



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing

Term two seems to have begun smoothly and everyone has got down to work very quickly. We have had some staffing changes this term. Nell Day has replaced Christine Bozyk who is on long service leave. Paul Beekman will act as the Head of Sharman for term 2. Bryan O'Connor replaces Louis Scaccianto who is also enjoying long service leave. Maureen Cooper will Head the English Domain while he is away.

Our Footprint!

As you may know we are trying to limit our school's environmental footprint with the help of our community. We have received a grant to collect rain water and reuse this to water our oval. We are also attempting to use less paper hence the effort to have an electronic newsletter. Please support this by returning the enclosed slip. Those people who do not have access to an email address can still get a hard copy.

Ex Students

Calling all ex students. Do you know any ex UHS students? If so can you please refer them to our website or to <http://home.vicnet.net.au/%7Eexuhs/> and complete the registration form online. It costs nothing and we will be able to communicate all the news about our centenary celebrations to these ex students. We currently have more than 1000 registrations. The School song can also be found on this website for those interested.

New Reports

We are currently learning about the new software and look forward to a "seamless transition" for our mid year reports. The parents association will run a meeting dedicated to an explanation of the new reports and VELS soon.

CALLING ALL AGEING HIPPIES. JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Ms Jennifer Unger, Director of this year's musical production and Ms Johanna Verberne, Producer and Musical Director

We have now auditioned and cast most roles for this year's musical. Rehearsals take place every Monday after school. We thank all students who auditioned and remind them that unfortunately we have a cap on the number we can take. We particularly encourage Year 7 and 8 students to try again next year.

Meanwhile there are many ways to become involved. Ms Mathieson and her student 'costumettes' will be measuring and beginning to scrounge/ sew and buy the vast number of costumes we will need. If you have any hippie/ 70s shirts or skirts to donate, please send them along to Ms Mathieson or me. We are particularly looking for earth colours such as red, orange, rose and ochre. Also purple, silver and lavender.

Also, has anyone in our school community access to raked seating, either free or at a discount for this August production? We would love to be able to provide better sight lines for our audience.

Holiday Rehearsals will take place towards the end of the second week for actors, singers and dancers. There will be no rehearsals therefore between Saturday the 30th of June and Tuesday the 10th of July. Students will be notified soon about when they will be required within these few days.

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

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

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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

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: Wednesday 13 June

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

MAY

Tuesday 29

Orchestra Victoria Performance for Students (Until 30th May)

JUNE

Monday 4

2nd dosage of HPV Vaccination for years 7,10,11,12.

Tuesday 5

Careers Expo for years 9 & 10 students

Monday 11

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 12

Year 12 Exam Day (Until Wednesday 13)
Year 11 Exam Period (Until Thursday 21)

Thursday 14

VCE GAT Day

Friday 22

Pupil Free Day for Report Writing

Monday 25

Year 10 Work Experience (Until Friday 29)

Friday 29

Last day of Term Two, early dismissal at 2:30pm

JULY

Monday 16

First day of Term Three

Wednesday 18

Musical Rehearsal Camp (Until Friday 20)

Wednesday 25

Australian Mathematics Competition

Thursday 26

Chemistry Quiz

Monday 30

Year 11 tertiary focus program (Until 2 August)

Tuesday 31

Year 7 AIM English Assessment

UNIHIGH EMAIL SERVER UPGRADE

The school has purchased a new web and email server. The changeover to the new server is scheduled for Saturday 19th May. Therefore, webmail will not be available on that day.

Email messages on the old server will not be kept and will not be able to be accessed after this day.

Students will need to do the following:

- Check their email accounts on Friday 18th May to read any new messages.
- Make a copy of their contacts that they may wish to keep.
- Keep a copy of any important email messages that they have received in the past.

All students will then have a new email account issued using the following format:

stu0001@unihigh.vic.edu.au

Where stu0001 is their individual student code.

Passwords

The password for the new account will be the same as the school network account. Students should ensure that their account password is secure. This is essential to prevent attacks on the school network. All passwords will need to be reset from Monday 20th May.

