Important information for parents of year 7 students!

Later this year term 7 students will be given information regarding starting high school. At this time students will also be given an enrolment form for entering year 8 in 2018. It is important at this time to ensure we have the correct details for your child’s enrolment. If you have changed your child’s family situation and resides at two homes, you may choose which address you prefer for your family. Please come and see me if this is the case so that we can be certain of your details. If you have moved house we will need proof of residency documentation.

On this page are some high school open days which are coming up. If your child is in year 5 or 6, this is a good time to start thinking about where you might like to send your child and visiting high school open days.

If you have any queries regarding the placement process please don’t hesitate to contact me on 8443 7355 or drop into the office.

Jen Gibson-Smith - Administration Officer

Underdale High School Open Day

It is with great pleasure that I personally invite you to come along on Monday 27th March and have a chat with me about the future education for your child. This is my eleventh year at Underdale High School, and second as Principal. Our SACE achievements over the last five years can be compared favourably with any school in the state, with our 2016 results being the best ever, (97% SACE Completion and 96% successful Stage 2 graduates). In fact, 100% of all students who submitted the Research Project passed, a statistic any school would like to boast. These results, however, are not what I believe Underdale High School is all about. I have immense pride in our learning community, the staff, the students and our parents. Underdale is small enough to have that "family" feel, yet big enough to provide many options at Year 12. Your child will never be lost in the crowd and their progress and achievement in all aspect of their growth as an individual are our paramount concern. We celebrate success, but develop aspirational attitudes to be even better. With a highly multi-cultural student body, we are a family that does not just build tolerance, but celebrates diversity. I look forward to a wonderful opportunity rich future for our children, and we at Underdale are excited about helping to prepare them for this largely unknown world that they will help shape.

Don’t take my word for it, come along to our Open Day [see details in our advert] and talk to me and my staff about the opportunity you have available to your child.

Sincerely yours,

David Harris, Principal: Underdale High School

News from John & Silvia ……

Last week we (along with Maria Nasone) attended our Partnership Portfolio Conference. The theme was ‘Future Focussed Schools’. It gave us the opportunity to reflect on the question “In our rapidly changing world, are we keeping pace in education?”

We heard the importance of:

- Using technologies to engage in learning
- Using student voice to enhance learning
- Providing opportunities for students to apply fundamental knowledge and skills
- Solving problems through deep learning experiences
- Being critical
- Being creative

Our focus on inquiry-based learning, our upcoming STEM facility and emphasis on critical thinking at Torrensville supports our work in being future focussed.

A challenge is always keeping abreast with new technologies, it’s expensive and constantly changing.

Sustainability update

We need your help to achieve the goal of reducing the days waste so it fills the tiny bin in the photo instead of 2 or 3 big ones.

How Can You Help?

Papers/Cardboard recycling

At School: Place paper/cardboard in the blue bin. Be mindful on how much paper you are using and printing from the computer.

At Home: Place paper/cardboard/plastic containers in the bin with a yellow lid.

10c Containers

At School: Ensure containers are empty and if possible rinsed. Place in the fluoro Green bins in your classroom.

At Home: Containers can be collected and taken to your local recycle centre or recycled in the bin with the yellow lid.

Pupil Free Day reminder: Friday 7th April

If 30 containers a day were collected = $3.00/day. In a year we could raise $600.

Follow the link to our unique page for your online ticket sales:

Monday, 13th March - Adelaide Cup public holiday

At school we have completed a wireless internet upgrade and next term will be purchasing 50 new laptops in an endeavour to have new technologies available.

A huge challenge for us as adults, is to be constantly aware of what our children are accessing on the internet. School devices are filtered by DECD websites, however personnel devices using JG are not. That is why we ask students not to have phones or other personal devices out in the yard, and we request you as parents monitor what your child is accessing and who they are really talking to in chat rooms. If your child brings a phone to school, they must be handed into the front office and collected at the end of the day.

With education, boundaries and monitoring, our children have brilliant resources to enhance their learning and understanding of our world.

People’s Choice Lottery

Buy your $2 tickets before midnight, 31 March, to enter into the draw to win an exclusive early bird prize; a Toyota Yaris Ascent 5 Door Hatch, thanks to CMI Toyota.
Milk consumption & cognitive function in children
CSIRO is looking for families to participate in a study investigating the effects of milk drinks on cognitive function, and physical growth and fitness in primary school children.

We would like to hear from you if your child:
- was born between November 1, 2007 and May 1, 2010
- is a low dairy consumer
- is not taking micronutrient supplements,
- has not been diagnosed with a psychological, behavioural or other disorder (e.g., Autism, ADHD, Specific Learning Disorder) or movement disorders (e.g., cerebral palsy, tremor, myoclonus etc.)
- speaks English as their primary language

For further information or to register your child’s interest, please visit the following link: http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3112056/Milk-Kids-4

If you have any queries about this study or would like further information please call (08) 8303 8906, 1800 850 036 or email MilkKids@csiro.au

SAPSASA Swimming
Last Wednesday we sent off 4 swimmers to the Airport District SAPSASA swimming trials at Immanuel College. Well done to Joseph, Scarlett, Alekzandar and Anastasia for their efforts and for representing the school in their chosen sport.

Congratulations to Joseph and Anastasia on being selected in the Airport District swim team. Both students will now progress to the SAPSASA state swimming championships on the 16th March.

Joseph – 13 year old Breaststroke & Butterfly leg in the medley relay.
Anastasia – 10 Year old freestyle relay.

Good luck to both swimmers!
Mark Pannenburg

Football & Soccer News
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Please contact Mark or Jill for more information.
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Bookings and more information: 8271 0329/office@effectiveliving.org/www.effectiveliving.org

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