



SCHOOL NEWS

The University High School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

The Class of 2007 star!

Congratulations to the following students whose outstanding academic achievement has been rewarded with the following Premier's Awards:

- Nicholas Brown Spanish
- Gabrielle Butera Biology
- Harry Jennens English Language
- Harry Jennens Mathematics
- Alex Lee Classical Society and Cultures

Harry Jennens was also named as one of the top 32 students in the state. He received a Top All-Round VCE High Achiever Award (five or more subject scores of 46 or higher)

Mid Year Concert

In front of nearly 1000 guests, over 500 students performed at Hamer Hall as part of the 2008 Mid Year Concert. Congratulations to all involved in the celebration of enthusiasm, teamwork and talent. The high standards our staff and students continue to achieve are outstanding! Bring on Oliver! Bravo!

Cyber Safety

The outstanding presentation from Greg Gebhart, a member of the Net Alert Team, to both staff and parents (60) in late May was truly eye opening. The school will be taking this forward with regards to including the relevant information in our curriculum and we are also planning presentations to our students later in the year. Thank you to Paul Batters for his excellent organisation.

Year 10 Work Experience/Fast Track Interviews

I have been signing a number of year 10 work experience forms recently and I am staggered by the variety of places our students will be attending in the last week of this term. Our year 10 students have also recently been interviewed one on one regarding career aspirations following the aptitude testing they did earlier this year. We hope this allows them to make more informed subject selections for year 11 and 12. Thank you to Angela Moylan our Careers Teacher for her organisation.

VCE Exams

I wish all Year 11 and 12 students well in the up coming exam weeks and GAT day. I trust together with our staff and parents that you are well prepared and will reap the rewards of your hard work.

2007 Annual Report

The University High School 2007 Annual Report is now available to the school community; please visit the school web site to access this report <http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au/>

Rob Newton, Principal

Calendar of Coming Events

- June 11th and 12th
- Year 12 Exam Days
- Wednesday June 11th
- Year 8 Sports Day
- Wednesday June 11th to Friday June 20th
- Year 11 Exam Period
- Friday June 13th
- VCE GAT Day
- Pupil Free Day for Report Writing
- Wednesday June 18th
- School Council Meeting at 7.30p.m.
- Monday June 23rd to Friday June 27th
- Year 10 Work Experience
- Tuesday June 24th
- Year 7 Sports Day
- Friday June 27th
- Last day of Term Two, early dismissal at 2.30p.m.
- Monday July 14th
- First day of Term 3
- July 16th to 18th
- Music Rehearsal Camp
- Thursday July 24th
- Chem Quiz
- July 28th to August 1st
- Year 11 Tertiary Focus Program
- Thursday July 31st
- Australian Maths Competition
- Thursday July 31st
- Parent Teacher Interviews Years 7, 8 and 9
- School dismissed at 12:40pm. Interviews 2:00pm to 4:30pm and 5:30pm to 8:00pm
- Friday August 1st
- Late start 10:40am
- Tuesday August 5th
- Pupil Free Day for Curriculum Development
- Wednesday August 6th to Friday August 8th
- School Musical - Oliver!

Date Change

- Wednesday August 13th (from the 14th)
- Parent Teacher Interviews Years 10, 11 and 12
- School finishes at 12:40pm
- Interviews 2:30pm to 4:30pm and 5:30pm to 8:00pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The UHS School Council meets in the GTAC conference centre at 7:30 pm.
Next Meeting: Wednesday June 18th

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, July 22nd

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

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

Year 7 Book Cover Competition

The book covers created by Year 7s in 2008 have provided the library walls and windows with an extraordinary display. Leigh Hobbs (author and illustrator) who judged the covers was very impressed by the high standard of work: the use of colour, the effectiveness and the cleverness of the designs.

He congratulated the teachers in how they have encouraged the students to present such an extraordinary number of very effective designs.

There were seven short listed designs and Leigh prepared comments on all the following designs:

"With The 10 boys who made History" by Ben Sarraf 7C2 and "Pardon my French" by Mary Tassoulas 7C2, we have no illustration components at all as the covers instead have a terrific graphic design which grabs your attention with the use of limited colour and strong bold type in the title. They are both really confident and attention grabbing: classic good taste.

"Scarecrow" by Maxim Cave 7C3 and "Rumo" by Maddie Soogun 7S1 are completely different in that they are both appealing and striking because of their hilarious illustrations and the exciting use of colour. Both are very bold cover designs and funny!

"Lost Art" by Jeremy Liu 7B3, could have been a winner as it is moody and very atmospheric. A wonderful illustration on the cover and an excellent use of a type face.

"Eldest" by Damian Azzolini 7B3, is a rich and wonderful design. The use of colour, the detail, the dragon rider close to us in the foreground and the way we the viewer are seeing the battle scene - almost through Eldest's eyes.

