



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Firstly can I thank all members of our community for their much valued support during 2006. Being my first full calendar year I now feel as if I have settled into University High School!

To the hard working staff, the parent community, particularly the Council and Parents Association and to our students thank you for your contribution whether it be large or small to make Uni High the great school it is during 2006.

I trust all members of community will have a safe and happy summer vacation.

VCE Centre

Progress continues and our contractors are on schedule for the start of 2007. So far we have ¾ of the building in place and the "finishing" has started. Furniture has been ordered and we anticipate a very tight timeline between now and the 31st of January.

Years 8 & 9 Camps

Our feed back both formal and informal from the students is that they were a great success. Thankyou to the parents who supported us in this very worthwhile co-curricular program

Enrolment 2007

I would also like to thank those families that have re-enrolled for 2007 and paid the materials and services fee. This gives us the opportunity to order materials for a smooth start to the year. Also those who donated to the building fund your donation is very much appreciated.

VCE Results

As you can see from the attached letter our class of 2006 has performed outstandingly. We are very proud of our students and we know that they thoroughly deserved these brilliant results. Congratulations to all those involved; parents, teachers and students.

A summary of our results for 2006 is:

UHS	State
Enter greater than 99.00 3.1%	1%
Enter greater than 90.00 39.1%	10%
Enter greater than 80.00 60.0%	20%



YEAR 9 CANOE CAMP ON THE GLENELG RIVER



SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

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

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The UHS School Council meets in the GTAC conference centre on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.
Next Meeting: TBA

YEAR 10 GRADUATION 2006

Peter Nero

On Wednesday the 29th of November all Year 10 students celebrated the completion of their Year 10 studies with a special Graduation Assembly in the Performance Centre at University H.S. Students listened to speeches from the Assistant Principal, Ms Rosalind Betson and from our special guest, Ms. Anna Evans. Year 10 students Hayley Jach and Joe Bourke entertained the assembly with two musical performances.

Anna Evans graduated from University High School in 2003. She is currently completing her studies in Media and Communication at the University of Melbourne. Anna is actively involved in a number of community programs, these include the Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning (SAIL) and the East Timorese Foundation. She has completed her Internship at the YWCA, working with young women. She recently traveled to Tanzania as a member of the Global Volunteer Network (GVN). Anna spoke about her high school and university experiences. She spoke eloquently and passionately about the importance for young people to have a social conscience and to be involved in community and volunteer programs.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of special achievements awards and Year 10 Certificates. The Award Recipients received a certificate and a Gift Card.

Congratulations to all Year 10 students.

SPECIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

English: Chloe Wilson, Hannah White, Nicola Bryant

Mathematics: Linda Nguyen, Timothy Loh, San-Kean Au

Science: Alice Liu, Dean Burrows, Chris Walter

PE / Health and Interschool:

Bridget Barker & Rory Angiolella

Humanities: Deevya Gupta & Ben Malkiewicz

LOTE: Nicolas Brown, Aleksandar Misev, Dominique Strasser

Technology:

System: Blake Riley

Multimedia: Stephanie Carlton

Technology Studies: Tim Beveridge

Art:

Visual Art: Yu-Qing Zhang & Yu-Xin Zhang

Art Communication: Thao Nguyen

Performing Arts

Drama: Jim Gurr

Music: Kimberley Tong, Joe Bourke, David Leitinger

Student Leadership: Bella Miller & Sam Hearne

SUBSCHOOL AWARDS

Sharman

Excellence Award: David Leitinger

Participation and Leadership Award:

Hannah Jones & Elizabeth McMillan

Sharman Award: Melson Duong

Chapman

Excellence Award: Li Yan Gao

Participation and Leadership Award:

Dean Burrows

Chapman Award: Russell Evans

Brookes

Excellence Award: Christopher Walter

Participation and Leadership Award:

Bridget Barker

Brookes Award: Bithia Romero

YEAR 7 CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP THEME DAY

Glenn Marchant

Anne Miles

Year 7 students participated in a full day's program of activities on Friday 8th December. These included: the role of the citizen in society, voting and secret ballots in a democracy (favourite fruit survey- mango was the winner!), individualism, the parliamentary website, a poster on the Australian Community, the

SRC and SMAD at University High School and the movie The Castle (looking at the citizen, the law and the Constitution). The day proved to be a very productive one and we hope that students learnt to appreciate more about Australia's rich democratic traditions and the importance of getting involved in the school community and society in a range of civic minded activities.

YOU DID IT!!!

