



Principal's Report

Mid-Year Concert

Thank you to all those who have provided us with such positive feedback about this year's concert. Certainly both the students and audience enjoyed the facilities, ambience and privilege of attending the Dame Elizabeth Murdoch Recital Centre. Congratulations to all students who performed and to the music staff who have prepared them. A special mention to Geoff Campbell for his outstanding organisation.

H1N1 Flu

The school will follow all DEECD and DHS directives regarding this issue. Should you have concerns by all means contact your child's Sub-School. More information is available at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/swine-influenza>

Call the Swine Influenza Hotline 1802007

Call Nurse-on-call 1300 606 024

VCE Exams

We wish all our students sitting mid-year exams and the GAT the very best. I'm sure you have been well prepared and are ready for the challenge.

Year 10 Work Experience

It is expected all Year 10 students will complete work experience in the last week of this term. It is essential that all paperwork is fully completed before they attend their respective workplaces.

2008 Annual report

Our Annual Report for 2008 is now available to the school community. It can be found on our website <http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au/>

Naplan

Our Naplan testing program went very well and our Year 7 and Year 9 students approached the tasks diligently. Results to parents will be available in September.

SunSmart Policy

The School Council recently endorsed our SunSmart Policy which can be found on our

school website (see address above)

Pupil Free Days

Just a reminder that Friday the 12th of June will be a Pupil Free day across the state for report writing purposes.

Rob Newton

Principal

Calendar of Coming Events

Tuesday, 9th June and Wednesday, 10th June

Year 12 Examinations

Thursday, 11th June

VCE GAT Day, Years 11 and 12

Friday, 12th June

Pupil Free Day for Report Writing

Monday, 15th June

Year 8 Sports Day

Wednesday, 24th June

Year 7 Sport Day

Thursday, June 25th

Instrumental Soiree, Performance Centre

Friday, 26th June

Last Day Term 2, early dismissal 2:30pm

Monday, July 13th

First Day of Term 3

July 15th to 17th

Musical Rehearsal Camp

August 5th, 6th and 7th

School Musical - Guys and Dolls, Sharman Hall

August 16th to 21st

Ski Camp, Mount Hotham

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The UHS School Council meets in the GTAC conference centre at 7:30 pm.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 17th

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association AGM in the school staff room at 7:30 pm.
All parents are welcome.
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

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

Mid Year Concert

There was a great sense of anticipation on arrival at the Melbourne Recital Centre for the Mid-Year Concert on Thursday, 28th May. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform in a world class venue so there was an extra buzz of excitement as the audience gathered in the packed foyer. The 'Fanfare for the Common Man' heralded the beginning of a wonderful evening of music quickly followed by a spirited performance of three movements of Rimsky-Korsakov from the Senior Band. VCE students Alice Berkeley and Zorro Maplestone were the comperes and entertained us in between performances providing interesting insights throughout the evening. The Novice Band delighted with a medley of songs played with great aplomb. All of these young students have only recently begun to learn to play their instruments so there was plenty of enthusiastic applause for their contribution. The Training Strings are also recent aficiandos but performed their two pieces beautifully while the Clarinet Ensemble treated us to the familiar sounds of the William Tell Overture.

One of the really special moments in the evening came with the arrival to the stage of Year 12 student Atlanta Townsend. Accompanied by Ms Verberne, Atlanta sang Hymne a L'Amour, one of the songs made famous by Edith Piaf. Her glorious soprano voice filled the Recital Hall giving all of us a brief glimpse of the wonderful performances we have been hearing about following the recent music tour of France and Belgium.

A change of pace with the Junior Strings giving a terrific rendition of pieces by Strauss and Dvorak followed by the Intermediate Orchestra and Intermediate Band. The size of these two groups is a fantastic reminder to the audience of how many students are involved in the music program at University High School and how many students play more than one instrument.

The Senior Choir and Chamber Orchestra were the final act of the first half of the program. The Senior Choir has always been a special feature of University High School concerts and this year was no exception. Their performance of two songs from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story was absolutely exhilarating. The girls opened the bracket with America featuring two power-packed solos from Adrienne Gyori and Mia Ford. After the boys joined the choir for the Tonight Ensemble, Brigitte Bozyk and Jacob Lawrence added further punch with their thrilling performances as Maria and Tony. Singing together with the orchestra, who were in scintillating form, this powerful performance was a moment to cherish.

The second half was no less spectacular. The brass and woodwind performers really had our feet tapping with the Stage Band, the Saxophone Ensemble and the Jazz Ensemble all performing. The quality of their overall performances was simply outstanding with some electrifying solo highlights. The Flute Ensemble and Flute Quartet were a delight. Their well-polished performances resonated throughout the Recital Hall.

In between these performances we were challenged by the VCE Theatre Studies students performing an excerpt from their most recent production, 'The Baden Baden Lesson on Consent' by Bertholt Brecht. They were followed by the sweet voices of the Cantabile Choir featuring fantastic solo performances by Greer Clemens and Mairead O'Connor.

Two special treats ended the night. The angelic voices of the Chamber Choir singing Sua-Gan and Mister Sandman filled the auditorium with beautifully controlled harmonies. Then it was the turn of the Senior Orchestra playing Henry Litolf's Scherzo Movement of the Concerto Symphonique No. IV with VCE student Xiang Min featured on piano. As usual the orchestra, led by Mr Coles, played with extraordinary skill featuring students from all levels of the school. Xiang Min's performance on the piano was awe inspiring and a moment the audience will never forget. At the conclusion of the performance they were given a well deserved standing ovation.

