

UNDURBA STATE SCHOOL

# Hilltop Herald



TERM 2 WEEK 4 2026

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Check out the Week 2 news from our Principal, Mrs Leanne Odorico.

### [Term 2 Week 4 Principal's News](#)

It's been amazing to see everyone back after the holidays, refreshed and diving back into learning!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## TERM 2 2026 (Key: F = Parents and Families welcome to attend, S = Student event only)

5	<p><b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> P&amp;C Meeting: from 6:15pm in the Hall</p> <p><b>Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> Year 3: Street Science incursion S</p> <p><b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> Year 1: Wildlife incursion S</p> <p><b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Years 5-6: Interscholar Sport Year 5 Undurba Connect: from 1:00pm S</p>	6	<p><b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Years P-2: Under 8s' Day 8:35am-10:35am F</p>
7	<p>No events scheduled at this point in time.</p>	8	<p><b>Tue 9<sup>th</sup> June and Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> School Photo Days: class day/times to be advised</p> <p><b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> Performing Arts Showcase Performance: Performing Arts students, from 5:30pm in the Hall F</p>
9	<p><b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> P-6: 30 000 Gotcha Celebration: Wear your favourite sports jersey</p> <p><b>Tue 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> Senior Athletics Carnival: 10-12 years old, 8:35am-2:35pm F</p> <p><b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> P-2 Athletics Carnival: 11:35am-1:20pm F Years 3-4 Athletics Carnival: 8:35am-1:20pm F</p> <p><b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> Years 5-6: Interscholar Sport Year 5 Undurba Connect: from 1:00pm S</p>	10	<p><b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> Year 5: Planetarium excursion</p> <p><b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> Last day of Term 2</p>



## TERM 3 2026 (Key: F = Parents and Families welcome to attend, S = Student event only)

1	<p><b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> First Day of Term 3</p> <p><b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> Year 5 Undurba Connect: from 1:00pm S</p>	2	<p><b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> P&amp;C Meeting: from 6:15pm in the Hall</p>
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## **Reading at Undurba** From Mrs Kelli Bishop, Reading Pedagogy Teacher

This term, our teachers are focusing on explicit vocabulary instruction. Students will engage in the systematic learning of new words, including word structure, pronunciation, and meaning, supported through regular review and repetition. Teachers will also intentionally select vocabulary that extends students' knowledge and understanding of current learning topics. There are many ways families can support vocabulary development at home and help children build confidence in using new words.

### **Building Your Child's Vocabulary**

Vocabulary is essential for understanding, learning and communication. Strong vocabulary skills support reading success, especially in the early years (before age six). The best way to build your child's vocabulary is simple—talk and read together often. Children learn new words when they hear them repeatedly, in meaningful, everyday situations.

#### **Tips for parents:**

- Read regularly and talk about stories, characters and events
- Chat during daily routines (meals, play, outings)
- Introduce new words with simple explanations and examples
- Encourage your child to use new words in conversation
- Repeat and revisit new words often
- Try a “word of the day” and use it throughout the day



### **Talking, listening and sharing stories every day makes a big difference!**

Read stories and then talk about them. Chat about the story, the characters, and favourite and least favourite parts. Link the story to personal experiences.

At mealtimes, talk about the food you're preparing, what you're doing to it, how it tastes and what it looks like.

Talk about objects outside the house when on an outing – for example, the rustling of leaves, the dappled sunlight or the sounds of the birds, or traffic.

Talk about a game your child is playing – ask them to explain what just happened.

Tell your child stories about when you were younger, or about your family's past.

Talk about the recent past. Ask your child to tell you something they enjoyed doing that week.

Every day, choose a new 'word of the day' and attempt to use it in different contexts as many times as possible.

Encourage children to recognise when they have encountered new words and to ask for clarification if they meet a word they're unsure of.

Talk about the future. Tell your child what you're going to do the next day or at the weekend, or ask them to tell you what they need to do before they go to bed.

## From The Arts Team

### Performing Arts Showcase

Our Term 2 Performing Arts Showcase will be held in Week 8 on Thursday 11 June in the evening. This special event will celebrate the achievements of our talented instrumental students and school clubs.

Please save the date, as it promises to be a fantastic evening of performance and creativity. Further information for participating students will be shared around Weeks 4-5.



### Club Activities: Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guitar Club – Music Room</li><li>Year 6 Dance Club – Hall</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 5 Dance Club – Hall</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Show Club – Hall</li><li>Junior Chorale – Music Room</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 3 &amp; 4 Dance Club – Hall</li></ul>



**COMING SOON TO UNDURBA!**

### Under 8s' Day

Under Eights Week 2026 will be celebrated on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 8:35 am – 10:15am in the Community Zone. This year marks 70 years of supporting and celebrating young children. It's a special time to recognise the importance of early childhood and the learning that occurs during these early years of little people's lives. We invite all of our Prep to Year 2 families to join us on this morning to enjoy the many fun activities and play-based learning experiences which will generate curiosity, creativity and potential of our under 8 children.

#### **Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 families, please note!**

Waiting before school will need to look a bit different on the Under 8s' Day, and we ask that everyone waits in the Year 4/Tuckshop Covered area before school, so that staff are able to set up the activities quickly and safely. There will be admin staff and student leaders to assist with moving to these areas.




## PBL Update!

This fortnight's PBL update includes the positive behaviours our students have been focussing on in the last two weeks and the ways everyone can demonstrate these.

We also are heading towards our next Gotcha goal: to collectively reach 30 000 Gotchas across all our learners. This celebration will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, with students being invited to wear their favourite sports jersey or team colours.

