



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Premier's Award

Each year the Premier's VCE Awards celebrate outstanding young Victorians who have completed their studies with distinction. University High School has a strong record of achievement at the VCE level and once again, it is wonderful see a large group of our students being recognised for their efforts. Congratulations to the parents and our teachers who have all played a vital role in their success. To the students listed below on behalf of our school I heartedly congratulate you on your extraordinary efforts.

Annabel Brady-Brown - Literature;  
Tatiana Brodskaja - English Literature;  
Harry Jennens - Classical Societies and Cultures;  
Yung Jie Lim - Information Technology;  
Anna Orzech - Music Performance/Music Styles/Philosophy

### Reports

Following directions from all governments we have been forced to alter our reporting format (see previous newsletters). Can I thank all the staff who have made the transition to the new format for their hard work and understanding in this change. Any feedback from parents regarding the new reports would be much appreciated.

### Mid Year Concert

It seems a long time ago since the Mid Year Concert however I would like to publicly acknowledge our wonderfully talented students and staff for a very enjoyable and professional evening's entertainment. Also to the many parents who supported and attended the evening. Our risk taking adventure to the Hamer Hall was well received and we are hoping to use the same venue next year.

### Facilities

We have been successful in gaining grants for three new facilities projects which will start to become noticeable even though much work has already been done.

### Front Fence

Tenders will soon be let to rebuild our front fence from the music wing to the tech wing. This will incorporate access stairs near the music wing and tech wing as well as to our front door in Story Street. Some inconvenience will have to be tolerated while the construction takes place over about 3 months.

### Water Tanks

We have received a grant to collect and store water which will be used to water our gardens and oval. Again following a consultants review we are about to see some physical action (in time to catch some rain we hope!).

### Classrooms

Through the Investing in Our Schools Program we have been funded to establish up to 20 classrooms with data show (home theatre) facilities for our teachers to use. This will provide interactive large screens that can also show DVD's and web/computer images.

### Study Tour

Towards the end of this term and during the holidays I will be part of a principals study tour to the UK. Assistant Principals Dr. Michael Janson and Mrs Heather Thompson will deputise for me when the need arises while I am away. I look forward to seeing the education landscape in the UK and professionally networking with 10 other Victorian principals on this trip. I will be stopping in Singapore on the way home to negotiate a possible exchange program with Tanjong Katong Secondary School.

### Staffing

Jefferson Kinsman, Louis Scacciantè and Christine Bozyk will be returning from long service leave next term while Sharon Rosvoll and Anne Miles will be starting a terms leave. Nell Day will stay on and take Sharon's classes while Clare Stoddart has been appointed to take Anne Miles' history and geography classes. Glen Marchant will act as Head of the Humanities Domain.

Paul Beekman will be working with the Melbourne Library for all of next semester and we wish him well, Jeff Kinsman will return to take Paul's classes and co-ordinators position in Sharman Sub-school.

Can I finish by wishing members of the University High School community a safe and restful holiday break and I look forward to everyone returning refreshed ready to start second semester,

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

#### Friday 29

Last day of term three, 2:30pm dismissal

### AUGUST

#### Wednesday 1

Year 7 AIM Mathematics Assessment.  
Parent/Teacher Interviews for VCE Students. 3:30 - 5:30pm & 6:30 - 8:30pm

#### Thursday 2

Late start for School at 10:40am

#### Wednesday 8 (Until Fri. 10)

School Musical "Jesus Christ Superstar"

#### Sunday 12 (Until Fri. 17)

Ski Camp for students in years 9,10 & 11

#### Thursday 16

VCE Orientation for year 10 students

#### Wednesday 22

Parent/Teacher interviews for years 7-10. School dismissed at 12:45. Interviews from: 1:30-4:30pm & 6:30-8:30pm.

#### Thursday 23

Late start for School at 10:40am.  
VCE Information evening for parents of year 10 students.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PUBLICATION DATES

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

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association meets in the school staff common room at 7:30 pm. All parents are welcome.  
Next Meeting: Monday 2nd August

### 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 15th August

The University High School is committed to reducing our energy use in order to reduce our impact on the earth.

