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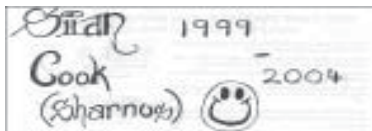
Building and Grounds Subcommittee

In 2004 the School Council strongly supported the fundraising proposal to pave the strip of bare ground between the Technology Building and the basketball court with professionally engraved signature pavers. We received orders for 262 pavers plus a number of donations. On behalf of the School Council I would like to thank all those members of the present and past school community who supported this project. We received some wonderful letters from Alumni from as far back as 1923 expressing their appreciation of their time at UHS. A list of contributors can be found on the school website.

We had hoped to commence site preparation over the holidays, however this was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Concreting should commence in April with the pavers being laid before the start of Term 2.

Initial projections indicated that we needed 500 pavers to fully cover all the costs. Unfortunately we did not meet that target by the due date, however it has taken time for the project to reach a large number of Alumni, and we are still receiving orders. The Building and Grounds Committee has arranged for all the base concreting to be done with the area split into lots. Lot 1 has closed, however Lot 2 will be available for orders this year. If you missed out, or you know someone who would like to order a paver, order forms details are listed below. Pavers are \$35 for students and \$45 for Alumni.

As part of this project we have also assembled a database of all students for the last twenty years. We still have 75 years to complete. If you can help with this task please contact Haydn Moyle. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to this project continuing in 2005



Order forms are available at the school office, or you can download the forms from the school website: <http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au> Contact information can be passed onto Haydn Moyle via letter, phone message, or email.

Please do not leave your orders to the last minute. Support your school. Place an order today!

YEAR 7 SHARMAN CAMP

Christine
Bozyk, Head
of Sharman

The Sharman staff would like to thank the Year 7 students for their great

cooperation during the Sharman Camp. We would also inform the students that although we did consider forming a new Rock Band, we have decided to continue our teaching careers instead!

SUPER CAMP FOR THE SUPER SHARMAN

Katherine, Faseeha, Joseph, Jonathan,
Shewit & Gus, 7 Sharman

After a rainy, dull, bus drive 7S1 and 7S2 arrived at Gundiwindi camp. The teachers that came included: Ms Bozyk, Ms Chetty, Mr Naudi, Mr Jones and Ms Mathieson. Over the three days we did fun activities which included: Archery; table tennis; damper cooking; ropes course; sensory trail; and the flying fox. We also did the Sharman Olympics where we did pool, an orange game, blindfold game, table tennis and shoe long jump. Some funny memories include the teacher



concert. Imagine: Ms Bozyk as a super cool drummer; Mr Naudi as an Alien rock-star mime; and Mr Jones and Ms Mathieson as air guitarists. So, as you can probably tell, the Sharman year sevens had a fantabulistic time!

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

February

Wednesday 16 School swimming carnival

Monday 28 Year 10 surf camp begins

March

Tuesday 1 VCE Parent information evening, 7:00pm

Friday 4 Year 10 surf camp ends

Thursday 10 Welcome function for parents of all new students

Monday 14 Labour day holiday

Thursday 17 VCE parent/teacher interviews
3:30-5:30pm, 6:30-8:30pm

Friday 18 Late start to day (session 3)

Friday 25-
Monday 28 Easter

Tuesday 29 Year 7 Hep.B Immunizations.
Year 10 Adult Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis Immunizations

Wednesday 30 Year 7 – 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Check the school website for the latest update on the full year calendar: www.unihigh.vic.edu.au

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

Your copy of School News should arrive in your letter box on or around the following dates:

Term One:	March 30	June 1
Term Two:	May 17	September 12
Term Three:	August 15	December 6
Term Four:	November 1	

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association meets in the school staff common room at 7:30 pm. All parents are welcome.

Next Meetings: Monday February 28
Monday April 18

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The UHS School Council meets in the school staff common room on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Next Meetings: Wednesday February 28
Wednesday March 16

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Bronwyn Valente

Welcome to the 2005 school year, I hope it will be a successful year for all students.

This year we welcome new staff to the school including Ms Ellen Craig, Chemistry, Science and Maths, Mr Matthew Naudi, PE and Sharman sub-school assistant, and Ms Michaela Steele in the Art faculty.

We also welcome back from leave Ms Anna Newbold and Ms Patrica Cheary.

