



Principal's Report

New Parents' Night

It was a great pleasure to meet so many new parents at our special evening on Thursday, February the 19th. I trust meeting and hearing from our Sub-School heads will provide a smoother communication process for all in the future.

Mid Year Concert - 28th May, 2009

Have you been to the new Recital Centre? No? Well here is your chance. Our Mid Year Concert will be held there this year. Keep this date free. Tickets will be available soon.

Camps

As a result of the 'bushfire season' we have had to cancel/postpone a number of camps. Thank you to parents for their understanding and we hope all students do experience their camp eventually as we will continue to work with the providers for alternative dates.

VCE Parent Evening

Thank you to all those parents who attended this evening. Understanding the VCE process and policies is very important. For those who couldn't make it please get your students to pick up the literature made available that night from Bryce House office.

Parent Teacher Night

From our point of view these are very important nights no matter how well your child is performing. Please insist that appointments are made by your son or daughter and that you meet with your child's teachers on these nights.

(NB due to new government policy we will not be having late starts on the following day. School will run as normal)

School Council Results

Thank you to those parents who nominated for positions on the council and all those parents who took the time to return their voting slips. Congratulations to Tina Margaritis and Paul Harrison who were elected for two years and to Penina Boumadi who was elected for one year as parent representatives. The new staff representatives are Glen Marchant and Nathan Wallace.

Rob Newton

Principal

Calendar of Coming Events

Tuesday, 24th March

Year 8 Sports Day

Wednesday, 25th March

Anaphylaxis Training for all School Staff

School dismissed 12:30pm

Wednesday, 1st April

VCE Parent Teacher Interviews. School dismissed at 12:45pm. Interviews 2:00pm to 4:30pm and 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

Wednesday, 1st April

Year 7 Sports Day

Friday, 3rd April

Last Day Term 1, early dismissal 2:30pm

Monday, 20th April

First Day Term 2

Thursday, 23rd April

Year 7 to 10 Parent Teacher Interviews. School dismissed at 12:45pm. Interviews 2:00pm to 4:30pm and 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Saturday, 25th April

Anzac Day

Tuesday, 28th April

School Open Day. Public Tours, 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Wednesday, 29th April

School Athletics Carnival, Years 7 to 11

Thursday, 30th April

Senior Sports Day, Years 11 and 12

Thursday, 7th May

School Photos for Year 10 and Music Ensembles

Friday, 8th May

School Photos for Years 11 and 12 plus Staff

Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th May

National Literacy and Numeracy Testing (NAPLAN) for Years 7 and 9

Thursday, 14th May

Immunisations Round 2

HPV for Year 7 Girls (dose 2 of 3)

Friday, 15th May

School Photos for Years 7, 8 and 9

Wednesday, 20th May

School Council Meeting, 7:30pm GTAC

Friday, 22nd May

Senior Sports Day

Tuesday, 26th May

Intermediate Sports Day, Years 9 and 10

Thursday, 28th May

Mid Year Concert at the Melbourne Recital Hall

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 20th May.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association AGM in the school staff room at 7:30 pm.

All parents are welcome.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 12th May

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

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

The National Youth Science Forum

In January 2009 I went away to Canberra for two amazing weeks for the National Youth Science Forum. This is an outline of some of the activities I did and reasons why I had such a fantastic experience. This opportunity is open to year 11 students this year and I encourage all those with a passion for science or engineering to apply.

The NYSF was first brought to my attention when a student from University High gave a presentation of his experience in Canberra. To be selected to go on the NYSF students must first go through their local Rotary club. I organised an interview time and submitted a written application with my local club; they were very supportive and nominated me as a representative. Another interview by the 9800 Rotary district and I was on my way to Canberra with sponsorship from the Rotary club of Central Melbourne Sunrise. I found this selection process challenging and exciting as it required me to take the initiative and actively seek a position for the camp. This meant that all the other students going on the NYSF really wanted to be there too, which is a key aspect of the program. Around 300 students were selected and divided into two sessions A and B. I was in session B. This year there will likely be another session, C, in Perth meaning even more positions. Don't let it put you off but the selection for these is quite competitive with over 2000 applicants last year from all over Australia.

