



Principal's Report

Staffing

A number of staffing changes have occurred as staff return from, or go on leave. We wish Ellen Craig and Clare Mathieson all the best as they take maternity leave and are replaced by Hayden Moyle and Liam Quin.

Angela Moylan, Anne Ross, Libby Sterling and Jennifer Unger have taken long service leave and have been replaced by Lyn Gray, Kim Nash, George Ciotti and Jon Hurford.

Dannielle Clarke has taken 12 months leave and has been replaced by Sarah Castle. Bronwyn White will be the new Sharman Sub-School Coordinator.

We also welcome back Rob Castles, Maree Garra-Riley, Pam Hughes, Sue Khoo, Simon Kohane, and Aldo Marotta from their long service leave during Term 2.

Reports

All families should have their semester reports by now. Please read through these together.

Can I also remind you that we have parent teacher nights soon and the reports could be the basis of your discussion during the interviews.

Front Fence

We are all very happy with the way our new front fence looks and although it did take a long time it was worth the wait. School Council is now planning the landscaping of the garden beds.

Build a Bridge

Following the building of the VCE centre on the 4th level of the south wing it has been identified by students and staff that a link between the south and north wings would be a great asset for the school.

The students are running a walkathon to kick start the funding for this project and we ask for your support. All students in Year 7 to 11 have a sponsorship form. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 which would mean that all students gain sponsorship for \$60 or more. The walkathon will be held on the 17th of September.

Musical

The school musical (Oliver!) will be held early in August and tickets will be on sale soon. We have arranged for tiered seating in the hall for this event and I hope all those who attend will have

an excellent view as our very talented students perform. A night not to be missed!

Rob Newton, Principal

Calendar of Coming Events

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!

Tuesday August 12th

Parent's Association Meeting - Discuss Book Sale

Wednesday, August 13th

Immunizations:

Yr 7 HepB (2nd) and HPV (3rd)

Yr 9 HPV (3rd)

Yr 10 HPV (3rd)

Wednesday August 13th

Parent/Teacher Interviews Yrs 10/11/12

School dismissed at 12:40pm

Interviews 2:00pm to 4:30pm and 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Thursday August 14th

Late Start at 10:40am

VCE Orientation for Yr 10 students

August 17th to 22nd

Ski Camp for Yr 10 & 11

August 18th to 22nd

Science Week

Wednesday August 20th

School Council Meeting at 7:30pm

Thursday August 21

VCE Information Evening for parents and students Yr 10

August 25th to 29th

LOTE Week

Wednesday August 27

Parent Evening "Keys Please" 7:00pm

Thursday August 28th

Intermediate Sports Day

September 1st to 5th

Year 10 Teens Program

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The UHS School Council meets in the GTAC conference centre at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 20th August

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, 12th August

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

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

Performing Arts

Early Music Soirée

During Term III, we were fortunate to have the benefit of a harpsichord in the Music Faculty. Each piano student was able to access this beautiful instrument and discover the differences required in performance techniques. This was particularly relevant for our senior students, who perform 17th and 18th century music as part of their Solo Performance assessment at the end of the year. The term began with a Master Class presented by Liz Anderson, an Early Music and harpsichord specialist. Liz was able to unlock many of the subtleties in technical demands and different approaches to articulation. This was very obvious in the performances presented at the end of term.

The evening was organised and run by the Year 9 Music Special class who took responsibility for advertising, program preparation as well as delivery of a Power Point demonstration describing the history and development of the instrument. As well as a number of solo harpsichord items, we were treated to solo voice and chamber music by Year 9 and 12 students.

We would like to express our gratitude to Malcolm Nagorcka for the loan of his instrument and to Liz Anderson for her generosity of time and expertise.

Musical Rehearsal Camp

In the first week of Term III, Wednesday to Friday, the cast of this year's Musical Production of Oliver boarded the bus to the Lady Northcote Recreation Camp for three days of intensive rehearsals. Following on from many sessions in the second week of the holidays, we rehearsed from breakfast till supper time. With a broad spread of age range from Year 7 to 12, these students are unique in their ability to coalesce as a group with a common goal. The staff were most impressed with their dynamic attitude to the show and their respect and encouragement of each other. The production is alive and energetic and waiting for an appreciative audience to make all the work worthwhile.

