NEWSLETTER:  
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When I grow up…  
Our school concert next Wednesday at 6.30pm in the school gym has a theme of “what shall I do when I grow up?” The year 7s are on a quest to find their future job in many different scenarios helped by the classes. With performances from the band, drum ensemble and choir and presentation of our annual Learn Stand Give and Fly Awards it will be a rewarding evening. We’ll also farewell departing families and thank our volunteers and staff.

Bring your own chair  
If you’re coming to the Concert please bring your own chair as we don’t have enough for everyone.

Graduated Success  
Last Wednesday evening the year 7s graduated in a formal ceremony at the clubrooms. Thanks to Sallie Griffin for organising the thoughtful slide show and talk about each of the students and their growth through their primary schooling. We wish Matthew Killmier, Mitchell Makings, Ashleigh Richards, Jordie Beauchamp, Austin Pollifrone, Angus Bache and Joshua Morrall great success in their next years in high school and into the future. We also farewell the Killmier, Richards, Morrall, Feinle-Bisset, Withers, Crabb (Megan and Brenton) and Pollifrone families from the school and thank them for their contribution across the years.

Volunteer invitation (for afternoon tea)  
Next Wednesday afternoon (14/12) at 2.45 we’d like the company of volunteers who have helped the school this year to come and share an afternoon tea with us. We would not operate without your help so if you tick the box of Uraidla school helper this year please come.

A Cool Hot Band  
On Wednesday our brass and woodwind band travelled to Lobethal Primary to rehearse with Lenswood and Lobethal bands under conductor Aaron Lipp. It was a great experience for us and we enjoyed the big sound we made.

The Final Assembly  
Our final assembly of the year on Friday 16th at 1.30pm is traditionally a great send off for our leaving students - honouring their contribution to the school and then welcoming our new Year 7s to their leadership roles in 2017. We’ll also farewell Kate Gladstone leaving us for Scotch College, Emily Willsmore (OSHC) who has a teaching position next year and Alex Agars (OSHC) although we will still see Alex during Vacation Care in January.

What you’re up for:  
Next year these are the likely costs you can anticipate across the school year per child:  
- School fees $325 (unless you qualify for School Card support.)  
- Excursion levy $50  
- Swimming week about $42  
- Whole school Camp (cost to be confirmed)  
- Uniform costs if required:  
  - Shirt  
  - Pants  
  - Jumpers  
  - Hats  
- About 1 or 2 tuckshops per term- $5 each.  
- The odd casual day fund raiser for a good cause- a gold coin donation.

Optional activities for older students:
- Pedal Prix about $30 per event  
- Band $90 per semester instrument hire (if you don’t have your own or borrow one)

A few thanks for the year:  
To our terrific Governing Council who have put in so much thought for the running of the school this...
year. Thanks to Tom Feinle-Bisset who is retiring from Governing Council after serving for many years including this last year as Treasurer. And to our wonderful fund raising committee raising about $6000 towards the new blinds in the school and towards the Pastoral Care Worker role.

Results of Poll for the Charging of Materials and Services Fees in 2017
The Governing Council, which represents the parent body has met and set the council and DECD approved Materials and Services contribution for 2017 at $325. The school community was polled seeking support of the Governing Council’s recommendation to set the legally recoverable amount (the prescribed sum) at $325. Votes have been counted and a majority was in favour of this proposal. I have now approved the agreed Materials Services charge of $325 as the ‘prescribed sum’ on behalf of the Chief Executive. The situation has not changed for families eligible for School Card. For more information on School Card you can call 1800 672 758 at the start of 2017.

A bit of Christmas Cheer
Don’t forget the box under the Christmas tree at school for donations of non-perishable foods for St Vincent de Paul’s Christmas collection.

The watering roster
With the coming hot weather we like to keep the school gardens watered. Our system is on timers so it’s just come to school, turn on timers and forget for a day or so. If you are able to take a week of watering to look after the school we’d be grateful. Please let us know if you’re available.

A reminder that..
I’m acting Principal at Mt Barker South Primary for term 1 next year but will keep in touch across the term. The acting appointment for Uraidla is still to be finalised.

James Parkin
Principal

Round the Classes
Rec/Year 1: We have made fantastic progress in reading and writing this year. We have loved working together to solve problems in Maths. Our class has really enjoyed reading and making our own version of ‘Do not open this book’ by Andy Lee.
Year 1/2/3: We have been consolidating our learning across English and Maths by doing lots of revision. We also enjoyed our last singing session at the Kindy for this year.

We also enjoyed our class party, hosted by Phil and Liz. We thank all the parent helpers who made it happen.

Year 4/5: In History we have been learning and researching about Chinese miners in the Australian gold fields. We investigated how and why they were treated harshly. In writing we have been working on Exciting Endings and Tightening Tension, by brainstorming things our characters will hear, see, touch, taste and smell.

Indonesian: The younger classes have enjoyed reading the Indonesian version of Cinderella which includes princes, wicked step-mothers and crocodiles! The older students have been using their listening skills to recognise familiar words in Indonesian television shows including Curious George.

