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Principal's Report

Welcome to the second school newsletter for Term 3.

It's hard to believe how quickly the year is flying by. This edition is primarily focused on our participation in the Royal Adelaide Show, a highlight of the year for our school community.

I am incredibly proud to report that over 600 of our students took part in the Show this year, supported by 35 dedicated staff members. These numbers alone demonstrate the depth of our involvement and commitment. Individual results and achievements will be highlighted later in the newsletter.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the Show. The immense goodwill shown by our staff, who gave up early mornings, evenings, and weekends, was crucial to ensuring it was a positive and enriching experience for Urrbrae AHS. Without this dedication, our participation would not have been the success that it was. I want to highlight the work of the Learning Centre. It was great to see our students represent our school in such a positive light. The smiles on the young people as they came through the Centre was priceless and the proud looks of our students who were assisting also made me feel very proud to be associated with this school.

This year, we introduced a new stand in the Old Ram Shed, where we showcased Urrbrae AHS olive oil and wine tastings. This addition was a great success and further strengthened our presence in the Learning Centre.

At this stand, we previewed our new look website which will go live shortly. The updated video, drone footage and still photography do a great job of celebrating what Urrbrae AHS stands for. Once the new website goes live, our school families will be the first to know!

As we approach the end of the school year, our Year 12 students find themselves just weeks away from finishing their time at Urrbrae. I encourage all Year 12 students to stay focused and finish their school-based work strongly while also preparing for the upcoming external exams. I wish them the very best for the remainder of their time here and remind them to utilise the skills, knowledge, and experience of our staff for maximum support in their studies.

In other news, the school has successfully transitioned to new online administration and finance software. While the school's payment service was temporarily suspended during the changeover, I want to express my gratitude to our families for their patience. Please rest assured that this administrative change will not affect DayMap for our staff, students, or families.

Thank you for your continued support of Urrbrae Agricultural High School.

Warm regards,
 Todd George



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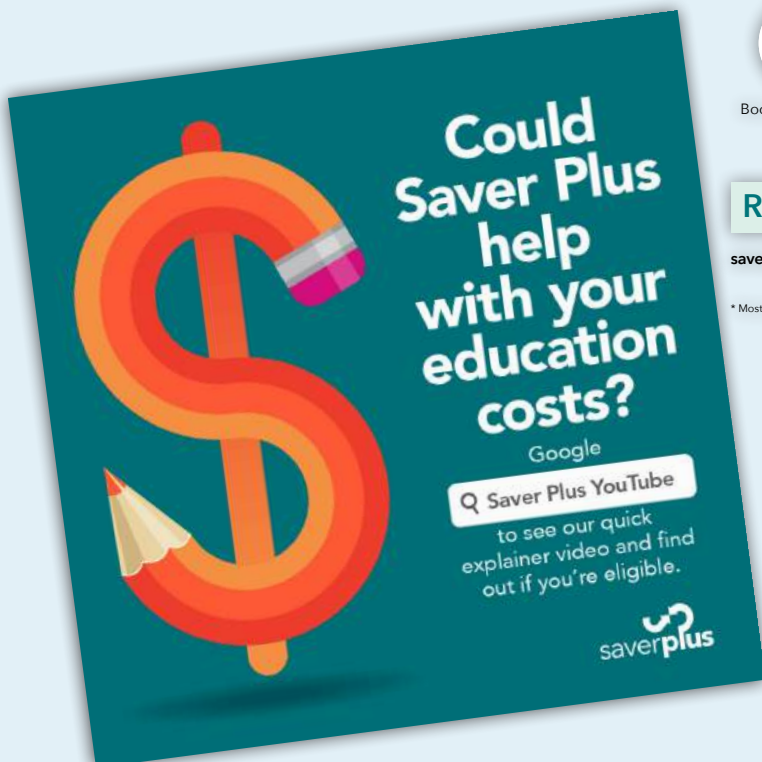
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Year 12 News...

With just four weeks of regular lessons officially left for our Year 12 students, the pointy end of the year is upon us. Many students are starting to feel the strain of impending final deadlines and the thought of exams. As parents, your support of your child's education is vital to their success as they finish out this year. Please encourage your children to communicate with their teachers, and ensure that they attend every lesson so that they gain the full value of their best resource for revision and final assignments – their teachers.

There are a few key events planned for this year: Year 12 students will have their final day on Friday 25th October, with the Stage 2 Exams beginning on Monday, November 4th (the exam timetable is below). All students are expected to attend the final week of formal lessons. They will have a week of dress-ups with a theme each day, culminating in a fun afternoon on the oval on Thursday, 24th October. On Friday 25th October, students are invited to a breakfast supplied by the UAHS Governing Council, beginning at 8am. Following the breakfast, they will have their final Whole School Assembly in the gym and bid farewell to UAHS, leaving at recess. Week 3 is known as SWOTVAC (study week) and students are welcome to come into the Senior School Centre to study. For WH&S reasons they need to sign in on arrival and out as they are leaving.

2024 YEAR 12 EXAM TIMETABLE

**** Subjects in blue text denote an electronic examination****

	9:00am	1:30pm
Monday 4th November	Mathematical Methods [2MHS20] 130 minutes	General Mathematics [2MGM20] 130 minutes
Tuesday 5th November	Essential Mathematics [2MEM20] 130 minutes	
Wednesday 6th November	Chemistry [2CEM20] 130 minutes	Psychology [2PSG20] 130 minutes
Thursday 7th November		French (continuers) [2FRC20] 130 minutes
Friday 8th November	Biology [2BGY20] 130 minutes	
Monday 11th November	Physics [2PYI20] 130 minutes	
Tuesday 12th November	English Literary Studies [2ELS20] 100 minutes	
Wednesday 13th November	Specialist Mathematics [2MSC20] 130 minutes	

During the October School Holiday Break, several Year 12 teachers are offering Holiday Study Sessions for their classes. This is an excellent opportunity for students to ensure they are on track with their exam revision or with completing assignments. Below is the table of dates and times for these sessions. There are also outside agencies that offer holiday study sessions such as the Adelaide Tuition Centre <https://adelaidetuition.com.au/> and Adelaide University <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/study/year-12-tuition-courses>; however, these come at a cost. I have some brochures for the Tuition Centre in my office which students can collect at any time.

