



Principal's Report

Parent Teacher Evenings

It was very encouraging to see so many parents at these evenings. This is a vital means of communication for us all, especially so early in the year where trouble spots can be addressed quickly.

School Athletics

The weather was ideal, the organisation excellent and participation high. Some 44 new records were set and Brookes took the trophy. Congratulations to all concerned and thank you to Mr Wallace for his great organisation. (Especially the weather)

Pupil Free Day 28th April

Staff will be using this day to investigate how the "new technologies" can be used to enhance their pedagogy and engage students in their learning.

Front Fence

Thank you to all those people who have tolerated the inconvenience while our new front fence is being built. It is taking shape and we hope it will be finished by the end of May. Landscaping will follow.

Oval

We have re-sown the fringe of our oval with couch grass and are now watering it with the rainwater collected in the tanks. Hopefully the temporary fencing will be down soon as the couch grass takes off.

Mid Year Concert

Keep the evening of May 21st free as this years Mid Year concert is shaping up to be our

best ever. Tickets are now available from the General Office.

National Testing

This year the Year 7 and 9 AIM tests have been replaced by the National Testing Program (NAPLAN). Students in year 7 and 9 will be tested in writing, reading and numeracy on the mornings of May 13th, 14th, and 15th at UHS.

Rob Newton

Calendar of Coming Events

- Thursday May 1st
VCE Students and Staff Photograph Day
- Friday May 2nd
Photograph day for Year 10 students and Music performers
- Wednesday May 7th
Melb. Uni. Maths Competition
Photograph Day for Students in Years 7, 8 & 9
- Thursday May 8th
Year 10 Fast Track (Stage Two)
May 12th to 23rd
Year 10 Fast Track (Stage Three)
- Tuesday May 13th
National Language Conventions & Writing Test for Year 7 & 9
- Wednesday May 14th
National Reading Test for Years 7 & 9
- Thursday May 15th
National Numeracy Test for Years 7 & 9
- May 18th to 24th
Education Week
- Wednesday May 21st
Mid Year Music Concert
- Wednesday May 28th
School Council Meeting at 7.30p.m.
- Thursday May 29th
ICAS Science Competition
- Friday May 30th
Intermediate Sports Day
- Tuesday June 3rd
Senior Sports Day
- Monday June 9th
Queen's Birthday
- June 11th and 12th
Year 12 Exam Days

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The UHS School Council meets in the GTAC conference centre at 7:30 pm.
Next Meeting: Wednesday May 28th

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association meets in the school staff common room at 7:30 pm. All parents are welcome.
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13th

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

Your next copy of School News should arrive in your letter box early June.

Athletics Carnival 2008

The Year 7 - 10 Intra-School Athletics Carnival was held at Melbourne University Athletics Track on Wednesday 16th April, 2008. A beautiful Autumn day allowed for increased participants with a number of events being entered by 40+ athletes. Congratulations to BROOKES sub-school who clearly had the highest participation rates and fittingly won the J.D MacGregor Aggregate trophy with 1,540 points. CHAPMAN sub-school finished second on 1,438 points with SHARMAN finishing third on 1,024 points.

Congratulations to the individual age group champions for their outstanding efforts:

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| UNDER 13 | BOYS- JAMES MACKEY GIRLS- CATHY BURBRIDGE |
| UNDER 14 | BOYS- JOSHUA WEST GIRLS- EVELYN BURRY |
| UNDER 15 | BOYS- MARTIN STRASSER GIRLS- HELEN HODGINS |
| UNDER 16 | BOYS- CHRIS CADENHEAD & JOSHUA MACAULAY GIRLS- ANNINA NOWAK & LARA DYKUN |
| OPEN | BOYS- CALLAN GREEN GIRLS- HANNAH PORTER |

Another outstanding achievement on the day were the 44 records broken. Congratulations to the new record holders:

ALRIC ELLINGHAUS- Under 13 Boys High Jump, Triple Jump, 100M, 200M
CATHY BURBRIDGE- Under 13 Girls High Jump, Long Jump, 100M
EVELYN BURRY- Under 14 Girls High Jump, Triple Jump, 400M, 800M