Our newsletter is now available in electronic format, on the web ([www.unihigh.vic.edu.au/newsletters.htm](http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au/newsletters.htm)) and via email. If you haven't already provided us with your email address, please do so by filling in the form on page 4 and returning to the General Office.

This change will enable a more immediate distribution as well as the obvious positive economic and environmental benefit.

## LOTE PHOTO COMPETITION

Have a closer look at your local environment. Can you find traces of French/German/Latin at home, in your local neighbourhood, in the street or in your shopping centre? Do you come across street signs, people, places, objects or food that can be related to the French/German or Latin language? Then get hold of a digital camera and snap the image to enter this competition. All photos should be submitted on a CD in jpg file format with a minimum of 4 megapixels resolution.

Photos taken with a mobile phone are NOT suitable for this competition. A public exhibition and/or publication of selected photos will occur. All entries must include an Entry Form and signed Declaration. See your LOTE teacher for further details. Deadline for receipt of entries: Monday, July 30, 2007

## TALKING BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

### Mr Castles, Ms Marquard & Ms Cooper.

As part of the English program on Wednesday 6th June all Year 10 students attended a talk with Jane 'JC' Burke, an award winning Australian writer for young adults. Jane's novel, 'The Story of Tom Brennan', won the 2006 Children's Book Council Award in the Older Readers category. She was able to give students an entertaining account of her life as a writer and take them through her experiences of the writing and publishing process. They were also given a sneak preview of her new book, 'The Starfish Sisters', to be published in September.

The Year 7 Book Covers have been judged by Mitch Vane who was very impressed with the amount of work and imagination that went into them and found it very difficult to choose overall winners. A lot of the work was beautifully illustrated and included some excellent ideas for book covers. All winners received book vouchers from Readings Bookshop which were presented at a morning tea in the Library on Thursday 7th June. English staff, short-listed students and the Principal and Vice Principals attended. The prize winners were:

First	Dan Go	7S3
Equal Second	Jessie Layman	7B2
	Albert Pham	7S3
Equal Third	Alex Frost	7B2
	Isabella Udovicic	7C1
Librarian's Award	Ruby Grounds	7C1
People's Choice	Jesse Layman	7B2
Highly Commended	Tina Zhou 7S2, Jordan Obarzane 7S2, Tess Styles 7C1, Xiao Yi Wang 7C1, Lily Xia 7S3, Althea Everard 7B1.	

## SCIENCE NEWS

### Justine Hamilton

After the publication of the last newsletter I received the news that a second University High School science student, Ai Lin Tan, has gained a place in the Harry Messel International Science School. These places are highly contested and it is a testament to our students that two of the ten students from Victoria are from our school. Congratulations Ai Lin.

## LOTE NEWS

### S. Rosvoll and F.-O. Sandt

In Term 1, we welcomed to UHS two students from our sister-school, Graf-Münster-Gymnasium (GMG) in Bayreuth, Germany. They were in Australia until the end of March. The German students were Felix Thiem and Andreas Ziegler. They were hosted by the families of their exchange partners, Lewis Strating and Oliver Mispellhorn. These UHS students left for Germany April 11 and will spend three months at GMG.

### German and Australian exchange students now in Bayreuth, Germany.

French students in years 7-10 have started preparations for the Alliance Française poetry competition and students of German will commence soon with the Goethe poetry competition. Both competitions are a lot of fun and at same time rather competitive, and students will need to work hard to be successful.

## AMIR YONIS TO PLAY FOR VICTORIA

University High School student Amir Yonis has been selected in the Soccer Team. It has been a great performance by Amir following a selection process that began in April to make the final team of 16. His impressive performances caught the eye of the Victorian team selectors and he was invited to attend further selection trials that culminated in his selection

Many students go on to play Soccer at higher levels. Many past soccer team members such as Marco Bresciano have gone on to senior representation. Marco is a current Soccerroo and World Cup player.

Amir will join with team mates to play in a series of practice matches and training sessions before competing in the School Sport Australia Event to be held in Darwin, Northern Territory.

So here's hoping that Amir and his Victorian team mates can win the Australian title and that Amir may be breaking into Australian ranks over the next few years.

Support Amir, buy a Raffle Ticket!