I remind all parents that you are encouraged to contact the sub-school if you have any concerns about your student, wish to pass on relevant information or to seek clarification about school policy or organisational details.

Almost all Year 7 students attended an orientation camp in weeks 2 and 3 of the term. These were most successful, despite the inclement weather which presented challenges when reworking the program.

Congratulations to the Year 12 students of 2004, their results were outstanding with individual students gaining excellent results and nearly all students gaining a place in tertiary study. A more detailed report follows in the News.

School Council

Notice of the School Council elections has been posted to all families and all parents are encouraged to nominate. The retiring parent members are : Dr Russell Grigg, Dr Warren Prior and Dr Pauline O'Malley.

Nominations close on 18th February, 2005 and a ballot will be conducted between 24th February, 2005 to 9th March, 2005 if required.

At the December Council meeting, discussion was held on a range of issues including the changing enrolment profile of the school. For 2005, for the first time ever the school was unable to accommodate any curriculum placements at Year 7, with only sufficient capacity to enrol local students and siblings.

If this trend continues the school may not be able to enrol all siblings who are not resident in the local area. Currently, the Council and the Department are having discussions to establish criteria for selection should this become necessary.

The Principal selection panel is currently working to select the new principal, an appointment will be announced later in the term.

The Parent Association book sale was very successful, thanks to the parent volunteers who assisted organising and running this service for students and families.

Personal goods at school

I have been requested by the Department to ensure that families are aware that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to property.

Students are encouraged not to bring unnecessary items to school, and if they do, to ensure that they take responsibility for these items. The sub-school office may be to assist with special items.

**RETIREMENT FUNCTION
FOR
BRONWYN VALENTE
WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH,
2005**

Friends and colleagues,
past and present are invited to join
with the staff of The University High School
to celebrate the retirement of
Bronwyn and her 35 years of service with the
Department of Education.

The function will be held at

**THE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL,
77 STORY STREET, PARKVILLE
ON WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH,
2005
FROM 6.00 P.M. TO 8.00 P.M.
IN THE PERFORMANCE CENTRE**

The cost of \$25 includes finger food, refreshments
and contribution towards a gift, with cheques made
payable to

The University High School.
RSVP to Evelyn on 9347-2022 or email
university.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au
by Thursday 17th March, 2005.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2005

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DE&T) employees can be parent members at their child's school.
- A mandated elected DE&T employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category. Its members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DE&T employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. For parents, this notice will probably be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the parent category or DE&T employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
 - Consider standing for election to council this year.
 - Be sure to vote in the elections.
- Contact the principal for further information.

RESULTS OF PARENT PARTICIPATION SURVEY

Ric Benson

For most of last year a group of committed parents and staff worked hard to produce a form asking parents to suggest where and how they would like to contribute to the education of their children at the University High School. This form was placed in the enrolment packages and the results have been fantastic! Some three hundred parents have replied, offering various services across a range of faculty areas and Council priority areas like fund raising, working bees, careers information and general committee work.

All of this information has been collated in spread sheet form and distributed to the faculty coordinators at their first meeting for the year on Wednesday 2 February, so many of you can be expecting a phone call or email soon as coordinators get programs up and running for the year and working out where they need support.

For all of their efforts to this stage, thank you to Angela Williams, Frances Kinney, Gaye Champion, Jan Reiher, Pauline O'Maley, Susie Orzech, Kim Patterson, Maureen Cooper and Bronwyn Valente. If you would like any more information at this stage, please contact Susie Orzech at oxfordst@netspace.net.au or Ric Benson at benisonr@unihigh.vic.edu.au

On behalf of the group, I would like to wish every one all the best for the New Year.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Clive Jowsey
Parents' Association Treasurer

On behalf of the Parents Association, I would like to thank everybody very much for their help with last year's Book Sale. We won't have the final figures for a little while, as there always seem to be a few adjustments. On early figures, we took a record amount of money and expect to raise about \$10,000 for the school community. Just as important as the fund raising is the service we have offered to school families who have been able to buy good quality textbooks at a significant discount to the retail price.

We would particularly like to thank the UHS academic, technical and office staff, especially Pam Hughes and Cheryl Kelly, who do an enormous amount of work behind the scenes to make the book sale work smoothly. The Book Sale probably comes at the very worst time of year for them and some of them still have a lot of work to do that most of us are never aware of.