Oliver Bookings

Intermediate Boys Football

On the Tuesday, the 24th of June, Year 7's from University High had their Sports Day. The football team went to McAlister Oval in Royal Park. It was a cloudy day with mild wind. The team had a wonderful day, despite the fact that they didn't get into the zone finals. They lost to Brunswick, 52 to 14, but went on to win 2 games in a row. First against Elwood, 35 to 9, then a massive win against Fitzroy, 51 to nil. Then it came down to the last match against Princes Hill. If we had won and Brunswick had lost their final match, then we would have proceeded into the zone finals. We tried hard but just fell short by a goal, 27 to 21. Even though we lost, we had a lot of fun and we increased our friendship. We would just like to thank Mr. Wallace for coaching us and everyone who participated. The team would also like to thank Andrew Basinisi for his excellent umpiring.

Drew W., Tze Wei Y., and Ben C. 7C1

Once again, we have hired raked seating to make viewing as accessible as possible. However, for the first time we are offering reserved seating. Parents and friends have the opportunity to select their preferred seats and nights. Tickets go on sale from Monday 28th July.

Instrumental Music

Lessons and ensemble rehearsals are now in full swing leading up to our Musical Breakfast at the end of October. Parents are encouraged to remind their children to be aware of their instrumental lesson timetable and ensure they attend ensemble rehearsals each week. Full attendance is the most positive way to contribute to the group dynamic and prepare for a concert performance.

Ms. Johanna Verberne
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Science News

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS competition. 136 students competed with 27 students achieving High Distinctions, 58 achieving a Distinction and 43 students were awarded Credits. Well done. The Chem Quiz is on Thursday July 24 with a similar cohort of students competing. These two competitions are a good experience for students who are interested in science and who are planning to study sciences in the future.

At the time of writing David Leitinger, Year 12, is representing Australia in the Biology Olympiad in Mumbai India. He attended the scholar training school in Canberra over January and was selected for the team after sitting an examination in March. David is the second from right in the picture below. We hope that this is a memorable and exciting experience for him.

The science department has four new staff working with us this semester. Welcome to Liam Quin, Sarah Castle and Kim Nash. Welcome back to Haydn Moyle. We are waiting on news from Ellen Craig and Claire Mathieson on the new additions to their families.

Justine Hamilton
Head of Science

Sharman Music Scholarships

Matthew Stanton Sharman was a much loved Principal who cared deeply for the School, and his family are continuing with that tradition. The family has made a generous gift to the School which will provide music scholarships for students each year. Thank you Sharman family!

Congratulations to Beyhan Moustafa, Jake Ramnac and Sam Thurlow-Cole, current recipients of the scholarships

Pictured are: Mr Stanton Sharman with the students, as well as Mr Newton and Mrs Verberne

Annual Appeal Update

As at the beginning of Term 3, our appeal results stand at \$30,000. So, a very big 'Thank You' to everyone who has so generously contributed. We have a long way to go before realising our dream of building the Performing Arts Centre, but it's marvelous to know that the School community is behind the project.

I'm doing my best to speak to everyone and thank them personally, but this can take a while. In the meantime, thank you all.

Stephanie Joseph
Development Manager

The Exploits of Two Singaporean Students on a Mission to Melbourne

23 May 2008, Friday

The Flight

We were all really excited and looking forward to the much colder weather in Australia and our buddies in Melbourne. Of course we also wanted to get away from our parents. We took last-minute photos in the airport and in a jiffy we were in the plane, belted up and ready for take-off. The plane's stewards and stewardesses were really friendly but the food was just alright. The thing that enlightened me the most was the beautiful sunrise as we flew across Australia, glistening upon the plane that was gliding through the cotton-like sky. Beautiful.

