



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ski Camp

I believe that this was the best ski camp ever. Congratulations to all students who attended. Also a big thank you to those staff who organised and supervised the camp.

Camps Program

While I am referring to camps I would like to encourage parents to support our program. A significant number of Year 8 and 9 students have not returned their end of year camp forms. I will be writing to those families in the near future. We at University High School value this program and we desire that all students are involved.

Parent Teacher Nights

Thank you to all parents who attended these nights and took an interest in your child's progress. Our teachers value this opportunity to meet the parents of their students and to share both good and bad news.

Staffing Term 4

Next term Anne Miles and Sharon Rosvoll will return from long service leave and we thank Claire Stoddart and Nell Day for relieving them. Nell will stay with us to fill in for Kim Harley who is taking 7 weeks long service leave early in Term 4.

Facilities

Over the holidays a number of major projects will begin.

- We have accepted a tender to fit out 24 classrooms with state of the art data show projectors and screens that will bring the web, text presentations and DVD's to our classes.
- The school council has approved the installation of more 'Astro Turf' to fill the sand gap between the basketball courts and our current turf.
- Tanks will be installed near the oval to collect rain water (if it ever rains again!) which will be used to water the new lawn/grass we will plant around the Astro Turf.

VCE

We are getting to the serious end of the year for our VCE students and we wish them well in their up coming exams. If the mid year exam results are any indication I am very confident they will do very well.

THE SEWING CIRCLE

Claire Mathieson

In preparation for the musical Jesus Christ Superstar, a lovely bunch of chicks gathered on Thursday lunchtimes to discuss, organise, source and make the costumes worn for the performances.

I would like to thank the regular gang who came along: Alison Browning, Eliza Downie, Leona Dusanovic, Peta Fielding, Anna Jiang, Sarah Tarrant Kuang, Sandy Yao, Yu-Qing Zhang and Yu-Xin Zhang for all their time and effort. You did a great job girls, well done. I would also like to thank Jennifer Unger (and her partner) for their help getting some of the costumes together.

Lastly I would like to double thank Peta and Sarah for their input during the shows. They came along each night to ensure everything ran smoothly, and gave a helping hand wherever it was needed. You took a load of pressure of my mind just by being there, so thanks again.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Friday 14

Oaktree Foundation Masquerade Ball for years 7-10

Monday 17

Year 7 Sports Day

Friday 21

Last day of Term Three, 2:30pm dismissal

OCTOBER

Monday 8

First day of Term Four

Tuesday 9

Hepatitis B 2nd Immunisation, Year 7
Third dose of Human Papilloma Virus Immunisation for year 7, 10,11, 12

Thursday 11

Year 11 Drama Performance 'No Exit' (until Saturday 13)

Tuesday 23

Last school day for year 12
2008 Year 7 Students & Parents Information Evening, 7:00pm

Wednesday 24

Year 12 BBQ

Sunday 28

Musical Breakfast, 9:30am
Daylight Savings Starts

Wednesday 31

Year 12 Valedictory Assembly, 7:30pm

NOVEMBER

Friday 2

Year 12 Exams commence (until Friday 16)

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

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

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 September 10, Monday October 8

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 Meetings: Wednesday October 17, Wednesday November 14, Wednesday December 5

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM LEWIS AND OLIVER BACK IN MELBOURNE

Oliver Mispelhorn & Lewis
Strating.

We departed a sunny Melbourne on the 12th April, heading towards a country we thought we knew a lot about, but really had no idea. Two excited Australians bound for Germany. Some 23 hours later, with a two hour stop in the interesting Kuala Lumpur airport, we arrived somewhat disorientated and exhausted at Frankfurt airport, to be met by the Thiem family who drove us to Bayreuth. We had a few days to get used to the town and our host families before we would begin school at GMG.

We had already heard much about the German school system, but it didn't really help us. In Australia, school starts an hour later, so the 7:50 start was a change for us. Our exchange students helped us out as much as they could but we had to figure out a lot ourselves. We couldn't understand our classes at all, and our German skills were far from confident, but after the most difficult first weeks things began to come together, in a different, German sort of way. We swapped classes, had other classes to attend which improved things and sometimes we slipped under the radar a little with all our activities.

It took time to get used to the system and the lack of choice compared to Australian Schools, without much idea about how the school worked, what was required of students and how the classes were run. We soon realized it was completely different to Australia in most ways. We met lots of people who helped us along the way, and for that we are thankful. We occupied ourselves by reading easy German texts, being active in classes like English, Sport and Art and by practicing as much German as possible.

We finished at 12:45 so we had time to see the city of Bayreuth and explore the Stadtmitte, eat delicious German lunches at the great Stadthalle, meet with friends in places like the Hofgarten, and play some sports. We also traveled to places like Fraenkische-Schweiz, Kulmbach, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Munich, Cologne, and Selb. We really enjoyed seeing the beautiful Bavarian environment. We even planned our own trip to Holland, where we got to see the different northern European cities of Amsterdam and Rotterdam. We separately went to Minorca and The Alps respectively, which were both amazing trips. We learnt a lot about the German mindset, the way of life, differences and similarities to Australia.

We bought some cool things, spoke with many interesting people, discovered much of Germany, watched new films, took in the culture, struggled with the language, tried new things, enjoyed great weather, learnt and grew as people. We are now back in Melbourne, and although Bayreuth seems far behind us, the benefits we reaped from the exchange will remain for years to come. We have gained a much greater understanding of the German culture and language, and also a greater appreciation of Australian culture. We hope to return one day soon.

2008 UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE EXTENSION PROGRAM (MUES)

The University of Melbourne Extension Program provides high achieving Year 12 students the opportunity to study a first-year university subject sequence while still at school.

In 2008, students can choose from nineteen subject areas in Mathematics, Sciences, Languages, Humanities, Accounting and Music discipline areas. An extension information evening will be held on Wednesday 10 October 2007.

Comprehensive information about the Program and application process can be found by visiting the website at www.services.unimelb.edu.au/umep or phoning 8344 5538. A limited number of information brochures are available at the VCE office.



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