



**URAILDA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER:  
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**Dates to Remember**

End of Year Concert 6pm	Tues 8 Dec
Year 7 Graduation 6pm	Thurs 10 Dec
Assembly 1.30pm	Fri 11 Dec
Term 4 ends 2.10pm	Fri 11 Dec
First day of Term 1 2021	Wed 27 Jan
Annual General Meeting 7pm	Mon 8 Feb

**We've made it!**

Well here we are; we've made it to the end of the 2020 school year. I think it's safe to say there has never been one like it! We'd like to once again thank all families for your continual support; it has made all the difference this year.

Our end of year events will look a little different this year. Our End of Year Show next Tuesday will take place in the gym as usual. However this year, due to COVID restrictions, we will only be able to accommodate one parent/caregiver per family, and no siblings not attending Uraidla PS. We are also unable to serve food or stick around to socialise, in the way we have come to enjoy so much! However, we are very grateful to be able to gather at all, and the students will enjoy this opportunity to perform for you. We are also going to attempt to 'Zoom in' from the usual address (we will send this on Skoolbag on the day), and also to film the concert separately with a professional camera for better resolution, which we will be able to make available to families after the event.

**Staff for 2021**

We are now able to announce our teaching staff for 2021. We are really happy to have Kelly Charlton taking on a classroom teaching role next year. Kelly did a great job teaching 2 of the classes this year when teachers were on leave, and really enjoyed being back in the classroom again. It is a huge advantage for the students having Kelly as a classroom teacher since she knows all of the students already and is such an innovative and

experienced teacher. Kelly's PE and Science role will be filled by Zac Richards, who is currently teaching at Stirling East. We look forward to welcoming Zac to our team next year. Here is a bit of background info about both teachers:

*My name is Zac Richards, and I am excited to be the R-7 PE & Science teacher for 2021. I've spent the last two years at Stirling East Primary School, working as a year 6/7 teacher. I strive to build a safe learning environment and develop positive student/teacher relationships. I view myself as a calm personality, who is eager to learn and be involved in a community and team setting. I'm passionate about sport, in particular football, where I have spent the last five years playing at the Norwood Football Club. I look forward to getting involved with the Uraidla Community, getting to know new faces and being involved with student learning.*



*I am so excited to become a classroom teacher again! During my career, I have worked in Port Lincoln as a Reception teacher for two years, then became a year 2/3/4 up in Yulara (near Uluru) in the NT for three years. I then moved back to SA and worked at Eastern Fleurieu School in Strathalbyn for five years teaching Reception to year three as well as various specialist subjects. I then won the specialist role at Uraidla Primary School and have done short term contracts this year with the year 1/2 and Reception classes. In this time, I also won a year part-time contract at Littlehampton Primary School teaching year 3s. I am looking forward to building great relationships with the students in my class and I can't wait for the exciting adventures and learning we will have together.*

Our 2021 teaching staff will be:

R/1 Carol Measday	6/7	Sallie Griffin
R/1 Katie Martin	PE/Sci	Zac Richards
2/3 Stephen Tsiaprakas	Indo	Susan Lewis
2/3 Kelly Charlton	Art	Suzie Tume
4/5 Lizzie Kemp		

**Innovative Activities**

We have thoroughly enjoyed our Friday afternoon cross-age group activities as part of our whole school theme of learning to be Innovative. We could run a whole newsletter full of the innovative ideas that students came up with! We have run out of room this time, but here are a few photos to give you an idea of a few of the different activities:



## Our wonderful volunteers

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have helped out in various ways this year, whether driving students to events, helping out at tuck shops or any of the other jobs we depend on you for! Unfortunately we are unable to hold our traditional Volunteers Morning Tea this year due to COVID restrictions, but we would like you to know that we are very grateful for your support! I would like to give a special thanks to the Parents and Friends and the Governing Council who have continued to meet throughout the year to ensure everything has run smoothly for the students and the whole school community:

THANK YOU PARENTS and FRIENDS members  
**Kate Griffiths**, **Elin Gubbin**, **Bec Daimol**, **Alex Fry**,  
**Jodi Braley**, **Lisa Bond**, **Amelia Ullmer**, **Prue Olsen**,  
**Seb Geers**, **Jas Smith** and **Liv Moore**!

THANK YOU GOVERNING COUNCIL members  
**Agnes Arthur**, **Jodi Braley**, **Claire Schroeter**, **Emily Brodie-Tyrrell**, **Jess De Campo**, **Aerlie Wildy**, **Brad Wilksch**, **Jo Cox**, **Todd Price** and **Tim Moore**!

## Farewells

Sadly we have come to the time of year when we need to farewell students and families leaving us.

