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Teaching Award for Amanda Benger

I am very pleased to announce that one of our Agriculture teachers, Amanda Benger, won a teaching award from the Unley Rotary Club. A small group of staff attended a dinner on Tuesday, 22nd October, to witness Amanda receive this well-deserved recognition. This is excellent news for Amanda and our school community. Amanda graciously acknowledged the strong team behind her, which is a testament to the collaborative spirit at our school.

Singaporean Education Delegation Visit

It was a pleasure to host a delegation from Singapore on Thursday, 17th October, who visited our school farm. This visit was made possible by the efforts of various staff members, and I extend my thanks to everyone involved. Establishing positive relationships with Singapore is an exciting development for our school, opening up new avenues for collaboration and exchange.



Year 12 Students

Our Year 12 students concluded their classes on Friday, 25th October. Many of them are now preparing for their exams, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements at the Presentation Night on Friday, 29th November. I would like to thank all staff for their unwavering support of our Year 12 students, not only throughout 2024 but over the past four years.

Preparations for 2025

Preparations for the 2025 academic year are well underway, including the development of the timetable and staff recruitment. This information will be available to students and families later this term.

National STEM Competition

Thirty-one Urrbrae students, along with three staff, travelled to Townsville during Week 2 of Term 4. The school won the right to represent South Australia after winning the state competition last term. Our team performed exceptionally well and finished fourth. An amazing effort, Thank you to the three staff for their preparations and availability to attend the trip; the families for supporting the trip financially; and, finally, to the students involved for representing our school with such distinction. I note that it was a 3:30am start to the day on Saturday in order to catch the first flight out of Townsville. More information is available later in the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.

Regards, Todd George



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Many parents and caregivers – and especially those with kids/teens with emotional health needs - have times when they:

- Feel worried, anxious, overwhelmed and stressed by parenting
- Have trouble with frustration and irritability about their child/teen
- Feel a sense of guilt, self-blame or lack of confidence in their parenting/caregiving
- Feel overwhelmed, exhausted or unable to cope with parenting demands
- Are managing challenges with their young person's mental health or neurodivergence

Our psychologists provide a 6 session intervention designed to help parents and caregivers to reduce and cope with parenting related distress.

For information about these sessions or to make an appointment (at our clinics at Aberfoyle Park or Wayville (or via telehealth) – please email us at admin@developingminds.net.au or call us on 83571711

Please note we do not provide therapy to adults aimed at treating broader mental health issues (eg depression, post-traumatic stress and so on – we will support you with a referral to other services if this is more appropriate for you.

Short waiting times

Final Year 12 News...

Wow... what a year we have had! The students' last week included themed dress ups each day; a fun afternoon of water pistols and waterslides, sumo wrestling, challenge games and volleyball on the oval on Thursday; and a lovely breakfast provided by our School Governing Council and organised by Liene in the Canteen, followed by the Final Whole School 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 in progress this week and despite a few nerves, everyone seems to be well prepared.

Year 12 Graduation and Senior School Presentation Evening - Friday 29th November

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 29th November, 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 their 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 12's have spent at Urrbrae, their achievements, and any prizes they may have won. It will be a wonderful night of celebration, and I look forward to celebrating with you and your children.

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

Michelle Rowe Senior School Coordinator



Year 10 & 11 News...

The end of the year is quickly approaching for our Year 10 &11 students with all regular classes finishing at the end of Week 6 (22nd November) for Year 11 and end of Week 7 (29th November).

For Year 10 students and parents are reminded that if students <u>have not completed</u> their **compulsory SACE EIF subject to a passing standard** they will be required to remain at school until this is completed. Parents will be notified by email in Week 6 if their child is not passing.

This year we will be having our Year 12 Jumpstart on Monday 25th 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 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 AIF, 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 morning, and I have attached an Exam Timetable below. Year 11 students who have no exams and have completed all 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.

DAY	LESSON 1 & 2	LESSON 3 & 4
TUESDAY 26/11	EXAM - 9AM Specialist Maths	EXAM - 11:30AM General Maths
WEDNESDAY 27/11	EXAM - 9AM Mathematical Methods	EXAM - 11:30AM Chemistry
THURSDAY 28/11	EXAM - 9AM Physics	EXAM - 11:30AM Biology

Finally, a reminder that the first round of orders for the Year 12 Jumpers is now open. From the Senior School Team, we wish you all the best for the end of year and look forward to working with you again next year.