On the next page, our PBL team have also put together some tips and strategies to assist families with morning transitions. We've all experienced those kind of mornings, when things just aren't clicking as they normally do, and we hope that you'll find these ideas helpful.








## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Update

This fortnight our PBL focus has been **'I care when I am a learner'** and **'I care when I use ICT safely'**.

**✓ We uphold our cares by:**

- Coming to school prepared for learning with our iPads charged and ready.
- Staying on task for our whole lesson.
- Following our teacher's directions promptly.
- Using a growth mindset and knowing that sometimes learning is tricky and we will make mistakes.
- Showing persistence and effort in all tasks.
- Asking for help and not wasting time if we are unsure what to do.
- Having adequate space and all school apps have been downloaded.
- Using our iPad for its intended purpose and only when our teacher has asked us.
- Always being connected to the classroom app.
- Keeping our passwords private and not sharing any personal details.
- Knowing who to go to if we are feeling unsafe online.


**Together we build safe, respectful and responsible learners.**


BREAKING NEWS
\* GOTCHA NEWS \*
SPECIAL EDITION


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GOTCHA CELEBRATION
2026

# Undurba


# YOU DID IT!

**30,000 GOTCHA CELEBRATION ACHIEVED!**


**CONGRATS!  
CONGRATS!  
CONGRATS!**



**SPORTS  
JERSEY/CLUB/  
COLOUR DAY!**



**SPORTS  
JERSEY/CLUB/  
COLOUR DAY!**



**CONGRATS!  
CONGRATS!  
CONGRATS!**

\*
MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE
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# Setting your child up for a calm morning



A calm morning often starts before arriving at school. Children are more likely to transition successfully when they know what is happening, what they need to do and what comes next.



## Families can support this by:



- preparing bags, uniforms, lunches and water bottle the night before



- using a simple morning checklist or visual routine



- giving clear, short instructions: "Shoes on, bag packed, then breakfast."



- allowing enough time so the morning does not feel rushed



- keeping goodbyes short, positive and predictable



- praising your child when they follow the routine: "You packed your bag without being reminded. That was responsible."



## Waiting in the assigned zone once at school:

**Prep:**

students with parents/guardians



**Year 1:**

Year 1 Eating Area. Sitting chatting with friends or with a responsible adult.



**Years 2-6:**

Year 2 Eating Area. Sitting chatting with friends or with a responsible adult.



A successful morning routine helps children arrive at school feeling calm, confident and ready to learn.



## FROM THE OFFICE

### CURRENT SCHOOL INVOICE & PERMISSION DUE DATES FOR 2026

Activity	Invoice Amount	Due Date
Robotics	\$70 (with shirt) \$31 (without shirt)	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026

### SRS INVOICE DUE DATES FOR 2026

**SRS Participation Cost:** Prep-Year 2 = \$140; Year 3-Year 4 = \$130; Year 5 – Year 6 \$110

SRS: Participating	Amount	Due Date
Prep – Year 2	\$140	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
Year 3 – Year 4	\$130	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
Year 5 – Year 6	\$110	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

# UNDURBA STATE SCHOOL

## 2027 PREP ENROLMENTS

Now Open

Collect an enrolment pack from the school office or from our school website



For More Information  
**3480 9111**





# Undurba Playgroup

Term 2

Suitable for  
ages 3-5

## WEEKLY THEMES

- |      |                                |       |
|------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 27/4 | All about me                   | ♥     |
| 4/5  | Public holiday<br>No playgroup | 📅✗    |
| 11/5 | Colours and shapes             | ● ◻ ▲ |
| 18/5 | Farm animals                   | 🐮     |
| 25/5 | Feelings/emotions              | 😊     |
| 1/6  | Building and construction      | 🧱     |
| 8/6  | Number and counting            | 1 2 3 |
| 15/6 | Sensory play                   |       |

## PLAYGROUP ROUTINE

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|-------|---|-----------------------|
| 9:00  | 🕒 | Start activities      |
| 9:25  | 🧺 | Pack away activities  |
| 9:35  | 📖 | Story and fruit snack |
| 9:45  | 🏡 | Playground play       |
| 10:00 | 👋 | Farewell              |

## WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Fruit Snack

## WHERE?

📍 Meet in the side room of the hall



## P&C Meetings

P&C meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, and everyone is welcome. Come along and have your say or just find out what's going on around the school.

## Meeting Dates 2026

- 18 May - General Meeting
- 15 June - General Meeting
- 20 July - General Meeting
- 17 August - General Meeting
- 21 September - General Meeting
- 19 October - General Meeting
- 16 November - General Meeting
- December - No Meeting



## Fundraising – Mothers' Day Stall

Thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to deliver the online purchases and those who worked on the stall. The stall was well supported by the school community. Thank you to Ronnie from the tuckshop for organising the stall.



## Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be available for Interschool Sports for Years 5 & 6 on Friday, Week 5.

**STUDENTS ATTENDING INTERSCHOOL SPORTS (INCLUDING DODGEBALL):** Students can order from a limited menu. Please ensure you order from the 'Interschool Sports Day May 1<sup>st</sup>' menu.

There is also an option to purchase a reusable insulated lunch bag and ice brick if needed.

As students will be taking their food with them to attend their chosen sport, no hot food will be available. Students attending Interschool Sports that order from the normal First Break menu will have food substituted from the limited menu.

\*\*\* Students playing Dodgeball at Undurba will have an opportunity to visit the Tuckshop during the day to buy drinks and snacks. \*\*\*

**STUDENTS STAYING AT SCHOOL (INCLUDING THOSE ATTENDING INVERPINE):**

Students are eating at school as normal and can order from the normal First Break Menu.