

### Calendar Dates

#### Term 3

#### Wednesday

3rd August

SACE Parent Night

9th August

Governing Council  
Meeting

6th September

Governing Council  
Meeting

8th September

Pupil Free Day

9th September

School Closure Day  
Royal Show

30th September

#### Term 4

17th October

First Day of Term

16th December

## From the Principal.....

Hi everyone, and welcome back to a new term.

This term promises to be such an exciting one full of challenges and rewards.

You should have received your child's Semester 1 Report (they will be reprinted with the correct Year on them!). Please do not hesitate to contact the teachers (email is the most efficient) to discuss your child's progress.

Welcome back to Sue Wilson, our Business Manager after leave last term, and welcome to two teachers new to the school:

- Carmel Jones who will be taking two of our Intensive Literacy classes and supporting several of our English Classes and the Supported Learning Centre.
- Chris Hamlyn who will be working with some of Alana Birrell and Geoff Frogley's classes.

Please make them welcome to our school community, as I know you will.



Sadly (for us) we had to farewell Ms Inge Marwitz last term, as she is retiring. Her contributions to the school have been beyond her teaching of German and in the SOSE faculty. Her influence on how Underdale has developed its appreciation of the environment is immeasurable. Her legacy will no doubt continue, and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Late last term, just before the election, we had a visit by our Premier, Jay Weatherill, and Senator Penny Wong, along with a news crew from the ABC. Whilst none of the footage got to air before the election, two very high profile and influential politicians were impressed with our facility, our Teacher Mr Pappageorgiou and particularly the two students that they talked to, Hayden Grundy-Smith and Lana Savic. I talked about the success of Underdale High School whilst sending the message that a majority of Underdale's physical facilities did not reflect our highly effective teaching and learning environment and that we were seeking some parity in these matters. If the footage is never used, at least these politicians will have Underdale High School in their thoughts at opportune times.



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# Premiers Visit

Rick Persse (new DECD Chief Executive) spent some time at a conference I was at during the holidays. He seems a very down to earth and highly respected man, determined to support schools to be the best they can. Also he admits openly that he doesn't have any experience in the field of education, but the way he spoke filled me with confidence that he could work effectively with us.

I lead off at question time, ensuring Underdale High School was foremost in his thoughts and asked when he was going to visit sites, which he intends to do very soon. When leaving, his parting comment was that he was looking forward to visiting schools, and mentioned us by name, so we will be ready for a visit. He intends spending as much time as possible in classes and touring the school. I'll keep you informed.



## There is a very exciting term ahead of us:

- \$2.5 million to plan on spending for STEM
- NAPLAN Online trials (Testing our ICT capability)
- 2017 Year 8 enrollment forecasts
- "Premiership" quarter for our Year 12's
- SACE Expo and Parent information night
- Principal's position ratified
- Staff planning – Teachers and Ancillary staff
- PAT R and PAT M testing for our Year 8 to 12 Students
- Continued preparations for the "Singa Cup" – watch out for some exciting activities you can be involved in
- Primary visits program headed by Jason and STEM, augmented by Arts and Football activities
- Of course, and most importantly, the continued development of our effective teaching programs

A challenging portfolio over 10 weeks, but I have the utmost confidence in our staff as a professional team to successfully carry out these tasks to the highest standard and ask for your continued support for your child's education.

**David Harriss**  
Principal



# Music News

There have been a lot of exciting things happening in Music this term. All music students and some lucky Year 8 & 9 students were treated to a fantastic performance by Adam Page. Adam is an Adelaide musician who has performed just about everywhere with his amazing “looping” show. Adam has also composed and performed with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and lived and worked in New Zealand, telling us about his exploits creating the horn calls and appearing as an extra for the Hobbit movie. The students were entertained with various sounds being looped, including Adam creating a whole song using his beard! The Senior Music class also had the opportunity to work with Adam, composing their own song in a matter of minutes. Quite an amazing experience.

The newly formed rock band – “Unknown Artist”, the acoustic group “P.S.aKoustic” and Selina Whiting auditioned as assisting artists for the Primary Schools Music Festival. It was a great experience to go through the audition process – although the students thought it was quite scary. The exciting news is that the Rock Band were successful in their audition and will be performing in the Festival Theatre in September.



## A huge congratulations to the students involved

**Selina Whiting, Kaitlyn Manko, Stephanie Colicchio, Vincent Doran, Aston Culf, Casper Shepherd, Peter Lever, Hayden Grundy-Smith and Chris Papageorgiou.**

The Senior Music concert was a huge success. Run in “cabaret” style, parents and friends were treated to a great night’s entertainment. The Senior Band presented 30 minutes of music learnt during Semester 1 from a variety of different styles. The audience were also entertained by the rock band, acoustic group and various soloists.

A huge congratulations must go to Selina Whiting for her amazing performance in “Class of Cabaret” as part of the Adelaide Cabaret Festival. As well as this performance, Selina also performed to a sold out audience of 2000 people for the Cabaret Festival’s opening – the Gala Concert. Selina has had the opportunity to be mentored by various cabaret artists, as well as artistic directors Eddie Perfect and Ali McGregor. What a fabulous experience for her.

Next term the rock band will be heading out “on tour” to various primary schools to showcase the great musical talent at Underdale High School.

**Jillian Gulliver  
Music Teacher**

## STEM Funding

Our school will have up to \$2.5 million invested at our site to improve our science, technology, engineering, maths (STEM) facilities.

