It’s not what you know…
The year 7s are in Canberra for their annual expedition. As well as discussing Donald Trump with Sir Peter Cosgrove the Governor General on Thursday they also dropped in on the hon. Julie Bishop Minister for Foreign Affairs. They seem to be having a terrific time and will return weary and satisfied Saturday morning.

Here’s the Hon. Julie Bishop with Uraidla and other Hills students. (Matthew Killmier is the favoured one!)

Open the Fridge and Feed the Gorilla
On Sunday our Lego League team of Olivia B, Olivia W, Lachlan, Joshua M, Austin, Ben M, Cem and Will H head to PAC to compete in the international Lego League competition. Amongst their many challenges they’ve researched how to prevent bee hive die back, designed a team logo and have programmed a robot they made to, among other things, open a fridge, get out the food and feed a gorilla! It hasn’t been without its stresses but it’s coming together at the right time.

Olivia, Olivia and Cem are practising their bee recovery presentation for Sunday.

It’s worth mentioning that Ben Michelsen our senior Lego League programmer was also our term 3 Terrific Kid.

The Uraidla Cherries and Berries Picnic
On November 27th don’t miss the Uraidla Cherries and Berries Picnic in the Uraidla Showgrounds. As well as local bands and music there will be food stalls and games for everyone all afternoon from 12 till 7.30ish. The hit of this year’s Uraidla Show - the Rusty Boys are the headline act after a visit from Father Christmas.

And absolutely everything is local! From the bands to the bbq, the raffle and silent auction everything is being run or donated by local groups, schools and clubs.

Our school is running a wood fired pizza oven and an ice-cream stall on the day. Please bring the family to the Picnic and take a turn for an hour on one of these stalls. Let the office know if you
can help. Or if you look on the back of the flyer coming soon you can contact another of the contributing groups to help.

A Successful Lightning Carnival
The Lightning Carnival was a huge success last week. Just on 900 students in nearly 100 teams visited across the week from Hills schools and participated in an event that ran like clockwork. Thanks must go to Carmen Llewellyn for leading the catering team that raised $3000 across the three days. Thanks too to all the helpers including the Urvidla School 1986 Welfare Club who chipped in on Wednesday. Tom Feinle-Bisset and Barry Gadomski broke the back of the mowing and line marking for us.

A Friday Evening Working Bee
Next Friday evening (18/11) there is a whole school working bee straight after school until 6pm. We’d like help painting in the playground and student toilets, cleaning out the fish pond area and helping to smarten up the school. Please come, help and stay for a bbq tea and a drink in the evening. Bring your kids’ bikes and your brushes for a social time.

Visitors Next Week
Next Tuesday and Wednesday our kindy students begin their transition visits. Their parents are invited to stay for a cuppa and meeting at 9am and any “old” parents who can stay to help would be appreciated.
On Thursday we’re also going to be visited by new R/1 teachers Katie Martin and Wendy Williams coming to visit their new students and do some planning for next year. Parents in those classes are welcome to come and meet them at 9am.

Casual Day for calendar photos
Wednesday 16 November will be a casual dress day (with neat casual dress) so that Carmen Llewellyn can take photos of Urvidla students and Kindy kids for the Xmas fundraising calendars/diaries etc as in previous years. You would have received an order form for these with the last newsletter. Forms are due back on Friday 25 November. Carmen is more than happy to photograph any non-Urvidla PS siblings after school hours. Please contact Carmen on 0417 858 258 to arrange a time.

Concert Change
Please note the change in concert date from Tuesday 13th to Wednesday 14th of December to accommodate students’ sporting events.

Important Parent Information
Next Wednesday evening Dr Tess Opie is presenting a workshop in our school hall entitled Sex and Relationships Education: Considerations for parents of the digital generation. Tess has been working with us on our school’s positive education program but has wide experience working with schools and young people.
Her workshop targets parents of year 6 and year 7 students who are interested in learning more about the social, emotional, and sexual development of the digital generation. Content will explore the current social and cultural climate that is shaping our children’s sexual identities, with discussions highlighting the conversations we should consider having with our children at home. If you are a parent of a year 5, 6 or 7 parent (or are just interested) please come along at 7.30.

James Parkin
Principal

Materials & Services Polling Letter
Please find accompanying your newsletter a voting slip for our 2017 Materials and Services fees. Please take the time to read and return your slip to the Front office before Friday 25th November. Thanks, Sara

Round the Classes
Rec/Year 1: We are having fun making our life-size dolls. We have started to dress them in our old clothes and they are beginning to look like us! We have been working hard on our writing, in particular spelling sight words correctly and using full stops.
Year 1/2/3: Our learning about the Kaurna people was consolidated last week after an excellent excursion to the museum. Our presenter informed us of many new and interesting facts about the Kaurna people. Many thanks to all the parent helpers who assisted with the excursion.
Year 4/5: Over the last two weeks our class has been writing our own version of “Do Not Open This Book” written by Andy Lee. These have been very funny to read to the class and well illustrated by the students. We have also been writing spooky stories for Halloween focussing on “tightening the tension”. In Art we have drawn and painted a scary scene from our Halloween stories. We have finished our Shoeboxes of Love, wrapped them and placed them under our Christmas tree.
Year 5/6/7: While Sallie and the Year 7s are in Canberra the Year 5s and 6s and James are completing an illustrated anthology of spooky Halloween stories and calculating the average number of zombies in any given cemetery. They’re also beginning to rehearse for the end of year concerts.