While we are giving thanks, I must mention Lou Benincasa who has been a driving force in the book sale for many years and ran the main sale day superbly again. Not to forget Jennie Mansfield who as secretary of the PA got talked into organising the lists of volunteers and being the main point of contact where she did a superb job. Of course, everybody needs to be thanked for their efforts. It takes a lot of effort to make it work well and you all did a wonderful job. We would hope that you would all be willing to do it again next year.

If you are keen to help us this year, we will be advertising in the newsletter and on the School web site from the third term onwards. If you have any feedback on how we could do it better, we will be having a review session early in the first term or you could email booksale@unihigh.vic.edu.au with your suggestions.

COMPUTERS FOR SALE

University High School is offering approximately 40 computer systems for sale of various configurations for \$75. The computers are 4-5 years old. All computer systems will come with keyboard, mouse, monitor and an operating system only; all in working order.

The computer systems are to be purchased with the understanding they are to be provided on an "as is" basis; without warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied.

If you are interested in purchasing or viewing a system: please contact Mrs Fedeli at the school on 9347 2022.

INFORMATION ON THE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

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 primary or 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 1986 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (25 January 2005 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (11 July 2005).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 25 February 2005 for the first payment and 5 August 2005 for the second payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$200 for primary students and \$400 for secondary students and is paid in two installments.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first installment of 2005 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second installment.

Parents who transfer children to another school after 25 February 2005 and prior to 5 August 2005, must reapply at the new school for the second installment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

YEAR 8 HISTORY THREADS OF TIME

The textbook, *Threads of Time*, that was on the booklist for Year 8 History was unfortunately out of print. The school was not informed of this situation until January 31st. We have sourced some second hand copies of the book and these are available for purchase from the school for \$20. This can be organised through your child's History teacher or Mrs. Miles in Room 604. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this situation.

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The Australian Geography Competition is held every year in March. The competition takes the form of a multiple choice paper completed in one session. It is open to any student in the school who is studying Geography. All participants receive a certificate. The cost of entry is \$2 which should be paid to your Geography teacher or to Mrs. Miles in Room 604 by Wednesday February 23rd.

University High School is renowned for its enthusiastic and successful participation in this competition. Put your entry in to continue this tradition.

SCIENCE NEWS

Justine Hamilton

Australasian Schools Science Competition

The Australasian Schools Science Competition will be held on Wednesday May 11th 2005. The cost is \$6 per person and is payable at the general office. The entry fee must be paid by the last day of term 1. Students at all Year levels are encouraged to participate. In particular the science faculty is keen for Year 7 students to enter. The competition results are very informative for students, parents and staff. In class we will be using previous years papers to develop scientific literacy and analysis skills.

Chemistry Quiz

The school has not as yet received the information on this competition but details will be published, as they are made available. In previous years this competition has occurred in July.

Science Olympiads

70 of Australia's brightest secondary science students converged on Canberra to attend a rigorous training school in January. Two students from The University High School were in this group. Emma Leitinger was invited to attend the Biology training school and Tian Xu the Physics training school. The training school is the second stage in the selection of students to attend the International Science Olympiad in 2005. The students attended intense tutorials and laboratory sessions every day for two weeks. The first stage involved sitting a nation wide Qualifying Examination last year. University High School students achieved excellent results in the Olympiad qualifying examination in September/October overall.

The CSIRO Student Research Scheme

The CSIRO is again running the Student Research Scheme. This is available to students in Years 11 and 12 based on their scientific ability and enthusiasm. The scheme allows senior secondary students to participate in short term projects, under the supervision of practising scientists, in a contemporary research situation as part of a genuine current research venture. Students who may be interested should see their science teacher for details and entry forms.

We recommend that successful students fill out a work experience form and also complete the Occupational Health and Safety program with Ms Moylan if they have not done so already. This will ensure that they are covered by work cover and public liability.

