Year 7/8 Science with Mrs Jackson

Year 7/8 have wrapped up their first unit of work, and spent a couple of periods designing an investigation of their choice, to complete as their assessment task. Students investigated the effects of different chemicals on marshmallows and jelly babies, whether mint cools a warm liquid, whether a person who has been blindfolded can walk in a straight line and if a person’s dominant hand can last longer in ice water than their non-dominant hand. Everyone was well engaged with their experiments, and a few people wandering past got roped into them as well! The ice water experiment brought out the competitive spirit in certain people (ahem, Mr Davies, Mikell, Seth, Kai, Dean and Hollie), and each experiment proved quite interesting, with how the results panned out.

Let the games begin… Mr Davies’ first attempt after noting the times of the kids before him…

Right : Kai, after beating Mr Davies’ time of 5+ mins…

Far right : Seth, who decided to try and settle the challenge, once and for all!
JAMES MORRISON CONCERT
27 students took the opportunity to travel to Leeton yesterday to see James Morrison live in concert. Accompanied by Mrs Roscarel and Mr Cattle, the UCS students joined a number of schools at the Roxy Theatre and were absolutely spell-bound by the musician’s performance on trumpet, trombone and piano. Mr Morrison was joined on stage by a vocalist and three other musicians on guitar, double bass and drums. They demonstrated a number of musical concepts, and used “Waltzing Matilda” to illustrate improvisation and a variety of jazz styles. UCS students participated enthusiastically in the Q&A session, and Mr Morrison was happy to pose with our group for some photos (above right). Thank you to Mrs Roscarel for organising the excursion, as everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

K/1 SCIENCE NEWS:
K/1 have been finishing our unit on living and non-living things this week. As part of our studies we planted some radish and pea seeds in the garden beds last week, and were excited to see the sprouts emerging very quickly (below)!
We also discussed how plants need water to survive. To test how this works, we put some celery in coloured water on Monday, and were amazed with the results as the plants turned blue and red (above with Rachel Ridley and Josh Batty)!

LEFT: K/1 gardeners, clockwise from far left : Caitlin Rossiter, Ellenor Worland, Madison Vinecombe, Mitchell Collins, Lara Bryant, Hannah Wilson, Allora Vinecombe, Lewis Henley, Alfred McCubbin, Gavin Ward, Dylan Carroll, Deakin Ross, Rachel Ridley, Dakota Williams, Zoe McRae, Patrick Whiley, Josh Batty, Ethan Robb and Lachie Ward.
HOSPITALITY AND FOOD TECH with Mrs Wason

Yr 11 Hospitality demonstrated ‘rough cuts’ of vegetables (right) by preparing Ratatouille-filled omelettes. Their teacher Mrs Noble from Quandialla Central was thrilled with the high standard of preparation skills and presentation that the students showed.

9/10 Food Tech final prac for this term had an Easter focus. Students had lots of fun making (and testing) Chocolate ball bunnies (and other animals)!

Photos above: Bridie McCubbin, Kayla Bennett and Chloe Cattle
Below: Vanessa Robb, Beverley Clarke, Danielle Cattle and Chelsea Dunstan with their Easter creations!

BELOW: Congratulations to students who received Week 10 Merit Certificates at last Friday’s assembly!
LITERACY CLASS EXCURSION
Last Wednesday Mrs James’ Literacy class went for a walk around Ungarie with Mr Donny Duncan. He told us about Ungarie’s history. We found out lots of interesting things about buildings that are, or used to be, in Ungarie. We found out about floods, winds storms and lots of fires. We had a wonderful time. Thank you, Donny Duncan.
By Abby Wason and Tess Henley
ABOVE : At the NAB bank with Mr Duncan (back row : Tess Henley, Hugh Williams, Ryan Wallace, Jack Crofts, Micheline Izzard and Abby Wason. Front : Jett Brew, Jye Hoskinson, Alex Otovic and Melissa Hesselman).
Right : Jett at the Police Station, and Abby, Jett, and Jack with Mr Duncan outside the bakery
Below right : at the Police Station
Below : Ryan Wallace and Mr Duncan