### Year 7 graduates:

Alastair Bradley  
Axel Quandt  
Blake Tucker  
Charlotte Irvine  
Esther Moran  
Jessie Makings  
Kayla Squiers  
Lily Gubbin  
Phia Hockham



### Other students leaving:

Abby Douglas  
April Tucker  
Livi Voortman  
Lucy Moore  
Sylvie Smith



### Families leaving us:

The Bradley family  
The Hockham family  
The Makings family (Jessie's family)  
The Quandt family  
The Squiers family  
The Tucker family (April's family)  
The Voortman family

We look forward to celebrating with the Year 7s at their graduation on Thursday next week. We would like to wish all students and families leaving us the very best of luck in the future. We hope you will remember to come back and visit us!

This is the final newsletter of the year, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and holiday together. I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to saying goodbye to 2020 and welcoming 2021! ☺

*Margie*

## Sunflowers



*Imagine Uraidla* will be handing out free packets of sunflower seeds at school to families next week. This is part of a bigger planting project with seeds being distributed across Uraidla and the district. IU are hoping that by the end of summer we will see patches of sunflowers across our towns, and that sunflowers will remind us of our sense of community and wellbeing. If you are interested in joining this fun project and planting sunflowers, you can collect your free seeds and instructions from Jess De Campo at the school gate (the Showgrounds side) after school on Wednesday next week.

## Round the Classes

**Reception:** We are spending the last 2 weeks of the year doing Christmas crafts and incorporating lots of reading. It has been great to do some of the crafts with the 1/2 class, our reindeers were fabulous. We also made some decorations with the new Receptions, something to remember us by until they join us next year.

**Year 1/2:** These past few weeks we have been starting to get ready for the festive season. We have been making Christmas decorations and searching for our classroom elves every morning. In literacy we have been finishing off our work on information reports and in maths we have been learning how to collect data and create graphs. We have also been very busy preparing for the end of year concert with Mrs Tume.

**Year 2/3:** Number patterns and basic algebra have both been our focus for maths. With algebra we have learnt to work out the value of pronumerals. We have also slotted in practice for the school concert.

**Year 4/5:** Our class has been celebrating NAIDOC week by researching and celebrating Indigenous Australians and Torres Strait Islander people who have made a significant contribution across various fields of endeavour. Some of the people we have researched are Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, Charlie Cameron, Eddie Betts, Jessica Mauboy, Cathy Freeman and Neville Bonner. The students have made posters and presented their research to the class and at assembly.

**Year 6/7:** During the last two weeks we have been busy finishing off some of our learning tasks. We have enjoyed everyone's oral presentation on their



novel study (all different Roald Dahl books), what an interesting man and unusual book ideas! The special Year 7 day was great fun - I highly recommend the Escape Room - such a challenge! The movie Rams was a bit confronting but really enjoyable. Concert practice and prop making is in full swing and looking pretty good. Although the end of the year is coming quickly when I look back I can't believe how much we have fitted in!

**Indonesian:** What a busy term! The older groups are completing their beautiful wayang kulit (shadow puppets) and experimenting with a puppet screen. The younger students have been completing activities about pollution in Bali, Kancil the mousedeer and trying the tropical rambutan.



**Science:** The students are continuing to learn about how chemical and physical reactions can affect whether the material/substance can be reversible or irreversible. So far, the students have made putty slime, play dough, magic milk, and liquid layers.

**PE/Health:** The Reception to year 3 students are continuing their skills with tennis. They have learnt forehand and backhand.

The year 4 - 7 students are continuing with their hockey skills. They have learnt how to dribble and control the ball, how to position their hands on the hockey stick, how to tackle the opposition, how to avoid the opposition when in control of the ball, and how to shoot goals.

**Gardening:** The 4/5 students have painted terracotta pots using the themes: Uraidla community, Uraidla school life and the environment. They have now become totems and are situated in the citrus garden. Scarecrows are next, look out for them as they spring up in the veggie gardens.

## 6/7 Aquatics Camp

On Monday 16 November at 1.30pm the 6/7 students were driven to Murray Bridge Aquatics Camp. We set up all our gear, swags/tents so that we were ready for the night and the days to come. We swam and played games all afternoon before we headed to bed. The next morning we prepared for our 4 activities, small boating, catamarans, kayaks and knee boarding or skiing for the year 7s. In our small groups we were assigned an instructor and then enjoyed and learnt about the river during the activities. Everybody participated in every

activity and everyone had lots of fun. That night when we headed to bed, everyone was tired but extremely happy. Unfortunately the camp had to come to an end and we all had to pack up and get ready for heading back to school. All the students had so much fun and loved the camp.

The students of the 6/7 class would like to thank the drivers: Mel, Darren, Carmen, Ian, and Jodie for supplying the trailer. We would also like to thank Emily, our pastoral care worker, and Sallie for organising everything and setting up the amazing camp for us. By Molly



## Readers Cup

Over the past couple of weeks 2 teams from Uraidla had been practising to perform a play for the Readers Cup competition. There were about 20 teams competing and all the teams had to read a book called *The Hip Hop Barn* written by Phil Cummings and illustrated by Mandy Foot. Mandy was also a guest speaker on the night. We had to create an innovative play relating to the book. Uraidla Team 1 was made up of Emily, Molly, Abby, Taylah, Jade and Lucy. Uraidla Team 2 was made up of Jessie, Kayla, Esther, Lily and Charlotte. The other teams were made up of schools around the area.

