



The University High School SCHOOL NEWS

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INTERPRETATION OF THE PAINTING
"THE SCREAM" BY EDVARD MUNCH
Year 10 Literature students.

Michael Lee 10B1

A lot of people might not know
Why this painting makes sense
Why is there a guy with a head
shaped like a
Light bulb
Standing on a bridge screaming?
You would think Edvard Munch
Is out of his mind
And for some reason
He decided to put another guy
Who doesn't even have a head
Chasing him
On that bridge
Over the sea
The dark blue
Wavy, rough sea
Why is this screaming man
On that bridge screaming?
Does he have an idea?
Is he scared of the headless
man chasing him?
Or is he just scared of life
In general
No one really knows
But let's put it this way
If I had a head shaped like a
light bulb
I would scream.

Lin Yin 10S1

In Hell
No one is listening
And as if the world
Is expressing an unimaginable
fury
The sky distils from a blue to a
hellish red
The once crystal clear water
Bubbles and screams with the
essence of tar
I express my anguish
With my head in my hands
My lungs are on fire
My throat throbs
The sound that escapes my lips
Causes my head to hurt.



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2005 ANNUAL SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school athletics carnival was held at the Melbourne University oval on the 22nd of April. Competitors and spectators had an enjoyable and emotional day alike. We saw the emergence of new talent into the ranks of University High School, which will see the school maintain its presence in the district for years to come.

The prestigious 100mt sprint was won by the following students for their age groups:
U/13 Jack Sall, Kim Mihaljevic
U/14 Tony Nguyen, Thea Ebert
U/15 Amir Yonis, Dominique Strasser
U/16 Charlie McIntyre, Anna Carlton
U/17 Eamon McErvale, Anna Croft
U/21 Katherine Clarke

A more comprehensive round up of the results from the district and Northern Zone Athletics will be available in the next issue of School News.

Many thanks to the staff who helped out on the day and to the students for your enthusiasm and competitive spirit!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

May

- Friday 13 School photographs, years 7-10
- Tuesday 17 Australasian Schools Computer Skills Competition
- Wednesday 18 Creating Conversations evening, 7:30pm, Performance Centre
Building and grounds committee meeting, 5:00pm
Finance committee meeting, 6:15pm
- Thursday 19 Open afternoon, 1:30pm
- Tuesday 24 "Keys please" - Drive ed. program for parents and students
(Years 10, 11 & 12), 7:00pm
- Wednesday 25 Education and planning committee meeting, 5:00pm
Mid Year Concert, 7:30pm
- Friday 27 Pupil-free day, Staff professional development
- Monday 30 VCE unit 1 examinations begin.

June

- Monday 6 VCE unit 3 examinations begin
- Wednesday 8 VCE General Achievement test (GAT)
- Friday 10 Pupil-free day, Report writing
- Monday 13 Queen's birthday holiday
- Wednesday 15 Building and grounds committee meeting, 5:00pm
Finance committee meeting, 6:15pm
- Monday 20 Year 10 work experience week begins
- Friday 24 Last day of term 2, 2:30pm dismissal

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

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

Your next copy of School News should arrive in your letter box Mid June 2005.

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 May 30
Monday July 11 (First day of term 3)

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 May 18
Wednesday June 15

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Rob Newton

This being my first report, I thought I should tell you a little about myself. I am married to Angela who teaches mathematics and computer studies at Holmsglen TAFE in the Bio Medical Science faculty. We have two sons James (19) and Matt (15).

I have been involved in education for 30 years and taught at small and large schools both in rural and metropolitan settings. I have been a member of the principal class for 10 years and was most recently principal at Heatherhill Secondary College in Springvale South for a little more than three years.

So far I have concluded that University High School has a diverse community who are passionate, proud and committed to their school. I am very happy to be part of this community. Naturally I will be attending many school functions and meetings in the near future and I look forward to meeting as many members of our community then.

I would like to welcome the new members of staff who have also joined us this term:

Rosalyn Anderson - Physical Education

Helen Chenoby - Mathematics and Information Technology.

Danielle Clarke - Psychology and Geography.

Andrew McIntyre - Classroom Music.

Helen Rose - French and English as a second language.

Can I close by thanking all those members of the school that have welcomed me so warmly in my first few weeks at the college. I have enjoyed meeting students in the classroom, out in the yard and at the athletics sports. Also the staff have been very helpful in my settling period as I get to know names, room numbers and routines within the School.

TSUNAMI BENEFIT CONCERT

By Laura Saggars 10S2

On Saturday the 19TH OF March, a group of talented Music VET students displayed their musical ability in the Performance Centre in order to raise money for the Tsunami victims. There were a wide variety of performers from Jazz, to Rock, to Pop and six original songs from our very own students.

