

From our Principal, Mr David Harriss

Welcome to our mid-year newsletter

Winter has certainly arrived bringing with it cold and wet conditions that presents us with some challenges, but is good news for our rural communities.

End of semester reports will be available very shortly on DayMap. We have continued to develop our teaching practices through the implementation of our Site Improvement Plan and I am looking forward to seeing the impact this has had on student achievement. If you wish to communicate with your child's teacher about their report, their email addresses are listed on the reports. The end of one Semester heralds the arrival of the next, and this gives an opportunity to refresh and build on the growth our students have shown. Term 3 for our Year 12's in particular is quite challenging, with many major tasks needing to be completed. It is imperative that students take advantage of the support from school by seeking and responding to feedback through timely submission of drafts and ensure the work they finally submit reflects accurately the learning they have done. It is just as imperative that there is plenty of encouraging support from home during what is traditionally one of the most challenging educational terms in their lives so far.

With winter upon us, keeping warm and eating well is very important to maintaining our health. I urge families to ensure students come to school with appropriate clothing within the range of uniform items we have available. Please visit our website to refresh your understanding of our Uniform Policy. Students can wear non-uniform jackets to and from school to help stay warm and dry on their journey but need to leave them in their lockers during the day. Apart from the school jacket (which has a hood), "Hoodies" are not permitted to be worn under their uniform. I am pleased to see such a high percentage of our students displaying school pride through wearing their uniform. Also a reminder that we operate a Breakfast Club three days a week with the support of Kick Start for Kids, and that a variety of food and fruit is available in breaks for hungry students. Our aim is to support students to make the most of their learning, and being hungry does not help!

As a school, we continue to prepare to welcome both our new Year 7 and 8 cohorts into our community in 2022. This work on our Curriculum, Teaching and Learning is also having a positive impact on the students who are already here. Our growth as a school over the years has been wonderful to be a part of, and I look forward to that growth continuing in an accelerated fashion in the future. Most of this growth is to do with the staff, students and families that comprise the Underdale High School community, but over the last year or so, we have seen a major growth and development in the physical aspects of the school.



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Calendar Dates TERM 3

Week 1

- Monday 19th July
- First Day Term 3
- Tuesday 20th July
- Ice Factor
- Friday 23rd July
- Flinders Enrichment at Flinders Uni

Week 2

- Tuesday 27th July
- Ice Factor
- Wednesday 28th July
- SACE & Post School Expo
- Thursday 29th July
- Year 10 Immunisations

Week 3

- Tuesday 3rd August
- Principals Tour
- Tuesday 3rd August
- Ice Factor
- Tuesday 3rd August
- Governing Council Meeting
- Friday 6th August
- Pupil Free Day
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Week 4

- Tuesday 3rd August
- Ice Factor
- Friday 13th August
- Newsletter Issue 5

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There are only several areas of the school needing completion (Administration block, Resilience Corridor and the Car Park), and we envisage by before the end of next term we should be using all areas of the school. It has been a metamorphosis that seems to have been a long time coming, but

it will be worth the wait. You may drive by and not seem to be able to notice much difference as the majority of work has been done behind the front façade, however if you scroll through our Facebook page and our newsletters you will see the transformation. When we have our Course Confirmation process later in term 3, you can see for yourself how the school now looks like behind the mask!

I sincerely wish all families a warm and dry break, hope the weather allows our students to get out of the house and into the fresh air (to give you a break) and so they are re-invigorated and ready to go next term.

Cheers
David Harriss



SACE & POST SCHOOL PATHWAYS NIGHT

Wednesday 28 July

6PM TO 8PM

(arrive at any time and stay as long as you wish)

Talk to UHS staff about SACE, VET and subjects for Year 11 & 12

The University of Adelaide, Flinders University, UniSA, UniSA College and TAFE will be in attendance and students/parents can get advice on courses.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Focussed Study Support

Focussed Study Support is a time where all students may be referred to receive extra time and support with tasks. Students may self-refer for extra help or be expected to be referred by teachers when draft work/final work was not submitted by due dates.

Focussed Study supports work completion across all year levels. Teachers will be facilitating this learning time by providing one to one or small group support. These sessions are in our Resource Centre.

These sessions provide students with a supportive environment to experience success in all their learning.

Focussed Study Support Times

Tuesday & Thursdays
3:15pm – 4:30pm

Students may be referred by their subject teacher or all students have the option to self-refer.

Wednesday
2:30pm – 3:10pm

Students may be referred by their subject teacher or only Year 11 & 12's have the option to self-refer.