The program was full on right from the start. We had so many exciting lab visits and social events; there was something to look forward to every day. These included two formal events; a Rotary dinner and a science dinner. The activities varied from a trip to a beach and a Disco night, to wind farms and the ADFA engineering department, then to a trip to government house and writing a report for the Chief Scientist of Australia in regard to how to open young minds to science. My group was Newton an engineering group; other groups include Bio Med, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Earth Sciences. Each group had different activities tailored to them and then there were broader things that everyone attended. Apart from the science a massive part of the NYSF was meeting so many likeminded people the same age with similar interests. We had many interesting debates on current issues and helpful workshops on dealing with year 12 and University. One of my favourite trips was visiting the Snowy Mountain Engineering Corporation. It gave me real insight into what some young engineers were doing which was fascinating.

One of the best things about the NYSF was the chance it gave me to investigate areas of interest for me. Many of my questions about university and future job opportunities were answered. Maybe not as many though as the questions NYSF raised for me. Before the camp even started I had to write a fake job application for my first job out of Uni. Now that really got me thinking. Another very helpful experience was the University and Industry lectures. This brought to my attention many well regarded Universities from all over Australia. Like the University of New South Wales which looks like it has a fantastic Engineering course. All this and so much more allowed me to grow and see future opportunities far beyond my previous scope.

Scott Young
Year 12

Congratulations to Georgia Nanscawen

Georgia Nanscawen, Year 11, pictured below with her mother, has received a Victoria School Sports 'Blue Award' for her outstanding efforts and achievements in hockey. She was presented with her prestigious award at a formal ceremony held at the MCG Members' Dining Room on Friday, 13th March. Georgia possesses fantastic school spirit and is a magnificent role model for all students at Uni High.

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Privacy reasons

The University High School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 29th of April

9:30am - 2:30pm

Melbourne University Athletics Track

Attendance for Year 7-10 Students is compulsory. VCE students must register for events prior to the day.

Good luck to all houses!

Buddhist Nun Enlightens Year 10's

On a balmy Thursday afternoon the Year 10 Asian History class were treated to an enlightening presentation from a Buddhist Nun, Venerable Yao from the Buddhist Centre of Victoria. Before taking the students on a journey of the life of Buddha (Siddhartha) through a visually stimulating presentation, Ven. Yao answered an array of questions from the students surrounding karma, enlightenment, re-incarnation and her decision to become a Buddhist nun.

Much to the delight of the students they were presented with a booklet and were thrilled on receiving their second gift: a fish key-ring symbolising good fortune. Unfortunately, due to time constraints many questions remain unanswered, such as: does the law of karma relate to homework? The class are becoming experts in the religions, philosophies and ideologies that have influenced Chinese society and culture before they dive into the historical events that shaped the most populous nation in the world. Due to such an eye-opening experience the class hopes to be enlightened by many more guest speakers this year.

David Browning
Humanities Staff

International Women's Day

On Friday 6th March, thirteen randomly selected Year 10 girls went to the Royal Women's hospital to celebrate International Women's Day on the following Sunday.

We were taken on a tour of the hospital and along the way met many staff members who were all friendly. We handed out flowers and all the patients and female staff were thrilled to see us, however, some of the males were more reluctant to take theirs.

Most of our group favoured the post-natal ward as we got to see many newborn babies and their

families. However, we all enjoyed the end of the tour where we all met in a conference room and got to meet many inspirational women from the hospital.

We were all disappointed to leave, and not just because of the free Tim Tams and orange juice.

Lorna Middleton & Helen Cheng, Year 10

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Acceleration Programme Testing for 2009

Testing for the 2010 Acceleration Programme cohort will take place on

Saturday May 2nd at The University High School.

Applications are to be made on-line. Go to www.unihigh.vic.edu.au, click on enrolments and follow the prompts. Students in their final year of primary school are eligible to apply, regardless of their home address. Applications close on April 26th, 2009. Further enquiries may be made by contacting Jenny Tarr on 9347 2022.

Careers Events

If you would like to participate in any of the events listed below, come to the Careers Room for more information and to register your interest by Friday March 20. **Angela Moylan** Careers/Work Education Co-ordinator

