

### Calendar Dates

15th December  
Pupil free Day  
Yr 8-11 Reports Posted

16th December  
Last Day of Term

20th December  
Yr 12 results from  
SACE Board

## From the Principal.....

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am. The SACE Board's Internet access is inundated with demand for information! Local posties will be met at the letterbox! Yes, that's right. Stage 2 results release day. I sincerely hope that every student has a great start to the festive season with the results they are expecting ... or better! Please contact us if you need any explanation of the results or guidance in "what next?" Our Year 12's have certainly worked hard all year (not to mention the 11 or so years before that as well), and we all hope they get the results they deserve. I too will be on the Website at 8:30 eagerly looking at the results, and will let everyone know how our students went as a group early next year.

It was great to see so many Year 11's during exam and transition week committed to completing their work, particularly the Research Project. They now have an appreciation of the level of commitment and study strategies required to be successful at Stage 2. We look forward to them applying those learning experiences to their studies in 2017. We also have strategies in place to support those needing to do that little bit extra next year to ensure SACE completion.

Year 10's have had a taste of the SACE through the PLP this year, and will be fully immersed in the SACE learning environment in 2017, including their first taste of what is required at Stage 2 through the Research Project. If the current year 11's were to give any advice to the oncoming cohort, I am sure it would be to make a good start, taking pride in their work and ensuring they take advantage of all the support offered. This will certainly set them up for the best possible result in 2018 ... yes, 2018... it's closer than you think!

The Year 9 cohort is leaving the Middle School environment for the start of their senior years. Year 10 can set students up for the remainder of their secondary schooling if they become engaged in their subjects, particularly the PLP. This will allow them to explore their strengths and challenges and start to plan their pathway to post-secondary destinations. It is also where they will start to develop a little more independent study skills and explore their social environment. Certainly a very challenging, but rewarding year (for students and parents!)

The year 8's have completed their first year of Secondary Education. I trust they have learnt a great deal in 2016. I feel a special bond with this group, as they started at Underdale in the same year that I became Principal, and I have visited them all in their classes throughout the year. I look forward to their progress and development over the coming years, and particularly look forward to their Year 12 Graduation Night (again ... it is closer than you think!)

### 2017 GOVERNING COUNCIL

I would like to publicly thank the efforts of our 2016 Governing Council. The enthusiasm and energy at meetings has been exciting. The ideas discussed and resolutions made are of immense benefit for our students, and have contributed to the continual growth of our school. The 2017 AGM is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please note this in your diary and seriously consider joining us. Special thanks to Con Tsakiris who after 7 years as Treasurer has decided to make way for someone else and pursue other opportunities. We wish Con all the best and sincerely thank him for his efforts and contributions to Underdale over those years.

### 2017 PREVIEW

2017 promises to be an exciting year. Some new staff will be joining us (details in next year's first newsletter), the STEM building progressing and a group of year 8's beginning their journey through our esteemed family that is Underdale High School. I wish all the staff, students, parents and caregivers, and the wider school community a happy and safe festive season, and look forward to a fresh, energy filled start in February 2017!