Special thanks must go to Ms Johanna Verberne and Mr Geoff Campbell for their organization of the concert and to all the instrumental music teachers, classroom music and drama teachers who make up the Performing Arts team. The Mid-Year Concert once again showed how fortunate we are that music is such an integral part of the culture at University High School. Bravo to all students and staff for their outstanding efforts.

Rob Castles
Chief Librarian

Zone Athletic Champions

University High School came First at the Interscholar Zone Athletic Championships. We also won two out of three matches at the Intermediate Boys Football.

SPORTS PERSON PROFILE

Andrew Papagiannis- Year 12, 2009

Sport: Karate

Congratulations to Andrew for being selected to represent Victoria at junior and senior level at the Australian Karate Federation (AKF) National Karate Championships, held in Adelaide. As part of the Victorian State Team, he will be competing in the Senior Men's Kata, Junior Male Kata and Junior Male under 68kg Kumite. We wish Andrew all the best in his sporting pursuits.

Photo removed for Privacy Law reasons

Photo: Andrew Papagiannis during competition.

We would like to acknowledge students' sporting achievements. If you are competing in an elite sporting competition, and would like us to report on your achievements, please see Mr Wallace in the PE Office.

Nathan Wallace
Inter-school Sports Co-ordinator

Youth in Philanthropy

On the 6th of May, eight students from Glenn Marchant's Year 11 International Politics class took part in the first day of the 'Youth in Philanthropy' program run by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation. The eight students (Matilda Neyland, Chris Cadenhead, Tali Ryan - Atwood, Sara Acar, Alexander Linger, Grace Quealy, Kaixin Cuyong and Matt Jones) went to the Town Hall on Swanston Street with nine other schools, where they met their mentor and were given information on three charities. These charities included the Bayley House for the Intellectually Disabled, The Church of All Nations in Carlton and Royal District Nursing Service Limited. The students were allocated \$20,000 that they must split between these three charities, in what ratio they decide. In the next few months they will visit the three charities and meet with volunteer members and the people who benefit from their actions to decide which organisation will receive how much of the \$20,000. They will present their decision to the charities in October.

Matt Jones
Year 11

Two More National Champions

Lew and Glenn Morris are members of the Darebin Northern Brass Band who won the Grade C Section of the National Brass Band Competition held in Sydney over Easter

Royal Children's Hospital Parent Volunteers Needed for a Survey on Children's Everyday Activities

The Royal Children's Hospital is looking for parents of typically developing children/adolescents to complete a survey on their child's everyday activities. This information will help us understand the needs of children who have had a brain injury.

What would I do?

Complete one 40 minute survey

- The survey asks about your child's everyday activities; for example, shopping, interacting with others, and organising leisure activities

Application Forms and the Information Sheet are available on the School Website.

Focus on Wellbeing

Year 11 Health & Wellbeing Seminar Series

Life in the 21st century is certainly fun! Especially as a teenager at UHS! There's plenty of great stuff to do, relationships to form, places to go, experiences to have. There's also work to do, learning to do, goals to achieve. We really should take time out to consider other aspects of our being (being = body, mind and soul) that sometimes get neglected. This seminar series for Year 11 students is designed to take some time to think and learn about these aspects of life, and gain some great knowledge that can be used for a lifetime. Attendance is compulsory - but these seminars are truly relevant to anyone who is alive and human!!

Topic 1: Mind-Body Health

Speaker: Craig Harper (www.craigharper.com.au)

Date: Week 1, Thursday 16th July, Sessions 3 & 4, Performance Centre

Craig is an educator, exercise scientist, media presenter and motivational speaker. He often speaks on the corporate circuit, helping to motivate and inspire people's lives. Craig will be talking about everything from motivation, to stress, to goal setting and will make the important connections between the health of our minds and our bodies.

Topic 2: Talking Sexuality

Speaker: Family Planning Victoria

Date: Week 8, Monday 31st August, Sessions 3 & 4

A topic that is so talked about out of the classroom - but not so much in the classroom. The speaker from FPV will be talking about: Statistics on what young people are doing (am I "normal"?), same sex attraction (am I "normal"?), are you ready for sex (really?), sex and the law, building positive healthy relationships, contraception and sexually transmitted infections. Do not miss hearing this information from the experts in education about sexual health.

Topic 3: Party Safe

Date: Term 4, to be announced

Spring time is a great time for parties, and what teenager doesn't want to get together with his/her friends to celebrate the end of the year (once exams are over of course)? This seminar will focus on having a good time, but being safe about it. If you're having a party or going to a party in the meantime - check out www.partysafe.org.au for some "party safe" tips.

Year 7-10 CREATING CONVERSATIONS EVENING - Tuesday 23rd June, 7-9pm, Performance Centre

Creating conversations is a student led evening of interactive discussions that promotes communication between teenagers and their parents. Topics include, growing independence, trust, honesty, positive and negative risk taking, partying, relationships, drug use and misuse. It will be a night that will allow you to meet with other parents and young people and to engage in great conversation. It is hoped that the discussion will continue at home.

If you have not already given your RSVP - please let us know you are coming. (You are still welcome if you just turn up on the evening.)

K. Klopsteins
Student Wellbeing Coordinator