Year 12 Holiday Study Sessions Timetable

Please note: These sessions are not compulsory, however are provided by your teachers in their own time to assist students with study for exams and completing assignments.

Subject	Week 1 – Date and Time	Week 2 – Date and Time
Psychology	Tuesday 1/10 - 10-12	N/A
Biology	Monday 30/9 - 9-11	Friday 11/10 - 10-12
Maths Methods (Class 1)	Tuesday 1/10 - 1-3	Tuesday 8/10 - 9-12
Maths Methods (Class 2)	Thursday 3/10 - 9-12	Thursday 10/10 - 9-12
General Maths (Croughan)	Tuesday 1/10 - 9-11	Tuesday 8/10 - 9-11
General Maths (Adams)	Tuesday 1/10 - 9-11	Tuesday 8/10 - 9-11
Chemistry	Tuesday 1/10 - 10-12:30	N/A
Spec Maths	Wednesday 2/10 - 9-11:15	Wednesday 9/10 - 9-11:15
Essential Maths	N/A	Tuesday 8/10 - 9-12
Outdoor Ed (Muggleton/Johnston)	Monday 30/9 - 9-12 in K6	N/A
Physics	Thursday 3/10 - 12:30-2:30	N/A
English Literary Studies	Wednesday 2/10 - 11-1	Wednesday 9/10 - 11-1
Health and Wellbeing	N/A	Wednesday 9/10 - 10-12 Friday 11/10 - 10-12

Another key date that is approaching is the SATAC application submission date for the \$60 fee, which is on 30th September. After this date the application fee rises to \$210.

The Presentation and Graduation night will occur on November 29th in the Ridley Pavilion at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds. More information about this will be sent out as we get closer. The Year 12 students will receive their final school report from the SACE Board once all the exams and final results are calculated.

As the Year 12s come to the end of their time at Urrbrae, we hope that they will leave us with many positive memories, and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Michelle Rowe
Senior School Coordinator

Port Adelaide Football Club

Over two sessions, our Year 10 students were fortunate to have the Port Adelaide Football Club Community Engagement team visit Urrbrae. Our girls were presented with the Empower program and our boys were presented with the Power to End Violence Against Women program. The programs presented positive messages about respectful relationships. Thanks to Port Adelaide Football Club for their work in this important space.

Meg Neindorf (Year 10 Coordinator) and Brenton Borchardt (Assistant Principal)



Royal Adelaide Show Highlights

Urrbrae had a record number of competition entries and student and staff involvement in a diverse range of show exhibits and competitions. The positive feedback from the wider community and the competition results were outstanding, which reflect the huge efforts of our Urrbrae student clubs, staff, sponsors and industry partners.

Alpaca Competition

Another fantastic Royal Show! Over the last four days, Alpaca Club has been busy! On Friday, students were wonderful assistants- helping the organisers and breeders fill up the shed, 'bumping in' over 160 animals! On Saturday, our students enthusiastically helped at the Alpaca Youth Education stand to raise money for future activities. On the first Saturday of the Show, we also had 3 male animals compete in the halter classes. 'Urrbrae Feliz Navidad', affectionately known as 'Felix' was awarded 1st in Junior (6 to 12mths) Male- Black. 'Yaringa Rob Roy' (Roy) received 2nd in the Adult Male- Brown and Yaringa Altair (Al) was unplaced in the Adult Light Fawn category. All animals were handled exceptionally by Alyssa, Brooklyn and Halle- with Halle demonstrating amazing poise with an uncooperative Altair!

On Sunday, our six wethers were judged in the Production Class. We received four ribbons- Dusk and Earl receiving 2nd in their classes, with Otomaya a 3rd and Ray a 4th in their classes.

Monday was the big day for the Alpaca Club students with the Youth Judging and Handler competitions. In Youth Judges we had 5 competitors- all doing it for the first time! They were required to assess 4 animals and 4 fleeces and then give an oral presentation on their reasoning. They did an amazing job! Congratulations to all but especially AJ Jeffery (1st), Mia Brown (2nd) and Amelia Pisaniello (3rd) and thank you to our handlers and ring stewards. We then had Youth Handlers – with 16 competitors in total! We competed in Novice and Open classes across several age groups. Competitors were required to manoeuvre their alpaca around an obstacle course and answered questions to demonstrate their knowledge. Well done to a brilliant effort by all our students, especially those working with some indignant Alpacas. We had 3 students place 1st in their age groups – Mika Kaehne (Novice 11-13yo); Madi Gibbins (Novice 13 to 16yo) and Daina Rozitis (Open 13 to 16yo). Other ribbon winners were – Adele Manson 2nd and Cacey Brink 5th (Novice 13 to 16yo); Halle Manning 3rd (Novice 16 to 19yo) and Mia Brown 2nd, Brooklyn Bentley 3rd and Alyssa Briggs 4th (Open 13 to 16yo).

And to top it off, we won the Best Overall School!!

Many thanks to Show Convenor- Kerry Porter and the AAA-SA team for another fantastic show! We look forward to next year.



Best Overall School



Open Handlers



Junior Judging Action



Junior Judges L to R – Halle Manning, Amelia Pisaniello, Mia Brown, AJ Jeffery and Alyssa Briggs

Beef Cattle Competitions

Urrbrae had an outstanding week of achievements and comradery. Results included:

SA Young Beef Breeders Handlers Competition:

Novice Handlers: Lexie Stewart 3rd; Intermediate Handers: Katie Bell 4th; Experienced Handlers: Tess Newman: 3rd

SA Young Beef Breeders Junior Judging Competition:

1st Place: Paige Clarke, Lanie Jackson, Lexie Stewart, Tyler Ferguson and Jacob Scales.

