LIFE EDUCATION VAN
The Life Ed Van was at school on Tuesday. Primary students were excited to visit Healthy Harold and learn about staying healthy and safe!
YEAR 9/10 AG TECH
This term, students are working on a unit on Vegetable Production. As part of this unit, students will be maintaining a vegie garden during the year. For the last fortnight, students have been slaving away, building up their garden beds, and planting their vegie seeds as part of their prac work in the ag plot.
ABOVE : Matt Murrells, David Clarke and Sean Bradley hard at work!

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY
Louise Hunter (right) has been learning about inheritance and DNA in her biology classes. On Tuesday, she made a model of protein synthesis using lots of circles, squares and rectangles to build some paper DNA.
Mrs Jackson

K/1 SCIENCE
We have been looking at how things grow this term, and have learned some interesting facts : did you know that a shark’s egg looks like a bag with strings? We took photos of some living and non-living things in the playground this week.
Below: Dakota Otovic with a plant (living!) and Patrick Whiley with some bricks (not living!).
Students have been working on a section of work based around Responding to Change. As part of this, we have been learning about the roles our senses play in our ability to detect and respond to changes around us, and also how plants respond to changes in their environment. This week, students have dissected a cow’s eye to observe the structures that make up an animal eye. They got to identify the cornea, the aqueous and vitreous humour (much to Vanessa’s horror) and the lens, amongst other structures.

Another prac students set up this week was an investigation into how plants respond to changes in stimuli. David is investigating how plants respond to gravity, and the rest of the class has chosen to investigate various changes to light intensity, for example coloured light, no light vs normal light conditions.

TOP : Chelsea Dunstan, Beverley Clarke, Bridie McCubbin and Vanessa Robb.
RIGHT : Beverley, Vanessa and Nathan Newbery.
DUBBO SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday a group of swimmers from UCS attended the Western Area Swimming Trials held in Dubbo. They were invited to Dubbo after doing well at the Lower Lachlan carnival held recently at Lake Cargelligo.

Our swimmers performed really well on the day, with most doing personal best times for each race. You can't do much more than that!

Some of the stand-out performances for our school were:
- Hugh Williams - 6th in 50 freestyle, 13th in 50 breast
- Ashton Ross - 8th in 50 freestyle
- Angus Williams - 7th in 50 freestyle, 7th in 50 fly, 5th in 50 breast
- Ella McRae - 15th in 50 breast
- Tom Roscarel - 13th in 50 breast
- Josh Roscarel - 13th in 50 breast
- Molly Bryant - 15th in 50 back
- Abby Wason - 23rd in 50 fly

While no-one from UCS made it to State, all these swimmers should be proud of their effort. Competition was very hot at this carnival, with only a handful of swimmers from Lower Lachlan making it this year to Sydney.

Well done everyone!

Mr Cattle

BELOW : Tom Roscarel, Ashton Ross, Josh Roscarel and Angus Williams. Below right : Ella McRae and Hugh Williams.

TONY LOCKETT SHIELD

Twelve primary boys travelled in to West Wyalong yesterday for an AFL trials day. Ungarie’s first game was against a Lower Lachlan composite team with a close result (but as the composite team was not part of the official competition, it was a “warm up” game for our boys).

Our second game was against Parkes, which again was close, but Parkes edged us out by a goal (2:5 to 1:5).

The third game against Parkes East was a convincing win for our boys, which put them through to the final against Parkes. Ungarie played well, but ran out of puff (Parkes had a few more players), eventually losing by 4 goals, making Parkes the regional Tony Lockett Shield winners.

Four boys were selected to attend the next round of trials for the Western Region AFL side on the 3rd of April. Congratulations to Josh Roscarel, Angus Williams, Tom Roscarel and Ryan Crofts. Luke Cameron was also on the selectors’ list, but unfortunately will be moving to a new school and will not be eligible to attend.

The selectors were also impressed by the standard of a number of our promising youngsters, and will be looking forward to seeing them try out next year!