The students rehearsed during the week at school and then arrived at three o'clock on the day for final sound checks and lighting arrangements. The night was a huge success with everyone performing extremely well and the concert was sold out!

We are all very grateful to Mrs. Svalbe for her encouragement and enthusiasm which is always present. Thank you to everyone that helped out or supported us on the night. It was a great success!

A full report of the evening follows on page 5 of this issue.

S.R.C REPORT

Ruthie Hambling

This year the S.R.C has undergone a number of changes as we now have a new constitution. The first major difference is that instead of having one representative for each year level per sub-school we now have one representative per class. This has meant that there has been a big increase in members going from three students per year level to seven per year level.

The second major change has been the formation of a sub committee made up of two SRC members, two members of S.M.A.D (students making a difference) and two members from S.O.S (students of society). This has been done in order to help keep track of what each group is doing.

The new constitution was written last year by Tomas Dalton (President). The meetings are open to anyone, so feel free to come along, but keep in mind that only members may speak and contribute. We are still looking for members from the lower years, so if you are interested either drop into Mr. Marchant's office (room 611) or talk to someone who you know is on the committee.

The S.R.C representatives are as follows:

Tomas Dalton yr 11 - President

Celeste MacLeod yr 11 - Vice president

Anastasia Hatzis yr 11 - Treasurer

Ruthie Hambling yr 10 - Secretary

Sarah Ayan yr 11 - Publicity Officer

Rachel Deans yr 10 - Buildings and Grounds Officer

Supun Ambepitiya yr 11 - Education and Planning Officer

Louis Gregory yr 10 - Curriculum Grounds Officer

THE BROOKES SUBSCHOOL

Peter Nero

It has been an eventful and exciting start to the year. New students have settled quickly into the UHS environment. They are demonstrating great skill and a lot of common sense in coping with the many variances of a large high school. There is an excellent feeling of co-operation among the students and a willingness to be involved. Student participation at the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals was high.

It was most satisfying to see so many parents and students at the New Parent information evenings and at the Parent/Teacher interview day. We are planning a follow up evening for new parents to the Brookes Sub School in early term 3; an excellent opportunity to reflect on the previous half year and to discuss issues. Parents will be notified of the date and time as soon as details are finalised.

Generally student attendance has been excellent. We remind parents that an absence note is required on their child's return to school. We thank the many parents who telephone to inform us of their child's absence. If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, please provide us with advance notice so that we can inform your child's teachers and organise a study program. Punctuality has also been very good but with the advent of autumn and winter the number of students arriving late for the first session seems to be on the increase. It is most important that students arrive early; the first session bell is at 8:40am.

We welcome your inquiries and involvement. If you wish to meet with us, please telephone to make an appointment so that we can arrange a convenient interview time. We ask all parents to report to the General Office on arrival.

Semester One reports will be available at the end of term two. It is our intention to distribute the reports on the last day of term. Year 10 students will receive their reports by mail given that they will be involved in the Year 10 Work Experience program. Students, in other levels, who are absent on the last day of term will not receive their report by mail unless by prior arrangement with the sub school co-ordinators.

Early in Term One, the Year 7 students took part in the camp at Gundiwindi Lodge in Wandin. On their return to school students completed a writing task recording their experiences and thoughts; this is a small collection of student comments:

Oindrila Das 7B2: '...it was a great day today. I made some new friends and the activities were awesome. The first event of the camp was survival skills. The logs were heavy to carry around. I think I gave my muscles a good workout during this! Overall it was an educational activity. After that we went to do the flying fox. I was extremely scared to jump

off from the tall tower, but once I jumped off, I had this rush of excitement running through my body. It was a great experience. ...'

Josh Kadlec-Cavanagh 7B2: '...we did many activities such as Survival skills; which included building huts from broken branches, playing in the Swimming pool; which was fun apart from the fact that it was freezing cold, orienteering, the Flying Fox; in which I could almost run on the ground at the lowest point, the Sensory Trail; which was funny seeing people falling all over the place. After dinner we had a bush dance. We did such dances as the Nutbush, the Macarena and the Hokey Pokey. I had a great day...'

Julia White 7B1: '...I was really excited about archery because I had seen endless movies (mostly robin hood remakes) where characters expertly shoot arrows. But shooting arrows isn't as easy as it looks. As I drew back the wire that held the arrow in place to shoot, my arrow always fell off!! When I finally let go of my arrow, I felt the wind of it, which swept me away! I felt so successful even if it landed nowhere near the target...'