The password MUST:

- Contain six characters or more
- Contain a Numeric character or Punctuation and other characters (e.g., 0-9, @%^&*()_+ | -- = \ ' { } [] : " ; ' < > ? , . /)

The password MUST NOT be:

- A simple change to your username
- A word found in a dictionary (forward or backwards)
- Names of family, pets, friends, etc.
- Birthdays and other personal information such as addresses and phone numbers.
- Word or number patterns like aaabbb, qwerty, zyxwvuts, 123321, etc.
- the same password that you use for a third-party web site.

You should change your password at least every six months or at any time you suspect that your account has been accessed by someone else.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Lucille Malkin, Professional Development Co-ordinator

For the last three years The University High School has been involved in a professional development program called Transforming Learning.

This is a professional development service for teachers delivered through the Internet. It looks at classroom climate which includes describing what it feels like to be a pupil in the classroom.

The service provided by the UK based Hay Group collects feedback from pupils on the motivational climate that teachers create in their class. It then offers tailored advice, development guidance and action planning to help teachers reflect on their practice.

Our school was part of a trial group which were amongst the first to use the program in Australia. Over the past three years we have piloted and tested the program in The University High School setting. To learn more about Transforming Learning we sent a team of teachers to the United Kingdom to see how it runs in English schools. The feedback from this team (Ric Benson, Ann Donohue, Paul Beekman and Bronwyn White) encouraged us in our decision to implement the program as part of our professional development strategy for all staff in 2007.

In the second week of term two eight randomly selected students from all teachers' classes completed the first questionnaire. The opportunity to have a voice in the school and work in partnership with teachers to make a better learning environment is an important aspect of the program. The feedback generated gives teachers insights into how the climate in their classroom is perceived by the students. Importantly all surveys and feedback are protected and anonymous. Teachers use the feedback to develop an action plan to address areas where the perceptions of students and that of the teacher are very different or of concern. Both students and teachers complete a second questionnaire later in the term to see what changes have occurred.

So if you hear about Transforming Learning it is not the inclusion of a mysterious magical subject into the curriculum but a program of professional development for teachers; and an opportunity for students to comment on their perceptions of the environment in which they learn.

A big thanks goes to all of the teachers who are trying something very new in professional development and to the students who were very patient in working with an online questionnaire.

INTERMEDIATE SOFTBALL ZONE FINALS by Gracie, Manda, Anna, Claire, Laura and Liz

Tuesday 24th April 2007 at More Park, Ardeer

Team: Laura, Claire, Amanda, Eliza, Gracie, Anna, Elly, Nura, Amber, Alice, (Caitlin, Honor)

WE WON! Not really ! But we were by far the hottest team there. After winning district softball, we went to zone softball, happy to get another day off school.....jokes! We were excited and looking forward to getting back on the field. We were even wearing tops with numbers!! It was rad.

We won our first game easily against St Helena, after a slow start. The score was 17 - 6. We lost the other 2 games, but learnt a lot in the process. We weren't as prepared as the other teams as we couldn't get together a proper training session. Despite this we still put up a good fight in the remaining two games.

This is our fourth year in a row of being able to be amongst and learn from experienced softball players.
PS Steve is a siik bus driver!!

SCIENCE NEWS TERM 2

Justine Hamilton

STARS

Two of our students in Year 11, David Leitinger and San Kean Au, have successfully gained places in the STARS program to be held in the mid year holidays. They will be accommodated at a residential college at Melbourne University, attend lectures, conduct experiments in a range of scientific fields and attend field trips including a flight to the Lucas Heights Reactor in southern Sydney. A difficult choice had to be made to select two students from the pool of students who are achieving at a very high level in two or more science subjects in Year 11. David and San Kean were nominated by their science teachers for inclusion in the program on the basis of their academic ability and their ability to represent the school in the program.

CSIRO SRS

Two students, Sam Forbes in Year 12 and Blake Riley in Year 11, have gained places in the CSIRO Student Research Scheme. They will be working with their allocated scientist in the holiday period and reporting back to their classes as to the work that they were involved with.

34th Professor Harry Messel International Science School

Congratulations to Mark Norrish in Year 12 who was one of 10 students from Victoria selected to attend the science school in Sydney for two weeks in July. He received a scholarship covering the \$3000 cost of the program. Selection was on academic merit alone. In his application Mark said that he has been interested in the sciences from the word go, more so now that he understands them a little more fully. He has no doubt that both his education and career will wind up revolving around science.

