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Celebrating our Year 12 students



Principal's Report

Welcome to the November edition of the Urrbrae newsletter. The end of the year is fast approaching, and as I write this our Year 12 students are sitting their final examinations or completing their final tasks for their respective SACE subjects. As a school community we wish them all the very best in the next stage of their lives, as they transition from students to young adults. We are proud of the people they have become, and we feel we have had a part in shaping them over the past five years, equipping them to go out into the big wide world and start the next chapter in their lives.

Celebrating the end of Year 12 is one of those milestones that people always remember, and we have hosted a number of farewell events over the past three weeks to give our senior students a memorable send-off. Our "Fun Day" on the oval involved lots of bouncy castles and water, our Farewell Breakfast (hosted by the Governing Council and Urrbrae staff) was a roaring success and our final whole school assembly gave the entire school community an opportunity to say goodbye. The final event will be Presentation Night on Friday December 1st at the Wayville Showgrounds, a fitting venue for our Urrbrae graduates.

It is with regret that I announce that I will be unexpectedly retiring at the end of this year, starting my own next chapter. I have absolutely loved leading Urrbrae over the past eight years, and I am very sad to leave a place that has become like a second home. Staff, students and parents work together at this school to create a unique learning environment that is second to none. Our students share a passion for agriculture, technology and the environment, and it is this passion that allows them to thrive. Urrbrae offers opportunities that cannot be measured. It was interesting that in their final speeches to the whole school at the Year 12 Farewell Assembly, all of the seven Year 12 speakers urged the younger students to make the most of these opportunities. As they commented, whether your pathway is tertiary, TAFE, apprenticeship or other, there is a place for all at Urrbrae Agricultural High School. I will be sorry to say goodbye, but am confident that the next Principal will continue to build on the successes that we have achieved.

Joslyn Fox
Principal

Senior School News

Michelle Rowe
Senior School Coordinator

Final Year 12 News

Wow... what a year we have had! The students' last week began with themed dress ups each day, a fun day of water pistols and waterslides, sumo wrestling, challenge games and volleyball on the oval on Thursday and finished with a lovely breakfast provided by our School Governing Council and organised by Gayle in the Canteen. This was followed by the Final Assembly where the reality of the end of school finally came home to many. Congratulations to all our wonderful Year 12 students on officially completing your coursework. Exams are currently in progress and despite a few nerves everyone seems to be well prepared so far.



Year 12 Graduation and Senior School Presentation Evening – Friday 1st December

The Year 12 Graduation and Senior School Presentation Evening will be held at the Ridley Centre at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds in Wayville on Friday 1st

December, commencing at 7:00pm. Year 12 students will be required to be at the Ridley Centre at 6:30pm to be allocated their seating



and organise their entrance. Please allow time for parking, which is available in the Showgrounds carpark off Rose Terrace, for a small fee. **Students are asked to wear smart casual or business attire** to be presented on stage at the final Urrbrae event.

Year 12 parents should have received an email with a link to the Presentation Night RSVP. Students are allocated two invited guests; however, more can be requested through the link in the email. If you did not receive this email, please contact Michelle Rowe or the school Administration. There is no cost associated with attending the Presentation Night; however, we do need families to RSVP to ensure that we have enough space to accommodate everyone.

Presentation Night and Graduation is an opportunity to acknowledge the time our Year 12s have spent at Urrbrae, and their achievements. It will be a wonderful night of celebration, and I look forward to celebrating with you and your children.

Finally, I would like to thank all our Year 12 parents for your support this year.

Year 11 News

The end of the year is very quickly approaching for our Year 11 students with all regular classes finishing at the end of Week 6 (24th November). This year we will be having a *Year 12 Jumpstart* on **Monday 27th November which is compulsory for all Year 11 students**. The day will begin with a Year 11 assembly in the Hall from 8:45 am where students will receive their subject lines for 2024. They will then attend 30-minute sessions for their chosen subjects, to find out if they have any holiday work to complete, and to just get a handle on the requirements of their Year 12 subjects.

Sessions will end at about 1:15pm and students will then be able to sign out and leave school, however if they have not completed all English and Maths to a

passing standard; they will be required to report to **C1 to complete this work**. These are compulsory SACE subjects and students must achieve at least a C at Stage 1 in these classes in order to complete the requirements of SACE.

If students are studying examinable subjects, their exams will begin on Tuesday afternoon, and I have attached an Exam Timetable below. Year 11 students who have no exams and have completed all of their compulsory course work will not be required to attend school after the *Year 12 Jumpstart*. Students who have

work to finish will be required to attend school until this is complete.