ATASA Most Professional School Show Team:

1st Place.

Urrbrae Handlers Class:

Paige Clark 3rd

Led Steer Carcase results:

- Class 5 – Purebred Export, JB Angus 6th
- Class 6 – School Light Domestic, Urrbrae Poll Herefords 3rd and Arki Murray Grey 6th.
- Class 7 – School Heavy Domestic, Nangaringa Santa Gertrudis 7th
- Class 14 – Crossbred Export, Lake Hawdon 9th



Poll Hereford Show Cattle results:

- Class 37 – Heifer 8-14 months: 1st Urrbrae Uni, 2nd Urrbrae Uma, 3rd Urrbrae Uno, 4th Urrbrae Ulla
- Class 41 – Bull 8-14 months: 1st Urrbrae Utah, 2nd Urrbrae Unit.
- Class 45 – Two Bulls: 2nd Urrbrae Utah and Urrbrae Unit.
- Class 46 – Sires Progeny Group: 1st Urrbrae Unit, Urrbrae Uni, Urrbrae Uma.
- Class 47 – Breeders Group: 2nd Urrbrae Utah, Urrbrae Uni, Urrbrae Uma.
- Class 38 – Cow/Heifer 14-18 months: Hampton, 1st Morganvale Vanity and Junior Champion Hereford Female, 2nd Morganvale Shamrock, Bridlebrook/ 4th Kilkerrin Minerva, 5th Kilkerrin Nikki.
- Class 40 – Cow 24 months: 1st, Senior Champion Hereford Female Hampton, Morganvale Gem.

Junior Judges Competition:

Tess Newman 3rd

Most Successful Hereford Exhibitor:

Congratulations to Starr Hampton: Hampton Poll Herefords; Leiella Pagon: Bridlebrook Poll Herefords; and Ben Langford: Monterey Poll Herefords. Thanks to Monterey Poll Herefords, Arki Murray Greys, JB Angus, Nangaringa Santa Gertrudis, and Lake Hawdon for their investment into our education and cattle program.



Dairy Heifer Competition

Junior Show Day was on the first competition day and the Dairy Club students got to really show off their skills. Students used their clipping prowess to prepare the heifers and show them in their age classes. Heifers and students achieved the following places:

- 3rd- Glenbrook Matron 8 (Illy) with Liv Storey.
- 4th- Cee Jay Bom Ayrloom (Loomie) with Sadie Knight.
- 4th- St Gen Davinci Cosmopolitan (Cosmo) with Alice Eckert
- 5th- Ashtaney Askn Fernless (Fern) with Charlotte Pardoe

Urrbrae excelled in the Junior Handlers with Milly Barkham taking out 1st place with Cosmo (St Gen Davinci Cosmopolitan). This was a huge effort and something Milly had been working for all year.

The State Handlers Competition was another fantastic display with Urrbrae students being pulled into the top of final line ups for all age groups. The State Handler Championship included the best of all age groups competing and two students were pulled into the top four line up; Evie Cerullo, winning Grand Champion Handler; and Tyler Fergusson with an honourable mention.

Tuesday consisted of Breeds Day and students were able to display the animals that were provided to us from our breeders. The day began with Illawarras and Urrbrae placed in the following:

Junior Handlers

- 1st- Kaylee Shallow with Glenbrook Star 8
- 2nd- Rose Buckton with Glenbrook Matron 8
- 5th- Alice Eckert with Braelee Scarlet 4

Heifer Born from 1st January

- 1st- Glenbrook Star 8 with Shayla Salt.

Heifer Yearling

- 1st- Glenbrook Matron 8 with Rose Buckton.

All Tech Leinert Australia Prize Juvenile Champion

- Illawarra Female Glenbrook Matron 8 with Rose Buckton
- Honourable mention- Glenbrook Star 8 with Shayla Salt.

Jerseys followed with the following places:

Heifer 18 months

- 5th- Ashtaney Askn Fernless with Maddi Dunk

Ayrshires also had the following:

Novice Class

- 6th- Cee Jay Big T Ayres with Natalie Raven.





Dairy club students led in all breed classes across the day in both heifer and cow classes with great success for other breeders and it was fantastic to see them being trusted presenting such wonderful animals. Well done!!!

The SA State Champion Dairy Judging Competition saw students, Chris Thompson, Tess Newman, Rose Buckton and Evie Cerullo, get into the top eight in the largest pool of junior judges in a few years. Chris Thompson won Champion Junior Judge and will represent SA in Nationals next year in Dairy Judging.

Tess Newman received Reserve Champion and Evie Cerullo received 2nd in the juniors and an encouragement award. Later in the day students put in some of their design skills and put together outfits for Dairy Dress Ups! Their efforts paid off by winning best dressed with Snow White and her Seven Dwarfs and followed by Scooby Doo and the Crew.



Urrbrae Dairy Club wrapped up a huge week with Holstein Feature Breed. Students did a fantastic job representing the school. Our ST Genetics Heifer, Cosmo, that students won in the ST Genetics Youth competition last year, achieved 5th in her 2-year-old dry class with Katie Bell.

Students had the opportunity to represent themselves in the industry as well. Tess Newman entering her heifer, winning her Yearling class and placing 4th in the overall Champion Holstein Heifer class. Chris Thompson and Toby Zilm entered their heifer, Toris Hano Mini, in the All Australian and baby heifer class and placed within the top 10 in both classes with 30+ entries. Leiella Pagon also showed her own heifer, Dallas, and placed 6th in the Spring Yearling!



Our Illawarra entered the All Breeds Champion Juvenile Heifer to represent the best of her breed. Rose Buckton led Glenbrook Matron 8 (Illy) and she received 3rd place. A fantastic achievement and a first for Urrbrae.

Well done and thank you to our fitters for the show: Toby Zilm, Chris Thompson, with the assistance of Lexie Stewart. Our heifers all looked wonderful, and it was great to see you also guide the younger students with their clipping and train them for coming years.