National Youth Science Forum

The NYSF is looking for nominations from science students from schools all over Australia. It is looking for students who wish to make a career from science, engineering or technology and who wish to see Australia progress through its

scientists and engineers. Students who show good all round abilities, without necessarily scoring the top marks, are encouraged to apply. Nominations must be lodged with a Rotary club by May 15. More information can be found on the NYSF website: <http://www.nysf.edu.au>

Year 7 Science Safety Poster Competition

All Year 7 science students as part of their introduction to the science rooms, completing experiments and using equipment safely are required to complete a poster highlighting safety in the science room. Class winners will be chosen as well as an overall winner for the year level. All winners will be entered in the ASSC free of charge.

If you require more information on any of these competitions and schemes please contact me on 93472022. The details of all competitions that the school has received information on will be published on the intranet.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AT UHS

Mr.G.Marchant
OHS Representative

UHS has a strong commitment to health & safety issues in the workplace. As the OHS representative I meet regularly with the Administration to implement strategies to make our school a safer place. A formal OHS Committee meets each term. Currently the committee comprises Glenn Marchant, Cheryl Kelly and Rosalind Betson. with an aim for 2005 to expand with more representatives from the school community.

We were actively involved with a review of OHS procedures at UHS and are currently reviewing the Legislative Compliance Report. This will enable us to make UHS an even safer work environment. Our strategy is to be pro-active in trying to anticipate potential incidents and accidents in our workplace and to employ strategies to prevent them from occurring.

We would ask the assistance of all students, parents and guardians to ensure that all students wear strong footwear at school. Thongs are not permitted at UHS because they are dangerous, particularly on the stairs, in heavy traffic and after rain. Please ensure that your child does not wear thongs to school.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

Mr.G.Marchant

Once again, students at UHS have the opportunity to be involved in a range of leadership activities.

National Constitutional Convention

Celeste MacLeod (Year 11), Zak Hamer and Richard Clarke (Year 12) have all been selected as part of the 25 member Victorian delegation for an exciting trip to Canberra for the National Constitutional Convention to be held March 16-18. Students will learn more about the Australian Constitution and debate contemporary issues with their peers. They will also get the opportunity to learn more about our democratic values by visiting Parliament and meeting with a range of dignitaries.

The SRC

UHS has a very effective SRC based on representation, participation and democratic values. It is currently undergoing a re-evaluation of the Constitution and appears likely to have a representative from each class in the new model. Tomas Dalton (Year 11) has put a lot of time and effort into the SRC and in 2004 was the SRC representative on School Council.

Charity Action Group

This dynamic social justice group aims to raise money for an institution in need of extra funds. It tackles a major project each term and also educates the school community about the issues involved in the fundraising activities. It is considering a name change as part of a revue process. Katherine Clarke (Year 12) is the hard working Co-ordinator of this enthusiastic student based group.

Melbourne City Council Youth in Philanthropy Program

UHS has again been invited to participate in this community-based activity. 4-6 students will meet with a mentor and assess applications from Charitable Organisations based on a selection criteria. Students will make a commitment of about one day a month for 5-6 months. The final presentation will take place at the historic Melbourne City Chambers where representatives from approximately six schools will gather. This is an outstanding opportunity for students in Years 10 & 11 interested in social justice, working as a team with a mentor and being involved in the decision making process at the local level to get involved.

Amnesty International Candle Day

I've received a letter from Amnesty International thanking the school community for our fundraising efforts that raised \$179.60 in November 2004. The fundraising activities at UHS helped to raise the awareness of human rights issues. Candle Day 2005 will take place on Friday 13 & Saturday 14 May. I'd like to invite all members of the school community to participate in the defence of human rights.

National Youth Roundtable 2005

This is an opportunity for young people aged 15 to 24 to apply for the National Youth Roundtable Conference in Canberra. Applicants should have a strong involvement in youth issues and the community over a number of years. Applications close 11 March 2005.

Students interested in any of these activities should see me in room 611. I can also be contacted at gmarchant@unihigh.vic.edu.au

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION PROGRAM

A. Donoghue - Mathematics Coordinator

In 2005, there will be a program of extra-curricular activities in mathematics. Parents may wish to note the following details.

Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards a multiple choice paper at three levels of difficulty (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) the tentative final Entry Date is by March 18th the cost is \$4:50 per student the date of the Competition is Thursday August 4th

The Melbourne University School Mathematics Competition a paper in which complete solutions have to be written out for approximately six problems at Junior, Intermediate and senior levels with the time varying depending upon the level the tentative final Entry Date is March 18th the date of the Competition is early May

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians - Challenge Stage for Years 7 to 10 only a paper in which complete solutions have to be written for approximately six problems at Junior and Intermediate levels over a three-week period during May the tentative final Entry date is February 25th the cost is \$16:00 per student

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians - Enrichment Stage for very able mathematics students in Years 7 to 10 Students are required to write out solutions to problems which are based on the supplied Notes. There are four levels of difficulty the tentative final Entry Date is February 25th the cost is \$27.00 per student the solutions are worked on during April to September

The Mathematics Enrichment Stage is independent of the earlier Challenge Stage, however they have the common feature of providing challenging mathematics problems for students.

If you have any queries re any of the above activities please contact me on 9347 2002.

Please note that if any student wishes to participate in any of these activities they need to pay at the General Office.

HEALTH, SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

WELCOME!

Katherine Klopsteins

Health, Physical and Sport Education
Coordinator



The PE and Health faculty welcome Mr Matt Naudi to the team in 2005. Ms Kim Patterson is working as the Student Welfare Coordinator this year. This means that she is taking a break from PE classes. Of course, you will see her taking inter-school sport teams and at the swimming and athletics carnivals.

The PE team are:

- Ms K Klopsteins (Me!!) – Health, Physical and Sport Education Coordinator (Anything that happens within the school)
- Mr B Starkey– Inter-School Sport Coordinator (anything outside of the school!)
- Mr P Batters – Transition Coordinator
- Mr Matt Naudi - Sharman Sub-school Co-ordinator
- Ms S Hafey
- Mr A Lee
- Ms K Patterson – Student Welfare and Year 12 Health

PE UNIFORM

The University High School PE uniform consists of the green Uni High Sports shirt and black shorts or track pants. Shirts are available from the General Office. The PE uniform is compulsory for all PE and Sport classes and Inter-School sports days.

Students need to be well organised with their equipment, particularly with the mad weather that we have been having. Normally I remind all students to bring their sunscreen, hat and a water bottle to class. They also need to be reminded to bring a jumper and an umbrella!

Year 7 Physical Education

All year 7 students have made a great start at high school and are learning the meaning of permission forms, PE uniform and swimming gear! Several Year 7 classes have commenced their Swimming Unit at Brunswick Baths, whilst other classes are undertaking the Fitness Unit at school. All year 7 classes have a "PE" class for 2 sessions during the week.

Year 7's then have a double session that is "Sport Education". During Term 1 they will participate in a variety of "Summer Sports" such as cricket, softball, baseball, tennis and volleyball. Then on Monday 21st March all of the Year 7 students will participate in an Inter-School Sport Day, playing their chosen sport against other schools.

Year 8 Sport Education

All Year 8 students participate in Sport Education classes on Tuesday afternoons. All students have chosen a sport for the term and will hone their playing, officiating and scoring skills in that particular sport for the whole term. They will then participate in the Year 8 Inter-School Sport Day on Tuesday 15th March.

Year 9 Sport Education

All Year 9 students participate in their Sport Ed classes on Thursday afternoons. The students have chosen activities that incorporate several different sports and activities. Students are encouraged to develop a higher level of leadership and physical skills and fitness in these classes. Year 9 students who wish to participate in any of the Inter-School sport competitions need to sign up and try out for a team. The Intermediate Sport Day is on Monday 7th March.

Year 10 Physical Education

Most Year 10 students are participating in the Swimming Unit this term. This unit allows them to learn the skills of Water Polo, refine their swimming technique and demonstrate their water safety knowledge. Participation in this unit is most important. We hope to see many Year 10 students challenging each other at Water Polo, Underwater Hockey and race heats at this year's Swimming Carnival.

At Year 10, students also have a single lesson of Health. This term students are learning their Preliminary First Aid.

Year 12 Physical Education

The Year 12 PE class will be going on an excursion to RMIT on Friday 18th February for the VCE PE Enhancement program. They will participate in a series of tests conducted by 4th year Human Movement students at the university. The program gives all students an opportunity to see the university facilities, attend a lecture on Energy Systems, expand their understanding of Unit 3 PE and ask questions about the courses that are available at RMIT.

