



From the Principal

Term 1 is always busy but this year has been complex. I would like to thank all parents, students and teachers for your diligence in managing the COVID pandemic and adjusting to the current COVID protocols. The COVID restrictions caused quite a few events to be cancelled, others to be postponed and some to be modified so they could still run.

Some of the highlights have been the Year 7 Activity days at Woodhouse, which replaced the camp, Sports Day and the return of School Sport. Still to come this term we have the Year 7 and Year 8 Swimming Carnivals, Greek Independence Day, Head of the River for Rowing, Open Night and Parent Teacher Interviews.

Open Night will again be a little different due to COVID restrictions. We will again run two waves of visitors with one wave at 5:00pm and another one at 6:00pm. Many curriculum teams will set up displays outside to provide extra spacing and ventilation.

Congratulations to O'Donoghue House the Sports Day Champions. We were again blessed with fantastic weather and the day was enjoyed by all. Photos and articles from Sports Day will appear in the next newsletter.

I would like to wish all Unley High School Rowing Teams the best of luck for this weekend at the Head of the River at Westlakes. Our students performed well at the State Championships recently and I hope they can take that form to the Head of the River.

Lastly, thank you to Steven Murphy for his work archiving Unley High Schools documents and heritage. Enjoy this newsletter 'Stories from the Archive' about Julia Gillard.

The next COVID update and notice of restriction changes is due at the end of next week. I will provide an update for parents once they are released to schools.



Welcome! Our new year 7's on Day 1, Term 1 2022.



Unley High School Rowing Club News

After not racing for almost three months, the Unley High School Rowing Club competed at the South Australian State Championships Regatta last weekend - the 26th and 27th of February. It proved to be a very successful weekend as we won three State Championship events and placed well in many others.

A huge congratulations to these athletes and to all who competed.

Nick Lohmeyer - Rowing Coordinator

Our winning crews are: **Under 16 Women's Double Scull** - Amelie Goulding (y10), Tamara Bates (y10)
(coached by old scholar Annie Size)





Schoolgirl Year 9 Quad Scull - Emma Luscombe, Eleanor Nettlefold, Felicity Cox, Emma Dowbnia, Brookie Possingham (coached by old scholars Beccy Ford and Annabel Nettleton)



Under 17 Men's Double Scull - Nate Lessue (y10), Patrick Lea (y10) (coached by old scholars Alex Pengelly, Asha Doughty-Garside, and Connor Donnellan)



Year 9 Visual Art

Have you seen the “Animal Alter ego” the inner animal of the Year 9 Visual Art students?

