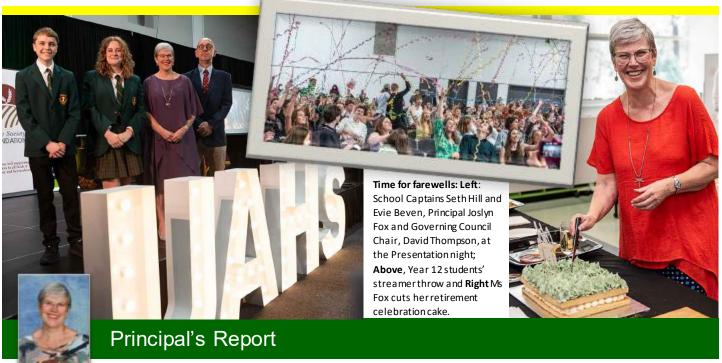


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s I revealed in the last newsletter I am retiring at the end of this year, and I would like to announce that the new Principal for 2024 is Mr Todd George, currently Principal of Port Lincoln High School. Todd is very excited at taking over the leadership of such a unique school, and I wish him all the very best for next year. Urrbrae is more than just South Australia's only specialist agricultural high school, it has a proud tradition that is valued by both past and present students. I have absolutely loved my time as Principal of this fabulous school, and there is no doubt that I will miss a place that has become my second home.

As we approach the end of the school year I would like to take the opportunity to thank every member of the Urrbrae school community for their contributions in 2024. It has been wonderful to have had a year free of Covid disruptions, with all school events going ahead as scheduled. And what a year we have had. From the Royal Adelaide Show, the Year 12 Formal, Sports Day, the SALA Art Exhibition, A Day on the Green, Presentation Night, Barn Markets and multiple rural shows we have packed in an enormous amount. Without the goodwill of our passionate Urrbrae staff so many of these events would not take place and our school would not be the same. I thank each and every one of you for putting our students'

first, giving them opportunities that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

This term has seen two of my favourite events take place – Presentation Night and A Day on the Green. Both of these events showcase our amazing students and let parents celebrate with them. This year we were incredibly lucky with the weather, and around 200 parents picnicked on the library lawns whilst listening to their children perform an incredible range of musical items. In the same way, our Presentation Night was a chance to recognise Year 10-12 students who have contributed to the wider life of the school through a variety of forums including clubs, Environmental Focus Group, Barn Market and SRC. The evening concluded with a Graduation Ceremony for our Year 12 students, transitioning them from current Urrbrae students to Old Scholars. Thank you to everyone involved in making both of these events so memorable.

And on that note I will say my final farewell to Urrbrae, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Joslyn Fox Principal

Senior School News

Major Awards

- AMPOL BEST ALL ROUNDER: Abigail Henderson
- ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARDS: Louis Mudge (Year 10) Abigail Henderson (Year 12)
- URRBRAE SERVICE AWARD: Seth Hill
- ADF FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARD—STEM: Declan Chambers (Year 10) Ashlee Gunn (Year 12)
- MITCHAM CHURCHES SCHOOLS MINISTRY SUPPORT INC (MCSMS INC) ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD: Rileigh Abbott
- SOROPTIMISTINTERNATIONAL AWARD: Annabelle Thompson
- MURIEL MATTERS AWARD: Abigail Henderson
- DUX OF THE SCHOOL: The 2023 recipient will be awarded at the 2024 Mortlock Ceremony, after final Year 12 results become available in December.