Michelle Rowe Senior School Coordinator

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Middle School Update

Year 9

The Year 9 students have been looking into GEM (Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness) and participating in activities to explore workplace opportunities for work experience for Year 10 next year. Over the next few weeks students will also look at tertiary opportunities as well. As they enter Senior school in 2025, it is important that students think about the direction they want to go with their education and career goals.

Year 8

The Year 8 students have been looking at the 'myfuture' resources in CAB, starting to think about possible career opportunities. They have been exploring what it means to be a good friend, but also how to deal with changes in friendships.

Year 7

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The Year 7's have been working on gratitude and empathy in CAB lessons. Students looked at what it means to be grateful, and what the difference is between 'Wants' and 'Needs', and what are the consequences of not having a 'Want' or a 'Need'. Empathy is largely about perspectives and acknowledging that everyone sees a situation differently.

Last Tuesday, the 22nd of October, we were lucky enough to be invited to the 'Embrace Kids' movie event by the Mitcham City Council. We took 37 Year 7 girls along to the day, where they got to watch the movie, and engage in some activities around wellbeing and resilience. Some AFLW Crows players attended and talked about resilience and setbacks in their own life. Below are comments from some of the students who attended the day:

'The movie was inspiring and informative about social medias influence on body image.'

'In the movie it was inspiring to learn about a young person called Enzo, who even though he is physically difference from other people, he is still happy about who he is.'

'Meeting the Crows players was radical; it was good to learn that girls can do whatever they put their mind to.'



Joining in on some Zumba



Meeting AFLW Crows players

Practicing GEM @ Home

Here are some GEM chat and activity prompts that you can use at home, maybe around the kitchen table, driving on the way to Saturday sport or on a lazy Sunday.

Gratitude:

What has made you feel proud this week?
What made you laugh today?
What is something you are looking forward to this week?

Empathy:

Think about a time you were kind today; how did it make you feel? What kind acts have you noticed today?

Mindfulness:

Practice some mindful breathing and stretching.

Go for a walk outside, without music or a phone and notice the sounds.

Make a playlist of music that makes you feel calm and peaceful, that you could play the next time you feel anxious or distracted.



Devon Clothing

2 Hampden Rd, Mt Barker 5251

Uniform Sales for Mt Barker in January 2025

Tuesday 14th January 2025 10-2pm

Wednesday 15th January 2025 2-6pm

Thursday 16th January 2025 10-2pm







Please use QR code to book an appointment Limited bookings available

Agriculture Matters

Native Plant Sale flourishes

Urrbrae again hosted the spring South Australian Native Plant Sale on the first Saturday of the October school holidays. Hundreds of visitors from the wider community attended to purchase plants and to find out more about growing natives to enhance our environment. In appreciation for the use of the facilities the SA Native Plant Society generously donates proceeds of this event to support the Urrbrae horticultural program.



Hart Crop Field Days

On Tuesday, a group of Year 10 and Year 11 agriculture students attended the Hart Field Day along with Mr Jeisman and Mr Fleming. The team at the Hart Field Site put together a fantastic program specifically for students that included: Components of a Trial, Varieties, Tech demonstrations - drone imaging in agriculture and the Hart Smart Challenge









Students also had the opportunity to visit the many industry displays at the site, and to view other presentations.

Many thanks to Sandy Kimber, Matt Dare, Simon Honner and Lead Ag Teacher, Sue Pratt for their work in developing and delivering this program.

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:

Crop Research: On Thursday, 12 September, students from the Year 11 Crop Science class visited a paddock at Roseworthy to inspect their competition trial plots. This wheat crop experiment is an inter-school competition. Students select wheat variety; seeding rate; fertiliser amount at seeding; and fertiliser rate in-crop. The winner is the team with the highest gross margin, which will be determined after the harvesting of each trial plot. The competition is operated by AgXtra Crop Research with funding from the South Australian Grains Industry Trust.

Students were taught how to determine the growth stages of their plots and count how many grains were in the head - to estimate grain yield. The delayed start to the growing season and the limited winter rainfall has made for some interesting results so far.