SUNDAY HYATT- Under 15 Girls High Jump, Long Jump
MICHAEL GROENEWALD- Under 15 Boys High Jump, 200M
LUKE DOUGLAS- Under 16 Boys High Jump
JENDA SPEECHLEY- Under 17 Boys High Jump
CALLAN GREEN- Under 21 Boys High Jump
ERICA LANE- Under 14 Girls Long Jump
MILAN PETROVIC- Under 14 Boys Long Jump
MARTIN STRASSER- Under 15 Boys Long Jump, 400M
JOSHUA MACAULAY- Under 16 Boys Long Jump, 400M
HELEN HODGINS- Under 15 Girls Triple Jump, 400M
DAN SPITERI- Under 15 Boys Triple Jump
CHRIS CADENHEAD- Under 16 Boys Triple Jump, 100M, 200M
JADEN MITCHELL- Under 15 Boys Shot Put, 100M
TAVAE MULIAGA - Under 16 Girls Shot Put
MURAD MUSSA- Under 14 Boys 200M, 400M
JAMES MACKEY- Under 13 Boys 400M, 800M, 1500M
RUSSELL EVANS- Under 21 Boys 400M
HANNAH PORTER- Under 21 Girls 400M
JOSHUA WEST- Under 14 Boys 800M, 1500M
RUBY GROUNDS- Under 15 Girls 800M
OLIVER JACH- Under 16 Boys 800M

Athletics at University High School certainly looks to have an exciting future. A huge THANK YOU to all staff, teacher candidates and students who helped make the day so successful. Congratulations again BROOKES!

Mr Nathan Wallace
Sports Coordinator

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LOTE News

In Term 1, we welcomed to UHS two students from our sister-school, Graf-Münster-Gymnasium (GMG) in Bayreuth, Germany. They were in Australia until the end of March. The German students were Trang Nguyen, Christina Hertel and Arabella Grandel. They were hosted by the families of their exchange partners Leona Dusanovic, Aleksandra Czajkowski and Jacob Lawrence. Leona and Aleksandra left for Germany in April and Jacob will do so in May. All three will spend three months at GMG.

Fred Sandt
Head of LOTE

We arrived to Australia without knowing anything about the country except that it was big and hot.

It was big and it was hot but we had to realize that there was much more to Australia than we had first thought.

Luckily we arrived during the holidays so we had some time to explore the country. Our host parents took us to Philip Island where we saw the famous penguin parade and a lot of other native animals such as koalas, kangaroos and wombats. Another place we went to was Great Ocean Road with the fantastic rock formations.

School started ten days later, at first we were afraid that it might be difficult to find friends, but everyone was so friendly and excited to meet actual Germans that we started to feel like we belonged here.

There is a huge difference between German and Australian school. It starts one hour later here but lasts much longer even though the lessons are about the same length. We tried to choose subjects we can't do in Germany such as philosophy, human health, classical studies etc.

In our free sessions we had time get to know other students better and to make friends.

When we didn't spend the afternoon with the new found friends trying to improve our English we explored Melbourne on our own.

Fortunately we had the possibility to go on surf camp where we went kayaking, did an initiative course and of course - we surfed. It was a lot harder than we expected but it was so much fun.

After all we can say we were incredibly lucky to be chosen for the exchange not only to discover Australia but also to meet wonderful people with whom we hopefully will keep in touch. These three months were an awesome experience in our lives that we will never forget.

See you soon (we will definitely be back)!

Trang Nguyen, Christina Hertel, Arabella Grandel

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University High's 2020 School Summit

Should Australia become a Republic? Should compulsory English be introduced in Aboriginal schools? Should homosexual marriage be legal in Australia? Should we let in more refugees?

These were some of the questions tackled by the members of SRC and SAMD when we held our very own 2020 School Summit on April 9th. Thirty young students with brilliant ideas and opinions gathered together. The result? A heated and passionate debate on potential solutions and challenges for Australia's future.

Firstly, Gus Viola kicked off the Summit by addressing the issue he felt was particularly important - Indigenous aid. This sparked up an intense discussion on the recent Apology, media portrayal and common stereotypes of Aboriginals. A few ideas put forward were exchange programs, more role models and compulsory English classes for Aboriginal children. Some students argued that this was necessary for integration and emerging into society, while others believed it would be intruding and overreaching. It seemed that everyone had something to say, but we all agreed on one thing - education was the key.

