



NEWSLETTER

Term 2 / Week 6
22nd May 2023

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Introduction

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter with a focus on our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and community. We thought it would be an effective way to communicate all things relevant to our community, from good new stories to promoting upcoming events here at Urangan SHS.

So hope you enjoy our first edition of our newsletter for 2023.

Meet our team of Community Education Counsellors (CECs)

Recently, Urangan SHS had recruited four new CECs to assist our Indigenous students along their educational journey through high school. This now increases our team to five.



Left to right: Josh Sirovy, Rosina Seru, Jasmin Henaway, Michael Purcell and Adam Brunton standing with the Statement from the Heart at Kalang.

Jazmin Henaway and Josh Sirovy will be responsible for supporting years 7,9 and 11 with Rosina Seru and Adam Brunton supporting years 8,10 and 12 whilst Michael Purcell adding another layer of support across all years.

If you would like to contact the team directly, please feel free to call on **(07) 4197 0111** or email cec@uranganshs.qu.edu.au



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Parent and Guardian Morning Tea

Urangan SHS hosted their first parent and guardian morning tea on **Friday 21st April**, which was a great success. This was a great opportunity to introduce our new team of Community Education Counsellors, Principal and other staff. We opened our day with Welcome to Country by one of our very own student leaders **Destiny Sexton** which was performed in the local Butchulla language, then was translated into English. An Acknowledgement of Country was given by Adam Brunton followed by an opening statement from our **Principal Tony McCormack**. Tony spoke of the school's commitment to Indigenous education and supporting our students along their educational journey's. Tony then went on to explain Urangan SHS's participation in a pilot project that spans across 12 schools throughout QLD. The pilot is delivered under a co-design model with both representatives from Urangan SHS and the **Local Community Education Body**.

Below is a list of the members of the Local Community Education Body:

Charles Davis (Co-Chair)
Noah Burns
Aunty Jan Williams
Shane Bird

Tony McCormack (Co-Chair)
Destiny Sexton
Lana Fisher
Tamara Gala

Aunty Marj Speedy
Les Raveneau
Wade Richardson (DoE)



Principal Tony McCormack giving an opening address to attendees of our Parent & Guardian Morning Tea

Praised for Attendance

Great news! All Year 8 students with Platinum, Gold and Silver level attendance were recognised at their most recent parade in week 4. Amongst the group, we had a number of our own Indigenous students that were very happy receiving awards. We had **Lacey Dice** with receiving a Platinum award, **Marbac Sorby** and **Corbin Freeth** receiving Gold awards with **Jermaine Togo** and **Zion Nona** receiving Silver awards.

Congratulations to our students for their strong attendance and keep up the great work!



Left to Right: Lacy Dice, Jermaine Togo, Zion Nona Marbac Sorby
Front: Corbin Freeth excited about receiving their awards.

Marigurium Yan (Strong Walk) Program

On **Thursday the 4th May** the **Marigurium Yan (Strong Walk)** program hosted their first workshop here at Urangan SHS which was a huge success. We had a great turnout of students who were very eager to get involved. **Bruce Waia** opened up the session with a **Welcome to Country** and explained the importance our culture and the impacts it can have in our lives. He said one of the ways he maintains his strong connection to his culture is by adhering to the three Butchulla laws.

1. What is good for Country must come first.
2. Do not take what does not belong to you.
3. If you have plenty you must share.

We then broke off into separate groups to learn a local traditional dance, with Bruce with the boys and local Butchulla woman Jade Gould teaching the girls. From there we brought the groups back together to complete the dance. There were plenty of smiles and lots of fun had by the students. We are looking forward to the next Marigurium Yan (Strong Walk) session on **Thursday 25th May (Week 6)**.





Home Economics Cooking Assessment

Week 4 in term 2 our Year 11 Home Economics class had undertaken their practical assessment by collecting cake and beverage orders from staff around the school. Students were assessed on their customer service, food presentation, taste and overall experience.

Here is a photo of one of our Year 11 students **Zahli Davis** presenting her cake and beverage to **CEC Adam Brunton** who was too happy with his order and gave Zahli some great feedback on his experience.



NAIDOC Art Competition

Urangan SHS are now accepting entries for this year's **NAIDOC Art Competition**. The competition will be open to all **Urangan SHS Indigenous students (Grades 7 – 12)**. The winner of the competition will have their art work and design featured in the school's promotional materials, clothing wear and other publications with other prizes to be won. **Competition closes 23rd June 2023** with the winners to be announced during Urangan SHS's NAIDOC Week (Week 2 Term 3). All entries can be submitted via email cec@uranganshs.eq.edu.au or in person to the CEC office at school.

Please [click here](#) for competition details and eligibility requirements.