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HIGHLIGHTS - FROM WEEKS FIVE TO TEN

Assembly Awards

Learning is a progressive activity and positive engagement can help students achieve their full potential. We would like to congratulate the following students who were presented with awards at our most recent Assembly on 2 June 2021. These students have been awarded for their positive Engagement with their learning and achieved Outstanding Attendance in Term 1.

8.2 Emily Brenton
8.2 Vasileios Roditis
8.3 Katie Bouchier
8.3 Ricky Pericleous
8.5 Manavjot Kaur
9.2 Marley Hawkesworth
9.3 Chantelle Hunter
9.3 Nikolaos Kourlis
9.3 Lara Wilson
10.1 Brianna Lacanale Parente
10.4 Jessica Corns
10.4 Heinze Srih
11.1 Saira Libra
11.5 Jessica Libra
12.1 Tony Dang
12.1 Aaliyah Falco
12.1 Neena Manju
12.2 Matthew Zafridis
12.3 Sam Castrique
12.3 Prabhleen Kaur
12.4 Max Coorey
12.4 Sam Nguyen
12.5 Jaycob Cutajar
12.5 Sam Fung



The following students were acknowledged for Outstanding Engagement with their learning in Term 1.

8.1 Layla Jensen
8.1 Zia Momin
8.1 Jade Smith
8.3 Yasmine Khan
8.4 Giada Colangelo
8.4 Toufika Muca
9.3 Erika Busuttil
10.1 Katie Raggett
10.3 Hollie Wright
10.4 Prajwal Uppal
FLO Abraham Connell
11.4 Mannat Khosa
11.5 Gioia Haycroft
11.5 Inshaal Khan
12.3 Locky Gardam

Over 140 students were awarded with Outstanding Attendance Awards during Year Level Meetings.

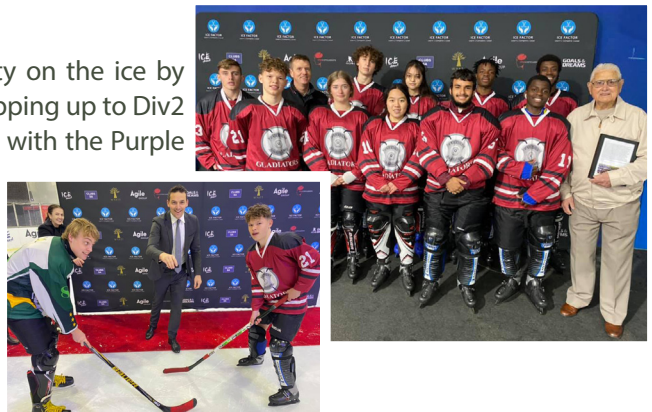
Sophie Pyromallis
Assistant Principal



HIGHLIGHTS - FROM WEEKS FIVE TO TEN

Ice Factor

The Underdale Gladiators have really stamped their authority on the ice by taking out the end of term Div 3 competition in term one. Stepping up to Div2 in term two and taking out the title after a penalty shoot-out with the Purple Reign from Bowden-Brompton School to claim the second consecutive title. The growth and determination of the team has been amazing, each week the students head out on to the ice and train they get better as a team. Practice definitely makes progress, go you Gladiators. Vanessa, Mrs DeBono and Mr Daddow plus the wider school community could not be any prouder of your efforts. Bring on term three div 1!!



Year 10 Art/Design Class

Earlier in the year, Ms Birrell's Year 10 Art/Design class entered the SA Refugee Week Poster Competition. This opportunity enables students to create art that raises awareness about issues affecting refugees and the valuable contributions of refugees to Australia. Through sharing experiences and research in class, students developed ideas that promoted a message about multiculturalism, human rights and cultural diversity. Students then refined these in to a final poster design.



From almost 300 entries, 3 of our students had their poster selected for display in the SA Refugee Week Poster Exhibition, showing at the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery, University of SA. Ethan Kladouris, Sahiba Tayeeb and Brianna Lacanale-Parente attended the launch event and received a Certificate of Participation. All participating students were thanked by the Australian Migrant Resource Centre for their involvement in this special project.

Foodbank Food Drive

In Mrs Profiris's year 12 Society and Culture class we studied the human rights topic and had to undertake a group task.

Our group decided to research on poverty and hunger in Australia and throughout the world. We found out that many people who suffer from poverty sometimes don't have enough food to eat, which can lead to hunger and malnutrition. The group decided to play a small part and undertake a food drive to support Foodbank. This was done by informing the school community and asking staff and students to donate non perishable food products. A number of people donated to our cause but Mrs Reveruzzi's homegroup was amazing as they contributed the most and were very understanding of the situation of how people struggle to put food on the table for their families.

