



From the Principal

Welcome to the final Newsletter for 2022.

It has been a crazy year but we hope to have better conditions for the start of the 2023 school year.

I will be sending out more information in the new year, but for now here is a quick snapshot.

Year 7 - Return 8:55am Monday 30 January

Year 8 - Return 8:55am Tuesday 31 January

Year 9 - Return 8:55am Tuesday 31 January

Year 10 - Return 10:25am Monday 30 January

Year 11 - Return 10:25am Monday 30 January

Year 12 - Return 10:25am Monday 30 January

Everyone should report to the George Cresswell Hall for their initial assemblies.

We will also start the year with our new Timetable. Students will begin lessons at 9:00am with a 10:00am start on Wednesday

mornings to accommodate Staff Professional Development. In January we will send out a survey for parents to register students who need to arrive at school early on Wednesday mornings. Also, the school day will finish at the new time of 3:30pm across all days. The bus timetables have been changed to align with our new start and finish times.

The other major change is a new program that replaces the old short Home Group with three sessions of 'Personal and Social Identity'. This will be a graded subject based upon the Child Protection Curriculum tailored for each year of learning.

For more information go to the Education SA website and search Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/safety-and-wellbeing/child-protection/keeping-safe-child-protection-curriculum-information-parents-and-carers>

Each of our programs is tailored specifically to the respective year level.

I hope everyone has a very enjoyable break over the Christmas and new year period and the summer sunshine arrives following our very wet winter and spring.

Greg Rolton

Principal





2022 TORRENS ARMS MURAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Torrens Arms Mural Scholarship began in 2019 when the Torrens Arms Hotel approached Unley High School to begin an annual mural competition. Since then, every year a new entry is chosen as the winning design for local mural artist Mike Sander to paint. Mike Sander works full-time as an artist who works on canvas but mostly loves to paint large-scale murals and is an advocate for arts in the community. The winning student design is painted on the eastern wall of the Torrens Arms Hotel (facing the carpark) and the student receives a generous monetary award kindly donated by the Torrens Arms to encourage them to continue on their art journey. The winning student is sometimes invited to help paint the mural, and signs it with Mike when the mural is officially unveiled with Torrens Arms Hotel Staff, Principal Greg Rolton, the Arts staff and invited guests.

This year we had an overwhelming response to the competition with over 200 entries from all year levels, with some participants submitting over 20 design entries each. The subjects for the mural were varied and included native flora and fauna, portraiture, fantasy, inspirational and abstract themes. A combination of media was showcased from traditional painting and coloured pencil to high tech digital illustration works, many to a very high standard for the student's year level.

The Torrens Arms Mural Scholarship winner for 2022 is Year 8 student, Saffron Dunne. The design chosen is one of many works Saffron submitted to the competition, which showcased her great diversity of ideas and techniques. Her work utilises colour and bold designs and met the brief well. Saffron's winning design shows a highly colourful Pop Art style image of an open book with a wide variety of icons flowing out of it suggesting the quest for knowledge and the wide variety of inspirational subjects that can be explored through reading.

Our muralist Mike Sander began the mural in late November on the eastern wall of the Torrens Arms Hotel (facing the carpark) on Princes Road, Mitcham. We urge students and our school community to visit and see how the work has come to life. Mike will adapt the design work slightly to his style and we look forward to seeing the finished piece. Once completed, there will be an official ceremony on site where Saffron will be photographed with the mural, Mike and invited guests.

We congratulate Saffron for her work and look forward to following her artistic endeavours throughout her time at Unley High School and beyond.

Nic Hurcombe
Visual Arts Teacher



Artwork by Saffron Dunne



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Summer Music Concert

Congratulations and thanks to all the students and staff involved in the incredibly successful Summer Music Concert presented in the George Cresswell Hall on Tuesday 22 November and the Twilight Music Concert held last term on Thursday 4 August.

It takes a huge amount of effort for students to stay motivated, to persist in such a challenging subject and to demonstrate great resilience if everything doesn't come immediately or easily on an instrument. The reward and payoffs are also huge, however.