The next major issue discussed was democracy, led by Siobhan, a Year 12 SMAD member. We discussed freedom of speech, compulsory voting and what it is to be in a democratic nation. This topic revolved mainly around a debate about becoming a Republic and the main questions were: What is a suitable alternate system to out monarchy? Does Australia need a Governor General? Should we have a panel of representatives instead? Should they be elected

by the people? Would there be too many conflicting views to have a panel? There were many sides to the arguments, but in the end we came to the conclusion that we did want a Republic.

The issues of Indigenous aid and Democracy were a few of the many. We also discussed Equality and refugees, led by Georgia and Freya.

Overall the Summit was a great success. The energy in the room was electric, the conversation buzzing and some really important points were made. It's important to look at these issues from every perspective and we had thirty different minds and pairs of eyes contributing to the one conversation. It definitely benefited us to share our thoughts and think about how to tackle these complex issues.

Linh Nguyen 10B2

Singapore Exchange

In May, The University High School will be hosting 15 students from Katong Tanjong Secondary School in Singapore for 6 days. The Singapore students will be staying with some of our Year 9 families and attending school during the week. They will have a day doing experiments in GTAC as well as a trip to the Melbourne Zoo and a day discovering the City.

A party of students from University High School will be visiting Katong Tanjong Secondary School in September for a week and then will be undertaking a week long tour of Vietnam.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience a different culture by hosting a Singapore student and travelling to SE Asia.

If you have any queries about this programme please contact Mrs. Miles through the General Office.

Anne Miles
Head of Humanities

General Meeting of the Parents' Association

A General Meeting of The University High School Parents' Association will be held on Tuesday May 13th at 7:30pm in the social staff room.
All interested parents are welcome to attend.

Beijing Olympics

Congratulations to Kyle Davies who has won National selection to represent Australia in the table tennis at the Beijing Olympics. Kyle graduated from University High School last year and demonstrated a high level of maturity and motivation to balance his academic studies and rigorous training and competition program.

Since winning the 1998 Primary Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award and then the 2002 Secondary Sporting Blue Award for table tennis, Kyle has continued to rack up outstanding results. He began 2007 leading the Australian Junior Team at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival and stepped up to No.2 in the Men's Team which claimed Bronze at the Commonwealth Championships in India. He led the Australian Junior Team at the World Junior Championships at the end of the year, as he has for the last four years. Despite VCE becoming his prime goal for the year, he still managed to win seven more National titles across Under 18, Under 21 and Open and numerous State level titles.

Rarely playing junior events, he won both the Victorian and NSW Open Men's Singles titles. Kyle finished the year ranked No.1 in Under 18 and Under 21 in Victoria and Australia, No. 1 for Men in Victoria and No.2 for Men in Australia. He was named the Outstanding Junior Player of the Year by both Victorian and Australian federations, and the accolades continued when awarded the Victorian Men's

Outstanding Player of the Year.

Kyle exchanged summer for winter for two months recently training in Poland after which he headed to China as No.2 in the Australian Men's team for the World Championships. He has also been recently awarded the Outstanding Secondary Sporting Achievement given by the Victorian Secondary Schools Sports Association. This award is given in recognition of Kyle being one of the best young sport talents in the state. Kyle recently competed in the Beijing Olympic trials and qualified for the Australian team. Kyle is a credit to himself, his family and no doubt represent Australia with distinction, rigor and honor. From the University High School community we wish him all the best for the upcoming Olympics and future thereafter.

Kyle received his Outstanding Secondary Sporting Achievement Award from the Education minister, Bronwyn Pike, at the recent VSSSA award ceremony.

Paul Batters
VCE Student Services Co-ordinator

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Internet Safety and Your Children A presentation for parents not to be missed

The University High School is pleased to provide parents with the opportunity to learn about the online issues affecting young people from the Australian Government's internet safety initiative, NetAlert.

NetAlert's educational trainer, Greg Gebhart, will provide a presentation to parents, grand parents, carers and the community, covering the online activities and behaviours of young people and the risks they face on the internet.

Date: Tuesday, 20th May

Venue: The University High School, Sharman Hall

Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Contact the General Office to register for this event.

School Start Bonus

Parents and Carers of children who started Prep or Year 7 this year are reminded to collect their \$300 School Start Bonus. The School Start Bonus helps cover the costs of essential school items such as uniforms, school bags and books, to help give Victorian children a great start at school. You can redeem your \$300 voucher by taking it, along with photo ID, to any Australia Post outlet with Bank@Post facilities.