Service Awards

Alpaca Club

- Milly Barkham
- Izzy Fox

Art

- Laura Watson
- Daina Miller

Barn Market

- Josh Hards
- Amelia Effingham
- Teliqua Geard

Bee Club

Maddie Washington

Bird Club

Caitlin Lush

Cattle Club

- Zahlee Robinson
- Maddie Donnelly
- Tiarna Salt

Dairy Club

- Maddi Dunk
- Chris Thompson

Environmental Focus Group

- Ben Knopke
- Maddy Washington
- Isabella Bubb

Goat Club

Emily Porcaro

Horse Club

Caitlin Lush

Music

- Danny Kim
- Sebastian Melbourne
- Mick Baulderstone

Native Animal Club

Amy McAvaney

Plant Club

- Laura Watson
- Daina Miller

School Sport

- Bess Mastanduono
- Otis Nading

Sheep Club

- Shayla Lepse
- Amy-lee Shotton
- Bess Mastanduono

Visual Art

- Laura Watson
- Daina Miller

Subject Awards

Agriculture Systems

Nathan Ewers

Animal Production

Lucia Collis

Biology

Ashley Gunn

Chemistry

Ashley Bates

Community Studies

Mischa Reilly

English

Ollie Bacon

English Literary Studies

Kristen Moscheev

Essential English

Abby Bernhardt

Food and Hospitality

Sofia Mucci

Furniture Construction

Tim Velisek

Health

Lily Brown

HPE

Lily Brown

Mathematical Methods

Ashley Bates

Metal Technology

Ryan Morgan

Modern History

Polina Kovalova

Outdoor Education

Hayley Wellington

Physics

Ashley Bates

Plant Production

Macy Main

Psychology

Hannah Henthorn

Stage 2 Essential Mathematics

Nathaniel Rogers

Stage 2 General Maths

Abby Bernhardt

Stage 2 Research Project

Kristin Mosheev

Stage 2 Specialist Mathematics

Ashley Bates

Workplace Practices

Max Johnson

Agricultural Matters

Vincent Fleming
Assistant Principal
- Agriculture

Major Agricultural Awards 2023

or over 90 years Urrbrae students have benefited from the many partnerships with agricultural businesses and industry groups which have fostered significant sponsorship for our wonderful school. These have included the funding of many major agricultural awards that recognise students who have excelled in the study of agriculture whilst at Urrbrae.

The Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society Education Foundation Scholarship is the first of our 2023 major agricultural awards. The Foundation generously provides a major scholarship to a recent Urrbrae graduate to support the student with their tertiary study in Agriculture, Horticulture or allied areas.

The Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society Education Foundation Scholarship is awarded to the student from the Class of 2022 who achieved the highest ATAR score and then commenced an agricultural, horticultural or allied tertiary program. The scholarship is awarded as a single year scholarship, valued at \$2,000. The Urrbrae community congratulates Mimi Johnson, this year's winner.

Mimi started her educational journey at Urrbrae Agricultural High School back in 2018. Mimi became involved with several groups, including Goat Club and Environment Group, and valued the opportunity to meet new people and form life-long friendships

while continuing on her learning journey. Mimi was involved in multiple Royal Adelaide Shows, volunteering for the Learning Centre and showing goats. Now in 2023, Mimi has completed her first year of the Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences Degree at The University of Adelaide. She's pretty exhausted after a busy year across three campuses, Adelaide, Waite and Roseworthy focusing on Chemistry, Biology and Agricultural Systems and Production, while also completing a south-east week-long camp visiting farms and studying Agricultural Systems. Mimi is interested in getting further involved in horticulture for a future career pathway – but there is plenty of study still to do over the next couple of years.



The second major award category is sponsored by Thomas Foods International (TFI). TFI is a familyowned, South Australian agribusiness whose mission is to feed families globally through premium quality food products, exceptional customer service and sustainable, innovative practices. TFI recognises the importance of promoting to young people the many pathways available in agriculture and as a result, have generously provided sponsorship for two major awards at \$2000 each.

The first of the Thomas Foods International Award recognises the highest achiever in an Agricultural Vocational Education and Training program. The winner of this award is Chris Newgrain. Chris has been an outstanding student at Urrbrae commencing Year 8 in 2019. He has formed close friendships and possesses excellent communication and work skills and is always striving for his personal best. Chris represented Urrbrae to a very high standard in many areas such as showing cattle at various shows including the Royal Adelaide Show and he has also performed to the highest level in the Certificate 3 in Agriculture whist working in a School Based Apprenticeship at Princess Royal Station near Burra SA. Chris loves working in agriculture and his focus is to further develop his skills and experiences and continue in a career with Jumbuck Pastoral Company, owners of Princess Royal Station.

