



# The University High School SCHOOL NEWS

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## BABY THINK IT OVER Chris Knowles

During Term 3 the Health and Human Development students have had the opportunity to experience the joys of parenthood.

Three babies have been frequenting our school, local public transport and our classrooms and have been spoilt rotten by their doting mothers and fathers. The Uni High babies have done the rounds and have created a few weary eyed students as the Year 11s discover how becoming a parent influences your life.

The aim of the Baby Think It Over Project is to inform the Health and Human Development students on the requirements of becoming a loving, responsible parent. Comments from our new parents have ranged from: "I am so not ready to have a baby", to "I love the experience of being a mum". Several of the male students have already volunteered to put their potential careers on hold to become house husbands and full-time carers of their kids.

Thank you to the Health and Human Development students as they have approached the task with so much enthusiasm and interest and to all of you teachers who have had to put up with some crying and whinging in the back of your classrooms.

## END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES 2005

Amanda Watson  
(At UHS Monday and Friday)

The dates for the End of Year Activities for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been changed. Activities will now take place only on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December 2005.

Selection and permission forms were finalised at the end of term three.

Payment will take place between Monday 24 October and Friday 11 November at the General Office. An invoice will be prepared for each student, listing the selected activities and total cost and will be posted home.

Please remember that as all activities have been pre-booked and no refunds will be given.

## ROCK SCHOOL Emily Marotta, 7S1

For the last two weeks I have been in a band that the radio station NOVA100 made. I first auditioned on the radio and was chosen out of about seven kids. There are five of us: Jake - Guitar; Emerald - Bass; Emily - Keyboard; Bianca - Vocals; Jake - Drums.

We first met Monday two weeks ago. For the next two weeks we practiced for one hour each morning. We met Millsey, Damien from Motor Ace, Hughsey, Kate and Dave and Killing Heide. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August we got clothes for the performance. On the 30/8 Vesna from Big Brother did our hair and on the 31<sup>st</sup> we had a photo shoot.

Then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September we did a live performance at the Corner Hotel. About 500 kids were there and Hughsey, Kate and Dave were live. We performed "We will rock you"

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and "Song 2". The crowds were cheering and it was a great moment. I hope the teachers enjoyed themselves.

Finally on Saturday we had a ten hour recording at Studio 52. The CD goes on sale in about two weeks. It was a great experience; I really enjoyed myself.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### September

Friday 16 Last day of term 3, 2:30pm dismissal.

### October

Monday 3 Term 4 begins

Tuesday 11 Year 7 Hepatitis B second immunization.

Sunday 23 Musical Breakfast

Wednesday 26 Year 12 Valedictory Assembly, 7:30pm

Monday 31 Pupil free day - Staff professional development

### November

Tuesday 1 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

Monday 14 UHS Art exhibition opens

Friday 25 Re-enrolment day for 2006 years 9, 10 & 12

Monday 28 Pupil-free day - report writing

Tuesday 29 Year 8 Phillip Island adventure camp departs.

Check the school website for the latest update on the full year calendar: [www.unihigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au)

### 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 October 10  
Monday November 7

### 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 September 14

## THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Rob Newton

Firstly, I would like to congratulate everyone concerned with the production of our musical, Hello Dolly. By any account it was an outstanding success and I'm sure all those who attended were thoroughly entertained by a very professional performance.

BRAVO to all involved.

The school has been active in developing submissions that if successful will provide some exciting additions and initiatives for University High.

1. The School Council has developed through the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee a proposal to enlarge the canteen by enclosing the breezeway and hence joining the Sharman Hall foyer with the canteen. Also a large outdoor deck at the start of the current breezeway has been incorporated. We have applied to the Federal Government for a \$150,000 grant towards the project and we intend to fundraise for the remainder (\$250,000).

2. The Curriculum Committee has applied for Leading Schools Funding. Briefly, our project entails the construction of a Year 9 interdisciplinary centre (on top of the west wing) that will run a values and ethics oriented program for each Year 9 student for one term. Much work has gone into developing the program and we are planning to start this in Term 2, 2007 if our submission is successful. The total submission will inject more than \$1 million dollars into our budget over 3 years.