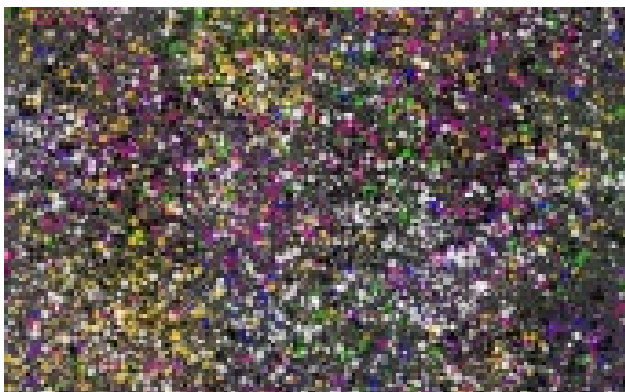
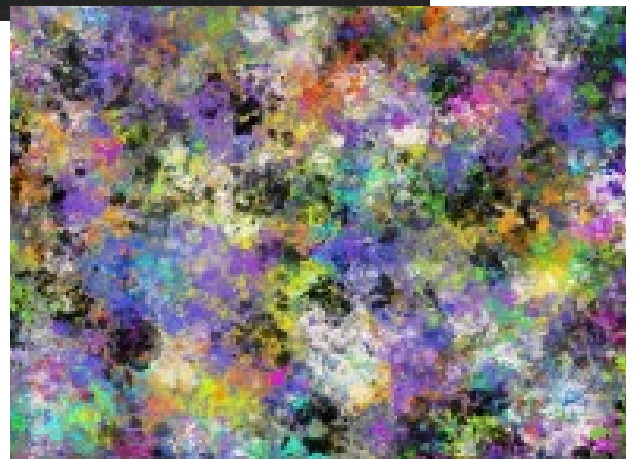
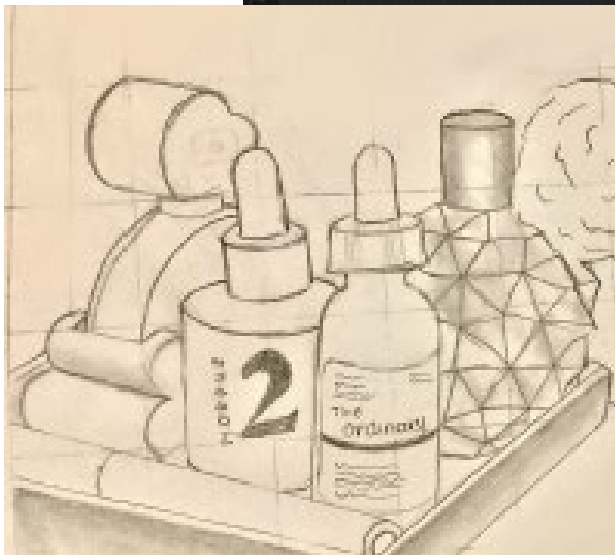
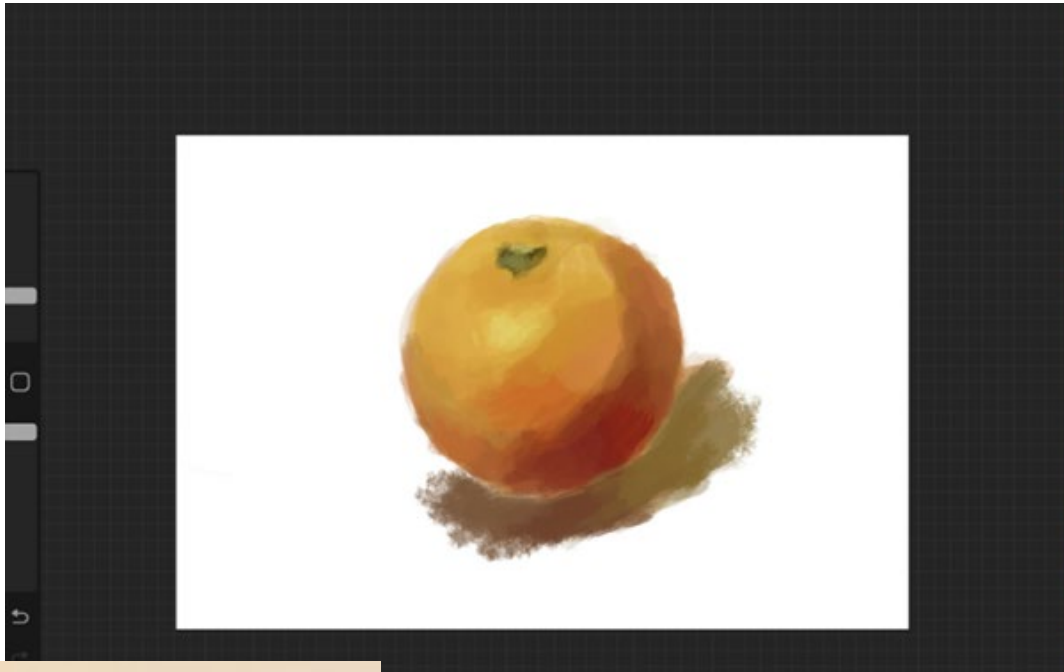
The Year 9 Visual Art students have been exploring the elements of Art (Line, texture, shape, space, colour and form) by including two elements in their self- animal portraits artworks. Students had the choice to use mix medium to create their creative artworks.