Finally, a reminder that the first round of orders for the Year 12 Jumpers closes Sunday 12 November at midnight.

From the Senior School Team, we wish you all the best for the end of year and look forward to working with you all again next year

Michelle Rowe
Senior School/SACE Coordinator

2023 YEAR 11 EXAM TIMETABLE		
Subject	9:00am	12:30pm
Tuesday 28 November	SWOTVAC NO EXAMS	11 Maths Methods D (29) 11 Essential maths (16)
Wednesday 29 November	11 General Maths (69)	11 Physics (27)
Thursday 30 November	11 Chemistry (51)	11 Maths Methods C (36)
Friday 1 December	NO EXAMS	NO EXAMS

Urrbrae Harvest Magazine Last Chance to Order!

Since 1952 Urrbrae has produced a yearbook 'Harvest' that showcases events, and acknowledges and celebrates student achievements. The 2023 'Harvest' magazine is now available to order via the UAHS website at a cost of \$35.00 per copy. **Orders will close 17 November 2023.** As we print what is ordered, no additional copies will be available, so order soon.

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All the moments, memories and medals, ready for Harvest.

Celebrating our Year 12's Final Week



Reception at Government House

Our School Captains, Evie Beven and Seth Hill, were excellent ambassadors for Urrbrae at a reception at Government House, Adelaide on October 12, 2023.

Distinguished guests for the afternoon included Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC and The Honourable Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training and Skills.



Agricultural Matters

Vincent Fleming
Assistant Principal
- Agriculture

Crop Science is Growing Interest in Agronomy

Year 11 Crop Science students have recently been very active in a range of field trips in the wider agricultural community and with other programs on the Urrbrae farm including:

Hart Field Day



The Year 11 Crop Science class attended the Hart Field Day (near Clare) in late September and heard presentations on Wheat Varieties, Export Oaten Hay Production, and Snail and Slug Control.



Thanks to the Hart Field Site team for their amazing work and for the opportunity to show our students the latest research in the cropping industry.

Yorke Peninsula Field Days

Urrbrae was promoted at the 2023 Yorke Peninsula Field Days during Week 10 of Term 3.

The Urrbrae display provided a great opportunity to catch up with many old scholars and to meet prospective new students and their families.



Hay Production on Farm Visit



On a large scale: Students inspect the impressive cultivator (above) and tractor

Students of the Year 11 Crop and Plant Science class visited Old Scholar, Gavin Schuster's, property Ezy Bale business at Freeling in late September.

The Schuster family supply hay to domestic and export markets, with a major focus on value adding and providing premium products that ensure continuity of feed supply.

Corbin Schuster talked about hay production for profit and for weed control and discussed sowing rates, row spacing and crop nutrition as tools for managing hay quality.

Students learned about timing of hay cut, the use of conditioners and tedders to aid curing and the impact that weather can have on hay quality. Students then toured

the impressive hay storage facilities as well as the hay processing plant that produces small bales for the horse feed market.

Thanks to Corbin Schuster for being so generous with his time and knowledge.





Shayla Lepse at
Konetta Station

Urrbrae Students Gain Valuable Experience on AJ and PA McBride Properties

Year 11 students Evie Gardiner and Lexie Stewart enjoyed a work experience week at Nepowie Station near Naracoorte which is owned and operated by AJ and PA McBride which are major sponsors and supporters of Urrbrae Agriculture High School programs and awards. The students enjoyed the opportunity and summarised their experience:

"We both have really enjoyed everything that we did over the past week, whether it was out feeding in the utes, moving mobs, sheep classing or calf marking. Coming to Nepowie, with such little experience and now leaving with new skills and more knowledge in this side of agriculture, is going to help us in future with our career paths. Not only was the Nepowie team friendly they made us feel welcomed and involved us in what they were doing, allowing us to learn new things and have a crack. Thank you, Lexie and Evie."

Year 12 Urrbrae student, Shayla Lepse, also wanted to find out what a career at McBride's might look like, so a few weeks out from finishing her year 12 studies Shayla spent her holidays helping out the team at Konetta. She wrote the following to describe her experience.

"I had an absolute blast down at Konetta Station! It was an amazing opportunity to learn about landmarking and stock work as I've never been involved in it on a big scale such as at Konetta. I got to have a go around the cradle, mustering, moving stock, drafting and penning. Everyone was really welcoming and more than happy to teach me new skills. McBride's are truly something different with the way they manage their properties and encourage kids like me to learn about and be a part of the industry. It's been the opportunity of a lifetime!"

Thanks to the McBride staff and teams at Nepowie and Konetta Stations for supporting our students to experience work on a sheep station first-hand!



