2015 Middle School Assembly

On Wednesday 2nd December Underdale High School held its final assembly for the year, to celebrate the many contributions and achievements of our students. Middle School presentations recognised student efforts in the areas of music, community and sporting endeavours including Premier’s reading Challenge, Football Awards and Student Voice certificates. High academic achievement and outstanding endeavour award acknowledged the students who have a great work ethic and consistently achieve their personal best.

Katherine Dinning was the recipient of the prestigious ADF Long Tan Award in recognition of her outstanding involvement in the school community, her leadership qualities and commitment to the school’s values.

Josh Cook was also awarded the ADF Long Tan Award on behalf of his previous school, Woodville High.

Year Level Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 8 Awards:  
Alex Disley  Zoe Parry

Year 9 Awards:  
Abolfazl Hassani  Jasmine Clarke

Year 10 Awards:  
Ana Lekic  Alphanso Sayee

Football awards:  
Angela Scriva  Thanasi Morakis
This is our final newsletter for the 2015 school year.

Firstly I am very pleased to announce Mr David Harriss will be the Principal of Underdale High School in 2016. David has been a leader at Underdale HS for over 10 years and the last several he has been an important member of the Senior Leadership Team as an Assistant Principal. So he is very well placed to take the next step into the Principal role.

As you are aware I am moving on to the challenge of my next position, Principal of The Heights Preschool to year 12 School. After an investment of 9 years Underdale High School will always be special and I leave feeling immensely proud and fond of the students and staff. I am confident the good work will continue under David’s leadership with a very stable team in place.

I wish all students, staff and families well into 2016 and beyond.

The 2015 School Year Publication is a little different year, however once again captures the year with a collection of photos and memories. This can be accessed via http://www.underdale.sa.edu.au/whats-on/2015-year-book/ and the password to access this is uhsrules

2015 was the 50th Year Anniversary of Underdale High School creating bright futures for its students. We held a terrific celebration attended by hundreds with special key note addresses provided by Dr Gill Hicks (a previous student) and City of West Torrens Mayor John Trainer (a previous teacher).

2015 was the second year of the school working as a West Torrens Partnership with surrounding sites and undertaking our first collective Partnership Review investigating the performance of the learning data within all of our sites.

Our Specialist Football had unprecedented success with boys and girls teams featuring in the finals across all age groups, topped off with the Open Boys Teams taking out the prestigious State Title, with a victory over St Michaels in the Final, following a Semi Final victory against Blackfriars.

Year 9 NAPLAN results significantly improved again. Especially in Numeracy with the learning growth of our students from year 7 to year 9 significantly exceeding the learning growth of the National Average.

(Extract from Principal’s report)

Farewell to the following staff
This year we say thank you and good luck to a number of staff, many are moving on to new challenges in other schools. Mr Luke Smith is taking up a Senior Leader position at Woodville HS. Mr Alan Peat is taking up a Student Counsellor position at Reynella East. Mr Stuart Williams is taking up a senior maths science teaching position at Urbrae HS. Ms Bridget Roberts and Mr Peter Savvas complete contracts with us, and as exceptional young teachers they will secure work in 2016.

Amongst our Support Staff we thank the following people who are moving on to other areas of work, Mr Dimi Sianis, Mr Glenn Fordham, Ms Verity Collyer, Ms Terry Hortup, Mr Jack Wachtell, Ms Megan Rowe, Mr Steve Franks and Ms Iman Ba-Bekir.

In Closing
On behalf of our staff and Governing Council we wish the year 12 students who are waiting on exam results all the success they could wish for.
Students return to school in the week beginning on Monday 1st February 2016.

Year 8 and Year 12 students begin on Monday 1st February
Year 9, 10 and 11 students begin on Tuesday 2nd February

Invoices for school fees will be issued early next year as will information about school card eligibility. Please make a note of Tuesday 16th February an important date for us when we hold our Acquaintance Night and School AGM.

Once again, best of luck in 2016 at Underdale High School. Have a great break and a safe holiday season.

Nigel Gill
Principal
Individual Achievements..