Visual Art Teacher: Eliana Mappouridou-Hockley





Learning was online for Years 9 and 10 Visual Arts students for the first two weeks. One of the visual art tasks for year 9 and 10 students was to get to know each other's art style. The students were able to see their visual art teacher as a practicing artist via online. Students then had the opportunity to create a piece of artwork or a virtual presentation to represent what visual art is to them and style they would like to explore. Students had free choice to use any materials or any medium to use to create their artwork while online.





Sports Update

Teams Triathlon

On Wednesday 2 March 18 students (6 teams) competed in the Teams Triathlon at West Lakes. Plenty of parents were there to help out, which was great and, from all accounts, the kids had a great time!

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Liam Facci, Hayden Dowbnia and Joey Neate for taking out the 17-19yo boys title!

Awesome work, boys!

Angie Treloar





Robotics

Over the past several years we have made great strides in building our Robotics and Digital Technologies curriculum here at Unley High School. On the 5th and 6th of March, one of our VEX robotics teams competed at the VEX Robotics National Championships held here in Adelaide in the Convention Centre.

Qualifying for this event was a huge achievement and we congratulate Peter Morrison, Gaius Zwarts and Will De Ruyter. Although they ran into all sorts of technical problems on the day they competed valiantly in the team and skills challenges, and managed to post several very strong scores in their rounds.

This year's challenge, "Pitching In", required students to design a robot to collect, manoeuvre and throw a set of balls into a raised target area. After designing and building their robot, teams practiced and refined their driver routines to maximise their points in the given time. Mentored by Mr Brendan Whittenbury, our students engineered a design that 'sucked up' balls from the ground using rotating wheels of rubber bands, and fed the balls into a flywheel which flung the balls several metres into the target area.

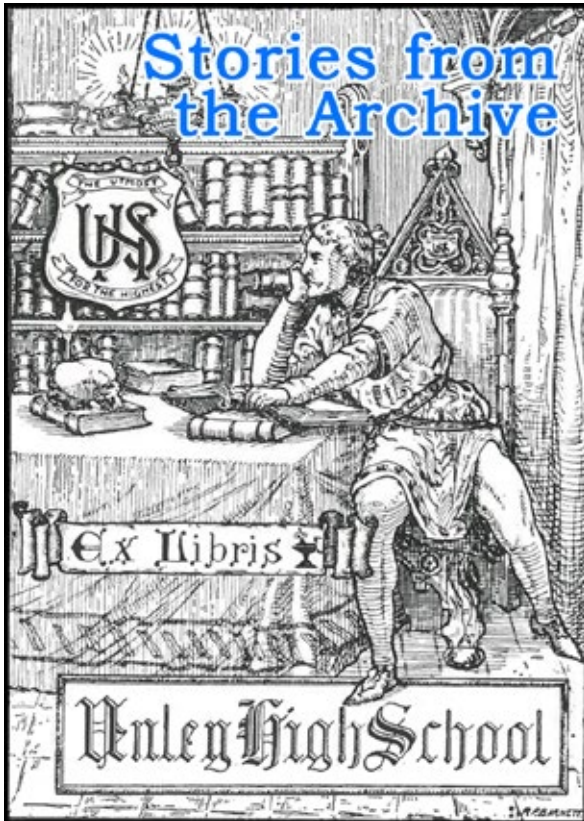
Our Robotics club meet each Wednesday on the top floor of the new 3 Storey Building, new members are welcome!

Mr Chris Martin, Assistant Principal STEM





Stories from the Archive



Let's begin with Julia

With the launch this year of the school's five new Houses honouring Old Scholars, over the next five issues of the Newsletter we will pass on from our Archives glimpses of their student years at Unley High School.

Let's begin with Julia Gillard who as leader of the Australian Labor Party was Prime Minister of Australia from June 2010 to June 2013 – the first and so far Australia's only female prime minister.

After leaving Mitcham Demonstration School, Julia attended Unley for the five years between 1974 and 1978. (Her older sister Allison also attended.)