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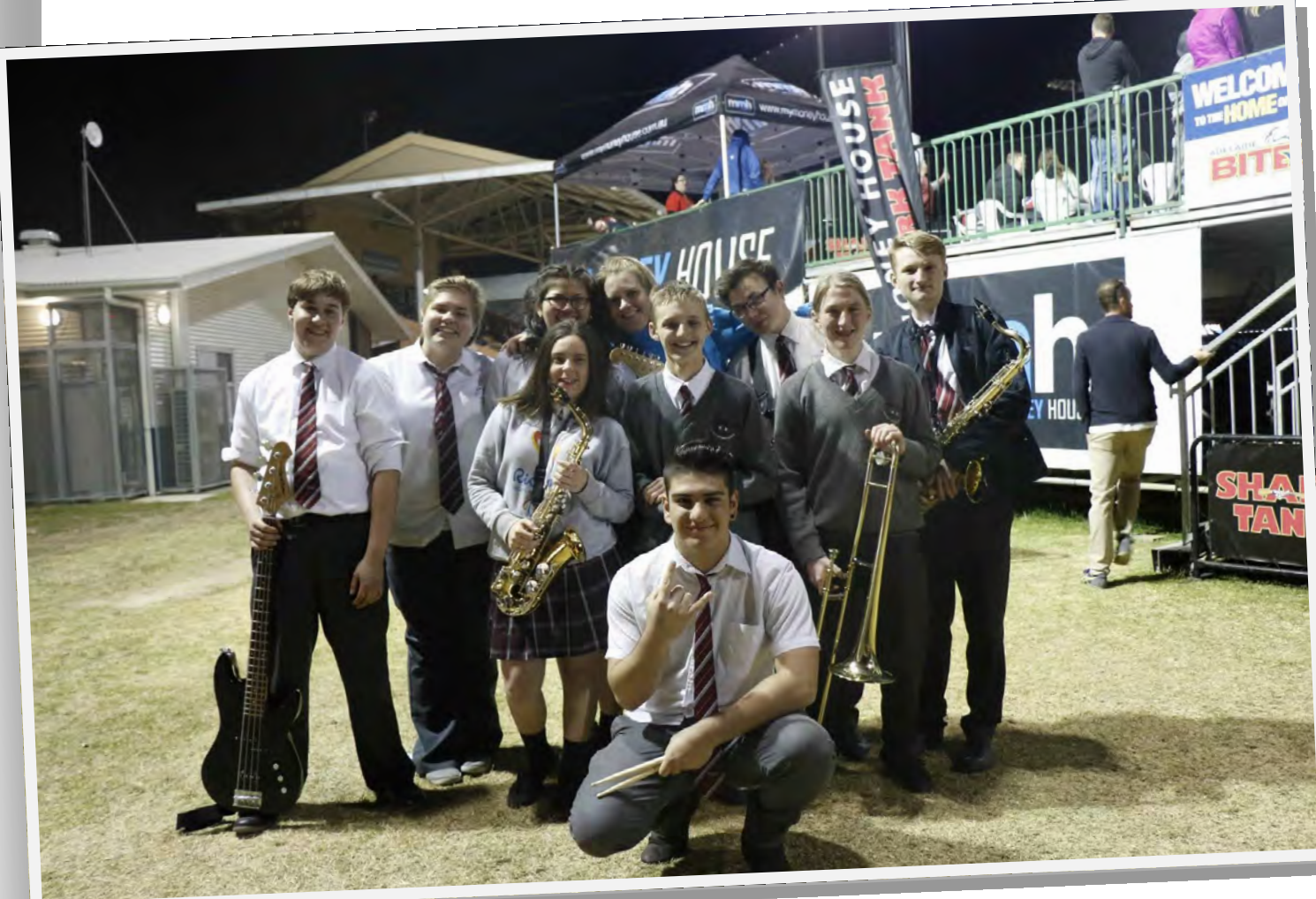
## Singa Cup...



Congratulations to the boys for their fantastic results in Singapore. They represented our school and themselves very well and were a source of admiration for all of the other competing teams. Special mention to Natalie Zuccon, Rod del Nido and all of the parents who helped with the preparations and fundraising. It was huge effort with a steep learning curve for the first event of this kind. We plan that this will become an annual event as the learning and life experiences the boys went through made it very worthwhile. Thank you to all who were involved. I hope you all read the article in the December 7<sup>th</sup> Messenger.







## ROCK BAND

In their first year of "touring" the inaugural Underdale Rock Band certainly had a hectic schedule. Playing at many local primary schools and the first Adelaide Bite (SA's baseball team) game at West Beach, the group certainly rocked, and were asked back many times. Fantastic ambassadors for our school and themselves, led by an enthusiastic and energetic Jillian Gulliver. Well done, and I look forward to the 2017 season ... when does the first album get released I wonder?