If you have any questions regarding PE, Health or Sport Ed, please contact me or one of the PE team.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORTS
REPORT**
Ben Starkey
Interschool Sports
Coordinator

As the new Interschool Sports Coordinator this year, I am aware that it is going to be a very busy year in sport. At University High School we offer a comprehensive interschool sports program and I would encourage students to make the most of these opportunities and to get involved as much as possible. You don't have to be Ricky Ponting or Alicia Molik to participate either. We encourage students of all ability levels to participate. Sport is fantastic for learning about teamwork and sportspersonship, and as most of us already know, physical activity is essential for a balanced lifestyle.

Interschool sports this term include tennis, cricket, baseball, softball, volleyball and lawn bowls. Training has already started for many of these teams, so students need to keep an eye on the student bulletin or talk with their PE teacher if they are interested. Please refer to the school calendar for dates of each sports day.

As well as interschool sport, the other big event that is approaching is the annual University High School Swimming Carnival. The carnival will take place on **Wednesday the 16th February** at Coburg Olympic Outdoor Swimming Pool. Students have the opportunity to compete in an array of individual and team events, as well as novelty events and races. Underwater hockey and water polo are also on offer to intermediate/senior students. The results of this carnival will form the basis of our inter-school swimming team to compete at the Northern Zone Championships.

At this year's swimming carnival students are also encouraged to support their sub-schools by wearing sub-school colors (Brookes- red, Sharman-blue, Chapman-green, Bryce-yellow). There will be prizes awarded for the 'best dressed', so don't forget to dress up! Sunscreen and a sun hat will also be essential. Any parents/guardians wanting to help out can either just come down on the day or contact me through the school.

**YARRA DISTRICT SPORTS DATES & UHS
CARNIVALS IN 2005**
Suzie Hafey

Below are the dates for UHS Carnivals and our District Sports days for 2005. UHS students will only participate in Section Swimming/Athletics if they win, and then Northern Zone Finals if they win in Sections. If teams win on District days they will also go on to Northern Zone Finals, there are too many possible dates to list for these scenarios. If you would like a list of all possible dates, or if you have any other queries, please see me.

TERM	WEEK	DAY	DATE	EVENT
1	3	Friday	11 th Feb	Intermediate Boys/Girls Cricket
	4	Wednesday	16 th Feb	UHS Swimming Carnival
	4	Thursday	17 th Feb	Senior Boys/Girls Cricket
	5	Tuesday	22 nd Feb	Year 7 & 8 Boys/Girls Cricket
	6	Wednesday	2 nd March	Section A Swimming
	7	Monday	7 th March	Intermediate Sport Day
	7	Friday	11 th March	Senior Sport Day
	8	Tuesday	15 th March	Year 8 Sport Day
	8	Friday	18 th March	Northern Zone Swimming
2	9	Monday	21 st March	Year 7 Sport Day
	1	Friday	22 nd April	UHS Athletics Carnival
	3	Thursday	5 th May	Section C Athletics
	4	Thursday	12 th May	Northern Zone Athletics
	4	Friday	13 th May	1 st Senior Sport Day
	6	Monday	23 rd May	Yr 10-12 Girls Football
	6	Thursday	26 th May	2 nd Senior Sport Day
	7	Friday	3 rd June	Yr 7-9 Girls Football
	8	Monday	6 th June	Year 7 Sport Day
	9	Thursday	16 th June	Intermediate Sport Day + Yr 7-8 Boys Netball
3	10	Tuesday	21 st June	Year 8 Sport Day
	8	Thursday	1 st Sept	Intermediate Sport Day
	9	Monday	5 th Sept	Year 7 Sport Day
	10	Tuesday	13 th Sept	Year 8 Sport Day

**YEAR 10 SURF CAMP
2005**

Ms K Klopsteins

Camp Date: Tuesday 1st March
- Friday 4th March

Location: Anglesea



The venue for the camp is Anglesea Surf Club. The accommodation is in bunkhouses and the view is fabulous. All food and equipment is provided (except for lunch the first day.). Students will participate in activities such as body boarding, surfing and sea kayaking. Lots of fun in the sun!!

The cost of the trip is \$420 inclusive.

The Year 10 Surf Camp is open to all year 10 students. However there are only 40 available places. If the number of students wishing to go is greater than 40 then a ballot will take place to determine the students who will attend.