Will and Daniel assessing growth stages of wheat at the SAGIT-funded AgXtra Schools Crop Competition

We are kidding

In the early part of Term 4, the Boer does commenced kidding with exceptional results so far....16 healthy kids from 8 does with 2 does still to kid at the time of writing. Thanks to Agriculture and Goat Enterprise Teacher and Farm Instructor, Kym Tiver, for managing this stage so that all the kids have survived and flourished! The top males will enter into the 2025 Royal Adelaide Show Goat Wether Competition.







Urrbrae excels at the 2024 Melbourne Show

The Urrbrae Cattle Show Team participated in the Led Steer Competition at the 2024 Melbourne Royal Show in the first week of the October school holidays. Steers travelled the distance well and settled in beautifully along with staff and students. It was wonderful to be there representing the school and to offer our students this incredible experience. Judging day saw our Show team up nice and early to prepare the Steers. After washing, drying, and clipping, our animals were ready to go. With time to spare the students and staff explored the city of Melbourne. Hopping on and off trams, we visited the Queen Vic Markets, Southbank, and even managed a quick look through Southgate DFO. It was great to give the students a "Melbourne experience", especially on AFL Grand Final Day, soaking up the colours and atmosphere along the Yarra River. Back at the showgrounds, Jacob Scales and Tess Newman capably led our steers in each of their classes. Against a very strong competition from the Soth East region of Australia, the Urrbrae Angus placed 4th and the Simmental 6th. The Handlers Competition was held the following day. Amongst lots of nerves and excitement our Urrbrae team excelled with the following results in each of their classes:

Intermediate: Katrina Brokus- 1st

Seniors: Jacob Scales- 2nd, Claire Naglis- 2nd, Emily Muggleton- 3rd, Tess Newman- 4th, Millie Smith- 4th and Shaylee Huxtable, Dakota Berden and Jack Ford- all made the second line.















Students were exceptional in every way. They worked as a team, supported each other and represented Urrbrae with pride and passion. Thank you to Woonallee Simmentals, Keringa Angus, the Newman family, Melbourne Royal Show Society and Urrbrae staff, parents and students for investing in this fantastic trip.

Urrbrae Olives recognised at the SA Olive Awards

The 2024 SA Olive Awards were presented at a dinner on Wednesday 26th September. Urrbrae Olive Oil and Table Olives excelled with the following results:

First Place - Best School Olives Silver Medal - Extra Virgin Olive Oil Bronze Medal - Table Olives

These industry awards are highly sought after and recognise quality and excellence of the Urrbrae Olive Oil and Table Olives. Congratulations to the staff and students involved!



Urrbrae Old Scholar Reunions celebrate fond memories

Recently two milestone years were celebrated with tours of the Urrbrae Farm and School facilities. The Class of 1974 (50 Year Reunion) and the Class of 1999 (25 Year Reunion) enjoyed seeing firsthand (across two Saturday afternoons) the significant improvements and changes that have occurred over the years. The Old Scholars shared fond memories of their times at Urrbrae, some of which were hilarious! The two Old Scholar groups then enjoyed a meal together at local hotels. Thank you to all the Old Scholars who were able to visit our wonderful school.





VET News

Urrbrae Ag Careers Expo

On Thursday, September 21, we held the 5th Annual Urrbrae Careers in Agriculture Expo in the STEM Centre. The Expo showcases over 30 exhibitors from the Agriculture, Animal and Veterinary Science Industries and is a great way for students to network with potential employers and see what opportunities are available in the agriculture sector.

This year we had sponsorship from AAM Investment Group, Mitolo Family Farms, PIRSA and Racing SA. The expo was attended by Urrbrae Year 10, 11 and 12 students as well as students from eight other visiting schools. We had over 400 students attend. Sue Pratt, from AgCommunicators, led a Careers Panel discussion on the day. Thanks to our sponsors, AgCommunicators, and the VET Pathways Team for organising a great event. Planning is already underway for next year's event- please contact the Urrbrae VET / Careers Team if you are interested in being involved.