In 1974, in what was then called 1st Year, Julia was a member of the 'D' grade Hockey team. The team reached the semi-finals! The most we know from 1975 was that her hockey career did not continue. At least there is no mention of J. Gillard in a school 1975 hockey team.

In 1976 Julia was still flying under the radar. We know only that she was in Class 1007. (In 1975, class designations had changed from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Year to Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

In 1976 her class teacher was Mr T. Annal and she was one of 30 students in 1007.

The 1977 Yearbook reveals a more prominent Julia, a member of Class 1112. She was a part of the B-grade debating team, which was undefeated in four debates against other schools. The Yearbook reported: "The debating teams were always combinations of the following four people – Rachel Barley, Julia Gillard, Kathy Pilowsky and Debbie Vanderwerp." The debating victories were over Adelaide Boys' High School, Mercedes College, Seymour College and Mary McKillop College.

The yearbook also reveals a literary bent. An entire page – page 46 - was devoted to a 600-word short story titled, "Where There's a Will, There's a Way". It was about a young man's quest on a farm to kill, as a favour to his farmer father, a predatory fox. The young man's name is Tim.

Unfortunately, the school Archive does not hold a copy of the 1978 Yearbook. That yearbook probably reveals more about Julia in Year 12. But clearly in 1977, we see the future prime minister finding her feet and a voice at Unley High School.

Stephen Murphy
Archivist and Old Scholar





WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY.

The sound of heavy footsteps shook the house. Mr. Wilson stormed into the lounge, totally ignoring the hurried greetings of his wife and son. He opened his mouth, ready to curse, but seeing his eleven year old son who was by now almost under his feet, he paused and simply said, "That blessed fox has killed six more fowls. At this rate every fowl will be dead by the time I get back next week. I wish I didn't have to leave now and go to this jolly cattle show".

Mr. Wilson was a huge man. He looked clumsy and cumbersome in the small cosy lounge. His hands, now clenched by his sides, were rough and calloused after a lifetime of labouring on the land. Farming was his only passion, which led to his bitter contempt of teachers, doctors, lawyers and office-workers. To him, the greatest act of heroism a man could perform was to carve a farm out of virgin bush as his father had done. Though he was constantly battling with the land he felt an ardent oneness with it, so every bad season was more than a financial disaster; it was a personal defeat. If the land failed to provide abundantly, he was the guilty one.

In a shy voice, Tim Wilson, Mr. Wilson's son, said, "Dad, don't worry, I'll kill the fox." Mr. Wilson was on the verge of laughter. How could this boy think he could destroy the fox that had eluded capture for so long. However, Mr. Wilson suppressed his laughter, sensing his son's grave conviction to kill the fox, and said, with his hand on the boy's slight shoulder, "Where there's a will there's a way, son. Yes, where there's a will, there's sure to be a way."

After his father's departure the next day, Tim sneaked out of the house with his father's rifle in one hand and a fox trap in the other. His mother, oblivious of the serious attitude with which he approached his quest, did not notice him leave.

The morning was cold and misty. Intermittent drizzle made the horizon seem indistinct and fuzzy, like a smudged pencil line. Tim sighted fox's tracks in the soft mud around the chicken coop and followed them enthusiastically. A little way beyond the chicken bush, in some dense scrub, was a spot strewn with blood and feathers and bones, obviously the place where the fox had feasted on his kill. Tim continued to follow the tracks.

Hours later, Tim was still walking. He was now in dense bush and soaked with muddy water after slipping into a lazy, stagnant creek. His shoulders ached from the weight of the rifle and the trap. The cold had seeped through his skin into his very being and a numbness had come over his thoughts and emotions. He was shivering constantly and was so hungry he felt dizzy. Despite all his physical suffering, he stubbornly walked on in search of the fox. In his mind the only thing to break through the numbness was the memory of his father saying, "Where there's a will there's a way, son."

Something rustled in the brush beside him. With amazing swiftness, considering his fatigue, Tim dropped the trap, crouched behind a bush, raised the rifle to his shoulder, and trained the sights on the bush. For a moment or two, the rustling continued, then from the brush appeared the fox. Its burnished red colour gleamed in contrast to the grass. To Tim, it seemed the fox had stolen the brightness of the sun on that miserable day. The red hue of the fur seemed almost to be radiating warmth.

