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Principal's Report

Last week was a week of highlights and I very much enjoyed the Instrumental Music Concert this year. The talent of our students, the enthusiasm of teachers and the wonderful performances showcase the excellence of the Urangan SHS Arts program. I also heard very good reports of Unbleached and the 2018 student leaders represented us well at Remembrance Day on Saturday. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners of Write a Book in a Day.

I recently spent time assisting on a panel to appoint a new principal and then attending the Education Queensland International ceremony where Mr Barnes and I were presented with certificates in recognition of the USHS leadership of this work. I then attended the Principal's Business Meeting and heard repeated themes of ensuring child safety, improving student academic results and the future challenges facing youth. It was very encouraging to hear how well our region achieves compared to regions with comparable demographic data and the impressive improvement being made in this region. Our own school interim headline data indicates positive achievements particularly in post school destinations for 2016 students and the four-year trend for enrolments. Although NAPLAN results are satisfactory and participation improved, we continue to enhance literacy and numeracy for all students overall attendance.

One of the areas we are pleased to be taking leadership in is the improvement of outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and we appreciated the visit by Girls Academy directors. There will soon be new development officers appointed for 2018, and members of community are encouraged to apply.

We are now in the exam period, and I am impressed with the students who are prioritising their study and revision, and ensuring all assessment is submitted on time. During this time, it is important that students are compliant with teacher directions and avoid disturbing those in exams. As with last week, I remind parents and students of their enrolment agreement, the school policies and procedures, including the agreed Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, which can be found on the school website. Discussion with students about these policies assists them to understand the school requirements and consequences, whether is it internet use or playground interactions, assessment policy or dress code.

Next week we are looking forward to the visit from Meridan State College administrators as a return after our staff visited them earlier this term. The sharing between the two large high schools is very beneficial to both and we look forward to continuing the partnership next year.

This week we also farewell a number of our lovely International students and I take this opportunity to thank them for being at our school, and to thank our wonderful homestay parents for hosting these young people from so many other countries. Mr Barnes, Mr Love and I are again attending an event in Brisbane, the Queensland IET Excellence Awards 2017, where we continue to build the profile of the Fraser Coast region and Urangan SHS as study destination for International students.

Year 12 students have had the excitement of graduation and the leavers' ceremony. They certainly looked wonderful and have achieved well this year. I wish them the very best for the last week of school and their futures as young men and women entering the wider world.

R. Rayner
Executive Principal

Congratulations to Year 12

Well done, congratulations and best wishes for our graduating Year 12 students. You have achieved much throughout the year:

- 21 students completed a school based apprenticeship or traineeship.
- 114 completed a Vocational Education Qualification: 14 Certificate II Health Support, 12 Certificate II Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation, 8 Certificate I Business, 1 Certificate II in Foundations Skills with external providers, 15 completed a Certificate II in Business and 21 completed a certificate IV in Music at school.
- 98 students will receive an OP, approximately 68 of those between a 1 and 15. Students have had offers from tertiary institutions already – well done!
- Of those that began Year 12 but were not able to complete the year for personal reasons, 11 have gone onto further study or training and 7 full-time work, including 2 apprenticeships.
- We were blessed to have 10 International students with us this year and their involvement in school enhanced the culture of Urangan High.

Year 12 students contributed to the school and community in various forums throughout the year and our student leaders had a fantastic year participating and leading numerous events and raising enough funds to help pay for the Gym fans.

My sincere thanks to: House Managers Gemma Reimann and Liza Young for the care and support they gave to students; fellow Head of Year – Ley Anson, for supporting SEP students so capably. Special mention must go to Lesa Landon who has coordinated the students so capably. The students were lucky to have such a caring and dedicated student coordinator. I would also like to acknowledge Form class teachers, Year 12 teachers and support staff for providing so many fantastic learning experiences and opportunities for students.

To our graduates: reach for the stars, dream big and have no regrets. The world is filled with opportunity and hope, search out the light and leave the world a better place than you found it. Well done, congratulations and best wishes for your future.

Matthew Stutz
Head of Year 12

Important Dates to Remember for Senior Students

Date	Item	Notes
22nd November	Subject SAs published	Posted on windows of Boardroom (Admin block)
15th December	Senior Paperwork posted	QCE's, Senior Statements, Results, QCIA, Tertiary Entrance Statements
16th December	OP Results released	Log in to your student connect account to find out

QTAC applications: Students will require their LUI number and password for registration on the Student Connect website. Students received their login in details via letter in form class. If students have misplaced or did not receive their letter, they are able to see Mr Austin in SR7.

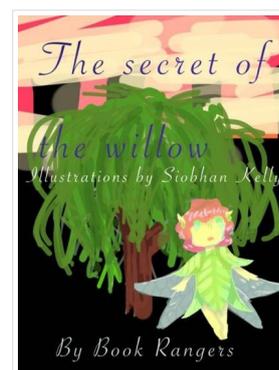
The password is the students birthdate i.e. 31st October = 3110

Any other questions can be directed to Mr Austin via baust54@eq.edu.au or call the school.

Thank you
Ben Austin
Head of Department – Senior Schooling & VET
Urangan State High School

Winning Book!

A team of year seven's from Urangan SHS who participated in this year's Write a Book in a Day (WABIAD) competition were awarded best illustrated book for their division across QLD and NT. A massive achievement, WABIAD is run by The Kids Cancer Project and is a fundraiser where groups of students have 12 hours to write and illustrate a book. This year saw 752 teams from across Australia raise \$196,000 in sponsorship. The Secret of the Willow was by Book Rangers (Siobhan K, Chelsea F, Emily H, Jack W, Jackson W, Phoenix O, Lachlan S, Tarryn P and Alexis C.) who competed in the Middle School Division (up to year nine). Well done on a wonderful effort. Copies of all the books written by USHS teams are available in the office foyer.