ESE

The Extreme Science Experience was an interesting day for 5 of our Year 10 students in April. It was held at the Dallas Brooks Centre. They met, learnt from and were inspired by some of Australia's innovative and hard working scientists. They attended seminars on cancer, sleep and miniaturization of technologies. The five students were Anna Jiang, Sandy Yao, Steven Riddiford, Solomon Reich and Nimish Seth.

ICAS

Congratulations to the 140 students who participated in the International Competitions for Assessment in Science. The students were in levels 7- 12. We await the results with interest.

Siemens Science Experience

Year 9 students should speak to their science teacher and read the science notice board to receive details of the Siemens Science Experience that runs each year for students entering Year 10 the following year. The cost of the three day program is \$95. Local Rotary clubs are often willing to pay this fee.

CSIRO free events

The CSIRO has organized two careers evenings for science students. The first relates to careers in Physics. It will be held at The Victorian Space Science Education Centre at Strathmore Secondary College on Wednesday June 6th, 6.30- 8.00. Students and their parents are invited to come and meet three research physicists working in areas such as nanophysics and with the Synchrotron facility. The second relates to careers in Biology. It will be held at CSIRO Molecular and Health Technologies 343 Royal Parade Parkville on Wednesday June 13th, 6.39- 8.00. Attendees will meet a forensic scientist, a histologist and a research biologist.

NYSF

The National Youth Science Forum is looking for nominations from science students in Year 11 who are considering futures in the sciences. The organizers are looking for individuals who not only have an aptitude for science but who have good all round qualities. It runs for two weeks in January in Canberra. Applications must be lodged with a Rotary Club by May 31st.

See Ms Hamilton in Room 202 for more details if interested.

OUR STUDENT TEACHER

Jessie & 7B2

It was nice to have a teacher who is still studying because she seemed to be very interested and enthusiastic about history. It must be hard to come into a class and figure out what everyone already knows, and to tell all the kids about history when some are interested and some are not. Miss Keem taught us a lot about Ancient Egypt. We hope the experience was useful and enjoyable for her.

We were given a project in which we had to write in hieroglyphics. We all thought this was a very fun project and it was interesting to find out how different civilizations can be, but be very similar at the same time. Each class our student teacher discussed with us what we need to know about Ancient Egypt, to make sure we understood. This meant none of us got stuck with homework that we couldn't do. It also made it easy for us to ask questions and get the exact answers we wanted to know.

Our essay on Ancient Egypt was also very interesting. The great thing about each student having different topics for our essay is the fact that we wouldn't be all writing the same thing. This makes it a lot more interesting because we learned about what the other students were writing about. Many people think Ancient Egypt is only about mummies and gods. Miss Keem taught us a range of things including stuff like the way the government worked, what jobs people had, their alphabet, the importance of different periods in Ancient Egypt & how our citizenship was very different to that of ancient Egypt.

Miss Keem produced a class that knows a lot more about Ancient Egypt than they did before. We have all learned a lot about the skills for studying history such as looking at opinions from different angles, discussing ideas and learning how to write a report in the correct way. We compared Ancient Egypt to today and this gave us all a different perspective on things.

We are very grateful for all the work that she put into teaching us and for making it fun to learn about Ancient Egypt.

Good luck in your teaching from now on, Ms Keem.

All the best from all of us in 7B2.

CAREER YOUR LIFESTYLE EXPO

To coincide with National Career Development Week, this free event will be held on Tuesday June 5 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. All Year 9 & 10 students will be bussed to the afternoon session (1-3pm) - students will be able to choose from a wide range of programmed activities. The evening program (5-9pm) has been designed for

parents and students of Year 11 and 12, and will focus on a series of lectures on career development showcasing both labour market information and potential career opportunities in many different industry areas. Students will be given a program outlining exhibitors and presentations

LEADER'S OF A CHANGE CONFERENCE Linh Nguyen, 9B2.

On Friday, 4th May, Grace, Gus, Michael and I were given the opportunity on behalf of the SRC to attend the Oaktree Foundation's conference, 'Poverty in East Timor', hosted by Wesley College in Glen Waverly. We had absolutely no idea what was going on, but after that day we were completely blown away. There were over 30 schools across Melbourne represented with about four students from each school so in all 120 people there ranging from Year Nine to Year Twelve.