Indonesian: We have started reading ‘Kura-Kura don Lumba-lumba’ with the R-3 children. This story shows the problems of pollution on beach environments in Indonesia. The year 4-7 students have been busy learning how to tell the time in Indonesian, which is a little different than English, and takes some practice!

Gardening: The last group of the 4/5 class prepared questions to ask Denise about the sustainable practices she implements at The Owl and the Elephant. The students harvested some parsley and spinach to take with us to say “thank you for having us”.

The 2/3 students designed some gardens using items in the gym and then observed each other’s creations, commenting on the aspects they liked the most.

Science: Students have been experimenting with how toys move, how circuit boards operate and how do sound and light make energy.

SAPSASA News

Knockout Tennis
On Monday 31 October we played Crafers Primary School in SAPSASA tennis. We had two teams, a girls’ team and a boys’ team. In the boys’ team there were 4 boys – Matthew, Mitchell, Joshua and Angus. The 4 girls in the girls’ team were Scala, Olivia B, Jordan B and Jordan S. We all tried really hard but unfortunately neither of the teams made it through to the next round.

By Matthew K.

Lightning Carnival – Netball
Div 1 Team
On Tuesday 1 November 2016 the division 1 team played 3 games of netball in the Lightning Carnival. In this team were Scala, Olivia B, Jordan S, Jordan B, Tahlia, Ashleigh and Imogen.

Our first game was at 10am on the Urailda courts, we played Stirling East Primary School Div 2. By half-time Urailda was up to 26 goals and Stirling East had only 2 goals. At the end of the game Urailda won 32-4.

At 11.30 Urailda played Lobethal Div 2. At half-time Urailda was up to 14 goals and Lobethal had 0 goals. By the end Urailda won again, we had 23 goals and Lobethal none.

At 1pm Urailda started their last game, they played Stirling East Primary School Div 1. By half-time Urailda was up to 5 goals and Stirling East had 1 goal. At the end we had 17 goals and Stirling East had 6 goals. Urailda Div 1 girls proudly won all 3 matches.

Thanks to our coach Sarah Bache and to Shelley Hunter for umpiring.

By Scala

Div 2 Team
Go Urailda!! Emily (WA) was in a team with Ruby (C), Laylah (GD), Jessie (WD), Lauren (GA), Shamiah (WD & WA), Olivia W (GK) and Annalise (GS). For our first game against Stirling East Primary School we played well but unfortunately we lost 4-1.

Our second game we also played extremely well but Norton Summit were too good for us! We sadly lost 8-5.

Yayy!! The third game was Fantastic! We played against Aldgate and won 17-0!! We all played brilliantly!

Thanks to our coach Sarah Bache and to Shelley Hunter for umpiring.

Lightning Carnival – Football
On Tuesday November 1 Urailda Primary School put a football team in the Lightning Carnival. The Lightning Carnival was played at the Urailda town oval, school oval and the netball courts.

The Urailda football team members were Mitchell, Matthew, Angus, Austin, Jordan B, Luke, Trent, Sam W and James W. We played 3 games, the first against Aldgate, then Lobethal and finally Stirling East. We won one of our three games but we still had a lot of fun.

A special thanks to Peter Hogan who coached the team, Jacob Ferrari for umpiring and James Parkin for organising the carnival.

By Angus

Lightning Carnival – Soccer
The players were: Cem, Sam J, Ben M, Felix, Riley, Jamie, Jamill, Ryan and Noah.

The coach was Barry Gadomski.

We played 4 matches, against Stirling East 1, Stirling East 2, Heathfield and Aldgate.

We lost all 4 of them but we played well. The first match we scored 1 goal and Stirling East team 1 got 3 goals, the second match we didn’t score and Stirling East team 2 got 3 goals, in the third
match we scored 2 goals and Heathfield scored 5 and in the fourth match again we didn’t score and Aldgate got 6 goals.
A big thanks to Barry for coaching us.

A Note from Mary
Having a plan for difficult times is one of the things Kirrilie Smout talks about a lot in her book, “When Life Sucks for Kids”. Often, being forewarned can help us be prepared to cope with a tricky situation when it arises. As adults, we can do this (sometimes) because we have had experience. When difficulties arise in a child’s life, their emotional response can catch them off guard and make the situation more confusing and frightening. When this happens, talking with an adult can help. An adult can reassure the child that the emotion they are feeling is normal, and help them to make a plan for coping with a similar scenario or that emotion the next time.
In her book, Kirrilie discusses plans to help with anger, sadness, anxiety, feelings following a death, or separation of parents, or arguing with parents or siblings. If some of these are affecting your family, why not borrow the book from the parent library and have a read.

Mary

OSHC News
OSHC has had a fabulous start to term 4 – so far we have celebrated Halloween, made some yummy cookies (Lego and healthy chocolate chip), played lots of gym games, learnt some kung fu and enjoyed getting out into the sunshine again. We have been checking the UV rating daily to see the times of the day when we are required to wear sun protection and recording this on our chart with “Sid the Seagull”. Just a reminder about the OSHC space, to please make sure that the toys in the corner are returned to their original spots after assembly if siblings have been playing with them so that we can keep it nice and tidy! We are more than happy for anybody to utilise our toys and equipment, we just kindly ask that these things are returned after use. The children who come to OSHC take great ownership of the different areas in the OSHC room and appreciate everyone having the same respect for their space. We hope everyone has enjoyed the first part of term 4!

Lost Property
Please have a look at the Lost Property rack at the end of the passage and collect any items that belong to your child.

There are many items of clothing that are not labelled so please label all of your child’s belongings and check regularly to ensure that the labels are legible! This also applies to clothing worn at Vacation Care.
Any items not collected by the end of term will be disposed of.

Community News