## STAFF LEAVING

The end of the year is one of celebration and joy, but sadly for all of us, it also signals the end of some staff member's time with us. Zoran Maricic, our HPE coordinator, has decided not to continue in this role in 2017, choosing to take a purely teaching role in the future. At this point we are unsure where Zoran will be next year, but we thank him deeply for his achievements over more than a decade at Underdale, his efforts in leading the Football Academy and the HPE faculty have been very valuable. Congratulations to Brett Hains who has won a promotion position at Woodville High School as Mathematics coordinator. His input will be sorely missed, but Woodville will certainly benefit from his energy, enthusiasm and leadership. Peter Savvas will finish up his contract here at Underdale this week. Peter has been involved with our school for several years now, having originally completing a teaching practical here as a pre-service teacher. He has taken subjects ranging from Mathematics, through English and HASS to Research Project. His versatility and ability to develop great relationships with students to achieve positive student outcomes will be missed. Jenni-Lee Iversen and Carmel Jones, (and Sabrina Prisco, who has completed many short term contracts here) will also be finishing up placements here at Underdale. Feedback from the students has been very positive and they too will be missed. On behalf of the school I would like to thank all of these staff for their contributions to our school and wish them luck in their future endeavours. We are hopeful that we can see them involved in the school in some form or another.





## CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday the 5th of December a crowded room of parents, carers, friends, teachers and support staff congratulated the graduating and continuing students of the Prospect Centre. It was a proud Josh Murphy who collected his Horticulture Vocational Certificate I. This semester Josh has also participated in work experience for a local landscape gardener and in 2017 will be starting his Research Project at Prospect.

## FAREWELLS

Peter Botros - Has been volunteering here at Underdale as an SSO. He has a background as a qualified Science and Maths teacher overseas, and is very near gaining his full qualification here in Australia. He has recently begun working as a BSSO at Clovelly Park Primary School and in the Northern suburbs. Initially Peter worked with our Arabic speaking students, has gone on to support all students in and out of the classroom settings and has worked particularly well with the Science and Maths faculty.

Yuya Kurokawa returned home at the end of week six. He came from Japan a year ago and fitted into the Underdale High School culture immediately, making friends, playing soccer and doing well academically. He will be remembered fondly and be missed by all.



## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Charlie Mavros who represented South Australia at the National Under 15 Championships in Canberra. As a result of his performance, including top goal scorer for the tournament with 8 goals he has been offered a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra for 12 months, well done, Charlie!

## SUCCESSFUL YOUNG WOMEN

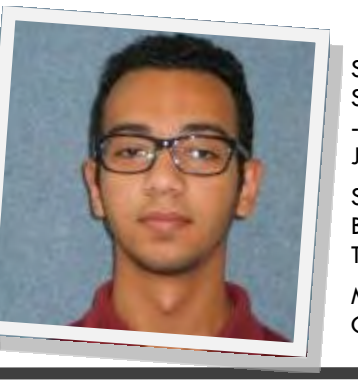
Manamen Sumaoro Yr 11 & Mulky Adbi Yr 10 have been very recently selected for the South Australian Rugby Union Junior State Representative Program to take part in the Under 17's 7s Rugby: National Inter- State Competition in Perth on 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Elen Watson Yr 8 is representing the squad in the U15 Regional team for the Ultimate Fiji Soccer Cup Tournament 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December in Fiji.

We wish them all great success and opportunities to develop further their skills.

## LANGUAGE ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students were acknowledged for their achievements in their language studies in 2016. They were presented with their certificates at the School of Languages Celebration of Achievement on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide. Congratulations to these students:



Simeona Balaban Year 9  
Serbian

-Serbian Community Jovan  
Jovanovic Zmaj Medal

Shawn Liu Year 11 Chinese  
Background  
The Award of Excellence

Mina Mikhail Year 11 Arabic  
Continuers Award of Merit



## USHERS AT GRADUATION

Thank you to the Year 11 students who volunteered to be ushers at the Yr 12 Graduation – Hannah Kelly SS01, Saba Maghsoudi SS05, Elijah Martin SS01, Lachlan Potter SS02, Erfan Rezai SS02 and Casper Shepherd SS03 were outstanding school representatives for this ceremony.

## STUDENT VOICE COUNCIL 2016

Students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm, commitment, leadership and being strong advocates for the student body.

### Highlights have included

Money raised **Totalling: \$1403.10**

Currently \$600 is being saved to go towards projects for **Student Facilities & Resources** from non-uniform days, UHS Got Talent and Second Hand Uniform Sales

**Charities:** Para Olympics- \$365-85 and UHS Singa Cup Team- \$437.25

Student Voice Training during term 1

Students mixing with different year levels yr 8-12

Cooking and team work for fundraising activities

Student Voice leaders taking on responsibility for assemblies

Project Managers & committee representatives for a range of school & student committees.