After a huge week, we would like to say thank you for all the support of the people in and around the shed who make so much time for the students. A Huge thank you to Miss McEvoy for all her support and organising, and an even bigger thank you to our breeders who support us by supplying animals. We couldn't do it without Glenbrook Illawarras, Braelee Illawarras, Robsvue Holsteins and Jerseys, Newlyn Park Holsteins, Ashtaney Holsteins and Jerseys and the Edmond family!



Goat Led Wether Competition

From early morning starts and long days to hoof polishing and official photo shoots, it was a busy and successful outing for the Urrbrae Goat Show Team. Twenty Four students worked tirelessly to prepare, parade and present 12 goats for the 2024 Royal Adelaide Show and came away with several accolades and some great memories.

The goats achieved a ribbon in every class we entered, with 6 placings in total. The highlight of these was 1st in both the Light Weight (27.0- 30.5 kg) class and the Heavy Weight (42.0- 43.5kg) class. Two of our students, Emily Porcaro (Year 12) and Lola Knight (Year 10), made the final 16 of the Student Handler Competition, with Emily placing 3rd overall. The team also came away with a 2nd place in a hard fought and extremely tight ATASA Most Professional Show Team competition.

With more than 230 goats and 500 students in the shed, these results represent a fantastic effort from the whole team and they are to be commended on their enthusiastic, mature and cooperative approach to this year's show. Thanks must go to all members of Goat Club as well as farm staff for their help in preparing these animals throughout the year.



Horticulture Competition

Urrbrae students entered plants into the Junior and Teenage sections of the Horticulture Competition, as well as into the Orchid section. We are thrilled that we were awarded Champion Junior Plants in Container, eight 1st places, two 2nd places and a 3rd place. A wonderful effort from students who contributed and all who put their hands up to be involved.



Junior Art Competition

Urrbrae Agricultural High School proudly celebrated the artistic talents of its students at the Royal Adelaide Show. A selection of student artwork was exhibited, showcasing various styles and mediums.

Urrbrae had 5 students enter the Junior Photography competition and 18 students enter the junior art, craft and design competition. Congratulations to Edie Weenink, Melika Sparrow and Jade Kirkman who all received Merits for their prints in the printmaking category. This opportunity allowed students to share their creativity with a wider audience, and we are proud of their achievements as they continue to represent our school with excellence.



Junior Cookery Competition

This year we had 25 entries in the Junior Cookery section, with 12 students entering in classes ranging from decorated cupcakes to Scones and Banana Bread. Unfortunately, we did not come away with any places but there were some outstanding entries, especially in decorated cupcakes. Congratulations to everyone who entered.



Pig Handling Competition

On Tuesday, the annual Pig Handling Competition was held, with students from numerous schools from across SA participating. Congratulations to Year 9 students and Pig Club members, Max Peruzzi and Max Packer, for achieving 2nd Place overall! Students worked in pairs to direct a group of pigs through yards and raceways and were judged for accuracy and time taken. Well done Max and Max, and the other four Urrbrae teams who participated.



Poultry Competition

Urrbrae Poultry Club students have had another successful outing at the Royal Adelaide Show in 2024. Our Buff Orpington cockerel was awarded 1st place in the Heavy Breed Cockerel class and was also awarded the Reserve Champion Secondary School Exhibit.

Adding to our successful results are the following:

- 3rd Light Breed Cockerel- Welsummer
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th Soft Feather Bantam Cockerels- Belgian d'Uccle's
- 1st and 2nd Soft Feather Bantam Pullets- Black Australorps
- 1st and 2nd Waterfowl any variety- Muscovy drakes
- 3rd Waterfowl any variety- Muscovy duck

Well done to our Poultry Club students who have spent a lot of time preparing their birds for the show.



Sheep Competitions

The Urrbrae Suffolk Stud achieved outstanding results at this year's Royal Adelaide Show! Urrbrae is the only school sheep stud that competes at the Show against many professional Suffolk studs from across SA and interstate. On Sunday, we achieved excellent results including:

- 1st and 2nd Place- pen of two ewes born on or after 1st of August 2023
- 2nd Place- ewe born on or before 31st July 2023
- 2nd and 3rd Place- ewe born on or after 1st August 2023

Our Artificial Insemination program is improving our genetic gains with the Urrbrae Suffolk Stud sheep! Thank you to Brecon Breeders and Old Scholar, Daniel Lutz, for supporting this important aspect of the sheep enterprise at Urrbrae.

The Sheep Club students did Urrbrae proud, not only showing our sheep professionally but also assisting many other studs with the showing and care of their sheep. We received numerous positive comments on our students efforts! Many of the Sheep Club students also competed in the Junior Handlers Competition with Year 10 student, Lainie Jackson, achieving 1st Place and Year 9 student, Charlotte Pardoe, achieving 4th Place. Well done to all students involved.



The state Young Judges Sheep Judging Competition was held on Monday of the Royal Adelaide Show with Year 12 student, Jacob Scales, winning overall, and recent Urrbrae graduate, and current Bachelor of Agricultural Science student, Charlotte Poker, winning the Nutrien Encouragement Award. Well done to Jacob and Charlotte on these impressive results! Jacob will now represent SA in the National Young Judges Competition in 2025 which will be hosted at the Royal Adelaide Show. Year 9 Urrbrae students excelled at the Merino Fleece Young Judges Championship which is held as part of the Show event program with 83 students from across SA participating. Congratulations to Charlotte Pardoe, who achieved 1st Place, and Nikki Veldstra-Finlay, who achieved 5th Place. There was only 6 points separating 1st and 6th places! Well done Charlotte and Nikki.