The result of performing and sharing music making with others is tangible, as are the feelings of pride, self-worth and personal and collaborative achievement. To perform together in ensembles is fun but as I often describe to my students in class, being a musician is much like being an athlete. It takes, courage, commitment and hard work. And, as it is for athletes, any performance is just a moment in time resulting from hundreds, if not thousands of hours of hard work and dedication.

It also takes the assistance of others to provide a safe, encouraging and supportive environment so young musicians can perform confidently.

I really appreciate all the staff members who helped prepare our students and/or attended the Summer Concert. I hope you enjoyed the evening and wish to acknowledge your contributions.

Everyone involved did a fantastic job and were excellent ambassadors of Unley High School and our school's values: Respect, Diversity, Excellence and Community. The students made me feel very proud.

Recordings of both concerts are available via the Live Streams link on the Unley High School website.

Ms Vicki Holland

Music Teacher/Arts Coordinator



Year 7 & 8 Combined Band



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String Ensemble



Music Captains



Concert Band



Year 9 Band



Drumline



Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony was held on Friday 18 November in the George Crosswell Hall. This event provided the school community with an opportunity to celebrate and farewell the class of 2022.

The ceremony, which was attended by the Premier, the Hon Peter Malinauskas, other distinguished guests, and the families of our Year 12 students, was a wonderful event that showcased the cohort's vast range of achievements and explored their unique personalities. Additionally, the event's artistic performances displayed the immense talent of some of our music students and further highlighted the diversity of our student body. It was obvious to all in attendance that many members of our Year 12 cohort had dedicated themselves to their subjects and achieved some outstanding individual results, but it was also obvious that many of our students dedicated themselves to the broader school community and made significant contributions to our school culture.

The event had a very positive atmosphere and gave the students a deserving send-off. Unley High School wishes all of our graduating students the best of luck in the future and we thank them for all of their contributions.

Andrew Michelmore

Year 12 Leader





Year 7 English

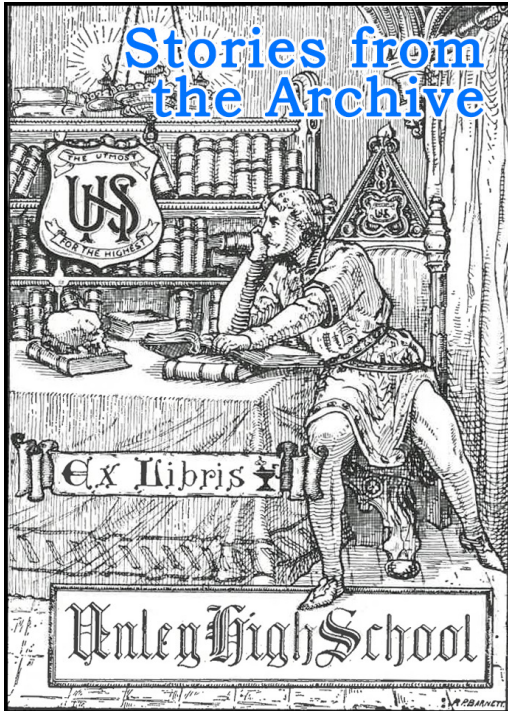
During Term 4 the Year 7 Literacy Class read the story of 'Sadako and a Thousand Paper Cranes'. The class then asked to make 1000 paper cranes, embracing the challenge to create a classroom 'Art Installation'. This has now been achieved and looks amazing.

Well done to all the students involved.





Stories from the Archive



Dean Brown – Unley student and South Australian Premier

At the recent official opening of our new buildings and renovations, one special guest, with humour, reminded our Principal Greg Rolton that Unley High School has not only produced a prime minister, it has also produced a state premier.

The gentleman was referring to himself – Dean Brown, Premier of South Australia from December 1993 to November 1996.

We only have to go back into our Yearbook archive to see it in black and white. For example, “D.C. Brown” is listed in the 1960 Yearbook among the winners of a Commonwealth Scholarship in the “Public Examination Awards, 1959”.

A prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship was the beginning of big things for Dean Craig Brown, who went on to serve 27 years in the South Australian parliament and become the Hon. Dr Dean Brown AO.

Dr Brown told Mr Rolton that he attended Unley firstly at Kyre Avenue when the school was still located there, then in 1960 for his final year, Leaving Honours (today’s Year 12), at Kitchener Street.

