



# Newsletter

Issue 2, Term 1 2019

## Calendar Dates

### Term 2

#### Week 1

Monday 29th

- First day of Term 2
- Dental Forms due to home group teacher
- Year 8/9 Football Camp

Wednesday 1st May

- Term 1 Report collection from 2:30-7:30pm
- Whole School Assembly

#### Week 2

Wednesday 8th May

- Dental Program starts

#### Week 3

Tuesday 14th May

- Governing Council Meeting at 6pm

#### Week 5

Monday 27th May

- Sports Day
- Reconciliation Week

#### Week 6

Friday 7th June

- Year 10/11 Vaccinations

#### Week 7

Monday 10th June

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 11th June

- Pupil Free day

#### Week 8

Tuesday 18th June

- Governing Council 6pm



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From our Principal, Mr David Harriss

Dear community,

What a jam-packed term it has been! I need to say how well our community has managed the challenges set for us. The positive, pro-active responses to some adverse publicity around school zone changes demonstrated the pride our whole school community has in Underdale High School and the quality of education and personal development we provide to all of our students.

I would particularly like to thank the students and parents who worked with our teaching and support staff on our Open Day. In my 14 years here, I cannot remember so many visitors to our school. There were many comments about the passion we all have for Underdale High School, our community and family feel, and the great results we get with our students. Many prospective parents are now determined to have their child part of it.

Student reports are now finalised and can be collected on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Week 1 Term 2) from the school. Having read many of the reports, I continue to be impressed with the engagement and learning demonstrated by our students. Please take this opportunity to continue discussions about your child's progress with your child and their teachers.

Cancellation of our Sports Day due to heat was disappointing; however, we look forward with great enthusiasm to the rescheduled date of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May (Week 5 Term 2). Whilst we desperately need some rain, it would be good for it not to come on that day! If so, the back-up day is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

A reflection of our student's pride in being a part of Underdale is the way the vast majority wear the uniform. With the colder months upon us soon, it is important to help them continue that. Non-uniform jackets can be worn to and from school, but must be removed and put in their lockers at the start of the day, and not accessed again until they leave. The school has ample uniform options for keeping them warm and many warm places for them to go during breaks that they do not need to wear them during the school day.

We have some staff completing their tenure at Underdale. Mikaela Pearce (Art) and Vito Silvestri (Maths and Science) quickly assimilated into our community and their efforts and effectiveness as educators were well appreciated by students, parents and other staff. We wish them well in their future endeavours. Amber Martin (FLO Youth Worker) has won a job in the Department for Education support network. The students are already missing her and the outcomes she has been able to create with our most at risk students has been amazing. She is well suited to her new role and is able to use her skills to assist students beyond just the one school. Paige Visentin has won this role and will be starting next term. Katie Layley (Science Lab Assistant) has won a job in a Laboratory, a job she had trained for in University. She too is already missed and we wish her well in her new job. We welcome Jonathan Djietror who has won that role and has already made a great impression with both staff and students.

Term 2 will no doubt bring a new set of challenges, including sharpening the focus of our \$20 million development set for completion by the end of 2021 and advanced preparations for welcoming Year 7 students as a part of our community in 2022. Thank you for all of your support with your child's education, I look forward to it continuing next term, when we continue to shape with them their forward progress.

David Harriss



## Student Voice Council

### Student Voice Assembly

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March the Student Voice Council were introduced to the school community and received their badges. It was very pleasing to see the number of parents who were able to attend. Kristy Houchin from Youth Affairs Council of SA was our guest speaker who spoke about young people having a voice and how they are active, engaged and informed citizens. YACSA has two philosophies  
Young people are the experts of their own lives

Young people should have the right to influence the decision that impact on their lives.

Kristy then shared how the process of the student led Anti- bullying Team developed and became a reality.

Our two School captains responded with Caleb Hallows sharing that the Student Voice this year consists of 25 members with year level leaders being year 8 Georgia Zambito, year 9 Inshaal Khan, year 10 Alice Sua and year 11 Jemma Manfre and our Deputy School Captain being Angelika Maragozidis.

Student Voice Council Goals for this year are:

- to create a more people friendly phone policy,
- more school events, particularly basketball related,
- we want to improve outdoor school facilities especially the basketball area
- be more of a UHS community.

This year we have several Student Voice Committee Teams, consisting of:

- Uniform and SVC store,
- Events
- Outdoor student facilities
- Mobile phone policy
- Optimism booth area
- Canteen consultation
- The Anti-bullying student led initiative team

Farhiya Abdulwahab concluded with "As student voice council committee, we want students to enjoy and be happy whilst learning. We also want them to feel supported and have their voices and opinions heard so we can improve the school and their learning environment together.

Our goal for student voice council and the school is to create a healthy learning environment that is a further improvement of the current school atmosphere. It is our aim to make the school more positive and supportive for students. But most of all, we'd like everyone to be happy about attending school and having a good intention to learn."







