from everyone in Resilience. Optimism took out the middle school trophy, while Resilience continued their dominance by winning the senior trophy as well as the Spirit Award, an award dedicated to good sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to all students who attended, competed in events and made it a day for all to remember. Thank you to the house captains for their assistance and leadership and finally a big thank you to all staff who assisted with the running of all the events on the day, as well as parents, and families who came to support their sons and daughters. We look forward to an even bigger and better Sports Day in 2018!

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Middle School Trophy:

Optimism – 1,022 points

Courage – 958 points

Resilience – 880 points

Senior School Trophy:

Resilience – 741 points

Courage – 622 points

Optimism – 556 points

Overall Championship:

Resilience – 1621 points

Courage – 1580 points

Optimism – 1578 points

Spirit Award (Good Sportsmanship):

Resilience – 120 points

Courage – 85 points

Optimism – 70 points

Congratulations to the following students who won their year level championships:

Year 8 Boys – Salman Safi

Year 8 Girls – Mawa Sumaoro

Year 9 Boys – Jerry Antoine

Year 9 Girls – Erin Murphy

Year 10 Boys – Henry Baynes

Year 10 Girls – Reyzyl Alcantara

Year 11 Boys – Thanasi Morakis

Year 11 Girls – Angela Scriva

Year 12 Boys – Jordan Clark

Year 12 Girls – Manamen Sumaoro

Well done to the following students who set new records for track and field events:

Erin Murphy

Year 9 Girls 100m – 13.84 secs

Achie Joseph

Year 10 Boys 100m – 11.16 secs

Year 10 Boys 200m – 24.3 secs

Henry Baynes

Year 10 Boys Triple Jump – 10.95m

Alex Ergina

Year 9 Boys Javelin – 29.8m

Angela Scriva

Year 11 Girls Triple Jump – 8.89m

Reyzyl Alcantara

Year 10 Girls Discus – 19.9m

Manamen Sumaoro

Year 12 Girls 200m – 28.25 secs

Year 12 Girls 100m – 13.44 secs

Sanaila Rokonai

Year 11 Boys Shot Put – 11.37m

Craig Makosa

Year 12 Boys Long Jump – 6m

Daniel Joseph

Year 11 Boys 100m – 11.53 secs



Underdale High School Annual Sports Day 2017





Resilience Win!

Bullying NO WAY! - Friday 17th March A Great Success !

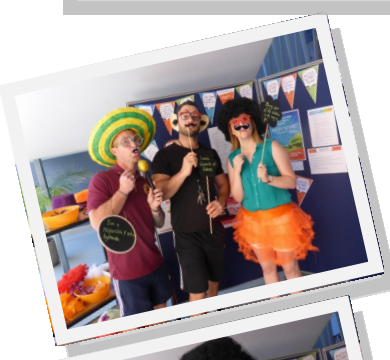
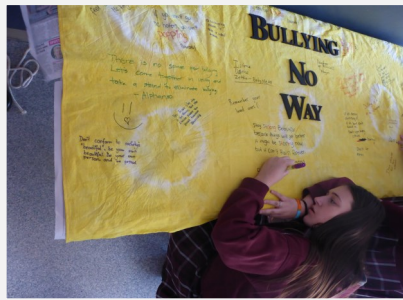
Over 840,000 students and 1810 schools across Australia were involved in standing united to mark National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. As a school we continue to promote this message throughout the year in a variety of ways.

This day is a day to continue to emphasise this. Activities on the day included:

- Take a stand pledges
- Photo booth
- Classroom Activities
- Yard Games
- Roving Reporters – Mr Luke Granleese, Alana Borke, Marie Gatis, Angelika Maragozidis
- Multimedia Competition joint winners were Michael Aladesaye for his poster & Guru Bhatia for his PowerPoint presentation

During the week activities in classes included:

- Revising our school policy on Bullying & harassment
- A range of awareness activities including :
 - * that bullying and violence are never ok
 - * be an active and safe bystander & use the "power" to take a stand.



Student Voice Assembly

On Wednesday 29th March, our 24 Student Voice representatives were formally introduced and received their badges. Year level leaders include: Year 8 Brad Callow, Year 9 Jemma Manfre, Year 10 Achie Joseph, Year 11 Joel Macasaquit and Mulky Abdi. Our three School Captains Erfan Rezai, Luka Dimanic and Alphanso Sayee spoke about the vision for 2017. Here is a snippet from Luka's speech: "Do not think that what you do goes unnoticed, supporting and encouraging each other isn't always the easiest thing to do but people appreciate what you do even though they may not thank you. That's what being part of a team is all about, helping each other through the hard times, and revelling in the ecstasy of the good times, as well as aiding others just for the sake of helping without the expectation of getting a reward or even acknowledgement sometimes."

Even though sports day has passed, I want you, the year 8s, 9s, 10s and year 11s to carry on this support and encouragement for each other throughout the year and the rest of your time at Underdale. I have personally witnessed this and know how supportive and encouraging you guys can be so keep it up and the school environment will be a happier and more successful place.

This is what school pride is all about, being happy to be in school, proud of where you learn and most importantly who you learn and grow with?

This is the last year for the people in year 12 to leave a legacy, the legacy that I want to leave behind is one of courage, optimism and most importantly resilience."

The Student Voice Council and their parents then had a delicious light luncheon kindly catered for by Ms Heywood and the Stage 1 Food & Hospitality classes.



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We will keep you up to date with all current affairs at Underdale High School.



Underdale High School Fundraising

Entertainment Books are again available to purchase through the school and an online book membership is available to purchase online via this link:

<http://www.entbook.com.au/926q430>

Books are available to purchase through the book room for \$70.00 each.

Your support is appreciated.

To all our families,



Enjoy the school holidays, be safe!

We will see you all on Monday 1st May, for the start of Term 2!