24 May 2008, Saturday

Adapting

When we got off, whoa..! Were we taken by surprise by the weather! It was freezing to us. Since the Melbourne Airport was under construction, the staff provided buses for the passengers to be transferred to the next terminal. After the airport craze, we took a bus to University High where we met our hosts. They took us to their home and showed us around the house (which was really cool mind you as most of us stay in flats). We prepared to leave for the beach at Geelong. Again, Haziq and I were caught by surprise. In Singapore our beaches are always hot and humid, ALWAYS. But here in Melbourne, it was feverishly cold. We then had a little snack by the beach at the Beach Kiosk. After filling our ravenous stomachs we continued playing footy and soccer. We had a whale of a time bonding with our hosts as well as having some fun. We even managed to sail across the bay, from Queenscliff to Sorrento, a real sea voyage on our first day!! An hour later we packed up and set off. During our drive home we took occasional naps to catch up on some sleep. We then had a hearty meal of vegetable soup and Australian patty cakes. It was really interesting because we never had that in Singapore before. Soon we prepared to go to bed but it was hard because it was freezing!!

25 May 2008, Sunday

Aussie Rules Football

It was a windy and cold morning. Haziq and I got up at around 7 a.m. and took a warm shower. We got packing and left for Sunbury, which is like a country part of Melbourne, for a football match. Our 'new' stand-in parents prepared the BBQ while we played footy and soccer. The match and the BBQ go really well together. The family cooked chicken and some vegetable patties. The food was delicious and was quite different from what we have in Singapore. We found out that the dips and salads were homemade. This came as a surprise to us since we usually buy our food rather than make it with homegrown ingredients. Suddenly, we heard John, "Oh!! Guys, I think you want to come and look at this." All four of us kids stood up and saw a line of geese marching towards us while bobbing their heads at our host, who had a bag of bread. We got some bread and fed the geese. I would say that it was a bittersweet moment as although the geese were cute and I have never seen them face-to-face before, they were pooping everywhere! It was a rather unforgettable experience. After that enjoyable day we packed up and headed home. We were dog tired after we washed up. At night, for dinner, we made our own pizzas. It was good but there was only a small variety of ingredients. We also had Anzacs biscuits made by St. John, patty-cakes made by Karthia and Pavlova complete with strawberries, passion-fruit and banana; an iconic Australian dessert...and our first delicious taste! It was all so very good. Really good!!!! For the rest of the evening, we lay on the floor in the lounge, beside the 'real' log fire...our first, (and fabulous!!!) warm time....and played roulette!!!

26 May 2008, Monday

First day of school!

We all got ready quickly and went to the front door to get a photo of us to send back home. The weather was cold but not freezing, surprisingly. It should normally be much colder until we breathe out mist. At school, St. John introduced me to some of his friends. They were really nice guys. James, Liam, Aly, Allen, Georgia, Madara, Clifford, Daniel, Mitchell and Eddie. The school is really, REALLY different from our school in Singapore. In our school, we have only one recess. We also have uniforms. We have to tuck in our shirts every time. Boys have to have short hair. Girls have to tie up their hair. We have to greet our teachers whenever we pass them. Our detention is cleaning up the school and sometimes cleaning the toilet! St. John said that our school sounds like the army! Do you think so? At night we had an early dinner, vegetable soup. According to St. John, we had home-made vegetable soup, and fresh Australian fruit that night, so that he could digest the food faster for energy as he had Karate that night. He was the only teenager in that class. He is brown belt though which is apparently before the black belt. I have no idea! Haziq and I left earlier with the family (without St.

John who was suffering in Karate class) for a short tour around the city.

27 May 2008, Tuesday

Second day of school

This morning was much colder! No photo-taking though. Today I, Rifat, went to GTAC while Haziq followed St. John to his classes. Honestly, it was good, but really boring to me because I have learnt some of it in school. For lunch we all went out to the Victoria Market. It was huge! We saw the displays of cheese, meat and bread. We bought some Turkish bread, some hummus, some salmon paste and cheese. It was really fresh and good. I had a photo taken of me in front of the market so that I could go home and compare them to the photos I have standing in front of the Victoria Market when I was two years old. At home, St. John was cooking lemon pasta. Haziq and I helped. It was so tasty. He is a really good cook. So is his sister. We then tucked into bed with a full tummy.