"The Book Thief" by Bethany Bryson 7C3 is different again from all the others. A very effective photo on the cover; after seeing the young girl's face it is a shock to see the blood stains. What it does is set up a story and makes us fear for her safety. Excellent design and bold colours.

There are three equal winners. Leigh was not prepared to separate them so we have:

"Six Impossible Things" by Greer Clemens 7C2, a very mature and effective cover design. An excellent cover image which has been interestingly cropped for maximum dramatic effect. Excellent use of photography. The back cover is also very effective and the way the title is displayed shows excellent use of clear and effective typography.

"Millions" by Shyam Kannan 7C1, is an interesting cover. The actual execution is not great, in fact it is a bit messy, but the design is strong. A very original way of presenting an image - especially the bag of money - charming, funny, bold and will appeal to kids. What he has done is cropped the image so well and with this design you see the title and then the money in the bag! It is great!

"Betrayal" of Bindi McKenzie by Eva Christoff 7B3, is a very bold attractive cover. The way she has used a restricted colour palette and the combination of cut out paper together with pencil drawing of the hands. The interesting and effective use of cropping of the hands as you look further into the cover design you realise that other things are happening - the white shape is a computer screen and the coloured squares are the computer keys. The different coloured finger nails are also an intriguing device as they create mystery, which is excellent! There was also the people's choice winner Sabrina Putri of 7S2 for her Manga style "Maruto", (who received 168 votes - nearest other popular cover received 60 votes!). The librarian's choice was "Because of Winn Dixie" by Julia Potter 7B2

Those students who were short listed received \$20 Book Vouchers and the winners received \$30 Book Vouchers. These were presented at a celebratory morning tea on May 8th with the splendid English Staff in the library.

The winners works are on display outside the library office.

Library Staff

The University High School Short Film and Animation Competition

Do you enjoy making films or animations? Then enter

ImMEDIAtely2

Prizes to be won!

See Mr Bickham (VCE Office) or Mr Beekman (Room 209 - Sharman Office) for an Entry Form.

Northern Zone Athletics Finals Success

On Friday, 16th May, 34 students headed to Meadowglen Athletics Track in Epping to represent the school at the Northern Zone Athletics Finals. All athletes competed with distinction in the windy conditions.

Congratulations to the following students who in winning their events, have qualified for the state finals, which will be held at Olympic Park on Tuesday, 21st of October.

Cathy Burbridge- U13 Girls 100M

Lydia Distifano- U13 GIRLS 100M HURDLES

Alric Ellinghaus- U13 Boys 100M, 200M, 100M Hurdles, Long Jump

Joshua West- U14 Boys 800M, 1500M

Georgia Egan-Griffiths- U15 Girls 200M

Joshua Macaulay- U16 Boys Long Jump

U15 Boys 4 X 100M Relay- Martin Strasser,

Jayden Mitchell, Michael Groenwald, Tim Zyka.

Thank-you to Ms McCracken and the parents who assisted and supported on the day. Good luck to all the students competing in the State Finals!

Nathan Wallace
Sports Coordinator

Singapore Exchange

During the week May 24th to 29th, a number of our families hosted students from Tanjong Katong Secondary School in Singapore. The students were treated to a range of sightseeing activities during the weekend including the penguins, Lorne, City Circle tram and Victoria Market. Australian Rules Football was a bit of a mystery to students who were taken to games. During the week, the students went to GTAC as well as attended classes at University High School. A visit to the Zoo meant that they saw and patted a Kangaroo as well as a range of other Australian animals. On Thursday the students roamed around the city finding landmarks and taking photos. At night the Singapore party hosted a BBQ in Alma Park to thank all of the host families.

We are now looking forward to our return trip to Singapore in September. We will be going to join our friends at Tanjong Katong Secondary School for one week and then touring Vietnam for one week. The trip is open to any Year 9 student. If you are interested in your child attending, there are still places available. Please contact Anne Miles at the school for more details.

Anne Miles

Intermediate Girls Tennis Team in the State Finals

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Tennis Team for reaching the State Finals, all from Year 9: Hannah Andrews, Miranda Bell, Georgia Koskinas and Aly Westwood.

The girls were very even in ability so made an excellent team. The opposition was particularly tough; the first match being against Maribyrnong High which is a Specialist Sports School, these girls training to be professional tennis players. Here is how Georgia, the captain for the day described her experience:

"On Friday 23rd May, I woke up to a cold breeze. It was 2.8 C outside. As soon as I was ready, I grabbed my toast and tennis bag and headed for Booroondara Tennis Centre in Bulleen. When I arrived, I found out I was playing the Number 1 girl... I was terrified! To make matters worse, I was playing a girl ranked 112 in Australia!