Mick Girdwood 7B1: '...I also enjoyed making damper. Ms Tarr made a mixture of flour and water. We got a ball of the mixture and made it into a snakey shape and wound it round a stake and roasted it on the coals. Well that was what was supposed to happen; some people just put it straight in the flame and took it out as a black shape on a stick. We put jam and butter inside the steaming white bread, which was yummy. We fed some to the sheep, the birds and the donkey, Molley...'

LOTE NEWS
S. Singh
Head of LOTE

Year 12 French Oral Preparation

We were delighted recently to have Jack Grant (Year 12 2004, and now studying Arts/Law at Monash University) come back to UHS to lecture the current Year 12 French students on the 'French Oral Experience'.

Jack was a successful student of French during his time at the school, and is an engaging and enthusiastic speaker whose recent journey through VCE French enabled him to give highly useful insight into the harrowing world of French Oral work and the Oral examination. Students felt very positive after Jack's talk and one of them commented that "It was the best thing I've been to."

The Year 12 French teachers, Dr Benson and Mrs Ritter, ensure that students gain continuing oral practice throughout the year, which was one reason for Jack's visit. In addition to that, students are fortunate to have access to other former students who have gone on to study French at university.

Duncan Campbell and Jill Thompson, both ex-MUPHAS French students, each come three times a week to UHS to tutor the Year 12 students. They take direction from Dr Benson and Mrs Ritter, and practice and drill the students in oral work.

The Alliance Française Poetry Competition

Year 7 – 10 students of French are all busily learning their poem for the annual Berthe Mouchette Poetry Competition. Students will recite their poem to an examiner from the Alliance Française de Melbourne on Wednesday, 8 June.

We all wish them well in their endeavour. The VCE component will take place on Wednesday 27 July.

VET MUSIC TSUNAMI BENEFIT CONCERT From the VET 2 & 3 Music Students

At 7.30pm on Saturday March 19th, the VET music students staged a Tsunami Benefit Concert in the Performance Centre at UHS.

A capacity crowd (all seats were sold out, well in advance of the concert) saw the cream of UHS VET music students performing a mixture of jazz classics, pop and modern rap through to seven of their own original compositions and musical arrangements.

The initiative for this concert was originated in February by senior students: Samantha Wimalatissa; Annabelle Anscombe; Becky Meltzer; and Alex Janson. The VET 3 music students organised the diverse program of twenty songs, designed the lighting, sound and recording system and arranged rehearsals under the eye of the Head of Instrumental Music, Kerry Svalbe. Ailsa Finlayson ran the lighting control panel on the evening after a long day of setting up. The sound was planned, organised and overseen by Alex Janson. Zach Oakes assisted in the overall set-up and pack-up. Past student Geordie Barker (now at the Victorian College of the Arts) aided the set-up. Tickets and programs for the evening were organised by the students.

The concert raised over one thousand dollars. This is a remarkable amount for a single performance held at short notice. The ticket prices were held low (\$7) to make entry affordable so that all in the UHS community were able to contribute to this fundraising evening. The cheque that represents the proceeds of the evening will be presented to an aid organisation.

A bonus of the goodwill and generosity of these students is that their efforts over the several days of time they have donated will also help them in their studies; part of the assessable Music VET curriculum is to foster skills performance and in taking responsibility for organising and producing a musical event. The performances won strong applause after each and every song and a standing ovation after the closing item. The generous reception from the public bodes well for these talented and entrepreneurial students in their ongoing VET studies in music performance, song writing and production.

Many thanks to the performers:

Kate Alexander, Annabelle Anscombe, Sahrah Ayan, Nardo Caltabiano, Jenny Coles, Natalie Donohoe, Jacob Evans, Michael Giannopoulos, Georgia Harvey, Frida Komesaroff, Siobhan Krelle, Caitly Lawson-Kissane, Larissa Mamuza, Antony Maubach, Lewis Moody, Becky Meltzer, Robbie Read, Alex Roberts, Laura Sagers, Aaron Silver, Lauren Simmons, Yilin Wang and Samantha Wimalatissa.

Thank you to the crew, Ailsa Finlayson, Alexandra Janson, Zach Oakes and Matilda Manning who freely gave of their time.

The VET music students thank Mrs Svalbe for all her encouragement and effort.

YEAR 8 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 2005 Ms Gibson (Coach)

The Year 8 Girls Volleyball won our district competition and went on to compete in the Zone Final recently. (The girls played the finals on the same day as the UHS Athletics Carnival). They played well and won one set against the eventual winners. Congratulations to Kerry Leung, Lucy Fen, Jill Hingston, Julia Prokhorova, Cherree Ward, Hannah Layman, Ying Lim.