In front of me, I have the first article that we submitted to the UHS Newsletter in November, 2006. There have been very many since then. We stunned ourselves with our great interest in the NGV and all its treasures, and we even stunned a few passer-bys who stood and watched us as we drew and discussed and analysed works of art from Ancient Greece, to Renaissance Italy.

But this will probably be our last. You did it! You served your time with me, with expertise, excellence and a great deal of patience. Well done!

It has been 2 years now, and we are still able to work together. It has to be said that we have done a great deal of work, been on many interesting excursions have had fun and one can assume, learned a great deal.

Yes, the 2005 7B1's who graduated to become the 2006 8B1's have been a busy group. And this year, we actually managed to combine our history unit with our geography unit. 8B1 can multi-task, even when the playing field is uneven, and the goal posts keep moving, and we love soccer too!

November 23rd. was however, our last excursion together. And, it was unusual. We went by tram to the Moonee Ponds Creek to study water flow (or not!) and all the other flotsam and jetsam that encompasses and blocks Melbourne's water ways.

It was, overall, a successful outing (8 out of 10 the students claimed!) We had fine weather, fine food and the company was pretty good too! Thanks to Mrs. Miles and Mr. Henry for their tolerance and help.

We looked for all those things that all good (excellent) students observe when on geography excursions: pollutants, salinity, drain holes, eels, ducks, bulrushes and fish...and boy, did we enjoy watching the eels and feeding the ducks and fish! Much lunch was shared with our feathered and flippy friends. Many thanks to Kate for the crusts for our new friends! We followed the Creek, which was followed by the train line, which was followed by the freeway...clearly we were not really breaking new ground. We were however, carrying out scientific measurements: salinity, pollutant levels, water flow, water speed, vegetation, water clarity, ph. levels, river width, flood levels and of course, our favourite...fauna and flora.

We noted our results on grids, drew cross-sections and creek routes, observed flood plains, mini Billabongs, flood levels, the incursion of manmade elements and their negative and positive impact. We learned a lot...while having a lot of fun.

But then, it is always fun working with 8B1. Good luck 2007's 9B1. I will really miss you. Keep up the excellent work. See you in Year 11, and Year 12 International Studies. You did it for 2 years. You can do it for two more, until we meet together again!

Love Miss.

CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY WEEK

Glenn Marchant Student Leadership

As part of the celebrations for Democracy Week, members of the school community were asked to complete the following / Celebrating Australian Democracy Voting Survey.

Australia has a rich democratic history; it is one of only a handful of countries in the world with a continuous democratic history for over 100 years. South Australia led the world with votes for women and Australia invented the secret ballot - the cornerstone of every true democratic nation.

We'd like to invite all members of the school community to complete the survey and discuss its contents. For the record, the results at UHS were:

31% for free speech and movement,
25% for separation of religion and state,
17% for minorities and diversity.

We welcome your feedback as part of our commitment to Civics and Citizenship Education.

SCIENCE

J. Hamilton

Texts

With the introduction of VELS next year new books have been book listed for science classes Years 7 to 10.

The new book chosen is Science For Life published by Macmillan in association with the CSIRO.

We will no longer be using the Science Quest and Science Links books currently book listed and they will not be able to be sold through the school second hand book sale.

The books may be of some use to the school as class sets. Science teachers will be asking students in their classes at the end of their school year if they would be willing to donate their science text to the school.

If you feel that you would be able to assist the school in this way we would be very appreciative.

Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize.

Sleek geeks Adam Spencer and Dr Karl invite high school students to take part in the 2007 Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize.

By creating a short entertaining video that communicates a science topic, students are in the running to win cash and prizes valued over \$11,000. They'll also have the chance to meet Adam and Dr Karl and have their video broadcasted nationally on Network Ten's The Total News (TTN).

Students are encouraged to make their video over the summer holidays. To get started competition details are available at www.amonline.net.au/eureka/sleek_geeks/index.htm

Check out the 2006 winning videos at www.abc.net.au/science/sleekgeeks

Celebrating Australian Democracy

Voting Survey

What do you believe is the *most* important feature of Australian democracy? Place the number 1 next to your first choice. You can fill in some or all of the remaining boxes, in order of preference, as long as the number 1 occurs once. You can fill in up to 10 numbers. This is the Optional Preferential Voting Method.

- Under Section 116 of the Australian Constitution we are a secular society with the separation of religion and state
- a free press that encourages political debate
- a democracy is more likely to give greater protection to minorities – pluralism and diversity
- the secret ballot – no one knows who you vote for
- free speech and movement
- a democracy encourages economic stability, growth and opportunities
- compulsory voting in Australia means the election result better reflects the wishes of the entire nation
- a bicameral system with two Houses of Parliament allows more scrutiny and accountability of the government
- the government controls the military in Australia unlike many countries where the military controls the government
- real choice for voters at elections, such as the Liberal Party, the ALP, the Greens, Independents, the National Party, Family First, the Democrats
- having an independent body-the AEC-conduct elections



AN INTERVIEW WITH LUCIANA FEOLA YEAR 11, “SPORTS TRAINER!”