Mr Rolton said, “He was a delight to talk to.”

We thank our esteemed Old Scholar for attending the official opening.

Stephen Murphy
Archivist



Dean Brown (pictured, centre) at the official opening talking to staff and students.



Donations to the Archive

Wooden cash box has been part of our canteen for decades

With the school canteen ending an era this year, it's fitting that one of the last donations to the Archive for 2022 is an item that's been part of the canteen for decades.

Even canteen staff could not say for how many decades this very old wooden cash box has been in use in the canteen. There's nothing on it to indicate its exact age.

All we can say is, it's seen countless 5 cent, 10 cent, 20 cent, 50 cent, \$1 and \$2 coins placed in it by countless students, and the thoroughly worn out leather pouch has seen countless notes.

It really has been part of the school's life.

The cash box is pictured with some old advertising tempting students to buy some very unhealthy food!

Stephen Murphy
Archivist



The Newsies

— Week 8 Term 4, December Issue —

The latest news regarding UHS and the world! Let's get *write* to it.



| Year 12 Graduation

Written by: Ava Noble and Maya Bowles [Year 9]

Source(s): Authors' own participation

On November 18th 2022 smiling faces and teary eyes could be seen across the George Cresswall hall. After over 5 years of commitment and dedication the Unley High school graduates of 2022 journey came to an end.



Once seated, parents and family members eagerly awaited the arrival of their beloved graduates, whilst taking in the Year 8 vs Year 12 photos of the amazing cohort. Our wonderful Year 12's entered in their home room groups, making their way to the front, eyes wandering to find a parent. Adam Wallace began the ceremony with a warm welcome to all guests, followed by the Premier of South Australia congratulating our graduates on their incredible

efforts. After that, a flood of awards were presented to these amazing graduates for academic, leadership and community efforts at Unley High School, Isaac Covington-Groth taking out the competition. He most definitely will need more space on his wall after winning such an impressive amount of awards.

To give the lovely attendees of the graduation a break for their poor hands, a group of Stage 2 musicians played a cover of three songs. It was performed excellently as all students sounded amazing. Then it was time for the part our Year 12's have been waiting for all year; a piece of paper to validate the last 5 years of hard work and loss of sleep. Despite the small tech issue, these graduates had a chorus of cheers and applause to bid them farewell as they, for the last time, exited the hall as a student of Unley High School.



Friends, family and graduates gathered on the hockey field to take the long awaited graduation photos. Many shared sad farewells with beloved teachers and staff members; although they won't admit it, they are going to miss their nagging. As

the graduates exited the school, grounds for the last time, joyous honking and cheers could be heard from these beloved graduates.

So, congratulations to the incredible Year 12s of 2022. You have achieved so much during your time at high school and will continue to as you go through life. We wish you luck in whatever your future may hold, and we thank you for such a memorable year and ceremony.



| Christmas Pageant

Written by: Matilda Ruchs [Year 7]

Source(s): National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant

After two years of COVID setbacks, the Christmas pageant was finally back out on the streets in 2022. Celebrating its 90th anniversary, the biggest public parade in the Southern Hemisphere was back and bigger than ever, with over 300,000 spectators.

However, in 1933 - 90 years ago - the first ever Christmas pageant looked a lot different to what it does now. The first pageant was actually held during the Great Depression and featured approximately 8 floats and 4 bands, only running for roughly 40 minutes. The pageant escorted Father Christmas to the magic cave, a 'Christmas fantasy world' created 37 years prior, and aimed to bring joy to the 200,000 spectators.

The pageant has since been held every year on the second Saturday of November. The only years it wasn't held was during World War II when it was cancelled altogether, and in 2020 and 2021 when it was held at the Adelaide Oval. The Christmas pageant looks a lot different now compared to its beginning in 1933 and has expanded immensely.



With over 160 floats, 18 bands and many other colourful dancers, clowns and choirs, the pageant is now heavily televised and renown for being the "biggest parade of its kind," yet its purpose has remained the same, to serve joy to all who watch in the lead up to the festive season!



| World Cup

Written by: Daniel Dawson [Year 9]

Source(s): NBCSports.com, Author's own participation

Football fans, the wait is over. The World Cup is finally here. Yet, the tournament has made a surprising change this year. Normally it is played every 4 years, running from mid-June to mid-July. However, with the tournament location being awarded to Qatar for 2022, the dates have been delayed to November/December to accommodate the desert location.