Urrbrae once again achieved excellent results at the SA Merino Wether Competition on Wednesday of the Show week, with 77 teams of 3 wethers (over 200 Merinos) and 600+ students and staff from across SA participating. Urrbrae's results included:

- 1st Place Most Professional School Team
- 1st Place Handler Competition – Jacob Scales, Year 12
- 2nd and 5th Places Thomas Foods International Best Meat Value Team
- 3rd and 4th Places John Rothwell Prize for Overall Best Value Team
- 5th Place Highest Weight Gain
- 7th and 8th Place Team of Three Wethers (pre shorn)



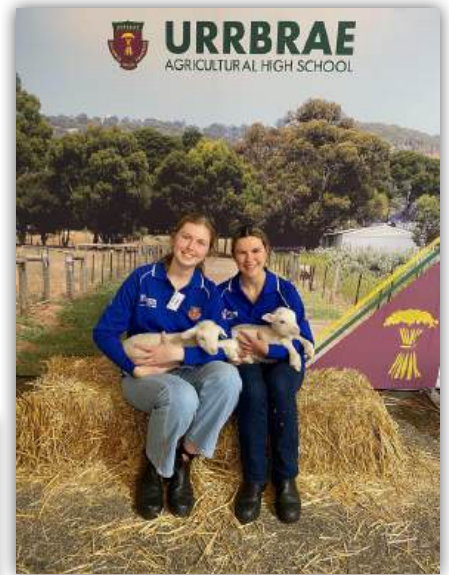
Urrbrae was also awarded Champion Merino School Fleece. Thanks to Old Scholar, Richard Harkness, for his ongoing generous support of the Merino wethers for Urrbrae. Richard owns and operates Superior Wool Merinos at Tintinara and donates 10 top quality wethers each year for the Merino Competition.

Our students obviously represented our great school with excellence to achieve 1st Place for the Most Professional School Team. Well done!



The Learning Centre

2024 is the third year that the Learning Centre has been managed by Urrbrae, with Agriculture Teacher, Larissa Tallent, coordinating the activities, sponsorship, and student and staff involvement. The Centre is an interactive and informative exhibit where young people and their parents or carers can have fun and learn about agriculture in a safe and supervised environment. Over 150,000 visitors enjoyed a range of daily hands-on activities and demonstrations that invited the young, and the not-so-young, to learn all things agricultural, with a soft approach to discovering where our food comes from and an introduction to the paddock to plate concept. Urrbrae have just signed an agreement with the Department for Education and the Royal Show Society to coordinate the centre for another 5 years which is very exciting for our school!



The Urrbrae students were wonderful role models and ambassadors for Urrbrae across every aspect of the Royal Adelaide Show. We have received excellent feedback from the broader community on how impressively our students presented and conducted themselves. Well done for all your hard work leading up to and at the Royal Adelaide Show. Urrbrae could not be as involved and successful in the Show without the significant agricultural industry and community support we receive. This is appreciated by the students, families and staff of Urrbrae. Thank you to all teaching and farm staff, and all the volunteers who have prepared students, exhibits and events for another successful Royal Adelaide Show.



The Learning Centre Adelaide Royal Show



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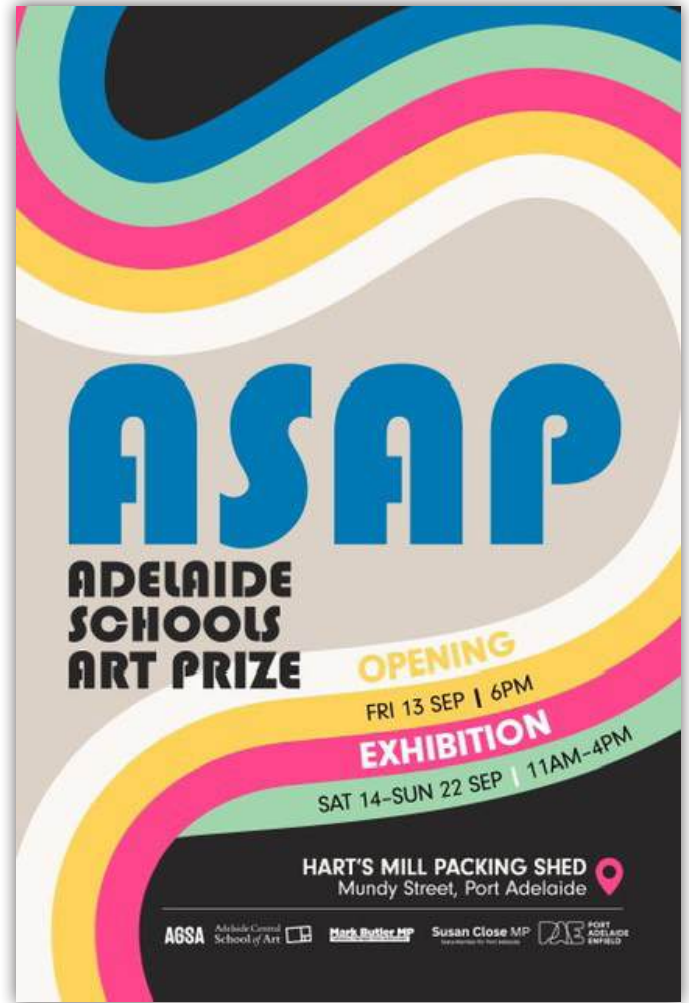
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Adelaide School's Art Prize

This year, selected Visual Art students from Years 10, 11, and 12 will be showcasing their talents as part of the Adelaide School's Art Prize. The exhibition will take place at Hart's Mill in Port Adelaide, providing an opportunity to celebrate the creativity and technical proficiency of our students. We invite everyone to come and support our young artists.



Year 8 Australian Raptor



Year 8 Emu

Exploring Printmaking with LEGO: A Creative Journey for Year 8 and 9 Students

This term, our Year 8 and 9 students have immersed themselves in the fascinating world of printmaking, discovering innovative methods to create remarkable artworks. Our Year 8 students began their journey by researching the work of Roy Scholten, an artist renowned for using LEGO pieces to print images of local and native birds. By analysing his style, which incorporates simplistic shapes and geometric patterns, they gained inspiration to create their own prints.

Meanwhile, our Year 9 students have been honing their skills as they work on their final lino cut projects. As part of their preparation, they also experimented with the LEGO tile printing process. This hands-on experience has helped them build confidence and familiarity with various printmaking techniques, setting the stage for their upcoming lino cuts.