Amir is selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the trip. They are \$2 each and the prizes are the following:

- 1st Prize: Mitsubishi Lancer (Value \$22,922)
- 2nd Prize: A Family holiday to Disneyland (Value \$9,000)
- 3rd Prize: LCD TV (Value \$2,999)

## **NEWS FROM CONNECTING CULTURES AT UHS**

### **Monica Chetty**

The Connecting Cultures Project has a number of activities running this term

### **Choice NOT Chance Monday, 18th June 7:00pm**

An educator from Family Planning Victoria will present an informative and fun 90mins session for parents only. This evening session will focus on how to deal with sexuality issues with your teenager. This is also a great opportunity for parents to meet and interact with other parents. Bookings no longer required. Supper provided.

### **“Real Beauty” 2nd August.**

This is a project being run by Sarah Patterson and a Student focus group. This activity aims to promote pride in yourself and pride in your heritage.

Students, both boys and girls, have the opportunity to parade in costumes that are their own creations or modified fashions. In the cultural component students will be parading in costumes from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas and Australasia. There will also be a novelty section. Students will be presenting their costumes at a school assembly on 2nd August and this parade will continue at lunchtime and will be backed by various musicians at UHS. Come and join the parade.

### **UniHigh has TALENT (third term)**

Jeremy Ly and a student focus group is presently promoting a talent quest where students can enter a range of items including musical, comical and ‘special tricks and talents’. This is going to be an ongoing lunchtime busking session.

### **Canvassing the Stairs**

This is an annual art project run by Wendy Hutchinson and the Art Faculty. The theme for this year is HARMONY. This project is partly sponsored by Connecting Cultures with gift vouchers for each year level. Students are encouraged to show their artistic talents. Thank you to Hannah and Simon, student teachers from Melbourne University, for supervising this activity.

### **The Dalai Lama**

On Friday the 8th of June a large group of students from UHS attended ‘Open Arms for Peace’, a youth event with the Dalai Lama at the Rod Laver Arena. It was a multi-faith event, dialogue with the Dalai Lama. The event was spiritually enlightening for the young highschoolers, and many were in awe at the wisdom of the 14th Dalai Lama. Rove hosted, and many children cried out “Rove you legend!” But they listened in respectful silence when the Dalai Lama started talking.

With much wisdom and humour he imparted his message of compassion, love, peace, tolerance and acceptance. Students took away a feeling of all the above. (Alicia, Nyssa, Gabby, Helen and Adriana, 8C2)

## **GAP ACTIVITY PROJECTS AUSTRALIA**

### **Merinda Miles (ex-student)**

In two weeks, while all my friends are haunted by either uni or yr 12 exams, I will be swanning off to Vanuatu, albeit not for a holiday. As through GAP Activity Projects Australia, I am becoming a fully-fledged volunteer teacher for 6 months. Who needs training?!

During Semester 1, there were a variety of fundraising events, namely two sausage sizzles and a stationery drive to raise funds for the schools in Vanuatu. Many thanks to everyone who bought a drink, ate a sausage or even a frog! In the end we managed to raise a total of (drum roll please...) \$1600!!!

Just as this was all counted, I heard that the school I am going to is holding the annual Vanuatu National Secondary Schools Sporting Competition. Unfortunately, they are without any sporting equipment!! So, part of the money was used to buy a car full of balls, pumps and nets to allow this prestigious event to run smoothly.

To finish off the money, some has gone into buying basic stationery items to allow the school year to come to a timely conclusion. (It has been known for schools to shut down early due to lack of resources!) The rest is going to the expensive task of shipping the goods to the actual location.

I just wanted to say a sincere thanks, on behalf of Saya and myself, to all staff and students for supporting this cause. Especially to Mrs Seeger-Snowden, for offering advice and donations left right and centre, to Mr Lee, for facilitating my attempts at organization and donations, to the year 8 girls who gave their time willingly at the sausage sizzle and finally to Freya Carbone (and SMAD) for starting and collecting the stationary donations. And a last final thanks to a teacher who doesn't want to be named, but has spent hours transporting, organising and putting up with the piles of donations at home.

So, good luck to everyone for the rest of this year and while stressing over your exams, remember, at least we have pens to write with.