Ben Munu applied and has been selected for 2016 STAR Group Youth Leadership Camp
Since 1991 SA Police through STAR Operations Section have conducted a special Youth Leadership Program for a small group of selected students about to enter Year 12. “To provide an environment for the development of future community leaders through interaction with members of the SAPoL, other leading organisations and individuals within our community. The focus is on leadership, motivation and teamwork with activities which are both physically and mentally challenging with many opportunities to display and enhance their leadership qualities.”
This year 25 students were selected State-wide for the leadership program on 10th – 15th January 2016 conducted at Echunga Police Training Reserve. We look forward to Ben’s insights and sharing these with the Student Voice Council and Whole Student Body.

Liam Bekric represented Australia for the first time at the Japanese National Championships. Liam swam in the Open Men’s 50 & 100m breaststroke and 50m freestyle.
He received a gold medal in all 3 events!!! He not only broke the Japanese Games record in the 100m breaststroke but recorded the current 5th fastest time in the world!
He also swam in the 2015 Pacific School games and won 2 Gold, for 50 and 100m Breaststroke, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals!!! Congratulations!!

Usman Safi has been selected to be the Adelaide Strikers squad community rookie. A medium -pace bowling allrounder, he will attend team meetings, train with the Strikers and promote Twenty20 across the state.
Maddison Small represented the state in netball. Sarah Chappel made the All Australian Schoolgirls team 2015. Hoisine Bility has been selected for the Adelaide United Youth squad. Aaron Deen has been for trials in the Uk and been asked to go back in January. George Theodoropoulos, Wilker Lino, James and Paul Wilson, Mohammed Kamara, Mohammed Sumaoro, Finn Murphy have been selected in SA State U19 Futsal teams for Nationals in Sydney in January.
Nikita Proud is representing South Australian St Johns Cadets for:
Brigade Centenary International Cadet Camp 2016 hosted by Hong Kong St John’s
Ambulance Brigade 1st – 9th January. She is in a team of 4 Cadets.
The National Cadet Camp is 20th -25th January in NSW and Nikita in the
senior team of 3. We wish her well in these competitions during the camps.

From the Counsellor..
Deb Daniel

Student Voice Council 2015
Students are to be commended for their enthusiasm, commitment and being strong advocates for
the student body voices.
This year they have raised $905.15 for student resources and $618.80 for charities (40 hour
famine $473.80 and $145 CanTeen)
Students have received certificates for their contribution and student leadership. I have
thoroughly enjoyed being one of their support staff and I would encourage any students
interested in student leadership to nominate for Student Voice in 2016.

Orientation Day for 2016 Year 8’s - 3rd November
8.30am saw some very eager, tentative and excited year 7’s waiting for our orientation day to commence. There were a
number of activities for the students to experience which included our treasure hunt – exploring the school, getting to know
each other activities, questions and answers (from the current year 8’s and staff) session and subjects including
Japanese, Drama, Photography, English, PE or Football and Science. Recess & Lunch were provided including the
sausage sizzle.
Classes were supported by a number of Year 8 student mentors from:

8.4 Josh Jewels-Tesema, Esther Feza, Liam Moss, Eleni Neocleous
8.3 Simeona Balaban, Tommy Nguyen, Jordan Tsimopoulos, Chloe Pratt
8.1 Zoe Parry, Jack Thomas, Zoe Voulgaraki for assisting in the lessons during the day
8.2 Raul Del Rio Toledo, Kosta Theodoropoulos, Shawn Liu As our BBQ/Lunch Assistants: During lesson 3 &
8.4 Alex Disley for sharing “Life as a current year 8 “ during the parent night.
Feedback from the day included:
Enjoyed meeting other students & teachers, the lessons and it was great fun.
They are looking forward to Football, making friends, drama, new subjects & teachers, having more independence.
We thank the many staff & students who volunteered their time to support this important day for young people
transitioning into our school community.

Our Pastoral Care Worker Verity Farewells UHS
We are saddened by the news of Verity resigning from the PCW position at
Underdale High School. During the 5 years here at UHS Verity has
been supporting the wellbeing of our community by being involved in the
breakfast club, chill room, social justice club, 40 hour famine, supporting a range
of classes, Year 12 DVD, Transition of Yr 8’s just to name some of the activities
Verity has been involved in.
A recent survey by the School Ministries Group from students, staff and
parents comments have included Verity as being compassionate, good to talk to
about anything, all round positive person, determined to help and cares about
everyone. Students have been very appreciative of Verity’s involvement in the
many programs offered.
We wish Verity the very best, and to now be able to increase her time to commit
to her many freelancing projects.
Attendance...
As we continue to focus on improving student attendance to school we are proud to report that we have achieved a 94% attendance rate for 2015.