3. Many of you may have seen the Federal Government is providing funding for water recycling projects. We are exploring the possibility of recycling the water sprayed onto the playing grounds. This would involve pumping used water from the car park sump back into storage tanks. This is a \$50,000 project.

The School Council is also developing a "future projects" plan and will be seeking staff, parent and student input in Term 4. The new fundraising sub-committee of School Council have requested we identify a major project that the school community can fund raise towards.

## RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

The Students of Sustainability group have introduced a number of recycling bins into the grounds of the school. They are red with blue lids. These bins are for bottles and cans only. They will be collected by the City of Melbourne recycling contractors on a regular basis. Recycle your bottles and cans and help protect our environment. Congratulations to the SOS students for their persistence and negotiating skills. Please support this initiative in your school!!

## 40 HOUR FAMINE

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:59 about 100 Uni High students from all year levels enjoyed their last minute of eating, using technology or using furniture before starting the forty hour famine for 2005. After three weeks of getting sponsors, collecting money and filling out booklets we were finally doing it! This year the money is going to people in Mozambique and Tanzania in Africa.

World Vision will put it towards helping families learn about new ways of farming and provide seeds for grains and vegetables. They will also teach families the importance of healthy eating and help them to find clean and safe water sources. Everyone involved did a fantastic job. Especially Grace Quealy of yr 7, Bella Miller of yr 8, Lizzy Forrest of yr 9 and Pip Dalach of yr 10 for being the 'group leaders' and organizing their year levels. Thanks for all your help guys!

Also a special mention must go to Saadia Nour and Narmin Dermelle of 10C1 for together raising \$520 each, and Callum McDonald of yr 12 for raising \$600! All together we raised \$4833.85 which was amazing and far beyond our target of \$2,500. Lets hope we can get Guy Sebastian to perform at school. A big thank you to Mr Marchant for all his wonderful support. Couldn't have done it without him, and also thank you to the school for sending me on the World Vision camp at the start of the term.

## AN INVITATION TO THE TEACHERS, PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF YEAR 12 STUDENTS 2005.

Kevin Campbell. Head, Bryce Sub School

The President of the School Council, Mr Lester Townsend has great pleasure in inviting you to the:

**2005 Valedictory Assembly  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
7:30pm in the Sharman Hall.**

This will be a formal assembly with an address from the Principal Mr Robert Newton and our guest speaker Mr Ye Chen.

Each student will be presented with a Graduation Certificate.

Our 2005 Valedictorians will address the Assembly on behalf of all Year 12 students.

Musical items and achievement awards will be presented. A supper will follow the Assembly. Please ensure you are seated by 7:25pm.

## LOTE NEWS

S. Singh

### The 2005 German Exchange

Our latest batch of exchangees talk about their experiences in Germany this year: "In term two we, Rory O'Maley, Camilla Gorman and Simone Westendorf, went on exchange to a small town in southern Germany, called Bayreuth. Why did we do such a thing? Well, because it meant three months immersing ourselves in the fascinating culture and beautiful (not guttural, as French students so impertinently insist!) German language, experiencing the German school system (oh, dear!) and meeting heaps of wonderful Germans!

We lived with a host family (whose child had been living with our family for the previous three months), who welcomed us super warmly and took us many trips to different and interesting historical sites and beautiful places and told us about all the crazy kings and queens that have reigned over this bizarre yet loooverly and wonderful land of chocolate, beer and bratwurst.

So how has this once-in-a-lifetime experience affected our bodies, minds and souls? We have to say, it was incredible; our German is now so absolutely fabulous that we can almost not handle it, we made many new friends and we all think it was a great experience and would say that anyone who has the chance to participate in this exchange definitely should."

### LOTE Week

Our annual LOTE Week celebration took place in the week of the 22 -26 August. Students were treated to many different language activities during their LOTE classes, such as cooking, poster-making, snail-racing, watching foreign-language films, eating croissants and drinking hot chocolate and so on. Year 8 German students did the German Zoo Trail at the Melbourne Zoo and Years 10 and 11 German students feasted on German goodies at The Cuckoo restaurant in The Dandenongs. We hosted the 'Satay Man' all day on Thursday 25/8 and the 'Crêpe Man' on Friday 26/8, so that all UHS students and staff could partake in the LOTE Week festivities. We hope a good time was had by all and look forward to an encore next year.