Bradley Schwartz Pre-service Teacher



Year 9 Flower Tile



Year 9 Mosaic Tile



Environmental Focus Group, Year 7 Wetland Club and the Wetlands

Science Week

Science Week started at the Urrbrae Wetlands with an Open Day on Sunday 11th August for the general public. Together with the wetland volunteer group, 'The Friends', the Urrbrae's Environmental Focus Group students and some of the Year 7 Wetland club did a great job teaching visitors about the ecology of the wetlands, as well as how it works as flood mitigation and cleaning stormwater.

Then, on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th, the students spent the mornings teaching students from Edwardstown PS, Bellevue Heights PS and Cedar College all about the wetland environment - their workshops included topics about wildlife, fish, aquatic macroinvertebrates, birds, water quality and how to manage urban waste in stormwater!

Well done to the 30 EFG and Year 7 wetland club students who were involved in the 3 days of science learning at the wetlands.

Vanessa Greenslade



An Update on the Work Experience Procedure

Dear Families,

Term 3 is going quickly, and this means that work experience is coming up. Our designated work experience week for Year 10s doing EIF is Week 10, although some students complete work experience in the school holidays or at other times by negotiation.

We have a process that we need to follow to ensure our students' safety on work experience. We kindly ask families to follow these guidelines so that we can ensure we are taking appropriate measures to ensure student safety. This process applies to all students completing work experience, regardless of year level.

Please complete the work experience form and have the employer complete their section. Work experience forms can be downloaded from the school website here: Workplace Learning Agreement Form (urrbraehs.sa.edu.au)

Students must complete the WorkPro Module before they go on work experience, and this must be updated each year. This is a Department for Education requirement. Students can access the module here:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/docs/spc/creating-a-plink-account-and-logging-on-to-workpro.pdf>

Once completed, email or Daymap message a copy of your WorkPro certificate to Clare Destro in the VET office: DL.0798.workexperience@schools.sa.edu.au

Ideally, attach your certificate to your work experience form and hand them up together. Return the work experience form to the VET office no later than 2 weeks prior to your scheduled work experience date. This is critical that the form goes to the right person. Please hand it directly to the VET office or email it to our designated work experience email address:

DL.0798.workexperience@schools.sa.edu.au

The VET office will then check the form, do a WHS check, and pass the form on to the Principal (or delegate) to sign. Once we have completed this process, we will issue the insurance for students on work experience and email a completed form, the insurance clause and a copy of the Work Placement Guidelines to the student, parent and employer. Until this email is sent, the work placement has not been approved and insurance will not apply.

As you can appreciate, this process takes time. This is why we ask for the forms in advance. We cannot issue insurance for students in time if the forms are handed up late. We appreciate your assistance in getting the paperwork to us in time.

Please note that the Department for Education does not endorse students using Quad bikes or ATVs while on work experience. Placements that involve the use of these vehicles will not be approved. Insurance for students will not apply if students use the vehicles whilst on work experience.

We hope that this makes the process clearer for families and that families can appreciate the need for us to ensure our students' safety whilst they are on work experience. If you have any questions, please contact the VET office.

Regards,
Annasofia Hamilton
VET / Student Pathways Coordinator

Term 3 VET News

Term 3 has been very busy in the VET space, with over 60 Year 10s and 11s putting forward expressions of interest to undertake VET courses in 2025. We have been busy making applications to training providers on students' behalf. Students should receive course offers from training providers by Term 4.

Several Industry Immersions have happened this term, including the MTA Careers Day on August 16 and the Horticulture Immersion Day on August 23.

Students attending the MTA Careers Day participated in many hands-on activities, including spray painting, parts interpretation and disassembling parts of a Harley Davidson. Thanks to Mr Bradshaw for driving the bus for us on the day.

We organised an Immersion Day for Horticulture with guest speakers from Adelaide University, SARDI / PIRSA and some activities in the butterfly gardens, run by TAFE SA lecturer Sam Bywaters. Eleven students from Urrbrae and surrounding schools attended this event. Students identified seeds, propagated plants for the butterfly garden and planted some pollinator attracting plants. Thanks to guest speakers Dr Peter Crisp, Dr Kate Delatotte and student, Leon, for being part of our Q & A panel, and to Sam Bywaters for organising the practical activities for the day.

Congratulations to Louis Hamblen-Clutterbuck (Class of 2023), Christopher Newgrain (Class of 2023) and Corey Hogben (Class of 2022) who won traineeship awards at the Murraylands Training and Employment (MT&E) Training and Apprenticeship Awards on September 6. Well done to all students.

The Urrbrae Ag Careers Expo will be held on September 19 from 12-5pm in the STEM Centre. We have over 30 exhibitors from the Agricultural and Agribusiness sectors, as well as representatives from training providers statewide. The event is made possible by the Gold Sponsors of our event: TAFESA, AAM Investment Group, Mitolo Farms and Silver Sponsor Racing SA. There will be a sausage sizzle at lunch and lots of interesting guest presenters, as well as a Q & A session hosted by leading SA Agriculture teacher, Sue Pratt. All students will have the opportunity to attend during the day, accompanied by their teachers. Hope to see you there.

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with PEER and the MTA for our VET courses next year. PEER will be delivering the Certificate II in Electrotechnology Careerstart from February next year, and we had 16 students from Urrbrae express interest in undertaking this certificate. We are excited to have PEER as an industry partner.




The MTA will be on site as of next year to deliver the Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology. Eight students expressed interest in this course and we have made places available to students in the Inner South Curriculum Alliance (ISCA) schools. Urrbrae have been able to tailor the course to include some ag and farm machinery aspects, which will be beneficial to our students with an agriculture focus. We are excited to move forward with this partnership with the MTA.

Annasofia Hamilton
VET / Careers Coordinator



Urrbrae Sports Update

Congratulations to all students who participated in this season's sports! We saw fantastic results, with numerous opportunities for learning and growth.