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT Ms K Klopsteins Health, Physical and Sport Education Coordinator



Last term we farewelled Mr Ben Starkey who has left UHS to travel, teach English in China and spend some time in Canada. We welcome Ms Roslyn Anderson who will take Mr Starkey's classes.

Mr Lee has taken over from Mr Starkey as the Inter-School Sports Coordinator. This is a very big job that involves all inter school sports days and school carnivals. He will be reporting in soon with results from the UHS and Zone Athletics Carnivals.

Year 12 Physical Education

Although you don't have to be a super athlete to undertake Year 12 PE, we have some successful students who have gone on to compete at the Zone Athletics. Well done to Drew Olarenshaw, Tom Osborne (and relay mates Gabe and Damian), Kath Clarke and Matt Chen!

Sport Education

Year 7 & 8

This term we see the first section of the Winter Sports played. The sports that students are participating in this term are Australian rules football, netball, soccer, badminton and indoor hockey. For year 8 students, football and soccer will be played at Royal Park, whilst netball, badminton, indoor hockey will be at UHS.

Students have been advised that these are Winter sports and will sometimes be played in wet and cold conditions and outdoors. All participants need to be prepared for this by bringing warm clothes to wear before and after they play their games. On wet days they are advised to bring a change of clothes and shoes as they may get muddy during the activity.

Mouthguards

In the past mouthguards have been recommended for contact sports and high risk activities such as Australian Rules Football, Rugby and Field Hockey. However the Dental Association of Victoria recommend mouthguards in all activities.

"Mouthguards should be worn during any sport where there is the chance of a knock to the face. Not just the traditional contact sports such as football, rugby, martial arts and boxing; but also basketball, netball, baseball, softball, squash, soccer, BMX bike riding, skateboarding, in-line skating, trampolining, cricket (wicket keeping), water skiing and snow ski racing.

Mouthguards should be worn during all competitions as well as during training sessions, as this is when many injuries occur. This should be stressed to children in junior teams."

Unfortunately accidents do happen. If you have concerns about such accidents happening, your son or daughter should wear a mouthguard in P.E. and Sport Ed. sessions. It is the student's responsibility to bring their mouthguard to class and wear it during the game. For more information the Dental Association website is www.adavb.com.au. Please see a pharmacy or your dentist for advice about the correct mouthguard for your child.

THANK YOU TO CANCER COUNCIL

A big thank you to the Cancer Council Resource Centre on Rathdowne Street who donated some Sunsmart educational materials to Uni High. Sadly, the resource centre (who lent us Sid Seagull for the Swimming Carnival) are closing their doors. We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

YEAR 7 BOYS TENNIS NORTHERN ZONE FINALS.

On Friday 22nd April, the Year 7 Boys team headed out to Melbourne Park for the Northern Zone tennis finals. The five players were Emilio Bongiovanni, Ciaran O'Mahony, Edward Kwan, Thomas Altis and Michael Haylock. These boys played sensational tennis winning many sets over the course of the day. Each match consisted of 4 seeded singles games and 2 doubles games. The first match against Montmorency SC we won 4 sets to 2. The second match against Thomastown SC we won 5 sets to 1. The toughest team was our third match, it was against Northcote. We knew this would be the decider. In the end we just couldn't quite match the opposition talent and had to concede the Championship to Northcote. The team got on really well together and we had a great day out! This report was composed by all members of the team on the tram trip home.

YEAR 9 HEALTH NEWS

Several Year 9 classes have commenced their studies in Sexuality Education in their PE classes. So if you are the parent of a student in 9B3, 9C2, 9S1 you may have the opportunity to have some interesting discussions at home, involving the complexities of life in general! We do encourage all families to talk about their values surrounding personal development issues.

Sexuality education is an important part of life for every human being. For many families it is often a difficult subject to approach.

Family Planning Victoria provides sexuality education programs for teachers and families. Here are some of their up and coming programs for parents and children. Please contact them for bookings and further details. Please book early, as they are popular!

FAMILY PLANNING VICTORIA

Telephone: 9257 0133

Parent Information Nights \$20 per person

2 hour Sessions, 7-9pm

In the Training Room at Family Planning Victoria

901 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill 3128

Parent Information Night – for Parents of Adolescents

Tuesday 21st June

Thursday 27th October

Puberty Pimples and Periods

An evening for mothers/caregivers and daughters aged 9-14 years

Wednesday 20th April

Thursday 28th September

LAWN BOWLS

Jenna Tellefson 10B1

On Thursday 24th February we set out on the senior sports day in our mismatched whites, all prepared with sandwiches and drinks for a pleasant day at The Melbourne Bowling Club. As all serious and dedicated teams do, we relied on public transport to get us there. The train from Flinders took us right outside the greens. Aside from the few problems, such as me being so late that they left without me and I had to catch up with them at the station and another boy not realising that it was on in the morning (not the afternoon), the majority of us made it there and were quite surprised when we arrived.