### The Berthe Mouchette Competition (Alliance Française)

We were delighted that a large number of our French students from Years 7 - 12 were successful in getting into the Finals of the annual Berthe Mouchette language competition run by the Alliance Française de Melbourne. In Years 7 - 10, 37 students were finalists (one student, Felix Johnson, in both the Written and Oral components in Year 9), and in Years 11 and 12, 9 students were finalists (one student, Emma Leitinger, in both the Written and Oral components of the Year 12 test). The results of the finals won't be known until next term, so sit tight 'til the next edition.

## BROOKES NEWS

Kim Mihaljevic and Emilie Rutland of 7B3.

At the "New Parents of Brookes" night on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, many people came and it was quite crowded in the Performance Centre. We helped give out name tags at the start so that parents found it easier to meet and talk. Many parents began as strangers but by the end of the evening people were talking as though they had known each other for years.

Mr. Nero and Mr. Newton spoke to the audience. After the speeches the adults began to mingle while the children raced towards the food table. Socialising is a very hungry activity. There was a large variety of foods including sushi, crackers and dip/cheese, meatballs and mini quiches. There was also cordial for the kids and wine for the adults. We had to nag Ms. Tarr to let us get to the cakes. She finally gave in; they were delicious. There was caramel slice, lemon slice, hedgehog, cherry ripe slice, lamington and other yummy cakes. Most of the parents were too busy talking to notice the cakes so the kids got to eat most of them.

At the end of the night we were playing games outside. It was really fun and we had a great night.

### By Chloe Wilson 9B3

"The evening went off with a BANG! Just like Collingwood v. Carlton match at the G!" Well that's what Eddie McGuire would've said if he had of been there. What I'm talking about is the new parents evening hosted by Brookes. It was a complete hit, for most of the yr. 7's; I was disappointed to see only a few of the new yr 9 students and their parents. I think they may have been over the "new school" factor. Too bad for them because the evening, the people and the food, especially the desert, were fantastic!

As a student, I found it to be great for my parents to meet my new teachers, when they rarely have time to do so. It would be good if parents and teachers were able to do this more often, meet informally that is. It was a great evening.

## MANDARIN CLASS 8C2

By Billy Koskinas, 8c2

Mandarin writing is Chinese writing.

The class of 8c2 has been studying China this semester. The whole class was asked by our History teacher to learn the art of Chinese writing and learn how to write our names and surnames in Mandarin. Ms

Seeger Snowden said that we were going to do this on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July and we were to bring all necessary equipment, brushes, paint, etc to class on this particular day.

We took photos of the class, while we were doing the task. We have a student called Xiang Min who is Chinese, and became our teacher for the day. Helping. This is the last part of the chapter on China. Everybody had to do about 80 questions on this chapter. We also had to do an assignment for our teacher. Xiang also taught us how to speak Mandarin and a little Cantonese.

Our assignments were related to China's leaders, Emperor's, games that were played, what kind of foods that were eaten, tools and machines that were invented, ( did you know that the wheel barrow was invented 600 years before Europe... gee weren't they slow? ). China has been the third topic we've studied this year, and personally I think its been the most interesting topic as well.

## 'ON THE EDGE' – BOOK TALKERS

By Laura Carbone, Sarah Williams and Michele Young

Today, being the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, a group of Uni High students went to the 'On the Edge' session of book talkers, held at the State Library. The authors were Colin Bowles, Jane Bourke, Sonia Hartnett and Marcus Zusak.

These four authors talked about how they got the ideas to write their novels, what is important to include in a story, and read out some extracts from their novels. As well as this, four actors from the St. Martin's Drama School performed scenes from the books. We managed to win four out of the six books they gave out for answering the quiz questions correctly.

All the authors were very interesting and everyone from Uni High enjoyed it.

## NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE

Two students from the school spent Thursday lunchtimes during Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3 working on their entries for the National History Challenge.

Andrew Adorno from 8S1 interviewed his grandfather about his experiences coming to Australia as an immigrant after World War 2. Andrew used photographs from the family collection to illustrate his essay. Emily Marotta from 7S1 created a museum display on the Federation of Australia. Emily was successful in reaching the State Final for her category. Well done to both students.

## YEAR 7 MSAC

### SWIMMING DAY

Leigh Goedecke 8S3

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June a group of students from Uni High, along with some other schools, were chosen to go to an advanced swimming program at MSAC (Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre).

The day started in the basketball arena where we were all given an introductory talk by the Australian swim team coach, Ian Pope. Everyone then changed into their swimming gear and jumped into the pool. We swam for an hour and a half, getting tips from Ian Pope and some other coaches.

After lunch we all moved back to the basketball arena where we were given another interesting talk by an Olympic swimmer, Brett Hawke. He spoke about the Olympic Games and the importance of confidence. After that everyone was free to use the water slide and wave pool. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

## UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP PROFILE

Interviewed and written by **Natalie Donohoe** Year 12 Physical Education 20/07/05

### Enjoy the Journey to your Dreams

All is silent as the crowd holds their breath in anticipation. The ball is passed to the centre player of the opposition team as time is ticking away. Brydie quickly observes the crowd, it is all up to her, and with seconds remaining on the clock it is her duty, as goal defense to block this pass coming from the centre player. Her heart begins to beat faster and faster as the pressure builds up inside. The ball is passed and instinctively Brydie's hand reaches out as far as she can. She feels the impact of the ball as it is knocked out of court. The whistle sounds... cheers come from the crowd, coach and fellow teammates, they had won, Brydie has saved the day. Behind the good looks and academic talent, Brydie Purbrick is the next up and coming netball champion for Australia. Commonly known as Bryds, she attends University High School and is currently in year 11. Her main sport is netball, however, being the sporty person she is, other active hobbies include hockey and swimming. When on the netball court, you will find her in the "goal defense" or "wing defense" position and if you watch carefully, you might just see her fly past!

Brydie trains regularly during the week with the clubs Banyule or Parkville and you better get out your camera, because her uniform is a very chic pink and navy! Her past achievements include:

- Five premierships in Juniors
- Three best and fairest awards
- 2003 Henderson U15 squad
- And 2004 Henderson player scholarship

I know I speak for everyone when I say "What an amazing achievement, that girl is going to go places!" When I asked Brydie how these successes were achieved she replied, **"It is all about trying your best, staying positive and believing in yourself."**

These skills and determination come with hard work, encouragement and support from her parents and motivation from her role model, her primary school teacher, Jocelyn Bryant who also shared the same future goals and dreams as Brydie, and is currently an Australian Netballer.

You may ask... "When does Brydie have the time to do school work?" Well she is academically brilliant doing subjects such as methods and general math's, biology, chemistry, English, international studies and health and human development. Another load on top of her busy schedule is she has an outside job working at a pharmacy as a pharmacy assistant and baby-sits often. When I asked Brydie how she balances work, school and training she said, **"I make the most of the time when I am not working or training. I do my best to keep a balance between these three things."** At times she finds it hard to keep motivated, however she remembers what it feels like to achieve things and that is usually enough.

When she is not playing netball, you will find Brydie socializing with friends or cooking up a storm in the kitchen. Her favourite food is ice cream and you will never see her eating the vegetable squash. She is a crazy Collingwood football supporter, and her favourite sports person is Nathan Buckley.

Just like Nathan Buckley, Brydie has had many highlights in her sporting career, however the one that sits at the top of her list, that stands clearly above the rest is when she made the regional team and training with the State League Team for five weeks. Talk about inspiration!

It is not all "easy come and easy go" for Bryds, because on those freezing cold nights, outdoors in a very skimpy, tight bodysuit it can be outright painful! Her sport however is still definitely fun, **"It gives me a break from school and it is a great release. You can concentrate on the immediate challenge and forget about everything else!"**

It is important to have "relax time" to ensure peak performance on the court. Her relax time consists of reading a book, watching some television or hanging out with friends. Relaxation gives her the motivation to keep at it.