28 May 2008, Wednesday

Through the Jungle

We woke up in the morning feeling excited as the teachers at Uni High had kindly decided to bring us to the Melbourne Zoo. We were energized after a hearty breakfast and a quick wash of our tired faces. We quickly rushed to the nearest tram stop. We were 10 minutes late. As we arrived at the entrance the other kids glared at us for making them wait a full 10 minutes. We didn't care; we just ignored their stares. A while later we were strolling leisurely, intently observing the exotic animals. One interesting animal was the wombat. We thought it would be those small rats but to our amazement it was huge and beaver-like. But the highlight of the day was the Kangaroo. A lovely marsupial. It had two big hind legs which helps it to jump long distances. It was worth it to watch this interesting animal. Jokingly, Rifat and St. John went past the wooden enclosure to get a closer view at these magnificent, but under appreciated, marsupials. The kangaroo just stared at the people (Rifat and St. John) who were trying to take a picture of it. Later we visited the human-like Orangutans. They were very adorable and had very strong arms.

After visiting the other animals we went to the gift shop. Rifat and I bought many gifts for our families. Back home, we took an early shower at 4.00 pm because we were going out for a formal dinner with the family. This would be a treat for us since we had not been eating meat for our whole stay except once. Rifat and I were relieved to hear that we could eat meat. So at promptly 6.20 we arrived at the Pinarbusi, a Turkish restaurant, which served halal food.

We ate a variety of food such as the hummus, quail, kebabs and much more. After about 2 hours we left for home with a satisfied stomach. As we washed up for our last night staying at the host's house, we felt quite sad that we would not be seeing them again. These wonderful experiences would be indelibly etched in our minds for years to come.

29th May

Into the Jungle.

We were late to school ... it's called problems with teenage boys, and stuffing around! Today we are all off to the city, to look for, and hopefully find, important and interesting places. I just hope we do not get lost! It's a jungle out there...

To the University High School, thank you for allowing us to be special students in your classes.

To our school, thanks for making this opportunity available to us.

To our hosts, thank you for having us.

To St. John ... the food was great ... so was the fun. It is as though we have been together forever; maybe we can work on that!

Rifat and Haziq

Germany Tour, June/July, 2008

On Friday the 20th of June fifteen of us, Ms Bozyk and Herr Sandt boarded the first plane of many to come on our twenty-five hour travelling journey to Germany. The plane arrived at about 6 am in Frankfurt and we quickly made our way through customs and to our hostel that was right on the banks of the river Main. Today was about sightseeing, and as many of us would agree, Frankfurt is an absolutely beautiful city with churches, shopping streets, parades, markets and festivals and to top off a good day, we lay on the grass by the river eating ice cream.

The next day we finished sightseeing in Frankfurt and at 4 pm we got on one of the new ICE fast trains which took us to Hamburg, where we would stay for two weeks with host-families.

As the train pulled into the station we could all see the excited faces of our German families, who then took us home. The next day we had classes with our host partner and that night the Germans were introduced to AFL in a few games of Markers Up.

The next two weeks were filled with fun trips into the city, canoeing, a museum village, the wild-life open-range zoo, river trips on the Elbe, visiting a historical town called Lübeck, swimming in the Baltic and North Seas. We travelled to the island of Föhr where we explored the island by bike, watching the European Cup and of course many other fun times with our new friends and host-families.

We finished our two weeks in Hamburg with a bowling (much different to ten-pin bowling) party and then using their initiative, thirty students (Australian and German), with sleeping bags and tents, piled in to one of the host-families backyards on the last Saturday night for a sleepover.

Monday morning arrived and it was time for us to leave Hamburg and all of the friends that we had made. There were many tears but we were all excited to see what Berlin had in store for us. On the first day in the capital city, we went to the German History Museum. On the next day we had a three-hour guided tour (in English) of all of the historical sites of the city. We saw: the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate, the Berliner Dom, Parliament house and the Olympic stadium. Then, to finish our trip in Germany we did some shopping in some of the huge, main shopping plazas.