Evie Gardiner and Lexie Stewart
enjoyed their work experience
at Nepowie Station

Urrbrae attends Murray Bridge Show Dairy Competition



Heifers Ding and Noni placed 3rd and 6th respectively in their Baby Class and Lyndal a 5th in her Senior Yearling. The students put in a fantastic effort in the handlers segment with Owen Rix placing first in the Junior Handlers, Jett Thiele placing 4th with Ding, Indie Guidolin 5th with Noni and Lilybel Guidolin 8th with Lyndal - a fantastic effort considering the size of the class!

Intermediate and Senior handlers also did a great job, with Cerys Thomas getting 5th in the Intermediate Handlers and Katie Bell and Chris Thompson getting 3rd and 4th in the Senior Handlers.

All students put in an incredible effort preparing the heifers and a special mention to our Senior Leader, Tyler Fergusson, who gave up his day to assist with mentoring the juniors.



On the first Saturday of the recent school holidays the Urrbrae Dairy Heifers and Dairy Club Junior Team Years 7 – 9 students attended the Murray Bridge Show. The outing was the first time competing for many and we couldn't think of a more fantastic show to start.

Shearing and Wool Handling Workshops a Popular Choice for Senior Ag Students

Years 11 and 10 Sheep Management students participated in shearing and wool handling sessions on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 3. The experience provides skill development in shearing, wool handling and wool classing.

Thanks to Old Scholar, Paul Oster, from Shearing Contractors Association of Australia for organising and providing these valuable sessions and to Brodie Bridgman from Contract Farming for providing the Merino sheep for shearing.



Mount Gambier Show Successes in Both Dairy and Beef Competitions

The Dairy Teams last hurrah for the 2023 season was a very wet show at Mount Gambier. Regardless, the students and heifers pushed through and represented Urrbrae extremely well with excellent results:

- Katie Bell had a fantastic show, winning both Junior Judges Competition and the Young Handlers Competition;
- Evie Gardiner placed second in the Young Handlers Competition;
- Rose Buckton placed third in the Junior Handlers Competition;
- Urrbrae heifer Newlyn Park Lyndal placed 3rd in her Interbreed 18 month class, and Benlargo Victor Noni received an Honourable Mention in the overall Holstein class.

A huge thank you to Edmonds Transport for trucking our team of heifers and to all our breeders for their incredible support this show season - Benlargo Holsteins, Braelee Illawarras, Geelunga Ayrshires, Cee Jay Ayrshires, Newlyn Park Holsteins and Robsvue Holsteins & Jerseys. Your support of the program at Urrbrae and the students is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you again.



Urrbrae students also prepared a steer for the Mt Gambier Show 2023. The steer (Urrbrae Blue Gum Hill Tex) achieved 3rd Place in Best Presented Steer and 1st in the Light-weight Hoof Competition. Well done to Year 11 student Dakota Berden who achieved 1st Place in Novice Handlers and to Year 10 student Paige Clark who achieved Reserve Champion in the Experienced Handlers Competition.

Congratulations to Paige and Dakota. Special thanks to Lorren Hampton and Blue Gum Hill Limousins for the provision of such a champion steer.



HASS News

Kellie Woolford
HASS Coordinator

Australian Geography Competition

This year 58 Urrbrae students across Year 7 and 8 tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2023 Australian Geography Competition.

Over 65,000 students from 700 schools across Australia entered the competition so the results give the HASS team an external benchmark as to how Urrbrae students are going in certain aspects of geography.

In addition to a number of students who achieved a Credit or Distinction in the competition this year, the HASS team would like to highlight the achievements of Karim Freebairn in Year 7, together with Atticus Hanisch, Jamal Khalaf and Felicity Nye in Year 8, who were all awarded a High Distinction. These students demonstrated an excellent level of knowledge, application and reasoning skills.

According to Rachel Honey, the Competition's national coordinator, "The Competition aims to encourage student interest in geography and to

Dublin, Ireland, will be chosen from Year 11 students who have excelled in the 2023 Australian Geography Competition.

The Competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland. Funding to support the Competition and Australia's team in the Olympiad is provided by the Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the University of Melbourne, the University of New South

Wales, Monash University, The University of Queensland, Curtin University and the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience.

We look forward to more Urrbrae students taking up the challenge in 2024!

Below: Urrbrae's Australian Geography Competition Participants



reward student excellence."

Above: Sophie Bairstow and Felicity Nye with their Certificates

"Geography is such an important subject because it develops in students a holistic understanding of the world around them, and their place in it," said Ms Honey.