Science: We have been very busy the last couple of weeks focusing on pressure, force, thrust as well as movement. We have also been doing coding and circuit boards. The year 5/6/7 class are busy creating an energy project at the moment.

Gardening: Each class has been watering newly planted seeds and tidying up the garden beds. The 4/5 students enjoyed their final cooking session making hummus and roti bread while the year 1s made hummus and cut vegetable sticks to dip. Popcorn was also a hit.

Heathfield HS Transition Day
On Tuesday 29th November Mitchell, Austin, Ashleigh and I went to Heathfield High School for our transition day. We found out who is in our ace class, who our BBS (Big Brothers and Sisters) are and who our teachers will be. We also got a tour around the school to see other classrooms and to see other buildings like the gym and volleyball gym. We got to assess some of the year 8 displays and rate them out of 5 in the hall. At lunch we could go to the gym and play basketball, play Frisbee on the oval or just walk around. We all had a great time and we are all looking forward to high school.

By Matthew

Urrbrae Transition Day
On Tuesday 6th December three of the Year 7 students – Jordan, Angus and Josh attended the Urrbrae Transition Day. We met at the gym for the briefing before we were taken for a tour of the school in our home groups. We played many games to get to know each other more, the only thing close to doing school work was science (which was really fun). At the end of the day everyone met up at the hall to be dismissed.
The Bus Trip: To get to Urrbrae we caught the 821 bus to Burnside Shopping Centre. From there we caught a connector bus down Portrush Road to Urrbrae.

By Angus
SAPSASA Cricket
In week 5 I played cricket for the SAPSASA Hills District Cricket team, we won one game and lost 3 and we came seventh out of eight teams in Division 1. On the first day we played at Flinders University Oval. We played against Southern Heights and we went down by about 40 runs. On Tuesday we played against Airport and we lost again by about 40 runs. On Wednesday we played Adelaide South East and lost by about 20 runs. On Thursday we had a win, we played Torrens River and we won by about 30 runs.

By Mitchell

Medication
If your child has medication kept at school we will be sending it home on the last day of term. Could you please check the expiry date and update if necessary. Medication needs to be returned on the first day of school next year with at least 6 months remaining before the expiry date. At the beginning of next year to assist us in looking after medication we need medication and the health care plan in a named enclosed compact container – (eg small lunch box).

A Note from Mary
As well as looking forward to the holidays, I’ve been looking back over what we’ve done this year, specifically, the things the students have been learning in our “Do this instead” focus.

We have been talking all year about taking responsibility for ourselves and controlling our impulses. We all have times, like when we are tired or unwell, when it is more difficult to control our impulses, but bringing the thought to our attention helps us to do it well more of the time.

Including others and noticing their needs has been another focus, helped along by our two boxes. The “Heroes” box has had many nominees each week, as students have been seen to be inclusive or helpful in some way. Looking back over the year, more than half the school have been noticed on more than 5 occasions for these behaviours. That sounds like success to me!

The other main focus has been conflict resolution, and learning to use the “Hopscotch” model. This has taught children to talk and listen to each other when an argument arises, before asking an adult to intervene. Some students have become very good at this, while others could do with more practice.

I’ve loved working in the school again this year, and am very thankful to the local churches, who after hearing of the cessation of government funding, have pledged to raise the money needed to employ me for 6 hours a week next year.

Have a Happy Christmas and a relaxing break with your families.

Mary

OSHC News
At OSHC we are excited about getting into the festive spirit by setting up the Christmas Tree, learning how to make ginger bread men, playing party games and learning new Christmas crafts! We have been spending our mornings being active and using Go Noodle to get our bodies moving as this was a favourite from last term. Emily and Alex would like to thank all of the Uraidla Primary School and Kindergarten families and staff for a wonderful, successful and rewarding couple of years at our OSHC. We have really enjoyed working with the children and programming for such a wonderful bunch that we looked forward to seeing on a weekly basis over the past 2 years. We truly have had a blast and can’t thank you all enough for the incredible opportunity! We are very much going to miss everyone after finishing off our time here in the school holidays and hope to stay in touch with you all!

In your newsletter package you should have received an 'OSHC Booking Form' to book in for our before/after school care service for 2017. If you know which sessions you will require in the new year, please return promptly so we can enter this into our system. If you are unsure of which permanent sessions you will require, once you know please return promptly to the OSHC as this will help with the transition of bookings for the new Director.
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

**East Torrens Community Carols**

Sunday December 11
Uraidla Primary School Oval

Food from 6.30pm,
Carols from 7.30pm

Catering by Community Groups

All welcome

Organised by the combined churches of East Torrens

Don’t miss out! VACSWIM enrolments closing soon!
Registrations for SA Water’s summer school holiday VACSWIM program are closing fast and families are reminded to book now before it’s too late! More than 13,000 primary school aged children are expected to take part in the summer water safety program at more than 130 pool and beach locations this January. Described as the best value-for-money holiday program with enrolment starting at $30/child, VACSWIM provides children with the opportunity to develop skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures. Enrolments close December 19 (which is very soon!). Don’t miss out, visit [www.vacswimsa.com.au](http://www.vacswimsa.com.au) to register your child today!