Major Agriculture Awards



Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society Education Foundation Scholarship

Awarded to Mimi Johnson Presented by Belinda Cay Board Member, Show Society Foundation



Thomas Foods International (TFI) Awards

Excellence in Year 12
VET - Christopher Newgrain
Presented by Sarah Curran
Group Manager, Human Resources



Thomas Foods International (TFI) Awards

Excellence in Year 12
SACE - Amy Walsh
Presented by Sarah Curran
Group Manager, Human Resources



Peter Waite Old Scholars Award

Awarded to Shayla Lepse
Presented by Charlton Jeisman,
Vice President of the Urrbrae Old
Scholars Association
and Agriculture Teacher at Urrbrae







AJ & PA McBride Awards for Agriculture

Year 10 Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship – Starr Hampton Year 11 Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship - Tyler Fergusson Year 12 Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship - Abby Bernhardt Presented by Anthony Uren, Operations Manager, AJ & PA McBride

Agriculture Matters Continued...

The second TFI award recognises excellence in SACE Agriculture and the winner this year is Amy Walsh. Amy commenced at Urrbrae in 2019. She immediately connected with many of the co-curricular activities, particularly the Bird Club, which inspired her to volunteer in native animal rescue with a focus on bird rescue. She also enjoyed taking part in the Urrbrae Peer Leading program and Urrbrae Trails. Amy has excelled in her studies, particularly in

agriculture and the sciences, and she has enjoyed the opportunity to study agriculture as well as a large variety of other subjects at Urrbrae. Amy has applied for tertiary studies next year at Flinders University.

Our third major Agricultural award category is the Peter Waite Old Scholars Prize which is sponsored by the Urrbrae Old Scholars Association through the generosity of Peninsula Farming, owned and operated by Old Scholar and President of the

Association Jamie Smith. This award recognises a Year 12
Agriculture student who has made a significant all-round contribution to the Urrbrae community including participation in a range of community activities, successful academic achievement and personal attributes that Urrbrae strives to instil in all students. Jamie Smith has generously donated the funding of \$1,000 for this award which is greatly appreciated by our Urrbrae community.

Agriculture Matters Continued...

The 2023 Peter Waite Old Scholars Prize is awarded to Shayla Lepse. Shayla started at Urrbrae in 2019 as a Year 8 student, with her main attraction to the school being the wide range of agricultural subjects offered. Her significant involvement over the last five years in the Sheep Club has been outstanding and Shayla has had the privilege of being the Sheep Club Co-Leader this year. Throughout her years at Urrbrae, Shayla has had numerous opportunities to take part in various agricultural activities and school based events, often giving up her own time to participate. A highlight for her was handling and presenting animals each year at various shows, the senior agricultural field trips and completing work placement at one of the AJ and PA McBride properties, Koonetta. Shayla has been offered a number of positions in agriculture for 2024 onwards where she hopes to foster a career in agriculture with a focus on livestock management.

The fourth category of our major Agricultural Awards are sponsored by AJ and PA McBride Pastoral, a major SA Agribusiness who celebrated their 100th year of operation in 2020 and own and operate numerous properties in SA and interstate. The McBride Board over the last decade has generously provided annual sponsorship that fund the Awards to officially recognise enthusiastic and highly successful Agriculture students. In 2022 McBride increased the combined value of the AJ and PA McBride Agricultural Awards from \$5,000 to \$10,000 allowing additional students to be recognised for their efforts associated with agricultural pursuits.

Five students from each senior school year level received a McBride Agricultural Award. These students have achieved outstanding results in their agricultural studies and have been actively involved in at least one agricultural club or agricultural work experience. In addition, one student from each year level will receive a McBride Excellence in Agricultural Award recognising exemplary achievement in the selection criteria.