## Bullying no Way – Take Action Every Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March the planning by the SVC Student Led Anti- bullying Team came together with a range of activities to raise awareness and take hand print pledges against bullying. The wall art mural can be seen each day as our community walk towards the northern area of the school. The creative art competition saw a number of fabulous entries and very close voting with the first prize going to Sophie Herczeg 8.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Anita Tay 9.1 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize to Mannat Khosa 9.4.

All entries are displayed in the Optimism Corridor. Other highlights of the day included Department for Education posting on their facebook page the Bullying no Way clip from Underdale High School students to the questions - What is bullying? How would you think bullying makes one feel? How can we take action every day? Jemma Manfre, Osman Abdullahi, Caleb Hallows, Joseph Mavros and Nura Abdu were the students featured. Channel 10 also came to interview Mr Harriss and Year 12 students Osman Abdullahi and Farhiya Abdulwahab and took photos of the activities students were involved with. We are now working with the survey results students participated in to continue to develop a real sense of community, belonging and feeling safe.



SAVE THE DATE WEDNESDAY  
1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2.30-7pm  
TERM 1 REPORT COLLECTION

Following on from the great success in previous years, the Term 1 reports will again be made available for you to personally collect in Week 1, Term 2 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. This year the parents will be able to collect reports and meet with teachers in the Optimism corridor.

All teachers will be available for you to discuss **your child's progress and how we can continue** to work together to further develop the partnership between school and home to better support their learning.

Reports will be available from 2:30pm until 7:00pm in the school's gymnasium

If you are unable to attend to collect your child's report please contact their Home Group teacher by email or phone either before or shortly after Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May, and after this personal contact and discussion the report will be sent home with the student .

We look forward to meeting with you early next term.



### Breakfast Club 7.50-8.30

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

We are continuing to run the breakfast program this year from 7.50 – 8.30am in Optimism Room 12B, 3 days a week Tuesday – Thursday. A number of staff have generously volunteered to support this program including Arefa (Pastoral Care Worker) and Wellbeing Staff (Rod del Nido & Deb Daniel). We also have emergency sandwiches and fruit available each day in Support Services.

Kick Start for Kids provides this food weekly. It is a not for profit organisation that is only able to continue with generous donations from companies & individuals. <http://www.kickstartforkids.com.au/>

For further information about the Underdale HS Breakfast Club – Contact Deb Daniel and Rod del Nido: Wellbeing Staff



### Student Voice Council's

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sales

Opening hours Tuesday lunchtimes 1:10 – 1:20– in Optimism Corridor.

Cash only sales with many items \$5 each.

Supplies are diminishing quickly and uniform donations are greatly appreciated.

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Money raised goes towards Underdale High School Student Facilities & Resources.



### Underdale High School Students Take Part in 2019 Australian Geography Competition

Students from Underdale High School are taking part in the 25th annual Australian Geography Competition this week.

Over 71,000 students from around Australia have entered the Competition, which is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.

Competition Coordinator, Bernard Fitzpatrick, said that the Competition gave teachers an opportunity to highlight geography in their schools and challenge their students.

"With current international affairs, geography is a vital subject that all young people should study. Understanding place and people, and the socio-economic and environmental interactions at local, regional, national and international scales is important to the economic and environmental future of Australia," said Mr Fitzpatrick.

Year 11 students from South Australia will be selected to take part in Geography's Big Week Out being held on Kangaroo Island, South Australia later this year. From that event, Australia's team will be chosen for the 2020 International Geography Olympiad being held in Istanbul, Turkey.

HASS Faculty teachers wish our 25 entrants all the best with their entry!



## School Sport Update:

### Year 8/9 3 on 3 Basketball



Fifteen students represented Underdale High School in the western zone year 8/9 3 on 3 basketball carnival at St Clair Recreation centre Friday of week 10. We had four teams in total who did very well with most teams finishing around the middle of their division. Our year 8 girls team consisted mainly of netballers with one basketballer, Ruby Fullager leading the way. The girls tried their best in every game, showing excellent team work and cooperation by using the bench effectively with quick rotations. The girls finished a commendable 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams. Our year 8 boys team was competitive despite lacking a bit of height. They finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 15 and were led well by James Bowyer and

Raiden Thomas. Although we had two year 9 teams we had to top them up with year 8 players when a couple of year 9's couldn't make it. The year 9 division 1 team finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 15 with the best players being Josh Tozer, LeBron Buenaventura and Yestin Gonzaga (Yestin was playing up from year 8) The division 2 year 9 team finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 15 and were perhaps our most cohesive team with some very effective team work and passing displayed by Andrelle Dela Rosa, Sebastian Dizon and Akerem Tahir.

Overall it was an excellent day. All students involved showed excellent endeavour, sportsmanship and represented Underdale High School in the best possible fashion. Well done and I look forward to the 5 on 5 carnival later in the year.