All the other girls in the team played well and won! We were all happy with the way one another played. Sadly I lost to the ranked girl; however I think I played pretty well. We ended up coming second in our section, now that's a great outcome! We were all ecstatic and left Booroondarah with big smiles on our dials!!!"

Georgia Koskinas
Year 9
Wendy Hutchison
Staff Co-ordinator

Mid Year Concert

What an impressive concert from The University High School's Music and Drama students at Hamer Hall last Wednesday evening! From the outset, the brilliance of the Brass fanfare and Senior Band to the highly polished musical abilities of the Senior Orchestra, the enthusiasm of all students shone. The Year 7s brought their hungry voices to the Oliver medley, while the senior students stunned the audience with the Senior Choir and Chamber Ensemble's masterful performance of two movements from Mozart's Requiem.

Under the direction of Ms Kuperholz, Novice Band made their first tentative steps into the performance world to the delight and pride of the parents and friends. The Clarinet Ensemble, Junior Strings, Intermediate Orchestra, Junior Choir and Intermediate Band performed their works with sincerity and palpable group dynamics.

Stage Band and Jazz Ensemble performances kept the audience delighted as they were able to tap their toes and marvel at the highly professional standard of these groups. Saxophones, Flutes and Chamber Choir demonstrated their high level skills and abilities.

This year we were treated to a scintillating performance from Joe Bourke and Xiang Min with their Hungarian Rhapsody for four hands, an insight into the upcoming Drama performance of *A Stranger In A Strange Land*, a delightful violin solo from last year's student Vardis Rafiei and a charming short film, *Lost Shells* directed by Gena Riess, winner of the 2007 UHS film festival.

The acoustics of Hamer Hall are unrivalled and brought the music to the audience with absolute clarity. The atmosphere of the evening was electric as all students and conductors took pride in their professional standard of performance and stage conduct.

The comperes, Bella Miller and Vaughan Quinn, managed the program for the evening, providing insight into various student activities including a preview of this year's musical from Fraser Allen and Rory Donegan, two of the main characters in *Oliver*, insights from Hannah Andrews as she described her many interests and talents including providing the beautiful artwork for this year's concert invitation and program, and the aspirations of Lewis Moody, a budding jazz musician.

Special acknowledgement and appreciation must be made of the exceptional organisation by Mr. Geoff Campbell and Ms. Heather Thompson to make the evening such a seamless, flowing event.

We would also like to thank our principal, Mr. Rob Newton, for his continued support.

Congratulations are also due to Music staff and conductors for their exemplary talents and leadership of our young musicians. We must also acknowledge the many staff who willingly assisted backstage and in the Balcony with student management.

STUDENT COMMENTS

NOVICE BAND

'Last night at Hamer Hall, we all gathered into the Novice Band change room and tuned our instruments. After that, we moved towards the stage and kept quiet. As soon as we heard the band before us, our hearts sank... (they came after Senior Band! Ed.) We walked onto the stage and had a lot of fun. Every instrument was useful, and without any of them, the band wouldn't be the same'.

Kushan, Chris, Lachie and Isaac.

OLIVER CHOIR

'It was scary but exciting at the same time. We were afraid that we might start at the wrong time, but everything went smoothly! We tried not to look at the audience and kept our eyes straight forward on Mr. Stewart.'

Susan, Annie and Mabel.

'The Oliver Choir was really fun. Having the Senior Choir behind us was great support and made us more confident in singing. Having a huge stage to perform on was great but got a bit scary when you know that everyone is looking at the Choir. It was a fun experience in the end.'

Rosie, Chandre and Stephanie.

Intermediate Boys Football

On Friday May 30th The University High School's Intermediate Boys Football Team participated in a football round robin. The round robin was played at McAlister Oval and Uni High's first game was against Princess Hill. We didn't start to well but we soon got it together and played some good footy. Hugo E would have been man of the match as he played a solid game.

We kept Princess Hill goal-less in the second half, but it wasn't enough. We ended up losing 3.3.18 to 6.9.45. We drew a few positives from that game that we took into the next game against Fitzroy.

We had a great first half against Fitzroy with Jason H kicking two goals to give us a handy 4 goal lead. Unfortunately we couldn't hold on to the lead with a strong Fitzroy side coming home to beat us by 2 points, once again Hugo E was our best on ground.

Our overall goal kickers were Jason H and Michael C with two, and singles to Alex R, Nick W, Will W, Lachlan A, and Jasper. Overall we all had a great day and we would like to thank Mr Wallace for getting the team together, Mr Newton for coaching us on the day and Andrew for being the boundary umpire for the day.