Australia's team to the 2024 International Geography Olympiad in



Wetlands News



Native Fish Breeding Program

One of the Nature Glenelg Trust ecologists visited the Urrbrae Wetlands to assess how well the endangered Purple Spotted Gudgeon are breeding.

They were released into the wetlands over a year ago and the good news is that there are a variety of ages so they must be surviving and breeding well! Ms Breeding's class helped to count the specimens - a great learning opportunity for her science class!

Vanessa Greenslade
EFG Coordinator



Checking on the Endangered Purple Spotted Gudgeon
(clockwise from top)
Pulling out the net;
Sorting; Tipping out the catch and Measuring and Counting.



Wetland Spring Open Day

The Year 7s Wetland Club did a great job at running the workshops at the Friends Spring Open Day late last term with Arie Howard-Jones being the only Environment Focus Group student to lead the group. Workshops included: Birds, Cleaning the Water, Macroinvertebrates and Wetland Wildlife.



Arie and Daina at the Trash Rack Workshop



Mae, Amelie and Linda running the Macroinvertebrate Workshop



Karim and Daina at the Wildlife Workshop

Cool Burning

David Larritt and his Conservation and Land Management classes have been busy late last term and this term carrying out some cool burning to remove weed grasses and to improve regeneration of native grasses.

The grasses were at the Wetland and also on the farm in paddock C. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about how to manage low level fires and also how this type of burning can reduce fuel load.

Photos are being taken to compare the effects over the next few growing seasons.



Native Animal Club News

Ian Reed
Mr Possum Magic



Above: "Blinky" the Ringtail Possum
Right: Release the turtles!

New Faces in the Sanctuary

Towards the end of Term 3 the Native Animal Club celebrated its annual sleep-over. This involved about 50 members, along with student leaders and staff sleeping over in swags and tents (and in the hayshed!).

We started with a huge working bee that got a lot of work done tidying up the sanctuary as a whole, as well as making some improvements to fencing of revegetation areas and cleaning out the turtle pond.

After a pizza dinner, we went out spotlighting around the school looking for interesting night-time inhabitants. As well as flying foxes, we saw boobook owl close up hunting for mice in the sanctuary, and less pleasingly, a fox out among the cattle in a paddock. Some students got some sleep, and then a bacon and eggs breakfast.



A wild boobook owl comes to visit



Sleep-over breakfast on a tractor

Many club members also took the opportunity to show their families around the sanctuary and show off the valuable work they have done supporting the project. It was a brilliant event, and I would like to thank Ms Ey, Ms Neller and Ms Ashby for assisting and sleeping over the night, as well as their ongoing efforts in supporting the sanctuary. It couldn't happen without them.



Sleep-over wake up



Sleep-over breakfast

The sanctuary is a dynamic project with lots going on, and the last few months have certainly proved that to be true. For the first time in at least a decade we are displaying reptiles in the sanctuary. There have been some offers of reptile donations to the school and recently we took up a couple of the offers and built a lizard display using a raised garden bed as the basis for the habitat. We have two bearded dragons, a blue-tongue lizard and a pair of stumpy lizards who all take turns stretched out under a heat lamp.



Our new lizard habitat



A sleepy lizard being sleepy

They are certainly an entertaining addition to our collection and a great expansion in the experiences of animal care for our club members.



One of our new bearded dragons in display mode



Jarrah with a friendly sleepy lizard

We have also recently obtained a pair of ring-tail possums, to replace our very aged female who died at the end of last year. This pair, Blinky and Hush, have had several successful matings in the past, so we are hopeful that we will see some little possum joeys in the future. They are adding to the liveliness of the nocturnal house, showing a strong liking for blueberries, strawberries and lili pili leaves.

For the time being at least they are taking some of the “cute” attention away from the gliders for our students.



Myah with our new friendly possum 'Hush'



2023 Agricultural, Animal and Vet Sciences Careers Expo

The 2023 Agricultural, Animal and Vet Sciences Careers Expo this year was presented by UAHS and Ag Communicators. The weather was superb, and the event was bigger and better than ever.

Over 600 students enjoyed the Expo moving through the STEM Centre and two external marquees between 12 and 5pm. It was a fantastic event with more than 30 agricultural businesses exhibiting. We hosted an additional seven visiting schools from around the state including Tatachilla Lutheran College, Mount Barker High School, Rostrevor College, Booleroo Centre District School, Maitland Lutheran School, Keith Area School and St Peter's College.

Students were given a 'Goodie Bag' on arrival and meandered among the exhibitors to ask questions, collect brochures and learn about the wide variety of opportunities within the fields of animal care and husbandry, horticulture, fisheries and employers within the agriculture industry.