Mr Carter

### Girls Cricket Carnival

In Term 1, Girls from Year 8-11 participated in the International Women's SACA Gala Day at the newly developed Karen Rolton Oval. We had a great blend of experienced and developing players, who worked well and had fun together against schools from across the state.

Chloe and Phoebe were at their competitive best, encouraging and motivating teammates throughout the day, while Remember, Hayley, Jasmine and Tahnee combined well with first-timers Lea, Roopali, Elle, Jessica and Katie.

The girls progressed in their batting, bowling and fielding throughout the day, peaking against eventual runner's up Unity College, losing narrowly by 13 runs.



### Underdale Cup 2019

By Saverio Scriva

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Friday 2019 Underdale High School held its 11<sup>th</sup> Underdale Cup. The Underdale cup is an 11-a-side football competition for Primary Schools which was organised by the Stage 1, Year 11 Football class. 9 schools attended the competition, consisting of 15 teams which participated in either the boys/mixed competition or for the very first time a girl's competition. The aim of the Underdale Cup is to bring the local community together to be active through football.

To accommodate the Underdale Cup a barbecue was also on offer for both those participating and those watching throughout the day. This barbecue was run by the 8,9 and 10's girls football classes, who did an amazing job of raising \$600. A thank you is also owed to the Year 10 Football class for officiating the games throughout the day.



On behalf of Underdale High School and the Stage 1 Year 11 Football class we would like to thank everyone who helped by organising, participating and supporting such a great Underdale Cup and congratulations to the boys/mixed competition winners St. Josephs B and to the very first girl's competition winners, Brighton.

## Interschool Athletics

On Friday 5th April, Underdale's Track and Field Athletics team competed in the E-Grade Interschool Athletics Carnival at the SA Athletics Stadium. The team was unfortunately disadvantaged by not having the Annual Sports Day in Term 1 due to the hot weather. Despite this, our athletes who attended the day fought hard to earn Underdale 6th place. Congratulations to the following students who won their events:

Achie Joseph 100m 11.21secs

Ayom Ayom 100m 12.03secs

Achie Joseph 400m 53.81secs

Martinez Septoe 110m hurdles 18.80secs

Martinez Septoe Long Jump 5.75m

Martinez Septoe High Jump 1.80m

Theodora Kasimidou 1500m 6.10mins

Rica Hernandez Long Jump 4.05m

Reyzyl Alcantara Shot Put 7.70m

Open Boys 4x100m relay 48.15secs

U16 Girls 4x100m relay 59.97secs



## Beach Volleyball

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, a group of year 9 and 10 students participated in the Western Zone Beach Volleyball Carnival at Glenelg Beach. Conditions were perfect for a day on the sand playing beach volleyball, with Underdale fielding 3 boys teams and 2 girls teams, who competed against teams from other schools in the western zone throughout the day.

It was a very competitive day, with each Underdale team giving themselves a shot to make the final after the round robin stage. In the girls competition, one of Underdale's teams featuring Theodora Kasimidou, Alice Sua, Lisa Latthiwaja, Vinodini Mahato and Yesha Mana, were on a roll before lunch only losing one game. Unfortunately a couple of losses after the break meant the team finished outside the top two, but won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Out of the boys teams, it was the team featuring Billy Vaughan, Mohamed Toure, Aziz Qasimi, Mohammad Mohtashami, Angus McPharlin and Alusine Jalloh who were dominant throughout the day, going on to make the final against Henley. Underdale proved far too good winning the final comfortably to finish first and win the western zone title!

Well done and thank you to all students who participated in the beach volleyball carnival.



# New Dental Service to be offered to Students

We are proud to offer all students access to an onsite dental check-up at *no out of pocket expense* through Dental Outreach's 'Grow-up Smiling' program.

Check-ups are scheduled to be performed at the school 8th May-21st May by selected local Dentists/Oral Health Therapists; each of whom have relevant professional training, clearances and equipment required to perform high quality dental services in a school setting.

Year 8-10 students will be given a pack each to take home.

Year 11-12 students can pick a pack up from the front office.

Important dates/deadlines for the program are listed below:

## TERM 1

**Week 11 -** Deadline Wednesday 10th April to complete & return forms to your child's **home group teacher**

CDBS Bulk billing patient consent form; and

Patient consent forms

New students: if student did not participate last year, please complete and return Patient Information Pack & Important Information forms

## TERM 2      8th May—21st May

**Weeks 2 -** Initial dental check-ups (to be performed at school) – Parents welcome to attend -Appointment time to be arrange with the Gus dental team

**Weeks 3 -** Follow-up treatment for relevant students (to be performed at school)  
(Please note: Dental Outreach will be contacting parents/guardians to obtain verbal consent prior to any follow-up treatment being undertaken)

Dental Outreach has won significant recognition since its inception, including being named the first recipient of the 2013 Wrigley's Australian Dental Association Foundation PRINCIPLES IN ACTION Community Service Award for its voluntary work for regional and remote communities throughout South Australia, and is proud to offer its services to your school.