All the plays were performed really well and they were really creative so the scores were close. Thank you to all the teachers and librarians who made the amazing event possible. By Emily

## Knockout Girls' Tennis

On 6 November Jessie, Kayla, Charlotte and I went off to play at Ironbank against Tatachilla Lutheran College. We lost overall but had great fun. Charlotte and Kayla won their doubles and Jessie and I lost our doubles. Charlotte, Jessie and

I lost our singles but we were close and Kayla won her singles. We all enjoyed ourselves and played well as a team. Thank you Donna Makings for driving us there. By Taylah

## SAPSASA Shirts

Could families please check to see if they have any SAPSASA shirts at home as we would like them all returned by the end of the term. Thank you.

## Belated Thank You!

Thank you everyone who helped with transport for the boys' basketball earlier this term.

## Lego League

The Lego League team went to Pulteney Grammar School to participate in a Lego League competition. We had to program an EV3 Mindstorms robot to do certain tasks, like knock over a bench or do some dancing. Uraidla's team, UPS and ATOMS, came in 11<sup>th</sup> place out of 18. Our robot sometimes messed up, like when it got stuck in the chin-up bar. We had to show the judges a presentation and the robot. In the team there was Eleanor, Henry, Aidan, Dylan, Sebastian and myself. We would like to give a big thanks to Ashley Hosking and Daniel Hampton for coaching us throughout and to Claire Schroeter for assisting on the day. By Marley



## A Note from Emily

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of being with the year 6/7s on their aquatics camp. We had perfect weather, great instructors and everyone giving all activities a go. Thank you to the parents, Sallie and all the 6/7s for a terrific camp! Our year 5 girls group also wrapped up this week with a little celebration. It has been wonderful to see the growth in all the girls, both in their friendships and within themselves as young women. As we enter our last week, I have each of you in my thoughts as we end this final term well with happiness and celebration. I have been so blessed this year to have become a part of this school and been able to build so many relationships with staff, students and parents. I look forward to what next year brings us, to the new faces, joyful moments and challenges ahead. I wish you the best over our school break - may the blessings of peace,

goodwill, and happiness be with you this Christmas and always. See you in the New Year. ☺  
Happy Holidays! Emily Morgan PCW

## OSHC News

Hi all, what a shock the end of the term has almost hit us like a brick! The vacation care program is out now and bookings are open. We have included a copy with this newsletter. Let us know what dates you would like by sending us a text through the OSHC phone or via Whatsapp. We are running from 7:30am - 6:00pm like usual, but minimising excursions and incursions to remain COVID-SAFE. Have a look at our program to see all the fun things we've got in store for the holidays.

Hope you all have a lovely end to the term and perhaps we shall see some of you over the holidays!

## Cameras for sale

The school has several still cameras (Lumix) and 2 camcorders for sale. If you are interested speak to the Front Office and make us an offer!

## Second Hand Uniform Stall

*Have your kids grown out of their school uniforms and you can't pass them on to anyone else and they are still in good condition? Then the Parents and Friends committee will happily take them off your hands. Drop items cleaned and in good condition to the front office before the end of term or early next term. There will be a second hand uniform stall at the Acquaintance Night early in the new school year with all funds raised going towards the continued upgrading of the school grounds as part of the Master Plan.*

## ThankED

You will find a ThankED bookmark being sent home today with the newsletter. ThankED is a new initiative designed to recognise staff working in education. Every day, those working in public education shape futures by inspiring children and young people to reach their full potential. ThankED gives you the chance to celebrate and thank public educators who make a difference every day, as well as those people who work in support of them. ThankED messages can be written via the online portal at [www.education.sa.gov.au/ThankED](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/ThankED).

## Community News

**CLOTHES SWAP**

'Adelaide Clothes Swappers'  
Babies and Children's clothing  
Awesome for the family budget and for the environment.  
Reduce 'fast fashion' trends while you 'take all you need'  
in a community atmosphere.

Donations of clean babies and childrens clothing  
accepted at The Hut prior to the event.

Friday 11th December  
10:30am - 12:30pm  
\$5 contribution at the door

The Hut  
Community Centre  
1 Euston Road  
Aldgate

VACSWIM is South Australia's longest running summer holiday program giving your kids confidence in & around water!

**VACSWIM**

December 2020 & January 2021  
Programs held at 120 pool & beach locations  
Enrol online at [vacswimsa.com.au](http://vacswimsa.com.au)

Dec closing: 2nd Dec  
Jan closing: 20th Dec