Anita Giarrantano from Ag Communicators and Ms Annasofia Hamilton were instrumental in the

planning of the event this year. Ag Communicators Lead Ag Teacher, Sue Pratt, interviewed a panel of industry representatives showcasing career opportunities within Agriculture. Speakers discussed reasons why a career in agriculture could be attractive, where they studied, the roles and responsibilities within their employment and the reasons why they love their work.



Students enjoyed exploring career choices at the Expo

Photos pictured include exhibitors from pastoral companies, training providers, government agencies, industry organisations, universities and fruit/vegetable and nut producers.

The school community banded together to create a wonderful afternoon. Matt Krieg and our SRC members assisted with some of the set-up, cooked the BBQ, sold drinks and greeted exhibitors and the visiting schools which was fantastic. Support from Kym Emmins, Con Manglaris, Clare Destro, Angela Santinon, Jacinta McIntee, Scott Gunn, Ben Fehlberg and leaders Ian Reed and Vince Fleming was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

The support of this expo has been ongoing from Principal Joslyn Fox, who again welcomed all in attendance on the day. Additionally, many thanks must go to our Gold & Silver sponsors for their support.

Overall, it was a fabulous event that once again highlights the excellent program we offer here at Urrbrae Agricultural High School. Our teaching, learning and facilities in Agricultural Education programs are exemplary and pivotal in the development of future leaders within a plethora of agricultural fields in the future.

Here's to an even bigger and better Careers Expo in 2024!



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New Equine Course, the First in South Australia

This year two UAHS VET Coordinators, Department for Education Pathways Advisors, Racing SA and Skill Invest have banded together to get a new course running for students with an equine focus.

The Certificate II in Horse Racing (Stablehand) course will be up and racing out of Morphettville Racecourse each Monday during the school year in 2024.

To enquire or enrol see Mrs Maynard now



Vocational Education and Training VET
(Course for School Students)

RGR20221
Certificate II in Racing Industry (Stablehand)

Course summary
This qualification provides an introduction to the racing industry and allows for specialisation in a stablehand (harness or thoroughbred) role. Individuals with this qualification carry out routine tasks under supervision where the work is predictable and structured with limited judgement requirements. Occupational licensing or registration requirements apply to this qualification in some states and territories. Users are advised to check with the relevant Principal Racing Authority in each State or for current requirements.

Career outcomes

- Stablehand

Duration (guide only)

- One year

Delivery method

- Based at Morphettville (TBC)
- Delivered on Mondays
- Classroom
- Stables
- Trackwork
- Race Meetings

Qualification requirements
To meet the packaging rules and attain the qualification RGR20221 Certificate II in Racing Industry (Stablehand) a total of 14 units must be completed.

Requirements:

- 4 core units
- 10 elective units

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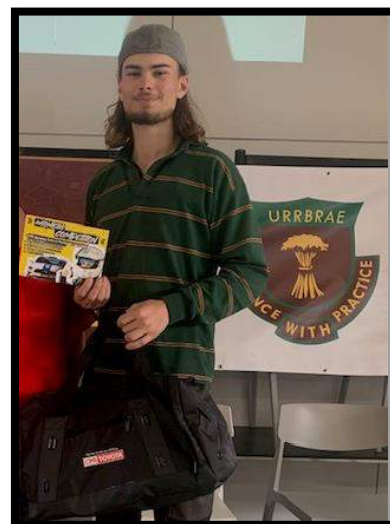
On the 12th and 13th May 2023, the Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo (ACEE) took place at the Wayville Showgrounds. Many students from all over the state attended this event to learn about different industries and the career pathways that exist in those industries.

A competition was organised by the exhibitors within the Automotive Precinct. This competition was used to encourage students to engage and have conversations with the automotive exhibitors about potential career pathways in the industry.

The Automotive Industry Reference Group (IRG) was responsible for setting up the large Automotive Precinct at the ACEE, which included interactive indoor and outdoor stalls to engage with students to promote career pathways into the automotive industry. The Automotive IRG is a voluntary working group composed of a coalition of automotive employers that is chaired by the automotive industry and supported by the Department for Education. The purpose of the Automotive IRG is to raise student awareness of possible career opportunities and knowledge of the automotive industry, that will lead to an increase in the pool of young people with the skills and knowledge to pursue automotive industry careers.

The Automotive Precinct had stalls set up for the following exhibitors: CMI Toyota, Motor Trade Association, North East Isuzu, Cavpower, RAA, Emmetts, SARTA and TAFE SA. Within the Automotive Precinct at the ACEE, the Automotive IRG organised a competition card for students to complete and submit to go into a draw for some prizes.