- Girls Badminton: Undefeated all season, finishing at the top of their ladder! An outstanding effort by the team. 
-  Girls Football: Undefeated and securing the championship without even needing a Grand Final - true dominance!
- Girls Soccer: In a thrilling Grand Final against Glenunga, our girls achieved their first victory over them this season, perfectly timed to take home the trophy.
- Boys Badminton: A season of resilience and improvement, finishing 3rd in their competition - well done to the boys for their hard work.
- Netball: A shoutout to our Year 7-8 and Year 9-10 teams, who made it to the Grand Finals as runners-up, while our Year 10-12 team finished strong in 3rd place. 

Year 12 Knockout Netball

A special mention to our Year 12 Knockout Netball team, who played exceptionally well in their competition. Though they didn't progress to the next stage, the team took the initiative to organise the event themselves, working closely with staff to ensure they had one final opportunity to represent the school and play together before graduating.



Senior Girls Knock Out Team



Table Tennis Day Carnival Victory

Season 3 Sports Now Underway!

Season 3 of weekly sports has begun and will run until Week 6 of Term 4. We wish the best of luck to our 7/8 Basketball, 9/10 Basketball, 9/10 Futsal, and 7/8 Volleyball teams as they compete this season. Thank you to our incredible staff who have put their hand up to coach these teams, making the season possible.

Day Carnivals

Our Term 2 Day Carnivals were a huge success, with Urrbrae students displaying excellent behaviour and a "give it a go" attitude as they embraced new sports. A range of exciting Day Carnivals are coming, and students can sign up for the first three events on the Urrbrae Sports Program website. Upcoming events include Mixed Netball, Beach Volleyball, Fun Run, Ambrose Golf, 3x3 Basketball, Indoor Footy (AFL MAX), Multi Sports (an opportunity to try a variety of lesser-known sports in one day), and a Come and Try Surf Day.



5 Aside Soccer Day Carnival

Staff vs. Year 12 Games

Each year, Year 12s face off against the staff in various sports - a long-standing tradition. So far, we've seen Volleyball, Netball, and Futsal games, with the staff convincingly winning each one, proving their sporting prowess. With only one game left, let's see if the students can turn the tide in basketball and claim their victory!



Student Netball Team after playing the staff team



Staff Netball Team after their 20-5 victory

A Big Thank You to Our Staff

As always, a huge thank you to the staff who give up their time to support the sports program. Many meaningful connections are formed between staff and students during their time together outside the classroom, fostering better learning and collaboration within the classroom. The sports program would not exist without their dedication.

*Dayna Fishers
Sports Coordinator*

Puzzle Time

Welcome back parent and caregivers to Puzzle Time. The first correct answers for the puzzles in the last Newsletter were provided by Cathrina Heaver and Thomas Golding. Well done to both of you!

The first correct answer(s) to be messaged to me on Daymap wins a bottle of Urrbrae wine. One prize per puzzle.

Puzzle 1

What is the smallest whole number that is equal to seven times the sum of its digits?

Puzzle 2

A small number of cards has been lost from a complete pack.

If I deal among four people, three cards remain.

If I deal among three people, two remain and if I deal among five people, two cards remain.

How many cards are there?

*Helen Douvartzidis
Mathematics Coordinator*

Year 7 Escape Room

Our Year 7 students were locked in the hall recently, surrounded by a number of mathematical problems that they needed to solve in order to escape. Initially unsure and insecure, groups of students worked together to calculate, cogitate, collaborate and consider, with each correct solution leading to a final break-out task.

Fortunately, one group from each of the two sessions managed to reach the final task and release their peers just in time for recess!



Year 10 Her Tech Path

Some of our Year 10 girls were fortunate enough to attend a session at school run by some amazing female Scientists and Mathematicians. These high achieving leaders in the Technology field spoke about what inspired them to travel the path that not many young girls follow and what they found out along the way. As well as looking at the projects these women were working on, our girls had the opportunity to speak with them to further learn about pathways towards careers in STEM.



Superstars of STEM

In Term 2, all of our Year 10 girls had the opportunity to meet some Superstars of STEM. This programme is run by Science & Technology Australia to help raise the profile of Australian women and non-binary people in STEM and encourage diversity, and also provides opportunities for them to go into schools to inspire the next generation of STEM students and professionals. Our girls were introduced to three of these superstars who detailed their school and career pathways and showed the girls how they use STEM in their careers. Our girls were able to find out a good deal about STEM careers, and in fact learned that most jobs included at least one element of STEM.



Science and Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge comprises of a full day of problem solving, building, coding and competing against students from a number of other high schools, and in June, 32 of our Year 10 students won the Southern Regional final held at Flinders University.

Two weeks ago, most of those students, along with some super enthusiastic and super talented Year 9s, battled it out against all of the Regional finalists from schools around South Australia and won the State Final.

At both events our students worked collaboratively in small groups to come up with solutions to unfamiliar problems that required creative and considered problem solving skills. They confidently conjectured and diligently continued to refine their work from each trial and test.

We are so very proud of this wonderfully enthusiastic and talented group. They are now attending the National Final in Townsville at the end of October, and we are very confident that they will give this opportunity their very best.



MASA Quiz Night

Year 10, 11 and 12 Maths students recently competed in the annual MASA (Mathematical Association of South Australia) Quiz night at Mitcham Girls High School. Comprising of some very challenging mathematics and general knowledge questions, the event is also well known for the snacks the students bring, and Urrbrae competed strongly in both areas. One of our Senior teams achieved very highly and just missed out on taking out first prize for the competition from Scotch College (if only they knew that eggplant was the main ingredient in moussaka). All of our teams had a lot of fun and represented Urrbrae in a very positive manner.





MOUNTAIN BIKING

Head for the Hills offers a range of programs & activities which support junior skill development in mountain biking.