We're one of 139 schools across the state to benefit from this \$250 million state government investment. Planning for these facilities will start immediately with construction to be completed before the end of 2018.

Contemporary facilities and learning approaches will help to engage our students and prepare them for jobs in a wide range of industries from health to defence and advanced manufacturing.

More information is available at [www.decd.sa.gov.au/stemworks](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/stemworks).

We are all excited about the possibilities for our school, and will be linking with local Primary schools who have also received funding to ensure we are all working in concert. We have begun seeking input from the staff and students and would welcome any from parents and the local community.

**Please email me at [David.Harriss494@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:David.Harriss494@schools.sa.edu.au) if you wish to discuss this further or have any suggestions.**

## NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child's teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a 'test' of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. The trial will involve students completing 2 assessments

- a test for each year level containing sample NAPLAN online questions based on reading, numeracy and convention of languages (spelling, grammar and punctuation)

- a separate writing test for each year level.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a state wide level. The trial will provide information about the school's internet capabilities and confirm that there are sufficient devices to run the test successfully. It will also allow staff to 'test drive' the new processes and trial classroom logistics.



**[Lesley.Holliday274@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Lesley.Holliday274@schools.sa.edu.au) Deputy Principal, if you have any questions or concerns.**

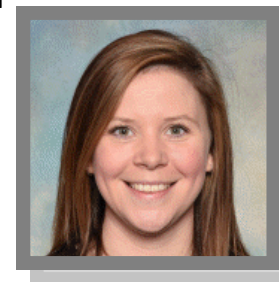
## Supported Learning Centre (SLC)

The Supported Learning Centre, or SLC, is a new initiative at Underdale High School in 2016. Its purpose is as a study space as well as a space for student reflection upon removal from class for behavioural reasons. This process encompasses Behaviour Referrals and After School Detention for incidents where students fail to comply with our expectations.

From Term 3, students who receive 5 or more Behaviour Referrals and Detentions combined in one term will be given a one day internal suspension, actioned by the Year Level Coordinator.

Please feel free to contact the SLC Manager, Phoebe Virgo,

**[Phoebe.Virgo648@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Phoebe.Virgo648@schools.sa.edu.au) if you would like further information about this procedure.**





## NAIDOC Week 2016: 3-10 July

NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

NAIDOC stands for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'.

Each year, a theme is chosen to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC Week. This year our theme is **Songlines**: The living narrative of our nation.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Dreamtime describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by our ancestral spiritual beings. They created the rivers, lakes, plants, land formations and living creatures.

Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of our ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and knowledge. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called 'Songlines' as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who 'sung' the land into life.

These Songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and art. They carry significant spiritual and cultural connection to knowledge, customs, ceremony and traditions of many Aboriginal nations and Torres Strait Islander language groups.

To celebrate NAIDOC week a group of our Aboriginal students will be attending a Cultural Day at Taoundi College where they will represent Underdale High School with other schools throughout Adelaide. It will be a day of fun filled educational activities. There is also a NAIDOC celebration board in our Courage corridor showing examples of our Culture Art, Dance and Food.

To all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families we at Underdale High School wish you a joyous week of celebration.

**Debbie Scholfield - Aboriginal Community Education Officer**



## Student Voice Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sales

We opened a few weeks ago and have had a few sales.

Opening hours :Tuesday lunchtimes

&

after school between 3.15 – 3.45pm

in Optimism Corridor (Yr 8) between Room 14 & 16

We still need more clothes and donations are greatly appreciated.

For further queries please contact Deb Daniel P: 8301 8038

E: [debbie.daniel152@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:debbie.daniel152@schools.sa.edu.au) or

Jemma Manfre 8.1 : Project Manager, Melinda Milkic 9.3 , Eleni Neocleous 9.4

**Money raised will go towards Underdale High School Projects & Resources.**





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# RESEARCH PROJECT STUDENT EXPO

## After-hours session

**Tuesday 9 August**  
**4.30pm to 7.30pm**  
**Ridley Centre**  
**Adelaide Showground**

For further information visit  
[www.sace.sa.edu.au/expo2016](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au/expo2016)



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## 2016/17 Entertainment Books are here

We're very excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. You can order your NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book or Digital Membership from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our school fundraising projects.

Pre-order yours ONLINE today and receive an extra \$170 in bonus vouchers that you can start using straight away. Order Here:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/926q430>

Books will be available for collection from the front office in April.



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## Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17. The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Marleston Community Dental Clinic Phone: 7501 6700

## Aussies, watch out for mozzies in Rio!

The [Australian Health Department](#) is warning those travelling to Brazil for the 2016 Rio Olympics that they MUST protect themselves from mosquitoes.

[Zika](#), [yellow fever](#), [dengue](#) and [chikungunya](#) are all mosquito-borne viruses present in Brazil. Zika can also be sexually transmitted.

Women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant are particularly at risk.

SA Health has asked for help to raise awareness by including [this information](#) in your next newsletter, and distributing [brochures](#) and [posters](#) around your site.

Contact: [Strategic Communications](#), phone 8226 0358

## SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

**Mondays 8.30-9.30am**

**and**

**Wednesdays 2.15-3.15pm**

## Building Fund

A Building Fund has been established to provide funds to assist in maintaining existing school buildings or to contribute to the construction or acquisition of new buildings on the school site in the future.

**Donors can make income tax deductible donations to the fund.** Any contribution to our Building Fund will be most appreciated. Please contact the school on 83018000.