The AJ & PA McBride Award winners from Year 10 each receive \$200 and a certificate congratulations to the following Year 10s: Abby Butler, Elliot Considine, Leiella Pagon, Annabel Schlueter and William Whiting. The winner of the Year 10 McBride Excellence in Agricultural Award receiving \$1,000 goes to Starr Hampton.

The Year 11 McBride Agricultural Awards winners each receive \$300 and a certificate; congratulations to: Katie Bell, Yasmin Elliott, Clare Naglis, Jacob Scales and Peita Whitbread.

The winner of the Year 11 McBride Excellence in Agricultural Award receives \$1,000 and goes to Tyler Fergusson.

The Year 12 McBride Agricultural Award winners each receive \$400 and a certificate; congratulations to: Sam Fahey, Seth Hill, Shayla Lepse, Luis Riley and Mia Young. The winner of the Year 12 McBride Excellence in Agricultural Award also receives \$1,000 and goes to Abby Bernhardt.

Congratulations to all the 2023 McBride Agricultural Award winners. Well done.

Urrbrae greatly appreciates the generous donation of \$20,000 by AJ and PA McBride for the redevelopment of the stock yard facilities at Urrbrae. This major project should be completed by the end of January 2024 ready for the new school year. McBride have also recently supplied Urrbrae with a new high-tech wool press to support our shearing and wool handling school programs. These outstanding contributions will directly benefit the many students who take part in our agriculture programs well into the future.

Thank you to the AJ and PA McBride Board and all the major award sponsors; The Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society Education Foundation, Thomas Foods International, the Urrbrae Old Scholars Association and Peninsula Farming for your generous ongoing support of these major agricultural awards.

Vincent Fleming Assistant Principal – Agriculture



Agriculture Subject Awards





- Starr Hampton, Hilton Memorial Medallion
- Chris Thompson, Magill Grain Store Award
- Ella Ruchs, Cooper's Farm Supplies Award
- Emily Muggleton, Cooper's Farm Supplies Award
- Daniel Billing, Hills Farm Supplies Award
- Caitlin Lush, Hills Farm Supplies Award
- Shayla Salt, Hills Farm Supplies Award
- William Whiting, Hills Farm Supplies Award
- Lucia Collis, LC Bettison Scholarship
- Katie Bell, Coopers Animal Health Award
- Yasmin Elliot, Coopers Animal Health Award













AJ & PA McBride Agriculture Awards

Year 10 Winners

- Elliot Considine
- Abby Butler
- William Whiting
- Annabell Schlueter
- Leiella Pagon

Year 11 Winners

- Katie Bell
- Clare Naglis
- Jacob Scales
- Peita Whitbread
- Yasmin Elliott

Year 12 Winners

- Sam Fahey
- Seth Hill
- Mia Young
- Shayla Lepse
- Luis Riley















A Farewell to Benjy

Our entire Urrbrae community was saddened by the death of Year 10 student, Benjy Weenink, on December 10th.

Benjy was a lively and engaging student who was well regarded by staff and students alike.

Our sincere condolences to the Weenink family on such a tragic loss.

Joslyn Fox Principal





Recognition of Old Scholars President, Jamie Smith

It is with sadness that we report the passing of the Urrbrae Old Scholars President, Jamie Smith.

Jamie has been a passionate member of the Urrbrae Community for many years, not just in his position as Old Scholars President, but also as a sponsor of the Peter Waite Old Scholars Prize through the generosity of his family business, Peninsula Farming (won this year by Shayla Lepse).

Jamie will be sadly missed.

Joslyn Fox Principal



enterprise! Riding high on the success of our recent adventure to the Royal Adelaide Show, Term 4 saw us welcome several new goats to the farm. Straight from a leading stud in Victoria, these new additions represent a world of possibilities to enhance our genetics and diversify the learning that the enterprise offers.







Soon after their arrival, a number of the does successfully delivered their kids. These kids have proved very popular and our students have been hands-on in their management, ensuring they have had a successful start to life. Helping with everything from feeding to vaccinating, students have been able to gain some valuable insights into goat management.