The amazing thing was we were all so passionate about issues and taking action. It was so much fun meeting so many people and working with them, sharing ideas and thoughts and values. The day was to inform and help the leaders of schools on how to run events in our local community that would raise awareness and spark interest.

We were split into groups of about twenty and the day consisted of three main workshops where we learnt about poverty in East Timor, what it is to be a leader and what we want to change, and then finally, how we would make that change by organising events and fundraisers which would also create awareness.

We heard really stirring speeches from people who had been to those nations and seen poverty first hand, and had taken action about these issues. Hugh Evans, the organiser of the Make Poverty History concert gave a truly amazing speech which had everyone off their feet and yelling with him. Oaktree's message is that we are the youth of today, the next generation and we each have the power to change the world. To lead is not to tell everyone else what they should be inspired about and take action towards - it's about being motivated yourself and you taking action. Along the way you inspire other people to do the same.

We left the conference far more aware of how lucky we were and pumped with ideas and adrenaline to just DO SOMETHING! So everyone get involved with us and our fundraising to make poverty history! More information will follow in the Student Bulletin.

REMZI AND SOCCER

Hi, my name is Remzi Dermele and I am in 10C2. You might have read about me in the Age and know all about my trip, but if not, I am going to tell you all about it in this article.

A friend told me about a soccer festival that will be held in London on the 23rd of July, where courtiers from all over the world, like USA, Brazil, South Africa, Japan, and countries from all over Europe and junior clubs will compete in. So I went and tried out for it, and luckily, I was selected to represent Australia. That was a dream come true for me. Not only will I go out there and have fun, play against people my age from all over the world, but also there is a chance that one of the many scouts attending might even spot me.

I know you're thinking this is too good to be true, well, you're right. There's a catch. You have to pay seven thousand dollars (\$7,000). That's when I learned an important lesson in life. If you want something, you have got to go and make it happen. If you sit on your ass and do nothing, expecting it to come to you, you're not going to get anywhere.

That's when I started selling raffle tickets. I also organized soccer tournaments, a party, wrote to a lot of big organizations to get some sponsors. Two weeks ago, I was very lucky and got sponsored by Sports and Borders for two thousand dollars. The Age also did a story about me and my friend, hopefully you've read about it. A documentary about me is also on the way, but I'm not too sure when that will be out, but I'll be sure to let you know.

At school, there's a few things Mrs. Patterson is helping me organise. The first one is a sausage sizzle, the date will be published in the bulletin, so keep a look out for it, and make sure you buy some. The second thing is a PS2 - proevolution soccer five knockout tournament, which will be held in the 300s with an entry fee of five dollars (\$5). Everyone will be there, so you wouldn't want to miss out! If you don't want to take part in the knockout tournament, you can still come and watch.

If you're interested in sponsoring or buying some raffle tickets, or just want more details, come and talk to me or Mrs. Patterson.

PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS FACILITATED BY THE INNER MELBOURNE VET CLUSTER

Saturday August 11 - Wine Appreciation at William Angliss TAFE

(555 Latrobe Street, Melbourne)

Anticipated time 12.00-4.00pm. This session will include a professional industry wine specialist, tasting notes, selection of fine wines and nibbles. Information on the Hospitality industry and career/training opportunities that are currently available will also be covered. Cost NIL.

Other details to be confirmed upon registration. Interested parents would contact Linda Snoxall on 96862354 or isnoxall@imvc.com.au

No. of places - 20

Saturday August 18 - William Adams and the Caterpillar Institute, 9.00am - 1.00pm

Do you still regard being a diesel mechanic and automotive technician as a "dirty job"? Come and have a look at the reality at the state-of-the-art William Adams Workshop and Service Facility in Laverton, where the pristine conditions and high tech demands of working with enormous diesel machines, heavy earth moving equipment and on-highway trucks may surprise you, followed by a visit to the Caterpillar Institute in Tullarmarine, where training for apprentices occurs. There are excellent employment opportunities and great pay packets for automotive technicians and diesel mechanics in the civil construction and transport industries. William Adams begins recruiting apprentices in September, so this is a unique opportunity for parents to find out about this career pathway. Lunch will be provided on the day. Places are limited, so please book you place by calling Bernadett Doufalidis on 96862354 or bdoufalidis@imvc.com.au

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