The runner-up prize winner was UAHS student Samuel Kemp (right). The prize was a voucher for an RAA membership, Ferrari T-shirt and a CMI Merchandise Pack.



Maths News

Space Camp

Space Camp was absolutely out of this world! Four absolutely packed days of Aerospace fun. Day One was a tour of many of the complexes inside Lot 14 (the new Aerospace development), this included the BOM Space Weather Centre – which was absolutely stellar.



Launching model rockets!

Day Two was a tour of the Defence Science and Technology group. I was blown away by their modern laser systems and their radio telescopes.



Undertaking martian ground work

Day Three was my personal favourite, the Mars simulation at the Hamilton Space School. There were two teams of people. One was Ground Control that oversaw all surface operations and the other was a group of

astronauts, the brave souls, on the surface!

Working with surface operations, my role was the geologist, where I would collect rock samples and do tests on them. However, I was then allocated the position of Commander of Ground Control Operations!! Such power was put in my hands.



Martian surface operations

As it turned out the sand storm came a bit sooner than anticipated and all 10 astronauts on the surface died... oops.

Helen Douvartzidis
Maths Coordinator



Martian Ground Operations

Day Four was my least favourite day, because it was the final day of the camp and I would have to say goodbye to my new friends. Very sad indeed.

We built model rockets and launched them! I was very proud to say that mine worked almost flawlessly and now resides on my bookshelf, a totem of such an incredible experience.

I met so many incredible people on Space Camp, it was such an incredible thing to be a part of. To infinity, and beyond.

Declan Chambers
Year 10



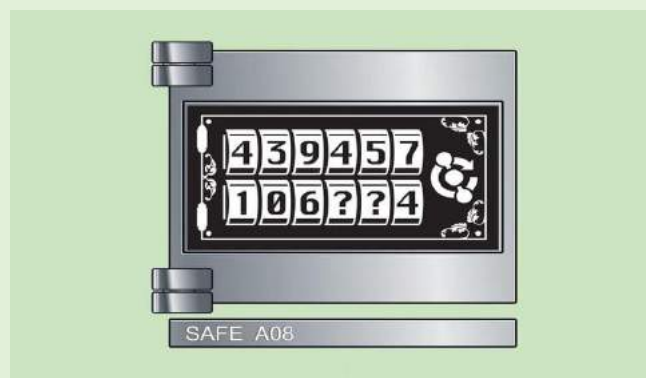
Puzzle it out!

A huge thank you to the parents and teachers who gave a correct answer to the puzzle in the last newsletter. Tom's Granny was indeed 58 years old. Peter Sudo, father of Baxter in Year 11 was first in with the correct answer.

So this edition's puzzle is a code cracking task. Happy code cracking and please Daymap me your answer for a bottle of Urrbrae Wine.

Helen Douvartzidis
Mathematics Coordinator

To open this safe, you have to replace the question marks with the correct figures. You can find this figure by determining the pattern behind the numbers shown.



Old Scholars News

Old Scholar Lourens Coetzee wins a Spirit of Excellence in Agriculture Award 2023.

The Agricultural Bureau's annual Spirit of Excellence in Agriculture Awards provides unique opportunities and valuable financial support to award winners who are chosen for their abilities, achievements, vision and motivation for success.

Old Scholar, Lourens Coetzee, from the class of 2021 was successful in winning the Rural Youth Bursary Award category, valued at \$5,000. This award, sponsored by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA), provides young people (aged 18-30) working in rural communities within South Australia the opportunity to pursue further study, undertake a study tour or to develop a special project, which will ultimately benefit their rural community.

Lourens is currently studying Viticulture and Oenology at Charles Sturt University. This scholarship will enable him to travel to the Chateau Maris in France to learn further skills in winemaking and bring that knowledge home to implement it at the Kaesler Wines, Nuriootpa, Barossa valley, where he has been working for the past two years.

This opportunity began two year ago when Lourens' Agriculture teacher, Mr James Anderson referred him to Kaesler Wines. Congratulations Lourens, we wish you a safe journey and look forward to hearing of further success!

Michelle Rowe
Year 12 Coordinator



Arts News

Urrbrae Wreath-Making Workshop at the Barn Market

As a part of the October and November Barn Market, Urrbrae Arts students ran a wreath-making workshop using canes from the grape vines that were recently pruned. The workshop was well attended, and participants were able to take home a wreath filled with fresh leaves and flowers, ready for family festivities.

Rosetta Mastrantone
Arts Coordinator

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WREATHS OF PLENTY:
Friends and families entwined for some wreath-making fun.