Our team consisted of Kira Sinclair, Louis Gregory, Laura Carbone, Ruthie Hambling, Jenna Tellefson, Hannah Crofts, George Burry, Dom Allan, David Threlfall, Ailsa Finlayson, Brydie Purbrick, Zoe Marquand, Callum McDonald, Lucie-Anne Coade and of course Ms Newton Brown - the bowling guru. A few of us played lawn bowls last year and knew what to expect, however others were taken aback. We were late, of course, so when we walked through the gate we found most of the teams out on the greens warming up and "throwing a few bowls down".

When it was time to start our games we trudged off into the clubrooms and into the musty cupboard to borrow some old bowls whilst the Melbourne High Boys nursed their bowls in clean white towels hanging from the inside of their pants. Sun glistened on their bowls, but never

fear we thought. Our skills would surely stun them and it wouldn't matter what bowls they used or the fact that they had 'bowling shoes' and we had to go bare foot.

By the end of our game, our spirits had been defeated just a little, but that had been overcome once we realised that our opposition bowled every weekend. It didn't matter so much that our bowls would either fall about 5m short or go off into the ditch and theirs followed the perfect path they had set out turning just enough to come back in line and with the right amount of weight so that it came and sat just in front of the jack. Because, by the end of the day we were actually bowling quite well and managed to win a couple of games and had lots of fun.

YEAR 8 GIRLS TENNIS

Kim Patterson
(Student Welfare
Coordinator)

Northern Zone Champions, they are: Ellen Healy, Larissa Donohoe, Angelica Chang, Jelena Stojic, and Vinny Wang who played out a marathon final against Thomastown SC. All of the girls played exceptionally well on the Margaret Court arena. Angelica had to win 6-0 in the final set to clinch it and she didn't buckle under the pressure. It was a very exciting finish with many long rallies. The girls will now train together for the State Finals in November. Thank you to Ms Sterling who coached the girls throughout term 1.

A BIG THANK YOU to the parish and volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, St Carthage's Parish, Parkville. The Parish has been very generous in supporting a number of our students and families in meeting the costs of education. On behalf of the school and the families I would like to thank them for their generous student support program.

CREATING CONVERSATIONS

Creating Conversations Team - Emily Snow, Laura Box, Cei Aeonn, Casey Burchell, Sophie Bean, Aaron Silver and Thomas Whiter.

Wednesday 18th May - Performance Centre - 7pm. All Year 9 & 10 parents are invited to this evening, which is designed to enhance communication between parents and adolescents about drug and other health issues. It is a school-based program delivered by a team of students using interactive activities. You will be actively involved in the evening. We hope to see you there.

KEYS PLEASE

An evening for parents of Years 10-12 students, facilitated by a VicRoads presenter and a police person on Driver Education. This will be held in the Performance Centre on Tuesday 24th May at 7pm. Please ask your child to RSVP by returning the slip on the brochure to either the VCE Office or the General Office.

CONNECTING CULTURES

Kim Patterson (SWC)

A trial program relating to Transition and Middle Years took place recently with fifteen of the Year 7 students and 5 of the Year 10 students who graduated from the Advance Program last year. The aim of the session was to share stories. We wanted to get a sense of each individual's journey to UHS. From their homeland, to the Primary School and onto their new Secondary school. In small groups we discussed the issues that they have faced at UHS - the positive experiences and the challenges. We then looked at what we could do in the future to address some of the challenges. Our discussions were followed by a wonderful lunch, lovingly prepared by Ms Chetty. Ms Clare Ryan, Ms Chetty, and I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get to share stories with all of the students. We look forward to further activities together.

PARENT PARTICIPATION AT UHS.

Many parents have registered their interest in supporting the school with a broad range of skills. The Parent Participation Committee will oversee and encourage the use of this registry throughout the school year. Although it is not possible to report on every parent involvement that takes place, the committee would like to report on a sample of work undertaken at the school by parents in each newsletter.

The Year 12 Health and Human Development class were most fortunate to have Sophie and Hannah Porter's mum, Liz Chatham, visit the class to discuss her pregnancy and the developmental stages of the baby in utero. Liz is a nurse educator and parent educator at the Royal Women's Hospital. Liz was an outstanding presenter and we look forward to her visiting our class again later in the term. In the meantime our class would like to extend our thanks to Liz and congratulations to the family on the birth of Charlie.