By Emmanuell Fessas, Adriana Marinero Garcia, Zhamyrah Trovato, and Taia Verhulst



Mrs Reveruzzi's Homegroup

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Accelerated Hospitality Course

Students were involved in an Accelerated Hospitality Course during week 9. They learnt valuable employability skills, as well as completing several competencies that will gain them SACE credits. The staff were thrilled to be the coffee tasters – and enjoyed having delicious coffee & hot chocolates delivered during the day.

The course culminated in a 'pop up café', where students were able to purchase hot drinks, slushies and yummy treats.

Thanks once again to Complete Hospitality Training Skills for running the course and to the students for their fantastic attitude, work ethic and hospitality skills.



SPORT UPDATE

Hosine Bility

Massive achievement for our former Academy scholar, Hosine Bility! He's shown tremendous resilience (and ability) to make it to the next step in his footballing journey. We're right behind you Hosine!



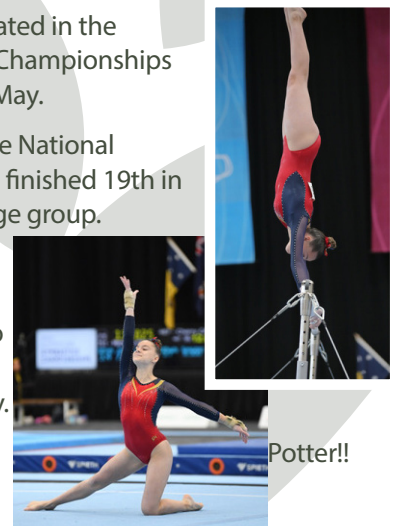
National Gymnastics Championships

Kaitlin Potter participated in the National Gymnastics Championships on the Gold Coast in May.

Kaitlin qualified for the National Finals (top 32/54) and finished 19th in Australia in the u16 age group.

Kaitlin has been a dedicated gymnast since age 7 and is also an active member of our Football Academy.

Awesome work



Potter!!

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SPORT UPDATE

Year 8/9 Girls Knockout Football

25 May - It was a cold and windy start to the junior girls knockout campaign at Parafield Gardens High in May.

A poor start against Banksia Park International left us chasing our tails, with a strong second half unable to recover the early deficit. 1-5 (0-4 HT).

Our second match against the hosts was more promising with a goal to captain Ana Simic reward for the girls dominance. Unfortunately, we conceded from a corner and despite numerous chances for us to win, the match ended 1-1.

The 8/9 girls are out but take plenty of positives into upcoming tournaments. Special mentions to Bianca T who put her hand up to play goalkeeper (and did so bravely!) and Keelee who ran her heart out in her first ever football match!



Year 10 Boys Knockout Round 1

8 June - The highs and lows of football continued for UHS yesterday, with a 16-0 demolition of St.George followed by a humbling 1-5 loss to Sacred Heart.

In the second match, Mr Hennig's boys recovered from a 3 goal deficit to steady and slowly take control, heading into the break with a well deserved goal- a free kick belter from captain Andrej Simic.

Pushing hard in the 2nd half, the 10's squandered chance after chance and were punished further as they chased the game.

The boys will learn plenty from this experience as they continue to develop as individuals and a team.

Big thanks to Mr. Cohan Morris for his assistance with the Year 10 team

Football Academy Pre-Season Cup

3-4 June - Our Open Boys and Girls competed with fellow Football Academy schools- Roma Mitchell, Henley, Salisbury East and Kildare to test out our skills and strategies against strong opposition before our open knockout campaigns begin.

DK's boys were undefeated as they swept aside Roma and Salisbury East before coming from behind to win a 6-4 thriller against Henley.

Similarly, Hilditch's girls had strong wins over Roma and Kildare before facing Henley. Taking an early lead, the girls were unable to sustain intensity and succumbed 4-1 to an ever strong Henley girls outfit.

Despite a collective 5/6 victories, this year's trophy went to Henley on overall Goal Difference.

Individual awards were presented to boys and girls' top scorers and MVP's with our own Emily Todd scooping the MVP award, as voted by opposition coaches throughout the tournament. Awesome work Toddy!



SPORT UPDATE

Year 8/9 Boys Knockout Round 1

June 10 - It was a bitterly cold but successful day for Mr. Del Nido's boys as they displayed confidence and control in victories over independent schools Cabra (1-0) and St Peter's (2-0).