Urrbrae at the 2024 Adelaide Festival - with Create4Adelaide

Muralist Ella Germein has been working with Urrbrae students to paint a mural to activate "the spine" at Urrbrae. The work is a part of the Create4Adelaide initiative and will feature in the 2024 Adelaide Festival.

Students from Ms Mastrantone's art classes developed imagery for the project and students across the school have contributed to painting the large-scale work.

Many thanks to Ella for her awesome work with our students, the Adelaide Festival, the Create4Adelaide team and the generous donation of paint from Dulux.

Rosetta Mastrantone
Arts Co-ordinator



Celebrating Urrbrae Students' Success

Urrbrae Winners at 2023 SA Orienteering School Relay Championships

Friday, 1st September, was the 2023 SA Orienteering School Relay Championships held at Thorndon Park. UAHS had six competitors and three teams for the junior high boys category:

- Lewis Rodda, Angus Fairgrieve finishing 2nd
- Eric Casey, Nathan Stevens finishing 3rd
- Levi Wandless

In terms of points awarded Urrbrae finished 1st and 2nd, a great effort boys! A big congratulations to Angus Fairgrieve who had made the SA junior boys orienteering team competing in Perth over the October holidays.



Congratulations to (L-R) Eric Cassey, Lewis Rodda, Nathan Stevens and Angus Fairgrieve

Guest artists at the 2023 Primary Schools Music Festival

Congratulations to Urrbrae students Katelyn Keloth, Year 12, and Clare Naglis, Year 11, who along with two students from Heathfield High School, were selected to play violin as guest artists in this year's Primary Schools Music Festival (PSMF) concerts.

The PSMF is a school-based music education program provided by the Department for Education and the SA Public Primary Schools' Music Society and gives students opportunities to perform at the Adelaide Festival Theatre, or in foyer concerts.

The group of four friends, known as Kingswood Collective, have been playing together for 3 years.



Well done Katelyn Keloth (left) and Clare Naglis (right)

Budgie Dazzler!

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Caitlin Lush, for winning the "Most Dazzling Feathers" Award in the novice category at #budgiefest2023 (as part of the Budgerigar Society of South Australia competition).

Award winner Caitlin Lush (right) and Opal (far right) proudly displaying his very dazzling feathers.



Outstanding Junior Club Person 2023

Congratulations to Eliza Wegner, awarded the Margaret Morgan Perpetual Trophy for Outstanding Junior Club Person 2023.

Eliza represents Ironbank Cherry Gardens Netball Club in the Hills Netball Association.

Eliza is an active person around the club, always prepared to offer assistance and help out her peers with a smile, coaching, playing inter & seniors, umpiring and successfully obtained her C badge.



Well done Eliza!

YMCA Junior Parliament



Day One – Nunyara Conference Centre

During the term 3 break, I was involved in the YMCA's Junior Parliamentary program. This was a 3-day residential camp, for students between the age of 12 to 15, with each day being a new and immersive way to learn about parliament and parliamentary processes.

Day one was spent at Nunyara Conference Centre. We did fun workshops which were focused on different aspects of the Australian Parliamentary System including parliamentary etiquette and rules, leadership, and the different roles that need to be played in each Committee. There was also a public speaking workshop, full of tips and tricks on ways to deliver a good speech and that something as simple (and terrifying) as making eye contact can make a difference.

We also learnt about what a Bill is and how to pass a Bill. We formed committees based on common interests to practice writing a Bill, with a little help! Bill writing was my highlight of the camp as it's one thing to learn how to write a Bill in a classroom, and an entirely different experience to write a Bill from scratch, knowing that you'd get to debate these Bills in the parliament chambers the following day. Figuring out what words need to be defined, time constraints for the sunset clause/s, and what loopholes exist that the opposition could exploit was part of the fun.

On the second day we got a quick tour around parliament in the city before setting up in the House of Representatives where the debates started. We split into our Bill writing committees, forming 'government' and 'opposition'. Debating in the chamber was an amazing experience. Halfway through the debates we stopped for parliamentary pies, which, in case you are wondering, are nowhere near as good as the hype (both sides of the debate agreed on this matter!)



Day Two – Katiya Hand Debating in Parliament

The final day came faster than any of us expected and was all about fun. We were separated into our committee groups again and undertook a scavenger hunt around Nunyara. This was a perfect way to end this amazing adventurous camp.

Overall, this was an experience that I will never forget and one that I would recommend to anyone who is interested in politics or even just wants to take their learning to a new level.