The Olympics and World Cup are the most viewed sporting competitions in the world. According to NBC Sport, this year's World Cup has a predicted worldwide viewership of 5 billion

people. Many Australians are waking up at the crack of dawn and staying up late at night to accommodate the time zone differences, resulting in many exhausted fans.

Despite the opening match taking place on November 21st, the tournament has already seen many spectacular games. Saudi Arabia's 2-1 upset over tournament favourites, Argentina; Japan's unexpected 2-1 win against Germany; Spain's relentless 7-0 win over Costa Rica and England's 6-2 win over Iran; just to name a few.

Whether you're a football fan or not, the World Cup is an exhilarating tournament of pure excitement. I recommend immersing yourself within this experience, as it only comes around every 4 years.



☕ | Just Stop Oil's Protests

Written by: Olivia Nicholls [Year 9]

Source(s): Just Stop Oil, Van Gogh Museum

In recent months, paintings around the world have been vandalised by activists who pose against climate change. Those who are a part of the Just Stop Oil organisation have coordinated many expressive ways to attract the government and the public attention about the damage fossil fuels are causing to the planet. One form of protesting they have used is food hurling and glueing themselves to famous artworks.



A selection of these artworks include 'Sunflowers' by Van Gogh at the National Gallery in London, and 'The Last Supper' by Leonardo Da Vinci at the Royal Gallery, United Kingdom.

'Sunflowers' is an oil painting by the famous Vincent Van Gogh from the south of France, in 1888 and 1889. The painting of the flowers was completed with three shades of yellow 'and nothing else' and they communicated 'gratitude', he wrote. In London on the 16th of October 2022, two protesters, Phoebe Plummer from London, and Anna Holland from Newcastle, opened a can of tomato soup and vandalised Van Gogh's Sunflowers. The two then glued their hands to the wall by the painting before they were arrested. After glueing their hands Plummer, age 21, stated, "What is worth more, art or life? Are you more concerned about the protection of a painting or the protection of our planet and people?"



'The Last Supper' is a painting commissioned by Duke Ludovico Sforza and painted by the Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci throughout 1495 and 1498. Leonardo used an oil/tempera mix onto a dry wall to paint. Five activists superglued their hands to the fame of this artwork on the 5th of July. They had also spray painted "no new oil" along the bottom of the wall. Three of the protesters were Jessica Agar, 21, an art student from Hereford, Tristan Strange, 40, a community organiser from Swindon, and Lucy Porter, 47, a former teacher from Leeds.

Jessica Agar said, "No painting is worth more than my 6-month old nephew's life... If the directors of this gallery really believe that art has the power to change the world then I demand that they claim that power, close and refuse to open until the government commits to no new oil... I am an

art student but there is no place for me to follow my calling as an artist in a world where I have no future.”

These artworks are connected by their use of oil on canvas, which is the reason behind their protests. Yet those of the Just Stop Oil have stated that they knew that their actions would not harm the artworks as they are safe under glass. All protesters are safely removed from the painting without harm.



Sustainability in Adelaide

Written by: Lachlan Pfitzner [Year 9]

Source(s): Mitcham Council

A concern of many, especially us students, is climate change. The rapid degradation of our environment is certainly detrimental, and it's easy to feel that nothing is being done. While more certainly needs to be done on a council, state, and federal level, Mitcham council has taken some steps to support the environment and sustainability.

With the re-election of Dr Heather Holmes Ross, the Mitcham council will continue with the five pledges they made on 27 October 2020. This includes, but is not limited to, buying 100% renewable energy, changing street lights to more effective technology, and reducing landfill by 75% for council commercial and domestic waste all by 2030. However, many aspects of these pledges are unclear, including how and when the changes are going to be made, and with only 8 years to transition, the council will have to get a move on.

If you or anyone in your family feels the council isn't doing enough to stop climate change, there are many ways of generating change. Sending letters or emails to the council, hosting events or information sessions, or attending other events will all contribute to change. It's up to every one of us to make positive change together.