Now to tell you about school life in Germany.

As you know, we attended the Gymnasium Grootmoor, which is our sister school in Hamburg and with an 8 am start and 1.30 pm finish, the school life in Germany was much different to ours. Coincidentally, it was also very similar to our school,

with about the same amount of people attending the school, similar subject choices and a strong music program which students volunteer to participate in - just like ours. Another interesting aspect to the school is the amount of bikes that are ridden to school, and because most of the students live reasonably close to the school, its no wonder why hundreds of wheels can be seen all over the school each day. In terms of sport, Gymnasium Grootmoor is dedicated, with one huge Sportplatz (oval) and three gyms for the sports teachers to teach in. But the one part of the school, and of Germany that made our trip even more enjoyable, were the people. The respect that was shown to us was undoubtedly one of the best things we could have asked for, and as we came from a foreign country, everyone was excited to ask us questions about Australia and by the end of our two weeks in Hamburg, we had made strong relationships with our German friends.

We arrived back in Melbourne in the dead of the morning on Friday the 11th and as soon as we went through customs we happily went home to bed.

All of us enjoyed the Germany Tour greatly, and so we would like to thank Herr Sandt and Ms Bozyk for taking and accompanying us, as without them the trip would not have been possible.

We look forward to October when the German students stay with us for three weeks!

Fred Sandt
Head of LOTE

Education Maintenance Allowance

Semester 2 Applications

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a secondary school student up to the age of sixteen;
- and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card, with the name of the eligible student (s) on the card.

- The eligibility criteria for SEMESTER 2 must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (14 July 2008).
- The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 1 August 2008 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an amount of \$129 for Semester 2. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically and parents/guardians receive their portion via a cheque. Students turning 16 years in 2008, will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

PAYMENT AMOUNT: Semester 2 -

Parent \$ 64.50

School \$ 64.50

TOTAL: \$ 129.00

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2008 through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Application forms are available from the school office for eligible applicants who did not apply Semester 1.

All eligible applicants must submit a new application at the start of each school year.

Cheryl Kelly
Administration Manager

ICT and Careers Expo 2008

Date: Saturday 2nd August

Venue: Melbourne High School, Forrest Hill, South Yarra

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Cost: FREE (Download your free tickets from www.ictweek.vitta.org.au)

All students and parents welcome!

Did you know that the IT industry is one of the fastest growing career markets in Australia? Don't miss out on your chance to hear guest speakers talk about their experience in the industry and to speak to tertiary representatives in the Expo about all the different course opportunities at TAFE and Uni. From fashion, to finance to pharmaceuticals, you'll find the perfect career in ICT.

The ICT and Careers Expo is an event designed to give you all the information you need about a fun and exciting career in ICT. The Exhibition will be open from 10am - 4pm on Saturday 2nd August and representatives from a myriad of industries where ICT plays a vital role will be present to speak to students, parents and teachers. Tertiary institutions will also be on hand to provide information about their wide range of courses in ICT.

In addition to this, there will be talks from a broad range of industry and tertiary speakers, showbags and prize giveaways. Don't miss this chance to broaden your horizons by attending this free event!

PARENTS. Not sure about the ICT industry? Come along to an interactive forum designed especially for parents to dispel the myths about careers in ICT. Hear from employers, recruiters, educators and young professionals in the field about the highly rewarding and diverse opportunities available for young people considering a career in ICT. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Download your FREE tickets from www.ictweek.vitta.org.au today for your chance to win great prizes!

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Elizabeth Stirling

The University High School
School Musical
2008
M.S. Sharman Hall

Oliver!

August 6th, 7th and 8th
7:30 pm.

Reserved Seating

Tickets can be only be purchased from
the School General Office.

Ticket Prices:

Adult - \$25

Concession - \$18

TUHS Student - \$15

Upcoming Event

Musical Breakfast

Sunday, October 26th

8:30 am. Breakfast - 9:30 am. Concert

MS Sharman Hall and Canteen