Program	Year Level	Proposed Date	Program	Year Level	Proposed Date
University of Melbourne Master Class	10	June 18	Careers in Human Resource Management	11	May 20
Careers in Forensic Accounting, Internet Fraud and Cyber Crime	10/11	May/June	Careers in Architecture & Building	10/11	May 21
Careers in Accountancy	11	April/May	Careers in Film and Advertising	10	Term 2
Careers in Event Management	10/11	Oct 14	Discover Swinburne Uni	9	Oct 20
Careers in Design	10/11	May	Forensic Medicine Careers	11	April
Music Industry Careers Night	10/11	July 30	Milliners School	10	Term 2/3
Careers in Performing Arts	10/11	Term 2	Orthoptics at Eye & Ear Hospital	10/11	Aug 20
IT Games Design & Development	10/11	Jun 15,16,17	Human Physiology : Living in Space	10/11	TBA
Careers in Nursing & Midwifery	10/11	June 2	Fire Fighting	10/11	Term 2
Medical Science Tours	11	July	Engineering - Electrical & Computer	11	Jun 20
Complimentary Medicine	10/11	Aug 4	Biotechnology & Biomedicine	11	May
Engineering & Science Careers Expo	10/11	Aug 20	Music Production - MIDI, Audio Composing & Recording	10/11	Jul 30
Careers in Transport and Logistics	10/11	Term 1	Medical Research	10/11	Oct
Career in Retail	11	May 7	Horticulture and Gardening	10/11	May 6
Motor Sport Industry	10/11	Term 2	Careers in Sport and Recreation	10/11	Jun
Trial a Trade: Furnishing, Butchery, Bakery, Bricklaying, Plastering, Tiling, Stonemasonry, Beauty, Therapy, Hairdressing	10/11	See Me	Women in Science - Biotechnology and Nanotechnology	11	May 20
Police Force	10/11	May 12	Racing Industry	10/11	Term 2

Need Assistance With Work Placements?

Work placement opportunities in the Inner Melbourne Region are now available online.

Log on to: www.imvc.com.au

Click on the YOUTH tab on the Home Page and then VE&T Programs.

The following VET Programs have compulsory work placements:

Engineering, Community Services, Hospitality Business Administration, Automotive (recommended) and Furnishings (recommended).

Year 10 Work Experience

Parents of Year 10 students were recently sent information outlining the Work Education programs that students will be involved in this year. Please read this information carefully and, if you have any questions concerning any

of the programs, contact Ms Moylan or Ms Gray. In Term 4 last year, students spent time in English classes identifying jobs that they would like to do for work experience and starting to make contact with potential employers. It is essential that bookings for work experience are secured soon (deadline - by end of Term 1) Once students have a definite placement, they must complete a "Found A Place" form and return this to the Careers Office so that necessary paperwork can be completed. The dates of the work experience program are June 22 - 26. If students need help finding a suitable placement see Ms Moylan or Ms Gray.

Angela Moylan
Careers/Work Education Co-ordinator

Need a Tax File Number?

The school offers a TFN service. See Ms Moylan or Ms Gray in the Careers Office.

Angela Moylan
Careers/Work Education Co-ordinator

AFL Clinic

On Monday the 16th of March, 7B1 were the lucky class who were able to attend an AFL clinic run by a few of the boys from the Essendon Football Club.

The students were able to run through drills and skill development with Andrew Lovett, David Zaharakis, Heath Hocking and Kade Klemke, followed by dodgeball and a modified game of footy.

The students were also given the opportunity to ask questions at the end, gaining an insight into the weekly routines of an AFL player, the demands placed on them and if they wanted to, how they could one day become one themselves.

Hannah Wilson
Sports Assistant

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First Aid in Health and Physical Education

Year 8 students have been undertaking a First Aid Unit as part of Health and Physical Education this term. Injury management, CPR, resuscitation and management of various injuries, bites and burns have been the focus of the unit. Working with the manikins has been a great opportunity for students to practice their CPR technique.

Vivian Sipsas
Head of Physical Education, Health and Sport

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the University High School Swimming Squad, who, on Friday, represented the school in the District Swimming competition. Twenty students represented the school and were the overall winners on the day.

Students should be commended on their efforts and behaviour on the day.

All students qualified for the Northern Zone Swimming Finals to be held on Wednesday the 18th of March. Good luck!

Hannah Wilson
Sports Assistant

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Surf Camp 2009

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A very special invitation to all
members and friends of the

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY

You are cordially invited to a very special
concert on behalf of the School's
forthcoming visit to France.

We will be joining with
Strathmore Secondary College
to perform the works that our
student musicians will be presenting in
Paris, Peronne and Bullecourt,
as well as participating in the
Anzac Dawn Service
at the battlefield of the Somme.

Place: The Clocktower Hall,
Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds
Time: 7.30 Thursday, 2nd April 2009
(just 8 days before departure)