Ukrainian Missile Dispute

Written by: Angus Andrews [Year 7]

Source(s): US Foreign Ministry, Author's own participation

Mid last month, two Polish men were killed in a small Polish town only about 10 kilometres from the Ukrainian border by a so-called Russian missile. Poland is part of a military alliance called NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation), which is an alliance stating that an attack on one country is an attack on all countries. Countries such as the U.S., UK, and France are all part of the alliance, with many in panic as to how they should respond to the firing of this supposed Russian missile.



Just hours after the attack, an emergency NATO meeting was called and attended by notable figures, including US president Joe Biden, UK president Rishi Sunak and newly elected Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. There was backlash and condemnation from many western countries including Australia, where Prime Minister Anthony Albanese stated that the attack was “reckless and dangerous.” At first the missile was thought to be Russian, which would lead to a NATO response, but with further investigation it was found to be a Ukrainian missile defence device that was used to shoot down Russian missiles, and happened to fall just over the Polish border.

Thankfully, the result of the investigations meant that there would be no NATO involvement, and we can all live another day.



| Museum Excursion

Written by: Mia Johinke, Abbey Laird and Eliana Zorin [Year 8]

Sources: Authors' own participation

On Thursday the 17th of November, 8J, 8K and the French bilingual class went on an excursion to the South Australian Museum to explore fossils, rocks and minerals used in the city of Adelaide.

We walked to Mitcham Station where we caught the train to the Adelaide Train Station, and then walked past Parliament House to analyse the stone used to create the steps. As we continued walking, we took notes of which types of rocks and minerals were used to create memorials, seats and flooring.

Once we made it to the museum, we split into our class groups and met up with Professor Rod Wells, who, in 1969, discovered the deposits of Victoria Cave Fossil at Naracoorte. He led us to the fossil exhibit and explained how the rock cycle works and the different components of the cycle. He talked to us about the fossils of animals that existed during the ice age and even before, along with telling us how he discovered some of them in Naracoorte and how they evolved over time. After the speech, we took photos of fossils that interested us.



We moved into the Minerals room to look at some very pretty fossils and minerals of all shapes, sizes and colours. After taking even more photos, we had a quick look at other exhibits that interested us, like the ice wall. We then thanked Professor Rod Wells and left the Museum. We walked back to the train station and got off the train at Mitcham Station. An amazing, educational day ended with a cool stop at KFC, Hungry Jacks and other shops at Mitcham Shopping Centre for lunch. The weather was beautiful as we walked back to school. After returning to school, we proceeded with our day as normal. On Friday, we began our assignment about a rock, fossil or mineral that interested us.

A big thank you to the teachers that organised and supervised us for our awesome excursion. We all found it extremely educational for helping us with our assignments and understanding the rock cycle on a whole new level.

News Regarding Other Groups

None for this issue.

—Credit to Tamara Jakovljevic for the design

—Founded and organised by Tessa John and Priscilla Stanton



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Blackwood Forest Football Club



Getting ready for the 2023 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 at Springbank Secondary College in Pasadena.

We are looking for players to join our U13, U15 and U17 mixed teams for the 2023 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 yet set, however are likely to be ~\$200-250 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 in the lead-up to the season.

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Diary Dates

Term 1 2023

30 Jan	First day of Term 1 for Year 7, 10, 11 & 12 students Orientation Day for new students Years 8 - 11	
31 Jan	All students attend	
6- 8 Feb	Year 7 Camp	
14 Feb	Acquaintance Night Years 7, 8, 9	
15 Feb	Acquaintance Night Years 10, 11, 12 Year 7 Swimming Carnival	
17 Feb	School Photographs	
21 Feb	School photo catch-up day UHS Governing Council AGM	7:00pm
24 Feb	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development	
10 Mar	Sports Day	
13 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day public holiday	
14 Mar	Parent Voice meeting	6:00pm
18 Mar	Head of the River Rowing Regatta	
29 Mar	Twilight Open Night	5:00-7:00pm
7 April	Good Friday public holiday	
10 April	Easter Monday public holiday	
14 April	Last Day Term 1 - early dismissal	2:15pm



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