Looking to next year, our breeding program will continue to build on our new genetics. We will explore the opportunities that this brings and engage the students with more tasks and challenges. For now, thanks must go to the students of Goat Club and the farm staff for their involvement and support. We wish you all a bleat-tiful break and are looking forward to the adventures that await us in the next chapter of our goat-tastic journey!

Ellie Duffy & Kirsty Hart,
Ag Science Teachers & Goat Enterprise Managers



t was a great day of learning at Brown Hill Creek Monday Week 4. About 150 students from five local schools took part in an Education Day to learn about the importance of revegetation in our conservation parks and to raise awareness of the amazing work done by local volunteers in rehabilitating the culturally significant birthing tree.

Many of our EFG students did a fantastic job at running four of the twelve workshops - about birds, aquatic macroinvertebrates, soil and biological drawing. The year 7 Wetland club students attended most of the other workshops to learn about yabbies, plants, butterflies, frogs and data collection technique through photo points.

Vanessa Greenslade EFG Coordinator







ur Year 10 Geography class participated in a successful Geography data gathering fieldtrip to the Adelaide Coastline on Wednesday 6th April. We visited several places of interest including the St. Kilda Mangroves, Tennyson sand dunes, Glenelg beach and the cliff /platform system at Marino Rocks. Our students collected data on the geographical systems operating along the Adelaide coastline and on the effects of human interaction

along the coastline.

Mr Reyes HASS Teacher

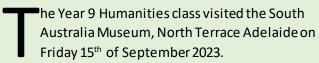












The aim of the visit was to study the Humanities collection and to develop an understanding of the significance of the Australian Aboriginal First Peoples' Cultures in the Making of Australia as a Nation. Students examined primary sources and successfully completed an inquiry into specific artefacts from the collection.

Mr Reyes HASS Teacher







Arts News

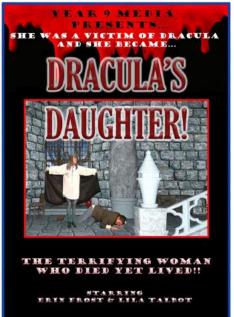
Year 9 Media **Studies**

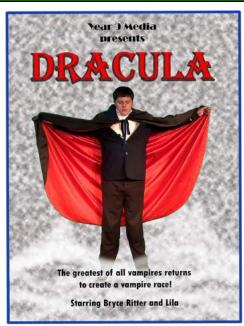
he Year 9 Media Studies students began their course developing their practical skills with using 'Adobe Photoshop' to create their own animations.

This was then followed by a study of 'Mass Media in society'. After learning how to use 'Adobe Premier Pro' for their editing and film making, they then recreated some classic moments from the old 'Universal Picture' creature features of 'Dracula' and 'Frankenstein'.

Using digital models of the sets from the original movies, the Media students dressed in costumes and were filmed in front of a green screen so they could be placed into the scenes. Special effects were added to create atmosphere for their films. They then edited their film footage to create their film trailers. Each produced a film poster to advertise their films.

David Maher













Year 10 Drama

uring their course, the Year 10 Drama class focussed on a study of 'Comedy through the Ages'. They explored the nature of comedy by improvising Commedia dell Arte sketches, reading Moliere's 'The Quack Doctor', acting out the absurdist comedy of 'Monty Python' sketches and studying famous comedians and their styles from the 'Silent Era' of early films through to the present day. As their production task they performed the classic Roman comedy by Plautus called 'The Pot of Gold' to packed audiences in the Urrbrae Hall.

This group of Drama students worked extremely well together, and they were a pleasure to teach.