Katiya Hand
Year 8

Equestrian Interschool National Championships

The 2023 Equestrian Interschool National Championships were held in Werribee, Victoria in the last week of Term 3. Students travelled with their horses for the 5 day event as part of the South Australian Equestrian team and competed with other riders from every state in Australia. In total there was nearly 400 riders and in excess of 500 horses. Some of the results are listed below:

- Ella Hopkins, Year 9 - Porsches Mighty Gun Askari - 9th place in the 80ct, preliminary dressage and Pas de Deux
- Eliza Spiers, Year 8 - Hillswood Beatrice - 10th place in the 60ct, preliminary dressage
- Emily Condo, Year 10 - Tyrannosaurus Bex - senior 90cm show jumping
- Indy Berden, Year 10 - Beau Rivage - 65 combined training, dressage
- Sasha Smith, Year 10 - Venificus - 115 – 120 show jumping 3rd place
- Micaela Butler, Year 11 - Son of Odin - secondary Novice dressage and secondary elementary dressage, secondary Show hunter
- Dakota Berden, Year 11 - Morpheus of Terra-Rossa - senior 95 combined training
- Dakota Berden, Year 11 - Elm Tree Roosevelt - 90 senior show jumping, 80 combined training



Congratulations to all the above participants who represented Urrbrae in the best possible way.

Michael Brokus
Agricultural Teacher



Show Jumpers: Ella Hopkins (left), Dakota Berden (above) and Emily Condo (right)



Boarding Providers Urgently Needed

Urrbrae is urgently seeking Boarding Providers to offer board to new Urrbrae students who are coming to Adelaide next year to attend our school.

Most student boarders reside in rural areas or towns in regional or remote areas and rely on a boarding provider to house them during school term.

If you are a member of the Urrbrae school community and have the capacity to provide board for an Urrbrae student, please contact Matt Krieg on 8274 7455 or matthew.krieg807@schools.sa.edu.au for further information and to join our Boarding register.

Thank you,

Matt Krieg
UAHS Boarding Coordinator



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JEANSWEST

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Show this advertisement and
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card in store to access this
offer.



**We're opening a Pop Up Shop
at 2 Hampden Rd, Mt Barker.**

November:

Tuesday 21st 2pm – 5pm

Wednesday 22nd 2pm - 5pm

Thursday 23rd 2pm – 5pm

January:

Wednesday 17th 2pm – 6pm

Thursday 18th 10am – 2.00pm

Bookings essential

Customers can also place online orders prior to the dates and opt to collect from Mt Barker if they already know their sizes.

Customers will be required to book appointments at all Devon shops from 1st November by following this link:

<https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au/shop-by-school/urrae-agricultural-high-school/>



NEW UAHS SPORTS WEBSITE

Students and parents can now easily access information, sports fixtures and sign up for competitions through UAHS's new website.

Take a look around by scanning this QR Code.



LOST PROPERTY

Remember to check lost property at Student Admin. Label your belongings, as all named items are returned to their rightful owner.

All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the term.



CITY OF MITCHAM

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 2023

School Immunisation Catch Up Clinic

The City of Mitcham is conducting a **FREE** catch-up immunisation clinic for students who have missed their immunisations at school.

Vaccines that will be available include:

Year 7 and Year 8 Students

HPV – Gardasil 9 and DTP – Boostrix

Year 10 Students

Meningococcal B – Bexsero Dose 1 & Dose 2

Meningococcal ACWY – Nimenrix

Where and When

Thursday 23 November 2023

3.30pm – 6.00pm

City of Mitcham – Civic Centre
131 Belair Road, Torrens Park

Contact the City of Mitcham on 1300 133 466 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au for more information.

Diary Dates

Monday 6 th November to Friday 24 th November	Year 12 Exams
Tuesday 7 th November	Governing Council Meeting
Friday 17 th November	Principal's Tour 9.30am – Book online
Monday 20 th November	Principal's Tour 4.00pm – Book online
Monday 27 th November to Thursday 30 th November	Year 11 Exams
Friday 1 st December	Year 11 into Year 12 Jumpstart day
Friday 1 st December	Last Day for Years 10 and 11
Friday 1 st December	Presentation Night
Friday 15 th December	End of Term 4 – Students dismissed at 12:00pm
Monday 29 th January	Start of Term 1 for Years 7 & Year 12 Students
Tuesday 30 th January	Start of Term 1 for Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 Students



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Join us today!

If you're enthusiastic about learning new skills, making connections, and being an active member of the school community, we would love to welcome you aboard!

We are currently recruiting volunteers to work at our barn markets or in the canteen.

Please contact

Hayley.Cochrane998@schools.sa.edu.au

for more information