Q. Rumour has it that you are very excited about securing yourself a great part time job. Can you tell us about it?

A. Yeah, I wanted to do some work experience with a football team as a Sports Trainer to see if I liked it and I ended up going to Calder Cannons under 18s and they offered me a part time job as a trainer and said they would pay for me to go and complete my first aid and level 1 Sports Trainer if I was interested. So I completed the two day trainers course last weekend and now I have a part time job with them strapping and giving rub downs.

Q. What is your title at the club and who do you work closely with?

A. My title is Sports Trainer, I work very closely with the players, physio, rehab coordinator and other trainers.

Q. When did you become interested in this sort of work?

A. Probably about a year ago I was looking at jobs in sport that I could possibly pursue whilst I was still at school and found ‘Sports Trainer’. I had heard of sports trainers in AFL before but never thought that it would be something that I could do.

Q. Have there been influential person/people who have supported you in taking this path?

A. Yes, Miss Anderson has helped me so much this year in writing letters, calling clubs and finding courses if it wasn't for her I wouldn't have the job I have at the moment. Also my family have been very supportive taking me to training 3 times a week and so on.

Q. What are your goals in the next few years?

A. I would like to continue being a trainer for the cannons and also hopefully get into university to study PE or human movement and if I can get my marks up in uni I would love to transfer into physio.

Q. What has been the most exciting thing about working at the cannons?

A. I'd have to say going to the AFL Grand Final for free and running on the MCG, plus meeting the Sydney Swans players wasn't bad at all.

Q. What exactly do you do as a sports trainer at cannons?

I strap ankles, fingers etc. I also run water out on game days and run out to boys who injure themselves. I also strap ice on etc.



MATHEMATICS

A. Donoghue

Mathematics Coordinator

University High School students have enthusiastically and in large numbers, participated in the many extra curricular activities offered by the Mathematics Faculty in 2006. All students who represented University High School in the many and varied extra-curricular activities brought credit to the School.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition is the largest competition of its kind in the world, with more than 500,000 entrants from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region. Every year approximately 400 of our students, at all levels and with a wide range of abilities participate, finding the experience both stimulating and rewarding.

Medals in the Australian Mathematics Competition are awarded to students who perform outstandingly within their own region and relative to all other entrants. In 2006, Mark Norrish of Year 11 was awarded a Medal in the Senior Division. Well done Mark.

Overall, University High school students performed extremely well.

Apart from the Medal awarded to Mark, ten students received Prizes, thirty-six students received High Distinction Awards, one hundred and forty two students received Distinction Awards and one hundred and fifty seven students were awarded Credits.

SCHOOL MATHS OLYMPICS-TEAM COMPETITION MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

The University of Melbourne invited University High School to participate in the Annual Schools Maths Olympics held on Discovery Day this year. Christopher Loo, Harry Jennens, Jasmine Zhu, Elen O'Donnell and Mark Norrish represented the school. The team was placed second. Based on the team's success in the School Olympics the team was invited to take part in the University of Melbourne Maths Olympics on the last

Tuesday of Term 3. The team was very competitive against Teams made of undergraduates, lecturers and former Maths Olympiad students. The team performed extremely well in such prestigious company.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The University of Melbourne BHP Billiton School Mathematics Competition is held in April of each year. It is a problem-solving competition where students are asked to solve the given problems in a set period of time. The competition is broken up in three divisions: senior, intermediate and junior.

Well done to all students who took part in 2006.

In the Senior Division, Mark Norrish came first and Jasmine Zhu received an Outstanding Award.

In the Intermediate Division, Timothy Loh received an Outstanding Award

In the Junior, Division Rufi Chen and Yvonne Zhang.

Australian Mathematics Olympiad

The AMOC Senior Mathematics Competition is a highly selective, invitation only competition held within Australia. Mark Norrish and Timothy Loh were among the top mathematics students from across Australia who were identified to participate in 2006. Mark and Timothy received Credit awards for their efforts.

YEAR 12, 2006

University High School in 2006, farewells a large number of students who have enthusiastically and successfully represented the school in a large number of extra-curricular Mathematics activities. They are to be congratulated on their achievements in the area of mathematics as well as applauded for their contribution to University High School.