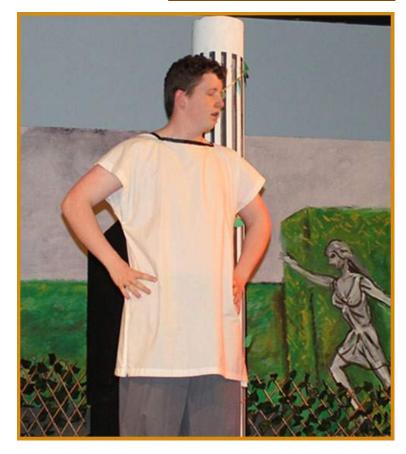
David Maher Media Studies/Drama/English











Year 11 Road Awareness Program

n Week 3 of Term 4 the Year 11s participated in the Metropolitan Fire Service's Road Awareness
Program (RAP). Presented by an experienced firefighter, the program delivered a powerful and often confronting message about the immediate and long-term consequences of road accidents on individuals and their community. A brave and honest speech by a crash survivor was particularly effective in highlighting the impact that poor decisions on the road can have on one's life.

With so many Year 11s new to driving, and many others currently preparing to get their license, the program was a timely reminder that young drivers are alarmingly overrepresented in road crash statistics in South Australia. Feedback from students following the presentation was overwhelmingly positive, with 100% responding that they will adopt safer road behaviours due to RAP.

Student feedback:

"This program was really informative and confronting. I think it is an important message we all needed to hear because I will be a safer driver after seeing how crashes can affect others and myself."

"Absolutely amazing presentation. Completely changed the way I think about driving. I will definitely be more cautious on the roads in the future."

"This presentation has really opened my eyes to how careful and cautious I need to be on the road. There are no small risks, only risks, and a risk is never good."

Ben Wallis
Year 11 Coordinator



Old Scholars Christmas lunch

euniting with the Urrbrae Old Scholar's family at our Christmas lunch was a highlight this year, enjoying memories, laughter, and the enduring bonds that make this Urrbrae community so special. We hope to see more Old Scholars at the next event!







Celebrating Urrbrae Students' Success

Urrbrae Podium Clean-Sweep

n the SA Road Racing Championships at Mallala Motorsport Park, Year 8 Urrbrae students took out the first three places to all finish on the podium. Archie Schmidt took First Place State Champion, Seth Dellow Second Place State Champion, and Ethan Dellow took out Third Place State Champion. A fabulous achievement by the boys who all have a bright future in the sport.

Archie also races in OJC national series. He is sitting in first place in the championship and is going into the final round at The Bend next month. He was also recently selected for the Asia Talent Cup and will be racing on the world stage in

Asia next year.

Mark Zivkovic
Year 8 Coordinator







Special offer for Urrbrae Agricultural High School Students!

JEANSWEST

Find your perfect fit.

Jeanswest are offering the students of Urrbrae

Agricultural High School 20% off their first pair of uniform blue jeans from the Jeanswest Unley Store.

Show this advertisement and your student identification card in store to access this offer.

Boarding Providers Urgently Needed

rrbrae 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.

Matt Krieg
UAHS Boarding Coordinator



In most situations, 5-day board with a suitable study environment is required.

Please contact the school to register your interest.

Phone: 8274 7455

Email: dl.0798.admin@schools.sa.edu.au



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

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/urrbrae-agricultural-high-school/







BIG HALF PRICE SALE

1st to 31st December 2023

598 Goodwood Rd DAW PARK

Mon – Fri: 10am - 4.30pm Sat: 10am – 4pm Sun: 1 - 4pm

BARGAINS FOR ALL THE FAMILY
BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK for \$10

BOOKS ARE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS READING



Diary Dates	
Friday 15 th December	End of Term 4 – Students dismissed at 12:00pm
Monday 29 th January	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 and Year 12 Students
Tuesday 30 th January	Start of Term 1 for Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 Students
Wednesday 7 th February to Friday 9 th February	Year 7 School Camps
Tuesday, 13 th February	Year 7 Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 14 th February	Year 12 Parent Night
Friday 16 th February	School Photos
Thursday 22 February	Principal's Tours 9.30am and 4.00pm
Monday 26 th February	School Photo Catch up
Thursday 29 th February	Sports Day
Saturday 2 nd March	Barn Market
Wednesday 6 th March	Principal's Tours 9.30am and 4.00pm
Friday 8 th March	Pupil Free Day







We look forward to seeing you all next year!



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

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