Annasofia Hamilton VET / Career Pathways Coordinator



Annasofia Hamilton, Sue Pratt (Lead Ag Teacher), Todd George and Anita Giarratano (Ag Communicators) at the Career Panel discussion





Sue Pratt hosting the career panel, with representatives from A AM Investment Group, PIRSA, TAFESA and Mitolo Farms



Native Animals

Tammar Wallabies Arrive with Little Ones on Board

At the beginning of the year we packaged up our Tasmanian Pademelons for a new life at Warrawong Sanctuary, and these twelve little wallabies have settled in nicely. This was so that we would be able to introduce a new species to the sanctuary – Tammar Wallabies. Four of these cute little hoppers recently arrived from Cleland Wildlife Park, who had bred lots over the last couple of years, and were looking to rehouse some. We took in two males and two females, who have taken to our sanctuary area, using the brushy wattle bushes for shelter. They are very pretty little wallabies and are quite brave about being seen around the sanctuary.

When the little mob arrived, we were even more delighted to find that both of the females had pouch young on board meaning that we actually received six wallabies! These little pouch joeys (named Wilbury and Hugh) have been growing nicely since arriving and are now coming out of the pouch with some regularity. You can see that both mums are pretty happy to unload their cargo when they can as the young ones are getting quite big for hauling around.

Tammar Wallabies were once very common across most the southern parts of South Australia, including the Adelaide Plains area, but are now extinct over much of their range, only being common on Kangaroo Island. This is part of the reason we decided to swap from Tasmanian Pademelons to this species. These animals are also a lot more confident and more easily seen by our students compared to the secretive pademelons.

Hopefully we will be welcoming more little hoppy feet next breeding season!

Ian Reed Wallaby Wrangler



One of the pademelons departed to Warrawong.



Little Wilbury exploring the world near mum.



One of our Tammar wallaby mums.



Both mums with babies sticking out from pouches.



A male Tammar Wallaby



Environmental Focus Group and Year 7 wetland club at the Wetland

Students from both clubs have been busy at the wetlands this term, doing some data collection as well as the usual club jobs of catching fish food, cleaning the aquariums and some vegetation maintenance.

Week 1 was the Aussie Bird Count: this citizen science project relies on citizens all over Australia to send in their recordings of bird sightings that they take anywhere - from school to parks to in the city - during the Bird Count Week. This data helps BirdLife Australia, the nation's largest bird conservation organisation, to gain more information about bird numbers and to take actions that will hopefully stop extinctions.

Week 2 was the Fish Count: this was part of Urrbrae's native fish breeding project that is in conjunction with the Nature Glenelg Trust - a mission-driven, not-for-profit organisation committed to filling gaps, problem solving, positive action, and working with the community and our partners to achieve tangible and lasting on-ground results. Later this term Urrbrae students will be releasing more of the endangered Purple Spotted Gudgeon - this time into the River Torrens.





REMINDER



All locker keys need to be returned at the end of the year.

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The cutting edge

This semester, Mr. Magnusson's Year 9 Woodwork students have been experimenting with our new Laser cutter. The students have been very creative with their designs to produce some awesome looking cutting boards and serving trays. It's a fairly simple process – they create the design using drawing software and the laser cutter engraves the recessed shape into the board around 1-2mm deep. The laser cutter cuts the thin veneer to match the shape. The students then insert the shape into the recess and smooth the top surface. The final results look fantastic! Here are some examples of our brilliant student's work.

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Mr. Magnusson (retiring) Design & Technology Coordinator















Arts News

Year 9 Music Class Explores Podcasting

Mr. Gunn's Year 9 music class has had an exciting term exploring the world of podcasting. Using the online platform Soundtrap, students learned how to combine their passion for music with digital storytelling. The results were some fantastic podcasts covering a wide range of musical topics.

One student delved into the fascinating world of Music Created by AI, investigating how artificial intelligence is reshaping the music industry. Another chose to spotlight Indie Rock Music, highlighting key artists.

Some students also took a historical approach with two unique podcasts. One explored the Music of Ancient Greece, with a particular focus on music representing the god Apollo. The other traced the History of the Guitar, from its early origins to its role in modern music.

Throughout the term, students honed their skills in research, audio editing, and presentation, all while gaining a deeper understanding of music in different contexts. We're incredibly proud of their creativity and hard work in creating a unique product.