With a great support band, persistence and consistent hard work, Brydie plans to never give up and to make a State team. Other future goals of hers include traveling, going to Uni and work in a career, which she is passionate about and enjoys.

We wish Brydie all the good luck and successes with her future sporting career and I'm sure one day I will be sitting watching the Australian Netball Team on television and see her and say "Hey, I went to high school with her!"

## HELLO, DOLLY!

General opinion around the school is that that *Miracle Productions* should change its motto to "every year the bar gets higher." After four months of rehearsals, three weeks of auditions and countless box steps later, *Hello, Dolly!* finally hit the boards 10th – 12<sup>th</sup> August.

With a cast of 85 (with 160 applications), orchestra of 30 and backstage crew of 20, the show was universally acclaimed to be "the best ever". The chorus is to be congratulated for the energy and enthusiasms they threw themselves into the terpsichorean choreography of Mrs. Coles, mastering the steps with vim, vigor and vitality. The male chorus really come to the fore this year, both literally and figuratively. Who can forget the construction of the human train, the brilliant melee and the sheer energy and fun they projected.

The dancers yet again rose to the range of challenges the show presented. One minute waiters, the next leaping and cart wheeling around the stage. Never has Rudolf's lightning service been so quick – especially when his whistle turned into a concerto.

As usual, the orchestra, under the expert and musical direction of Ms. Verberne kept things moving with a perfect mixture of pizzazz and taste whenever required. The principals are also to be congratulated on all kinds of levels. Firstly, as part of their responsibilities, they were asked to model leadership and support to build up the group as a performing unit and as a supportive team. Individually and as a group their parts demanded (and received) a wide range of the serious, the sad the silly and the hilarious.

As was said at the "thank you" morning tea, *Hello, Dolly!* is the stuff memories are made of...and memories that last a lifetime. Bravo, tutti!

## THE GOLDFISH MARKET AT MONG KOK

Tavan Dutton, 8C1

The rain fell violently onto the top of umbrellas while the humidity drained sweat from our foreheads. Unlike the skyscrapers and luxury apartments, the linear sequence of goldfish stores were clusters of chaotic little buildings jutting in and out onto the road. The heavy rain poured off the tarpaulins of the shops creating waterfalls along the busy street. Some shop attendants dated in and out of their stores attending to their frenzied aquatic animals, while others sat down gloomily looking out into the crowds waiting for customers to come. Inside, the shops were generally much cleaner than outside.

There was tank upon tank of not just goldfish, but of crabs, varieties of turtles, other exotic fish and occasional furry animals. These furry animals included some of the strangest things I've ever seen. One example was an animal the Chinese called a 'dragon mouse'. It seemed to be an odd cross-mix of a mouse and a rabbit. The turtles were another animal that interested me. Unlike Australia (where you can only buy two species of turtles, which in China are eaten), the petshops in China have an array of different species of turtles. There are land turtles, sea turtles, carnivorous turtles, turtles the size of outstretched hands and turtles the size of erasers.

Visiting the goldfish market at Mong Kok, in Hong Kong, was an experience that had to be lived to be fully appreciated.



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## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Entries for the 2005 UHS-Essence Photographic Competition are closing soon.

The competition is free and open to all students of the school, and is divided into Junior and Senior sections. In each section, there will be three "themes" to which entrants can respond, with a \$50 prize for the best photo in each category.

**This year's themes are:**  
"Even in the quietest Moments"  
"My Place, My Time"  
"The Beat of a Different Drum"

Competition rules and entry forms are available from the General Office, from Room 306 or can be downloaded from the school website ([www.unihigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au)) or intranet.

Entries close on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October - first Wednesday of term 4.



## UHS CLASS OF 1995 REUNION

WHEN: FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2005  
6.30 PM ONWARDS

WHERE: TONIK  
UPSTAIRS ROOM  
524 MACAULAY ROAD  
KENSINGTON  
9376 9928

MELWAY REFERENCE:MAP 42 K3

DRESS: SMART CASUAL  
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