## **A WHOLE LOT OF JOY!**

### **Bridget Barker yr 11 (on behalf of S.O.S)**

On Thursday May the 31st the students of Uni High enjoyed many Honey Joys, Hot Chocolate and Chai Tea. An initiative of S.O.S (students of sustainability) and in a joint effort with S.M.A.D (students making a difference) an “Australia’s biggest breakfast” for cancer fundraiser was held. We thought it was a brilliant opportunity on a cold day to raise money for a great cause. At the same time we created as little waste as possible for our environment. Students were asked to bring a mug and \$2 for a hot drink and honey joy, no plastic cups needed.

All in all, our “big minimal waste breakfast” was a success on a cold rainy day. We thank everyone who donated and contributed, including the staff for their support especially Ms Ross and Mr Newton.

We’re extremely proud to tell you all that \$530.45 was raised and will be going to the anti-cancer council! Thank you to everybody.

## **VICSRC CONGRESS**

### **Gus Viola 9S1**

On Friday the 18th of May, Bella Miller and I went and put our word in at the VicSRC congress. The VicSRC is a group of representative SRC’s from all around the state. They take ideas put forward by schools at the congress and put them to the Government. The Congress itself is a parliamentary style meeting where representatives from 38 different schools across Victoria put all their ideas on how to make Victorian schools better places to VicSRC. After the Congress however, since there were many leaving year 12s on the Council, such as Uni High’s own Ruthie Hambling, it was time to elect the new VicSRC. The election was very democratically organised with Georgia Kennelly of 9S3 getting voted on. Congratulations Georgia! I strongly encourage any young political, future SRC members to go to next years VicSRC Congress (Lunch provided!)

## JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL

Wednesday 6th June 2007

### Georgia Nanscawen, Munya Ahmed, Dunya Ahmed

It was a smelly start in the weights room as the Junior Girls Football Team gathered for a day of Aussie Rules Football. We got our jumpers on, warmed up and headed down to Ransford Oval, Royal Park. Our first game was against Princes Hill and we were pumped!! Our forwards were flying, our mid-field was fierce and our backs were bored because they had nothing to do! (But that was a good thing!)

We won convincingly!

We took a break and got ready for our next game against Melbourne Girls, who we expected to be tougher than Princes Hill. The first half started, all the girls nervous.

We scored a couple of goals in the first against MGC who found it hard to get the ball into their forward line. In the end we came out on top. All the girls had a great time and fantastic football was played by all. We would like to thank Kloppers and Michael Cannizzaro, our boundary umpire and specialist coach for all their efforts.

### KAIXIN TRIUMPHS IN AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Kaixin Owyong who came fifth in Australia in the junior section of the Australian Geography Competition. Kaixin will be presented with her prize at the end of term assembly by Rob Gell who is patron of the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria. 14 other students who gained High Distinctions in the competition will also receive them at the assembly. 92 students from a number of year 7-10 classes participated in the competition which was held in March. Congratulations to all participants for having a go!!

### MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES, TERM 3

A. Donoghue

Mathematics Coordinator

The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards will be held on Wednesday 25/7/07.

Lunchtime support classes for students undertaking the Enrichment Stage of Maths Challenge will be held each Wednesday of Term 3 commencing on the first week of Term 3. All students are welcome.

## THE PERFECT SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY!

Have fun at the Docklands Winter Wonderland these school holidays. There's ice skating, free snowball toss zone, carnival rides, free stage shows, roving entertainment, art activities and lots more. Plus special night skating with DJ.

DOCKLANDS  
**WINTER  
WONDER  
LAND**

**Dates: Saturday 30 June to Sunday 15 July 2007**

**Times: 9am - 6pm daily Carnival: 10am - 4pm, rides from \$1.50**

**Ice skating sessions: 9am, 10.30am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 3pm, 4.30pm**

**Night Skates: 7pm & 8.30pm every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 30 June to 14 July (bookings essential)**

**Where: Snow Dome, Docklands Drive, Waterfront City, Docklands. Mel Ref: 2E D4**

**General Admission: Adult - \$5, Child (3 - 16 years) & Conc. - \$4, Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) - \$16**

**Admission & Ice Skating Session: Adult/Child - \$18, Family - \$64, Night Skate - \$18.50**



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Adult A Parent (Mr/Ms/Mrs):

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Adult B Parent (Mr/Ms/Mrs):

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