Please note the next Parent Participation meeting will be held on the 20th June, in the staff room at 5.30pm (not as published previously the 6th June).

TOUGH LOVE

The first meeting of the Tough Love parent support group at UHS took place on Monday 2nd May. This group has agreed to meet weekly at the school on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.00pm for term 2. Parents and other members of the community are welcome to join at any time over the year. What is ToughLove? It is a self-help program for parents who are troubled by the unacceptable behaviour of their children. It is a network of parents helping each other to bring about positive change in the lives of their children. It does NOT advocate or support physical or verbal abuse of any kind. It does NOT advocate or support kicking kids out of their family home. If you would like to know more you can visit www.toughlove.org or come along to a meeting and see what you think.

Other Parent Programs available include: -

"Mobiles, Moods and Martyrs" by Michael Grose.

Thursday 2nd June. 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Registration from 7.00pm)

VENUE: - Coburg Town Hall, 90 Bell St, Coburg.

and/or

Free 3 week parenting adolescents workshops.

Wk 1 - Wed 8th June - Effective ways of communicating with your teen.

Wk 2 - Wed 15th June - Conflict Resolutions Skills.

Wk 3 - Wed 22nd June - Limit setting and consequences.

VENUE:- Coburg Municipal Offices.

Reservations essential (ph 9353 1013 -Crossroads Youth and Family Services)

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK.

Elizabeth McMillan 9S1 & Ms. Chetty.

As part of the tourism unit, all Year 9 students went on a Geography excursion to the Commonwealth Games Village and the Melbourne Zoo. Ms. Chetty set the pace for the day and Ms. Khoo hurried-up the slow movers.

The main objective of the fieldwork was to collect information on the impact of these two sites on Parkville and greater Melbourne. We filled out this information according to SHEEP factors (social, historical, economic, environmental and political) and did annotated sketches on the two sites. The teachers were there to guide us and we worked in small groups. Ms. Miles was very impressed with her industrious group including Kendall, Oleia, Didem, Ariana and Hong.

The best part of the day was getting four sessions out of school and spending time working with my friends including Aisha and Gabrielle, and of course looking at issues to do with our local area. A special thank you to Ms. Chetty and Ms. Walker for writing up the work sheets.

WALK AGAINST WANT- MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Aisha Arayne 9S1.

9S1 organised a cake stall as part of our community service towards alleviating world poverty. Ms. Chetty helped Hannah, Greta and I promote this event and run a cake stall which raised about \$260. We sent this money to OXFAM as our contribution towards their work in Africa. Thank you to 9S1 and all the other students and staff for supporting our involvement in this very important event.

MUSIC FACULTY

Ms. Johanna Verberne (Head of Classroom Music)

Life in the Music faculty is busy as usual. Instrumental lessons have been in full swing since early in Term I and at this stage of the term, students are preparing for their Semester I Assessment. Each Instrumental teacher has a copy of the timetable for these and is preparing their students for this assessment to be held in the week of Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June. A copy of the timetable is posted on the Music noticeboard. All students need to be fully aware of their times for this week.

The cast for this year's musical, HELLO DOLLY, has been in rehearsal since the first week of Term II. There is a particular buzz in the Performance Centre each Monday after school as we begin learning the exciting music of this show. Students are being measured for costumes and will soon be given details of the rehearsal camp to be held in the first week of Term III.

The Mid-Year Concert will be held on Wednesday, 25th May in the MS Sharman Hall. Parents, teachers and friends have the opportunity to hear the results of the weekly rehearsals of each of our ensemble groups. As usual, this promises to be a great night of music making. Please see the flyer on the back cover for further details.

Ms. Svalbe has taken Long Service leave for this term. Ms. Johanna Verberne and Dr. Andy Sugg are undertaking her duties as Head of Instrumental Music. Any queries should be directed to these two teachers.

THE POO FARM.

By Alice Liu, Siobhan Neyland,
Louise Liu and Bella Miller.

On Wednesday, the 27th of April, 8S3 set out to the Werribee Treatment Plant, that is the "Poo farm". We left on a very comfy bus at about 9:00am; it was a day of bad smells. On the way to Werribee, we smelt a smell. Theories came from far and wide. Either we were smelling chicken manure from a nearby factory, or the treatment plant really did stink.

So when we arrived there we had a snack, a stretch, and some fresh air. Then it was time to have a safari tour of the Sewerage Plant.