Glen Regan

Too Cool Boys Excursion

On the 2nd June the Year 10 Too Cool Boys were treated to 30 minutes of Go Karting. We went to AusCarts in Port Melbourne which is an indoor venue with a short 400m track which required intense concentration. We were driving the 60km karts. Michael Cannizzaro was first to complete the 50 laps and had the fastest lap speed. Then there was Stephen Hazouri who retired early - "On the 42nd lap I started to feel sick. Maybe Cos I was drifting too much on every corner." Too many burnouts for Stephen sidelined him momentarily. Daniel Malone dethroned Stephen on the 42nd lap, after he threw himself out of his kart, to come in second place overall. Lap records- 1st - Michael Cannizzaro (29.69secs) 2nd- Roti Ward (29.81secs) 3rd- Stephen Hazouri (30.07secs) followed closely by Brent Kelly (30.95secs), Daniel Malone (31.02secs), Jordan Wong (31.32), Robert Do (31.9secs), Khalid (32.4secs), Sunny (32.6secs).

Those who had the stomach for it enjoyed a little Macca's feast on the journey home. Stephen passed.

Thank you to John Kalka, our esteemed Too Cool leader, for organising the booking and arranging the mini bus.

Michael Cannizzaro and
Stephen Hazouri Year 10

Photographic Exhibition

Work should be A4 or A3, unframed, either colour or black and white. They will be displayed in the Library.

Theme : Anything you want! Either class work or something from home.

Three Levels:

Junior : Years 7 & 8

Middle : Years 9 & 10

Senior : Years 11 & 12

Deadline : First week of Term 3

Submit work to : The Art Office, Tech Wing
Photos will not be returned to the exhibitors

Geography Field Trips

The best way to learn about the world around us is to get out there and have a look. As a Geography teacher, I am a firm believer in the importance of field trips. Students really develop an understanding of the relationships between the Natural and Human environments.

In May, all the Year 9 classes spent two sessions in Chinatown looking at the impact of Chinese immigration on this area of the CBD. They noted the types of land uses that occur in this area as well as the importance of the area for the tourist industry. Many students realised that it is quite a difficult area to move around but that this was not a deterrent to visitors.

The Year 12 Geography class spent the afternoon at Federation Square. They are studying this area as a resource of regional significance. During their interviews, they found a number of international and interstate visitors. Students were asked to ponder the reasons why Federation Square has become such an important resource for Melbourne. They also identified problems that arise from the heavy usage of the area.

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Anne Miles
Head of Humanities

Problems with Lockers

This is a reminder to students and parents that due to a number of thefts we recommend that all combination type locks be replaced by a high quality key lock.

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

High quality key locks can be purchased from the General Office for \$16.00

Heather Thompson
Assistant Principal

Open Days 2008

Institution	Date	Time	Contacts
Australian Catholic University Melbourne Campus Ballarat Campus	Sun 17 August Sun 31 August	10am - 3pm 10am - 4pm	1300 ASK ACU www.acu.edu.au
Box Hill Institute of TAFE	Sun 24 August	10am - 4pm	9286 9222 www.bhtafe.edu.au
Deakin University Melbourne (Burwood) Campus Warrnambool Campus Geelong Campus (Waurin Ponds & Waterfront)	Sun 24 August Sun 17 August Sun 10 August	10am - 4pm 10am - 2pm 10am - 3pm	1800 242 251 http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday/
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE Chadstone Moorabbin Waverley	Sat 16 August Sat 16 August Sat 16 August	10am - 3pm 10am - 3pm 10am - 3pm	9564 1555 www.holmesglen.vic.edu.au
La Trobe University Bendigo, Mt Buller Mildura/Shepparton Campuses Albury-Wodonga Campus Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus	Sun 3 August Sun 10 August Sun 24 August Sun 31 August	10am - 4pm	1300 135 045 www.latrobe.edu.au
Monash University Gippsland, Berwick, Parkville, Peninsula Campuses Clayton & Caulfield Campuses	Sat 2 August Sun 3 August	10am - 4pm	9905 1320 www.monash.edu.au/openday
Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE (NMIT) NMIT Expo, Darebin Arts Centre	Wed 20 August	4pm -8pm	9269 1200 www.nmit.vic.edu.au
RMIT All Campuses	Sun 10 August	10am - 4pm	9925 2260 www.rmit.edu.au
Swinburne University All Campuses	Sun 17 August	10am - 4pm	1300 368 777 www.swinexpo.com www.swin.edu.au
University of Ballarat Mount Helen Campus; SMB	Sun 31 August	10am - 3pm	1800 811 711 www.ballarat.edu.au
University of Melbourne Parkville; VCA Discovery Day Institute of Land and Food Resources - University of Melbourne Burnley Dookie	Sun 17 August Sun 24 August Sun 31 August	10am - 4pm TBA 10am - 2pm	1800 801 662 http://www.futur-estudents.unimelb.edu.au/about/openday/
Victoria University Footscray Park only	Sun 10 August	10am - 4pm	9688 4110 www.vu.edu.au

Private Providers, other TAFE's and Interstate Institutions

Various times throughout the year - majority are in August/September. Further details are available from the Careers Centre.