Scott Gunn Music Teacher



Year 9 student Isa interviews Claudia as a quest on her Podcast

Celebrating Creativity at the Senior Art/Design Show

The Senior Art Show Opening Night was on Wednesday, October 30th, and was a huge success with family, friends and community joining us to celebrate the achievements of over 35 students. Held in the Front Office, the exhibition showcased students' unique artistic journeys over the semester, featuring diverse works across various mediums. Highlights from the night including how students wove their personal storytelling into their art, from bold acrylic paintings to delicate charcoal and blue ballpoint pen pieces. Congratulations to all students and thank you to everyone who attended to support our young Urrbrae Artist and Designers. Be sure to stop by to see the exhibition on display over the next week.





URRBRAE SOCCER

Year 7-8 Outdoor 11 Aside Urrbrae Girls soccer Team

CONGRATULATIONS to our UAHS Year 7-9 Girls Soccer team for winning the 2024 soccer Southern Zone Grand Final. This is the second premiership win for our Girls Soccer team. They won the 2023 Soccer premiership and now the 2024. Congratulations on your commitment to be active for life and supporting your wellbeing by playing soccer. Well done team!



Year 9-10, 5 Aside Boys competition Southern Zone

CONGRATULATIONS to our UAHS Year 9 Soccer Mix team for participating and achieving the second position in the Year 10 -12 Southern Zone Soccer competition. Well done team!

Year 7-8 SOCCER CARNIVAL-Year 7-8 Girls and Boys Soccer Carnival



Our Year 7-8 Girls Soccer team participated and won undefeated the Soccer Carnival Competition at Gepps Cross Soccer centre. Congratulations to our committed team.



Our year 7 Boys team also participated in the Carnival and won two games.

Year 9 Soccer Carnival

Urrbrae participated with three teams. Two competitive soccer teams, Girls, and Boys, and one non-competitive team. The teams represented the school successfully and demonstrated resilience and respect for the game.

Well done team!

Mr Reyes



HASS News

Australian Geography Competition 2024 - Results

This year 39 Urrbrae students across Year 8 and 9 tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2024 Australian Geography Competition.

Over 54,000 students from 600 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 the 10 students who achieved a Credit or Distinction, the HASS team would like to highlight the achievements of Aakash Chauhan, Jennifer Kaplan, and Ava Richards in Year 8; together with Angus Schiller and Jamal Khalaf in Year 9; who were all awarded a High Distinction. These students demonstrated an excellent level of knowledge, application and reasoning skills.

Rachel Honey, the Competition's national coordinator, said "The Competition aims to encourage student interest in geography and to reward student excellence." "Geography is such an important subject because it develops in students a holistic understanding of the world around them, and their place in it."

Australia's team to the 2025 International Geography Olympiad in Bangkok, Thailand, will be chosen from Year 11 students who have excelled in the 2024 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, the University of Melbourne, the University of New South Wales, the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience and Flinders University.

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We look forward to Urrbrae students taking up the challenge in 2025!









FREE EVENT • FESTIVITIES 5-7PM

Christmas markets • Silent disco
Food stalls • Food vans • Craft activities
Nativity scene • Carols singing
FATHER CHRISTMAS!

SAT 30 NOV 2024 5PM-9PM KINGSWOOD OVAL, BELAIR ROAD, KINGSWOOD















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Thursday 23 January 2025 5pm to 8pm

Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Hawthorn 154 Belair Road, Hawthorn

FREE EVENT - EVERYONE WELCOME

Food stalls | Story time

Live Music | Face Painter

Kids Activities | Citizenship Ceremony

Citizen of Community Grants

the Year Awards | Presentation

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STUDENTS

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BEFORE SCHOOL
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For Sale - Expressions of Interest

- Tech studies are selling a CNC ECOCA PC4610E PC Lathe and some tools
- 3 Phase, will need to be disconnected, weighs around 750KG, we can assist loading with a forklift
- Purchaser to remove

Expressions of interest to Karen Overall







Diary Dates		
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	
Wednesday 20th November	Spring Music on the Green	
Monday 25th November	Last Official week for Year 10 & 11	
Monday 25th November	Year 11 Exam week	
Thursday 28th November	Transition Visit Year 6 to 7	
Friday 29th November	2025 Jump Start Day Year 11 into 12	
Friday 29th November	Presentation Night	
Thursday 5th December	Principal's Tour 9:30am & 4:00pm- Book online	
Friday 13th December	Early School Closure 12pm	
Tuesday 28th January	First Day of School Year 7 & 12 Only	
Wednesday 29th January	All Other Yearl Levels Start School	
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