If you haven't received or have lost your School Start Bonus voucher please call 1800 809 834 or for more information visit www.education.vic.gov.au.

Orchestra Victoria Workshops

This year, a record number of students participated in the annual mOVe! Workshop for the Western Metropolitan Region, held at Sunshine Secondary College on March 15 and 16. Sponsored by Western Chances and Orchestra Victoria, this workshop provides the opportunity for secondary school students studying music to spend two full days working in close proximity with professional musicians, towards a performance on the second day.

The occasional break became a welcome respite from the extremely long days, comprised of full orchestra rehearsals and intense sectional tutorials, under the tutelage of a professional musician for each instrument. However, all the hard work paid off at the end of the two days, when the performance was well received by family and friends.

The 85 member orchestra managed to learn a large repertoire covering many different styles and performance techniques. Among the highlights were: Matheus's Glockenspiel solo in the Nutcracker Ballet Medley (Tchaikovsky), the solo played by tutor, John Noble, in Toreador's Song from the opera Carmen (Bizet), and The Radetzky March (Strauss Sr.) which served as an energetic finale to the evening.

A highlight for Ms. Verberne and Mr. Coles, as always, were the gourmet delicacies sampled at the Sunshine plaza food court. A true gastronomic adventure for all!

The skills learnt and the overall experience of playing in an orchestra of this size and standard made a great impact on the musical development of all involved.

Nick Brown & Kristina Ricketts, Year 12

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Some Opportunities to see The University High School Programs

Wednesday, May 21st
Mid Year Music Concert
Hamer Hall
Victorian Arts Centre
Reserve Seating Tickets On Sale Now!

School Musical
"Oliver!"
Sharman Hall, UHS
August 6th, 7th and 8th

Sunday Musical Breakfast
Sharman Hall, UHS
Sunday, October 26th

All current and prospective parents and families are most welcome.
Tickets and Bookings are available by contacting
The University High School
on 9347 2022



UHS Mid-year Concert 2008
Hamer Hall
Wednesday 21st of May
7.30pm

\$20 Adults
\$15 Concession
Tickets at General Office - Ph 9347 2022

Reserve Seating - Tickets on sale NOW!

CERES Field Trip

On Wednesday 9th April the Year 10 Geography participated in a field trip to CERES. The class has been studying Global Warming and went to CERES to learn about how we could produce energy without emitting greenhouse gases. Students were involved in generating energy using solar panels, wind turbines and water wheels. They also visited the Eco house and learnt how they could reduce their own emissions of greenhouse gases. It was a great day!!

Anne Miles
Head of Humanities

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Problems with Lockers

Unfortunately, in recent weeks, we have had a number of thefts from lockers. Lockers that have a combination type lock are vulnerable and it appears that they can be opened. We recommend that all combination type locks be replaced by a high quality key lock.

If any student notices any suspicious activity or has any knowledge of these thefts, please see your coordinator.

We remind students that they should not bring valuable items such as MP3 players, telephones, cameras and jewelry to school and that they do so at their own risk.

Kevin Campbell
Head of VCE

FUTSAL Indoor Soccer For Kids 7 to 15

Learn the Brazilian Way
Junior FUTSAL Development

Training Program & Tournaments In
Coburg And Carlton North

Monday/Thursday 4:30pm-6:00pm at Coburg Senior
High School Stadium, Alva Grove, Coburg.
(Melway Map 17 K12).

Tuesday/Wednesday 4:30pm-6:00pm at Princes Hill
Sports Stadium, Corner Paterson & Arnold Streets,
Carlton North.
(Melway Map 27 H11).

Catering for children/students aged 7-15 years old.
Interested? Call us and come on down and give it a
go!

It is a lot fun! It's indoors! It will keep you fit!
Futsal Regional School Tournament/Competition

Hosting an Exchange Student

Over the years many secondary school children have enjoyed having another sibling for a few months from another country. It is a great opportunity for children to start learning that there is a world of variety and opportunity waiting for them - different languages, foods, customs, and perhaps a visit to look forward in the future.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is urgently seeking volunteer host families to host international students arriving in July 2008 for stays of 3, 5, and 10 months.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit, organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is URGENTLY seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2008 from Germany, Austria, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Holland.

Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend their local high school whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world. We organise all the flights, schools, transportation, insurances and support systems.

Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501,
or visit www.scce.com.au or email sceaust@scce.com.au