Meeting with the external review panel

Seats in the knowledge corridor

*I have thoroughly enjoyed being one of their support staff and I would encourage any student interested in student leadership to nominate for Student Voice in 2017.*

## YEAR 7 TRANSITION & PARENT NIGHT

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November we had over 90 Year 7 students participating in the Transition Orientation Day.

Students were mixed into 5 groups and were supported by our Year 8 buddies who included Jemma Manfre, Alex Ergina, Mitchell Miller, Ebony O'Connor, Elen Watson, Sav Scriva, Maria Pastrikos, Stanisa Velinov, Nura Abdu and Cooper Hay. Students enjoyed a range of lessons including Home Economics, English, Maths, Drama, Art, Science, History Football, PE and Music. Feedback from the students indicated that participating in lessons was the best part of the day.

Questions raised by Year 7 students included - *What happens if I get lost? How much homework is there? How do I make friends? Are there bullies and what do you do?* The year 8 students were able to respond to these and alleviate many concerns that they had.

We saw over 50 families represented at the Parent Night. Jemma Manfre and Elen Watson gave the audience a perspective of life as a year 8 student and Cheryl Yeend and Brad Gould presented their insights to being parents of Year 8's at Underdale.

We thank the many staff and students who volunteered their time to support this important day for young people transitioning into our community.







## Teddy Bears Picnic



As part of the stage 1 Child Studies course, students prepared nutritious, multicultural foods suitable for children to eat at a picnic. A wide variety of foods was prepared from Asian egg rolls, spring rolls, Greek rice pudding, Italian pizzas and Mexican black bean brownies. Presenting foods from different cultures to children is a great way to promote diversity, tolerance and respect for others' cultures. Eating outdoors promotes a fun and active lifestyle and supports the health and wellbeing of all children.

**Tina Sadedin**





## DRAMA

In Week 7 the year nine Drama students from 9 -13 put on their end of semester play, "The Three Spinners." It was an amusing and entertaining blend of two old tales: "Rumpelstiltskin" and the old Italian tale "The Three Spinners."

Raven - DIMITRI ANDONOPOULOS

The Miller's Daughter and the Prince - TAMARA STANDING-PATRICK and ANGELIKA MARAGOZIDIS

The Three Spinners - ZOE VOULGARAKI  
MELINDA MILKIC and LOUISE SMITH







## Migration Museum Excursion

On Tuesday, 15th November the year 9 students from my class visited the Migration Museum as part of the Geography unit Migration to Australia . The students walked through the Museum completing the Activity Booklet and discovering when and how migrants came to South Australia.

Ms Profiris





## UNIFORM SHOP 2017

OPENING TIMES FOR THE  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY  
9AM—4PM &  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
WEDNESDAY, 25TH JANUARY  
9AM—12PM ,  
PARENTS PLEASE BOOK  
ONLINE

## BEGINNING OF TERM 1

MONDAY 30TH JANUARY  
8:15AM—9:15AM  
TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY  
8:15AM—9:15AM  
WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY  
2:15PM—3:15PM



Uniform shop contact details:

Email: [underdale@devonclothing.com.au](mailto:underdale@devonclothing.com.au)

Phone: 0403 339 804 (during shop hours only)

Online ordering available through the school website or by using the following link:

<http://onlineshop.devonclothing.com.au/underdalehs>

## 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALES

**OPEN MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 1-2PM**

Where: Office between Rooms 14 & 16

Donations of UHS uniform items are greatly appreciated

All items are washed and will be individually priced (negotiating is possible!)

Opening times for this term are: every Tuesday lunch and Tuesday 3.15 – 3.45pm

We have been selling a number of items and fundraising is going to UHS student resources

Any queries or donations to Ms Daniel

E: [Debbie.daniel152@schools.sa.edu](mailto:Debbie.daniel152@schools.sa.edu) or P: 8301 8038

## SCHOOL FEES

School fees this year are \$640 plus subject fees. If you think you are eligible for school card please come into the school and request a school card application.

## 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.

## FACEBOOK

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