The rifle was trained on the fox. Tim had only to squeeze the trigger and it would be over; his quest would have been successfully terminated. Yet he was unable to shake off this lethargy which had crept upon him. He wanted nothing but to bask in the hue of the fox.

Wind rustled the bush. It seemed to whisper to him, "where there's a will there's a way," over and over again. He pulled the trigger. The bush exploded with the noise of the rifle. Birds flew up, away from their perches, emitting terrified cries. But Tim did not notice the commotion. He watched spell-bound, fascinated as an ever redder colour seeped over the fox's fur. He stood, picked up the fox, and began the trek home, with the fox's blood dripping onto the ground at every step.

... .. JULIA GILLARD, 1112





Year 7 Activities Days

Over three consecutive days our Year 7 students attended Woodhouse Activities Centre where they engaged in a range of team building / fun activities. The opportunity to depart school and engage in these activities is fundamental to the building of strong and supportive relationships between students and teachers alike.

The Year 7 cohort was split evenly across the three days with core homegroup teams attending each day. Students engaged in activities as diverse as tube slide, laser skirmish and challenge hill. Pleasingly, the staff and facilitators at Woodhouse Activity Centre remarked how well behaved and polite our students were and that they were a credit to themselves, our school community and their parents and caregivers.

We were fortunate to be able to attend following the Department for Education's relaxing of restrictions and while the day wasn't the same as our traditional Year 7 Camp, students, teachers and SSO's who attended all gave glowing feedback on the day.

I look forward to being able to offer more interactive activities for our Year 7 cohort later in the year and without giving anything away, plans are already underway.

Joshua Whitwell

Year 7 Leader





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Blackwood Forest Football Club



Getting ready for the 2022 soccer season

The Blackwood Forest Football Club is a low-fee, grass roots community based club that fields teams in the Adelaide Hills Junior Football Association (AHJFA). Our home ground is located at Springbank Secondary College in Pasadena.

We are looking for players to join our U13, U15 and U17 mixed teams for the upcoming 2022 season and would love you to join our soccer community, run by volunteers, parents and carers.

Our emphasis is on everybody having a fair go and opportunity.

- Training:** Training is held Tuesday evenings at Bowker Street ovals, North Brighton.
- Games:** Held on Saturday mornings between 8:30am and 12:00pm. Home games are played at the Springbank Secondary College, Pasadena.
- Teams:** U13 (mixed), U15 (mixed) and U17 (mixed).
- Season:** Starts late April and finishes mid-September.
- Fees:** Not set for 2022, however are likely to be ~\$180 per player.
- Club Info:** [BlackwoodForestFootballClub.wordpress.com](https://blackwoodforestfootballclub.wordpress.com)
[Blackwood Forest on Facebook](#).

If you are interested in joining or finding out more, please email your details to: bhsforestsoccerclub@gmail.com and we will keep you posted as the season commences.



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Diary Dates

Term 1

14 March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	
19 March	Head of the River Regatta	
22 March	Unley High School Governing Council meeting	7:00 pm
25 March	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development	
28 March	Year 8 Swimming Carnival	
1 April	Twilight Open Night (bookings via UHS website)	
4 April	Year 7 Swimming Carnival	
5 April	Year 8 Immunisations HPV Dose 1 & Boostrix	
12 April	Parent teacher Interviews	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
14 April	Last Day Term 1	2:15 Dismissal
15 April	Good Friday Public Holiday	

Term 2

2 May	First Day Term 2	
10-20 May	NAPLAN testing	
24 May	Unley High School Governing Council	7:00pm
26 May	Year 12 Drama Production "Brilliant Lies"	6:00pm
31 May	Parent Voice meeting	6:30pm

2022 Open Evening and Principal's Tours commencing from 30 March.

Please visit the Unley High School website for all bookings.

<https://uhs.sa.edu.au/principals-tours/>



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