For many, it was their first opportunity to represent the school and they did with pride, epitomising the Academy's ethos of humility in victory and respect for both opposition and officials.

Well deserved boys!



Introducing the 2021 State Futsal Open Boys Champions!!

30 June - Mr.DK's lads dominated their group stage opposition before smashing Henley 9-2 in the Semi Final.

The Final was a much tighter affair as Glenunga took the lead before a quick fire hat trick put our boys back in front.

Glenunga didn't give up and scored again to make it 3-2. Our seniors put the heated contest to rest with a championship winning 4th goal.

Well done young men!!



Power Intercultural Carnival

25 June - Our Stage 1 PE students participated in the annual Power Intercultural Carnival in wet and soggy conditions at Karen Rolton Oval on Friday last week.

Boys and girls teams produced super efforts and both finished in 3rd place- narrowly missing out on Saturday's Grand Finals at Adelaide Oval. The boys in particular were terribly unlucky as they went undefeated throughout the day, missing out on goal percentage!

Thank you to Mr. DK, Mr. Hilditch and Mr. Morris for their coaching and most importantly, the awesome Year 11's who represented the school with passion and grace.



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SPORT UPDATE

Western Zone Open Boys Futsal Champions



The Open Boys Futsal team competed in a very high level carnival this term. The team started out with a six nil win against Tenison College with Chicco getting a hatrick. A six to 1 victory against Golden Grove with Alex putting in an amazing performance. The next game was a hard fought win 3 to nil against Seda College that had Abou demonstrating his strengths in defence. It was now getting to the business end of the competition as you must finish top of all the teams in the standings to be victorious and we had to come up against a very strong Roma Mitchell outfit. We were always in complete control as all the players played outstanding games to come away with a 7-3 victory. The team won 6 nil against St George which was a bit of a training drill before the last match for the day against our bitter rivals Henley. Henley went up 2-1 early but our team started playing some amazing futsal and went on to win 4-3 in a tense thriller of a game. Brilliant result.

Year 8 5-A-Side State Finals

7 June - Our Year 8 boys and girls were back on the park in June, taking on the state's best 5aside outfits and a fierce, unrelenting wind.

The girls finished 4th in the state with some determined wins and tight losses, while the boys had a similar experience, securing strong wins but falling short against the northern zone champions. The boys achieved 3rd in state.

A big thank you to Ruby Fullager who coached the girls team with wisdom and patience, and to Emily Todd and Peter Panagiotidis for representing the Academy as referees.

*unfortunately the wind blew away any chance of team photos as the players scattered for respite!

Open Boys Knockout Round 1

June 28 - The seniors dominated possession and created numerous chances to open their knockout campaign with a 4-1 win over Adelaide High.

With Unley then defeating Adelaide, it was a win or go home scenario as our maroons- wearing their new gold kits- took on Unley.

It was a lacklustre start until captain Alex Tsimopoulos scored a thunderbolt to ignite the team. A clinical Toure brothers' combination sent us cruising to victory until Unley struck a late blow to provide Coach DK with a few anxious minutes. The boys held on and move through to the second round.

*Shout out to Year 9 Anton Geranios who made his Open Boys debut and did so with maturity and enthusiasm.

Open Boys Football Pre Season Cup



In the pre- season cup, we started the day with a 4 nil victory against Roma Mitchell. An impressive performance from the entire team but the stand out was Ivan. The second game was a 4-1 victory against Salisbury east with all players showing their class but with Alex playing a man of the match performance. In the final against Henley it was a goal fest with a 6-4 victory. Our team were all playing really well and showed why we are such a great team. Well done to the boys on winning the Pre-season cup.

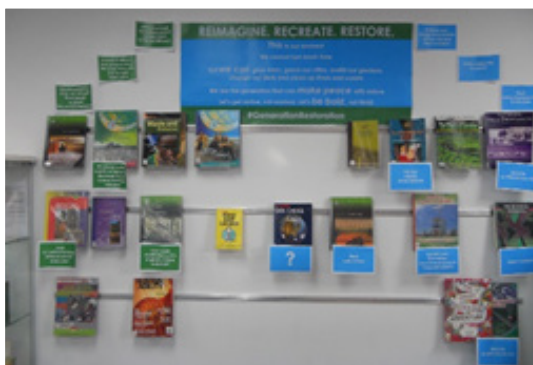
LIBRARY NEWS

2021 Term 2 Celebrations

This term in the resource centre we have celebrated Reconciliation Week and World Environment Day.