For students, attending everyday gives them opportunity to:
- Improve their grades,
- Build old and new friendships,
- Earn the respect of peers and teachers, and
- Above all be part of a caring community.

It gives us great pleasure to congratulate the following students who have achieved outstanding attendance in 2015.

**Year 8**
- Allibon-Burns, Paige
- Liu, Shawn
- Zamani, Sahar
- Parry, Zoe
- Borke, Alana
- Omanovic, Emina
- Jaksic, Tamara
- Clarke, Ethan
- Bishop Oshodi, Afra
- Wunderer, Ciaran
- Ea, Sarey

**Year 9**
- Culf, Aston
- Miller, Sharni
- Abdi, Mulky
- Bility, Hosine
- Clarke, Jasmine
- Daengruang, Taksin
- Singh, Simranjot

**Year 10**
- Cook, Josh
- Le, Jason

**Year 11**
- Mcphail, Crystal
- Cilento, Flavia
- Ngo, Macombie
- Daengruang, Pop

**Year 12**
- Bonnici, Karla
- Carbone, Reeves
- Falanga, Ruby
- Golic, Tamara

Sophie Pyromallis  
Attendance Coordinator

**Uniforms**
The Uniform Shop at the school will be open at the following times:
- Wednesday 27th Jan 9:00am-4:00pm
- Thursday 28th Jan 9:00am-4:00pm
- Monday 1st Feb 8:15am-9:30am
- Tuesday 2nd Feb 8:15am-9:30am
- Wednesday 3rd Feb 2:15pm-3:15pm

**Senior School Uniforms**
In 2015 there was a change to the Senior School uniform, endorsed by Student Voice and Governing Council members in order to make the uniform more distinct from the one worn by Middle School students. This year (2015) was the phase in period for the change which will be fully implemented in 2016.

In 2016 for Year 11 and 12 students (ie 2015 Year 10 and 11 students):
- The polo top will no longer be an option.
- The school logo white shirt will be required when wearing the grey pants or tartan skirt.
- Year 12's will be required to wear the school ties with the white shirt.
- Year 11’s may choose to wear the school tie with the white shirt.
- The school dress is still an option( no tie)
- New ties will be available from the Uniform Shop for $35.
Year 12 Formal
at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre
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New Underdale High School Facebook Page is published. Please like the page to get a notification.
https://www.facebook.com/underdalehs/

Netball SA is running an intensive ANZ NetSetGO on 15th, 16th and 17th Dec
From: 9:30-11:30am
At: Priceline Stadium 155 Railway Tce, Mile End SA

Netball SA is running School Holiday Clinics
On 19th & 20th January
At: Priceline Stadium 155 Railway Tce, Mile End SA
Time and date vary dependant upon the participants age

Western Strikers Soccer Club - Carnegie Reserve, Kingston Avenue, Royal Park SA 5014
We welcome U6-U11 Miniroos players to join our club for Season 2016. Registration available at the club on Mondays between 6:30-7:30pm until 14th December 2015. Limited positions are available for JPL and JSL teams in U12-U16 age groups.

Junior coaches positions
We are currently looking for coaches for 2016 Season. Training twice a week with matches played Sunday mornings.
To express interest or for more information please contact Pat Crisci technical.director@westernstrikers.com or 0413592701.

School Fees 2016
We are pleased to advise the result of a recent poll of parents and caregivers on the subject of school fees for 2016. The poll gave clear support to the fee structure approved by the Governing Council for 2016. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 106A of the Education Act, the legally recoverable prescribed fee for 2016 is $640.00, plus any applicable charges. School fees will be invoiced in January/February 2015.
Sue Wilson
Business Manager

Why not join the YMCA Camping team on a fun filled school holiday camp these summer holidays!
This summer YMCA Camping has plenty of camps on offer with a huge variety of awesome activities to keep your children busy throughout the summer holidays.
A teen surf camp, a Kangaroo Island Adventure, Caving at Naracoorte and a New Years Party are just some of the amazing camps we have planned for this summer!
YMCA Holiday Camps are very popular and places are limited. Book now to secure your place in the sun, and join us for Fun, Friendship and Adventure!
All the details and booking form can be found on the YMCA website – www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/ymca-camping/school-holiday-camps/
Contact YMCA Camping on 8406 2900 or campingsa@ymca.org.au for more details.