We visited the treatment lagoons, the beach and the "raw sewerage" canal. The Farm uses naturally occurring bacteria to break down our waste so that the water it discharges into Port Phillip Bay is almost drinkable. There are also large areas of lagoons used by migratory birds that come from as far away as Japan, China and Alaska. The Poo Farm is also a farm! They graze cows and sheep on fields that are watered by effluent.

Everyone learnt a lot and had a great time. Leigh said: I was surprised at how much of the canal was liquid. I was also quite amused by the "high flood line" at the canal. Ilya said: Excursions are boring. Bus rides are fun

Miki said: It was a great experience and I had a lot of fun.

Thanks to Mrs. Miles and Ms. Khoo for coming with us and to Jack Lewis's Dad for organising our trip.

SCIENCE NEWS

Justine Hamilton

Science Olympiads

Our two students Emma Leitinger and Tian Xu who attended the Scholar training school in Canberra in January both profited greatly from the experience and thoroughly enjoyed their time there. Tian decided not to continue with the program and to concentrate on his Year 12 studies. Emma sat the final selection examination for inclusion on the Australian team in March. We are waiting for the official results of this stage of the selection process.

Year 7 Science Safety Poster Competition

The class winners of the competition are

7C1 Angela Luo

7C2 Michael Smelcer- Legrain

7B1 Julia White

7B2 Sam Burns

7B3 Anna Kosmynina

7S1 Bianca Chen

7S2 Lara Dykun

The overall winner was Anna Kosmynina who has won a voucher for use at Readings in Lygon Street, Carlton. The standard of student work was

very high and as usual it was very difficult to pick a winner from so many well designed and informative entries. Congratulations to all students who put a lot of thought, time and effort into their posters.

CSIRO Student Research Scheme

Two of our students have been selected from over 300 statewide applicants to be part of this scheme. They will be working with a scientist as part of a current research venture. Leanda Carey will be working with Professor Roger Parish at the school of Life Sciences at La Trobe University on a project investigating MYB genes and plant development. David Jennens will be part of a project investigating absorption properties of sugar based polymers with Mr. Mick Moylan at the School of Chemistry University of Melbourne.

The science department would like to thank The University of Melbourne, Department of Botany for the donation of a range of glassware for use in our science laboratories. Many thanks to Mr. Mark Burgman, a parent of one of our Year 8 students, who organised this donation.

OPTIMISTIC LANGUAGE

R-Coo Tran 10B2

All students in year 7 took part in a program designed to build an optimistic and positive outlook. Ms. Chris Daicos, consultant and educator, presented the workshops. The workshop *Optimistic Language* was developed from the research of Dr. Martin Seligman. It is designed to help give students the tools to recognise and work through difficult situations and bolster their self-esteem.

The year 7B2 students made the following observations:

...The fortunate/unfortunate game was fun.

... It was funny when there was a picture of a mouse hanging over a mousetrap like a scene from *Mission Impossible* illustrating students should not be afraid to try new ways to get to their goal.

...I enjoyed the acting out, where you had to be different people and act out situations. I'm glad she came because she showed us some interesting things.

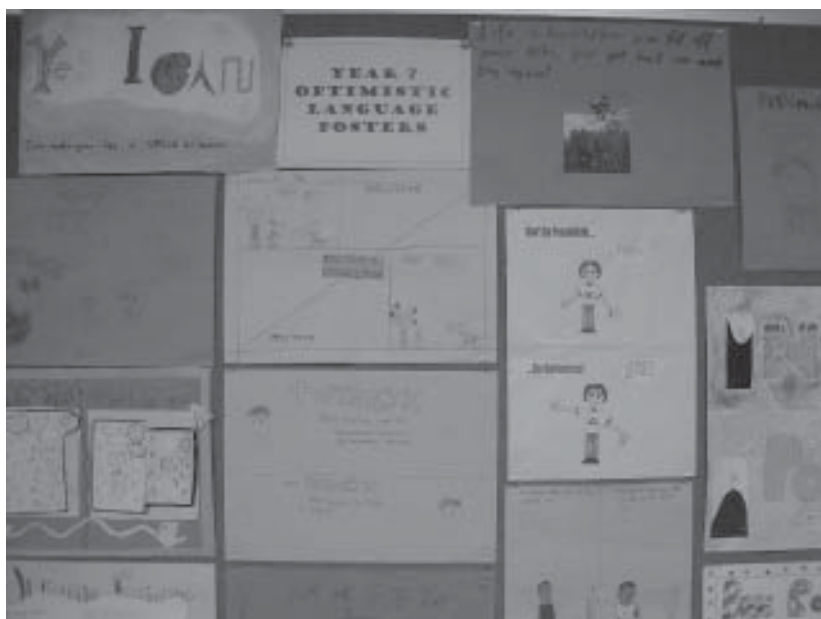
...We learned that to be an optimist you don't always have good things happen to you, but you might have something bad happen that turns good. That is what it means to be an optimist.