MUSIC

Kerry Svalbe

We welcome Chris Gelok, Claire Kelly and John Katotriatis to our Instrumental Music Staff.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

All Instrumental Music students should have begun their lessons and have their music timetable for Term 1. There are many students who are on the waiting list for instrumental tuition. If places become available, students will be contacted near the end of Term 1.

MIDYEAR CONCERT

This concert will be held in the school hall on May 25th.

MUSICAL COSTUMES

I am looking for volunteers who are able (and willing) to lengthen skirts and to make blouses. I need this work to begin soon. Please send a note with your child giving your name and contact details, or leave a message on my voicemail. HELP!

ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS

Students learning an instrument at the school, must be in an ensemble as directed. Senior ensembles require an audition. Most ensemble rehearsals will begin in week 4. If you learn an instrument outside of the school and wish to be in one of our ensembles please contact Mrs Svalbe.

Listed below is the ensemble rehearsal timetable:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VET MUSIC Ms Svalbe Since the Vet Music program started in 2003 it has drawn lots of attention from parents, teachers and students alike. Way back, when it all began, the challenge of	JUNIOR CONCERT Mrs DeGraaf	HARMONIC MINORS Ms Harley	INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA Mr Tchebykin	JUNIOR STRINGS Ms Lancaster	INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND Mr Campbell
	SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE Dr Sugg	SYMPHONIC BAND Mr Coles		SENIOR CHOIR Ms Verberne	A CAPPELLA SINGERS Ms Harley
	CHAMBER SINGERS Mr Dorn	SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (After school) Mr Coles	WRITTEN PRODUCED PERFORMED Mrs Svalbe	STAGE BAND (After School) Mr Madden & Mr Bell	JAZZ ENSEMBLE Dr Sugg
				FLUTE ENSEMBLE Carolyn Grace	SENIOR FLUTES Carolyn Grace

running this new class was taken up by an enthusiastic Mrs. Svalbe and a class of kids, all not knowing what they'd got themselves into, trying to make contemporary music a part of University High Schools music program. Vet Music has certainly come up with the goods.

Vet Music (in a nutshell) is the study and practice of contemporary music; whether that be performing or being part of the stage crew. We study: how the industry works; how to perform; how to write songs; and how to ready yourself for a performance, whether that be performing, or organizing the sound and lighting. We play music, form bands, have morning coffees, do a lot of written work teaching Mrs. Svalbe and us about the industry and take excursions to industry related places.

At the end of November last year the students who were studying 2nd year Vet Music put on a concert in which we played our own songs. There were backup singers, mood lighting, a mini big band, guitars, drums - you name it, we had it (or could have if we wanted)! We performed songs that we had written, produced and the performed; hence the name of the night. We spent weeks rehearsing and planning and a packed performance centre: kids, parents and friends, agreed that it was the most entertaining musical production that Uni High had produced yet.

But why not come and see for yourselves' as the Vet kids take to the stage to raise money for the Tsunami Victims in our musical spectacular (date to soon be announced). I think it's safe to say that finally contemporary music is here to stay at Uni High.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STAFF

Listed below are the names of the IM staff and the days that they are at UHS.

Ian Bell - Brass	Tuesday & Thursday
Eddie Dorn - Piano	Monday -Friday
Naomi DeGraaf - Oboe / Bassoon	Monday
Chris Gelok - Double Bass	Tuesday
Carolyn Grace - Flute	Thursday & Friday
Katie Harley -Voice	Tuesday & Friday
John Katotriatis - Percussion	Monday
Claire Kelly -Violin	Tuesday
Janine Lancaster - Violin	Tuesday -Friday
Sharon Lierse - Cello	Thursday
Danny Madden - Trumpet	Thursday
Andy Sugg - Saxophone	Monday- Friday
Sergei Tchebykin - Clarinet	Wednesday
Amanda Watson - Woodwind	Monday & Friday

ADVANCE is an innovative, community based program which was first introduced at University High School in 2003 as part of the Innovations and Excellence -Middle School initiative. Since then it has developed in scope and impact. Advance aims to support young people's participation in community life through an integrated program of training and real life experience. Students in Year 9 who commit to the program are given the opportunity to undertake modules in communication and team work from Certificate 111 Community Service as well as volunteer to work in a community project team .