HOLIDAY MTB SKILLS CLINICS

BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE & GIRLS SESSIONS

-  **SHEPHERDS HILL**
-  **COBBLER CREEK**
-  **MT BARKER**
-  **O'HALLORAN HILL**

AFTER SCHOOL SKILLS

SUMMER PROGRAM – 16 WEEKLY SESSIONS THROUGH TERM 4 & 1 (TUES, WED OR THURS AFTERNOON)

-  **CRAIGBURN FARM**
-  **COBBLER CREEK**
-  **O'HALLORAN HILL**

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PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT SCHOOLS ARE FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN

Local Councils impose a variety of parking restrictions at and near schools to achieve a safer environment for your children. These restrictions are also to optimise traffic movement and safety.

NO STOPPING ZONES -

These zones are usually adjacent to school entrances and the approach and departure sides of school crossings.

You must not stop your vehicle in a no stopping zone or on a solid yellow line, not even for a few seconds.



NO PARKING ZONES -

You may stop in a No Parking zone to immediately pick up or set down your child, and drive off as soon as possible.

No Parking zones are to ensure a quick and smooth turnover of vehicles.

You must not leave your vehicle parked or unattended. If you are going to collect your child from this zone, have your child wait nearby in the school grounds so they can see you arrive. On your arrival they can then leave the school ground, enter your vehicle and you can then drive off.



CONTINUOUS WHITE CENTRE LINE -

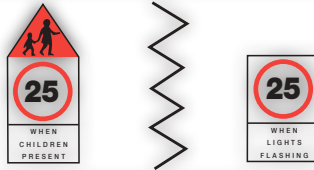
If a road has a continuous white centre line, there must be 3 metres between the vehicle and the white line.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS -

You cannot stop within 20m of the approach side or 10m of the departure side of a school crossing.

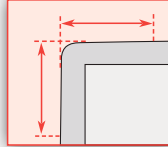
SPEED LIMITS -

Speeding vehicles in a school zone are highly dangerous for children. There is a speed limit of 25 kph, designated by the signs and a zigzag line below, any time when children are present or when the lights are flashing (depending on the type of crossing).



INTERSECTION OR T-INTERSECTION (Restricted Area)

You cannot park within 10m of the intersection.



CROSSING PLACES (driveways)

You may park so that the front of your vehicle is level with the approach or the back is level with the departure side of a driveway to any private or public property so that vehicles can enter and depart safely.

FOOTPATHS / NATURE STRIPS -

Parking is prohibited at all times. It creates dangerous situations for both pedestrians and other vehicles in the vicinity.

DOUBLE PARKING -

Creates dangerous situations anytime, however the danger is increased near schools, especially when children are entering or leaving school.

AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES

CHILDREN SCHOOLS & TRAFFIC

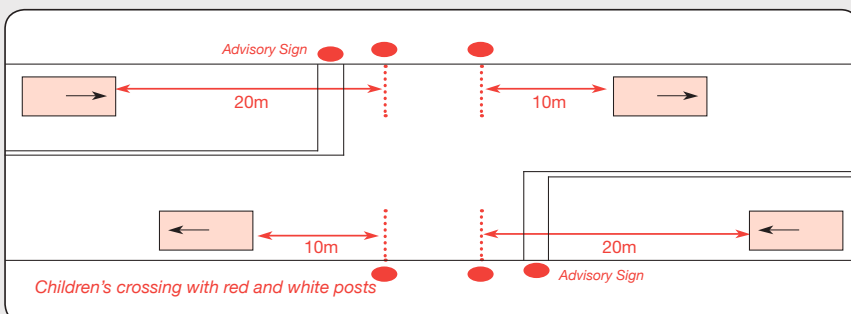
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BECAUSE CHILDREN ARE NOT LITTLE ADULTS YOU NEED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND CONCENTRATION NEAR SCHOOLS

WHY ARE CHILDREN AT RISK

- Their size means that sometimes they cannot easily see or be seen in traffic.
- Parked vehicles, light poles and other street furniture all block a child's view of the road and also make it difficult for drivers to see them.
- Their concentration is limited and they are easily distracted.
- Their actions are often spontaneous and unthinking (that's why they will dart out on to the road to fetch a ball or weave about when riding their bikes) without checking to see if vehicles or pedestrians are coming.
- Their sight is not fully developed, especially their ability to "scan" for things.
- They are lacking the ability to estimate the speed of vehicles, the gap between vehicles, where a vehicle is coming from or how far way it is.



HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILDREN

FOR UNDER 5 YEARS

Make sure your children have reliable supervision at all times when in or near traffic, especially when crossing roads.

FOR 5 TO 8 YEARS

Help your children to become familiar with all aspects of the road environment – signs, traffic lights and crossing places.

Teach them cycling skills in a safe area – in a park or playground etc.

If they are riding a bike to school, plan a safe route for them to take

FOR 9 TO 12 YEARS

Take the time to explain the road rules in simple terms e.g.: Right of way, what to do at intersections etc.

Go for bike rides with your children to make sure they have safe cycling behaviour

ABOVE ALL, BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING NEAR SCHOOLS, THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN DEPENDS ON YOU

Diary Dates

Thursday 19th September	Careers in Ag Expo
Monday 23rd September	Principal's Tour 9:30am & 4:00pm- Book online
Friday 27th September	End of Term 3
Monday 14th October	Start of Term 4
Monday 21st October	Last Official week for Year 12
Wednesday 23rd October	Principal's Tour 9:30am & 4:00pm- Book online
Friday 25th October	Year 12 Breakfast & Year 12 Assembly (Whole School)
Monday 28th October	Year 11 RAP- Road Safety Program
Saturday 2nd November	Barn Market
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12th November	Year 6 to Year 7 Parent Information Night
Friday 15th November	Principal's Tour 9:30am - Book online
Monday 18th November	Principal's Tour 4:00pm - Book online
Monday 25th November	Last Official week for Year 10 & 11
Thursday 28th November	Transition Visit Year 6 to 7
Friday 29th November	Transition Visit Year 11 to 12
Thursday 5th December	Principal's Tour 9:30am & 4:00pm- Book online
Friday 13th December	Early School Closure 12pm



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2nd November

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