...I think I walked out of it a happier, optimistic child.

...Chris taught us that it's not the event that creates the feelings it's how we think about the event.

...I learnt something in this workshop and that was to not be pessimistic, if you are, you might not do very well in year 12 or even the other years.

...The workshop definitely evaluated the way I look at life. Sometimes we all take temporary unfortunate events into a pessimistic permanent event. Even an optimistic person can be optimistic when bad events occur.



Year 7 Optimistic Language posters displayed in the library

LIBRARY NEWS
 ROTY AWARDS 2005
 (Reviewer Of The Year)
 Read and review a book!
 Get published in a
 newspaper!
 Win great prizes!



Nothing grabs readers like reviews.

The ROTY Awards [Reviewer Of The Year] are conducted by The Children's Book Council of Australia Victorian Branch in conjunction with The Age newspaper as a way of helping teachers make it easier to get kids started on writing and reading book reviews. The ROTY Awards are a great opportunity for students to outline their personal response to books and to share their enjoyment of stories they read with others.

All reviews entered in the ROTY Awards are in the running to win some terrific prizes.

Your questions answered...

What do you do?

Simply read an Australian book from the 'Notable Australian Children's Books 2005' list and write a review of it in no more than 300 words.

When?

All reviews need to reach the Children's Book Council of Australia Victorian Branch by Friday 21 July 2005.

Where can I find out more?

Complete Guidelines for the ROTY Awards appear on this CBCA Vic Branch website www.cbc.org.au/vic and The Age website at www.education.theage.com.au Here you will also find the judges' comments. Reading these will help guide the framing of entries.

Who can enter?

Any student from any school - city, suburban and country Primary and Secondary schools.

What will happen to the reviews?

A selection of the best reviews received will be published in The Age as part of the "All About Books" supplement included in The Age on 22 August 2005. The best 20 reviews will be published on the CBCA Vic Branch website as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations of the CBCA nationally. Other reviews will be scheduled to appear during or near Children's Book Week in The Age newspaper, or on the websites of CBCA Vic Branch or The Age.

Prize-winning reviewers in the "ROTY" Awards will be advised. They will also be invited to be guests of the Children's Book Council of Australia Victorian Branch at the Children's Book Week Festival on Sunday 21 August 2005 at Federation Square. They will receive their prizes and citations in a special part of the Festival commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Please see Mr Castles or Mrs Marquard in the library for more information.

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New Apprenticeship Trends

Quality Learning, Innovative Research.

Skills Shortages

When the government and training providers like Swinburne TAFE talk about skills shortages, we are talking about industries that have a desperate need for skilled people and will for many years to come. This provides an opportunity right now for young people considering a trade.

Below are the skills shortages identified by the Federal Government (from the 'Tools for Your Trade' statement)

- Auto Electrician
- Bricklayer
- Chef*
- Cook*
- Pastrycook
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter and Joiner*
- Electrician*
- Sheetmetal Worker*
- Solid Plasterer
- Toolmaker
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Metal Fitter*
- Vehicle Painter
- Hairdresser
- Metal Fabricator*
- Metal Machinist
- Panel Beater
- Motor Mechanic*
- Fibrous Plasterer
- Furniture upholsterer
- Plumber*
- Welder*

*Training available at Swinburne TAFE

There are many options available to students you advise. However for those looking for a secure, well-paid career in industries that will be demanding their skills for years to come, careers in these industries are some of the best options.

At Swinburne we work closely with industry and New Apprenticeships Centres, and we recommend that students considering New Apprenticeship options pick up a publication or attend the New Apprenticeship Expo to obtain all the information they need.

New Apprenticeship Expo

26 May 2005 - Croydon Campus

The New Apprenticeships Expo brings together all the organisations a young person needs to talk to - New Apprenticeship Centres, industry groups and Swinburne TAFE before becoming an apprentice or trainee. The event is targeted at Year 10's and parents.

Local bands will play throughout the day, and a free BBQ will be running. Information will be sent to schools in the coming weeks. Interested schools will need to reserve an information session for your year level at the expo. To make a booking call (03) 9726 1435.

Publications

- New Apprenticeships
- Youth Options
- Undergraduate Course Guide

If you would like order any of these publications please call Jemima Bowen on (03) 9214 4427

For more information on New Apprenticeships at Swinburne

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