In this article Clare Ryan the project coordinator offers some reflections on the impact of ADVANCE at University High in 2004

MAKING A DIFFERENCE-ADVANCE

'A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions'
Oliver Holmes

Out of the students journal fell a neatly written note, carefully folded. The sort of note which on reading makes a teachers year !!. 'I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the amazing experience we have had this year' These warming sentiments seemed to capture what many of us had observed -the students loved being part of the Advance project. There was a palpable energy and enthusiasm as they proudly headed off to their community setting- either mentoring disabled students at Ascot Vale Special School or working with the largely African population at the nearby Carlton PS.

Advance has been a new innovation and as such a lot of work . But those of us involved in the program have been sustained and energised by the sheer excitement and youthful spirit exuded by the twenty five students involved. They blossomed and their confidence grew as they helped disabled students dance, as they ran concerts and plays for the Somalian students, as they took photos, wrote stories and led sports activities. In turn they were a huge hit at the two community settings. Special friendships were forged between students and new partnerships developed between the schools.

Having immersed myself in the research and literature on Middle Years I knew the theory about making learning relevant and creating community links but how satisfying its been to observe first hand the impact that real life learning in the community can have on students. Their reflective folders, which they maintained as a record of their journey through ADVANCE, brimmed with fresh insights as they recorded, described, and evaluated their projects, as they observed their teammates and reflected on the impact the project was having on them and their community.

The workshops we regularly scheduled gave the students an opportunity to articulate and integrate their experience and link it with skills from the Advance modules and from the

Community Services Certificate 111modules in volunteering, project management, teamwork and effective communication. It gradually became second nature for the students to *plan, implement and reflect* and to take turns in *leading the group* and ensuring that *everyone played a role within their team*. So often, as teachers and parents, we assume these skills ...what a difference it makes to focus explicitly on them.

The Presentation ceremony organised and run by the students was a wonderful final act. Students created PowerPoint's, wrote personal reflections and presented in a quietly confident, yet unassuming way. They seemed genuinely thrilled and proud to receive their laminated certificates acknowledging their personal journey.

Who knows exactly what long-term impact ADVANCE will have had on their lives. But stored in their 'community of memory' it is quite likely to be one of those defining and sustaining experiences that help them shape their values and their meaning.

Students in Year 9 will be given an opportunity to apply to be part of the 2005 ADVANCE program which will run in Terms 2, 3 and 4. Further information will be circulated to all students later this term.

UNIHIGH ALUMNUS AWARDED A PLACE TO STUDY LAW AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Andrew Fei

My name is Andrew Fei and I graduated from Uni High in 2003. In early 2004 I began putting together my application to Cambridge University. This included: a personal statement; samples of my written work; my academic record; and a booklet of my extra-curricular achievements. Mr Simon Kohane, my English teacher during years 11 and 12, was kind enough to write a very detailed reference letter about me. Then, in October, I was invited to attend an interview and sit a law aptitude examination in Singapore.

Earlier this month, I was informed of my application's success via post. I am still very excited about going to Cambridge. Studying at Cambridge will be a unique experience and I am very grateful to have the opportunity to study at one of the finest academic institutions in the world. More importantly, I am very thankful for the wonderful

education I received at The University High School - my six years at Uni High has taught me a great deal about the world and has instilled important values which will guide me for the rest of my life. I would like to pass on my thanks and best wishes to my former teachers at Uni High.

**VCE ART EXHIBITION -
ART WORK BY STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL 2005**

Participating students:

Harry Topp

Brigitte Hart

Ella Dilkes-Frayne

Olivia Donati

Georgia Carey

Amelinda Luu

Rhys Van Der Waerden

Matthew Buchlak

Lucy McCallum

Karlie Brown

Zoe Stephenson

Chelsea Kneale

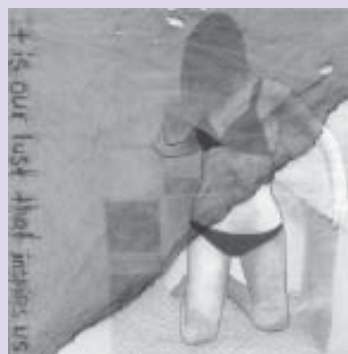
Tiffany Tiong

Daniel Out

Damien Lawler



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Baillieu Library until 18th March 2005.



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