Rewards Day

SENIOR REWARDS DAY

Payments for the Senior Reward Day have now closed. Due to numbers, we will be combining both the Year 10 & 11 groups into the one session from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Students involved in the Rewards Day must be changed and assembled at the Evacuation Area by 11:45am. They must have sunscreen on and wear their school bucket hat to participate. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Student Coordinator on 4197 0111.

JUNIOR REWARDS DAY

Students in Years 7, 8 & 9 that have received an invitation to be a part of the Junior Rewards Day have until this Friday 24th November 2017 to return their permission slip and pay their \$7 to Student Services. If your child is not intending on participating in the Junior Rewards Day, please let their Student Coordinator know ASAP so that their spot can be given to another student. For any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's Student Coordinator on 4197 0111.

Last Week Activities

"The last week for years 7, 8 & 9 is quickly approaching. Monday and Tuesday of the last week will be as normal school days. There will be an alternative activities program run over the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please find the alternative activities program attached. The students will participate in Curriculum related activities run by a different faculty in each session. There will be 2 sessions each day with 2 rounds of activities being run per session. Students will need to choose different activities each session to participate in. Form classes will run as per normal during Monday to Thursday, students will be escorted to the GYM for allocation into activities. Students are to report to the GYM on the Friday to have their name marked off for form before being allocated into activities. The canteen over the last week will only be offering a limited menu and will not be open on the Friday. Students choosing outdoor activities will be required to wear their school bucket hat to participate. Students choosing to participate in either the dance performance or Yoga will be required to wear tights. If you have any further questions, please contact Damien Symes on 4197 0111."

Awards Night Photos

Awards night photos are now available for purchase. Please click on the following link to view the photo samples. You will need to share this with your parents/carers. Please be advised that the file size is approximately 40mb.

https://qedu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/pxlas0_eq_edu_a_u/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?guestaccesstoken=KeFOMh3sHW7UI0N7U7c2mIDnXvH42maEjNgang3qZ1g%3d&folderid=2_015cb065d4ed748268c0a804f273572fe&rev=1

If you or your parents/carers wish to buy any photos, the steps are:

1. Write down the numbers of the photos you want to buy. These numbers are written across the photos. You only need the last number.
2. Download and install the Qkr! App. The instructions for how to do this are attached.
3. Go into the QKR app and choose our school (USHS), then select the option to purchase photos and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you wish to pay for the photos at school instead of using the app, there will be paper order forms available at student services. A copy of this order form is also attached.

Uniform Cave

A Uniform consultation process for the addition of new long pants for boys and girls to our school uniform range has commenced. The proposed introduction date for these is Winter 2018. They can be viewed in the school administration office. The proposed cost of these will be \$45.

Urangan State High School has also begun a uniform consultation process for the introduction of a fleece jumper to the school uniform range. The proposed introduction date is Winter 2018. The cost will be \$35. The jumper can be viewed in the school Administration office.

Feedback can be directed to: pandc@uranganshs.eq.edu.au

The uniform shop opening hours for the beginning of 2018 will be:

Tuesday 09/01/2018	8.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 10/01/2018	11.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday 11/01/2018	8.30am – 3.30pm
Friday 12/01/2018	8.30am – 3.30pm
Monday 15/01/2018	8.30am – 3.30pm
Tuesday 16/01/2018	8.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 17/01/2018	11.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday 18/01/2018	8.30am – 3.30pm

Please note that Centrepay will not be available in the first week of trading unless a Centrepay slip is picked up from the office before this school year ends as the office only re-opens on Monday 15th January.

Uniform Shop Holiday bookings for January will open online on Monday November 20.

To make your bookings, please go to the website below and follow the steps with the log in code **adb5p**.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>



Second Hand Uniforms

Do you have any second hand uniforms at home that you no longer require? Did you know that the uniform shop sells uniforms on consignment? Now is a good time to bring any unwanted uniforms to the uniform shop during normal opening hours and the uniforms can be sold on consignment

Early Leave Passes

If your child needs to leave school early please either:

- Call the school **at least 1 hour prior** to departure on **4197 0159** so that we can prepare the leave pass for your child to collect and present to their class teacher at the time of departure.
- Provide your child with a note which they can bring to student services at any time before the class to receive a leave pass to present to their class teacher at the time of departure.

Students are **not permitted** to leave their class without a **valid office issued pass**.

All students leaving the school early and coming to school late must be signed out/in through student services. This assists the school in obtaining an accurate record of the students currently at the school in case of an emergency.

Transferring to another school?

Will you be attending another school in 2018? If so, please complete an exit form at the office before you go (not required for students completing year 12 in 2017).

Changing your personal information

Have you moved house recently? Maybe you have a new mobile or work details? Would you like to update the emergency contacts we have on file for your student? Contact the school for a change in details form to be sent to you or click the link below to access the form, complete and return to the school office.

Centrepay

Please complete a Centrepay form at our Administration Office if you would like to pay your 2018 Shared Resource Scheme (SRS) via Centrepay.

Existing Centrepay families are not required to complete a new form. However, if your payments have ceased a new Centrepay form will need to be lodged ASAP.

Exemption Application changes

All exemption applications are required to be submitted prior to the leave date with all supporting documentation for leave 11 consecutive days and over. The policy position is that all exemptions should be applied for, and a decision made on the application by the decision maker, prior to the proposed exemption period.

In exceptional circumstances where it is not known if the duration of the circumstance will be 11 consecutive school days and over, such as the child or young person becoming ill, the exemption application does not need to be submitted or approved in advance.

Community News

Piano / Violin Teacher

Conservatorium Trained
Home Studio

Afternoon Lesson Times

Ages 4+, all levels welcome

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