Reconciliation Week



World Environment Day

New Books

We have a great selection of new books recently hitting our shelves including some great vintage fashion books, *Young Dark Emu* by Bruce Pascoe and *Release* by the amazing YA author Patrick Ness.

Book Requests

Resource centre doesn't have your favourite book?? Please ask. We will do our best to find it.

OneCard

Can't wait until next term? If you have a OneCard you can borrow from any public library in South Australia. The Hamra Centre Library has a great selection of books, magazines, electronic games and even sports equipment for loan. If you are under 18, you will need a parent or guardian to register you.

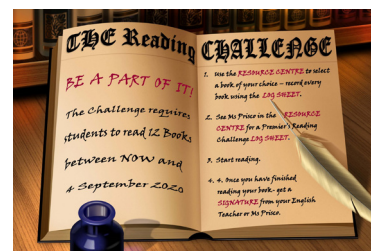
Hamra Centre Library: 1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton SA 5033. Open every day.

Happy Reading!



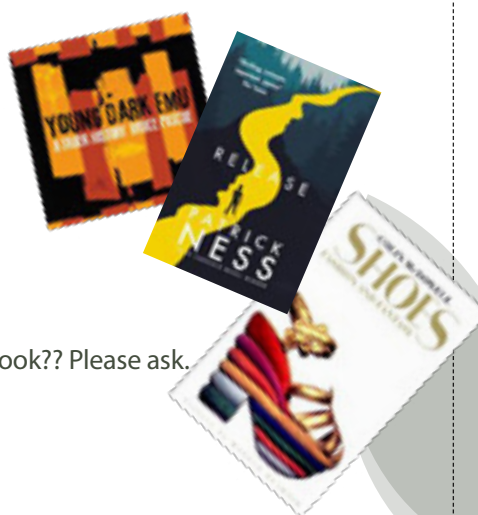
Library Quiz

Don't forget to submit an answer to the weekly quiz question. Entry forms are located at the library desk.



The Premier's Reading Challenge

Entry forms available from the library. Challenge forms need to be returned by August 31.



UHS Book Club Forum

All students are invited to join the UHS Book Club online to discuss the books you are currently reading. See Ms Prisco for details.

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YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022

Parent Update Week 9, Term 2 – 2021

Looking beyond year 7

In 2022, year 7 and 8 students will start high school in the same year for the first and only time. We are working hard to ensure the move is smooth and successful for all families and our broader school communities.

Support for year 8s

Every age of schooling is important, and our schools will continue catering for the needs of all students.

While our 2022 year 7 group is receiving a lot of focus in the lead-up to its historic move to high school, our schools are continuing to fully support year 8 students starting high school in 2022. Our schools are highly experienced at running transition programs to ensure year 8s feel welcomed in their new settings. The programs also have a strong focus on helping students form new friendships. This will not change under the year 7 to high school move. Both year 7 and year 8 students will be provided with full transition programs.

Our senior students remain a key focus

Our schools are very capable of managing student needs and parents can be assured that senior students will continue to receive the attention they require for their learning.

Impact on primary schools

Naturally, overall student numbers will drop in our primary schools when year 7 moves to high school.

The government has made a commitment not to close schools as part of the year 7 to high school move. We are offering top-up funding to some eligible regional schools to ensure they don't drop class numbers due to the departure of year 7.

Some primary school teachers are choosing to apply for new high school positions that have been created because of the move. Welcoming them into our high schools will ensure students continue to benefit from their extensive knowledge of year 7 curriculum and teaching methods.

Benefits to high school communities

Feedback from all the schools in our pilot program showed they benefitted from having year 7s on site. The pilot has involved three public high schools, which started welcoming year 7s in 2019. Teachers found the year 7s to be full of energy and optimism, which was a positive for the culture of their wider school communities.

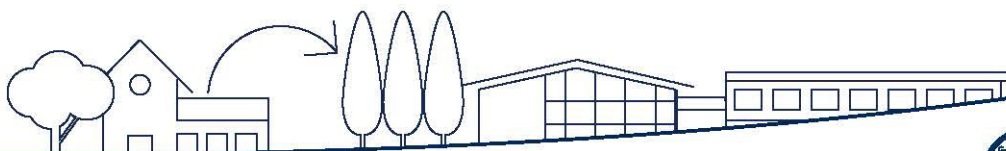
Managing interactions between different year levels

Frameworks already exist in public schools to manage interactions between students of different ages. They already operate in our Birth to 12, Reception to 12 and Area schools. Many schools run peer mentor programs with older students and will have designated yard spaces for 7 and 8 students for lunch and recess. Check with your school about what they offer.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS.

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.





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