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AFTER JULIET - YEAR 11 DRAMA Callum McDonald Year 11

For 13 weeks the year 11 Drama class has been working towards producing the intriguing, complex and often hilarious play After Juliet. Written by Sharman McDonald, the play is centered on several teenage members of the Capulet and Montague families, who are grieving the loss of Romeo and Juliet. Because of its connection to the great classical piece there are several long and difficult monologues, which, when learnt properly, gave beautiful insights into the thoughts the characters felt; feelings of love, hate, desires for peace and even for life just to "go back to how it used to be".

The class was split into two casts, who used class time to rehearse their lines, block scenes and do character development work. We also came in on the holidays for an all day rehearsal, and had two all day rehearsals on the week prior to the performances. We are grateful to all of the teachers that allowed us to miss classes so we could make After Juliet what it was.

The students of the drama class also had to work on a stagecraft area in a group of two or three. This was chosen from diverse areas such as make-up, set design and audio; with several running the tech desk during the shows their cast was not performing in. All students worked hard and the final product vindicated their commitment: the production had excellent lighting, a great set and some very vibrant costumes!

The finished work was performed for four nights and a matinee afternoon show on the week of Oct. 11th to 16th, all of the shows were received well, and both Friday performances were full houses - a great success!

I would like to thank all of the members of the Sparkies Theatre Technology crew who helped us clean up on Friday night. And finally, I want to congratulate all of the members of the class, as well as Mr. Harper, our Drama teacher and director of the show, on their fantastic work on After Juliet; for a production can only amount to as much as the cast members put in. Producing this show has been great fun and I'm sure next years year 12 students will put on an equally engaging performance.

VENUS OBSERVED Rod Watson

Following the transit of Venus last June, there are two more events of note that will occur this year.

On 5 November, Venus will be very close to Jupiter in the eastern sky before Sunrise, the angular distance being just 0.6 degrees, about the same as the diameter of the Moon. A good time for observation would be around 5.30. Venus will be the brighter object.

[A note for your diaries: Venus will pass in front of Jupiter in November 2065.]

On 10 December, the Moon will pass across Venus; this event is known as an occultation. The bright side of the Moon will pass across Venus at 13.15 and Venus will reappear from behind the dark side of the Moon at 14.32. Venus and the Moon will be high in the sky; about 30 degrees west of the Sun. Venus can be seen quite clearly during daylight hours provided that you know where to look for it. Care should be taken to observe the event from a position in the shade. Looking directly at or near the Sun can be extremely dangerous.

Source Astronomy 2004. Look at www.quasarastronomy.com.au

ANNUAL ART AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION - 'VISIONS'

The annual Year 7-12 Art and Technology exhibition will be held in the Performance Centre from the 16th - 21st November. The Opening Night is on Tuesday 16th November from 7pm-9pm.

All students, parents and friends are welcome to attend the Opening Night or can view the exhibition during advertised hours (see advert on the back page). The Opening Night will also include musical items, a Drama production, food and wine.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

November

- Monday 1 Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Development
- Tuesday 2 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
- Tuesday 9 Year 11 Exams begin
- Monday 15-
Saturday 21 School Art Exhibition in Performance Centre
- Thursday 18 Year 11 Exams finish
- Friday 26 Re-enrolment Day for Year 12, 10 & 9 in 2005
- Monday 29 Pupil Free Day - Report writing
- Tuesday 30-
Friday 3 (Dec) Year 8 Adventure Camp to Phillip Island
- Monday 29 Last day of classes for Year 10
- Tuesday 30 Re-enrolment day for Years 8 & 11 in 2005

December

- Tuesday 7 Year 7 (2005) Orientation Day
- Thursday 9 Final Year 7, 8 & 9 Assembly
- Saturday 11 Second-hand Book Sale

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

Your copy of School News should arrive in your letter box on or around the following dates:

Term Four: November 1 December 6

The deadline for contributions for the next edition is: Wednesday 17 November

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 December 6

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

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 November 17
Wednesday December 8

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms Rosalind Betson

We have few staff changes in Term IV. Helen Stagoll has continued to work with us, as has Rod Watson. We are extremely grateful to have the expertise and talents of these teachers available to the school. Patricia Cheary is on leave for Term 4. Bronwyn Valente will return to the school as substantive Principal on November 12th.

Two University High School students have been chosen to attend the Thirty Seventh National Mathematics Summer School 2-15th January, 2005. This is sponsored by the Australian National University and Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers. The students are Jasmine Zhu and Tian Xu. We congratulate them on their success. The Pratt Foundation monies have supported these students in attending the summer school.

The Principal class attended the workshop for the new School Resource Package and they are now looking at the impact of this upon the school. There is some supplementary funding for 2005 but negative impacts may be felt in 2006 and 2007. Figures are being double checked and consultation occurring before finally confirming classes that will run.

The last day of timetabled classes for Year 12 was Monday, 18th October 2004. The students had assemblies before this time to reinforce school expectations and it was a success. Congratulations to all VCE staff for ensuring the success of this day. We extend good wishes to all Year 12 students for their coming exams and future careers.

The Innovations and Excellence Cluster Educators have put together a wonderful Global Connection. This will occur in late October. Some Year 5-9 students within the Cluster Schools will be part of an international global exchange, via a video conferencing with middle years students in St. Petersburg. This link has been established in partnership with the city of Melbourne and St. Petersburg as part of a sister city relationship. Facilities at the University of Melbourne have been booked.

There is a planned one-hour exchange where student will share their perspectives on schooling, social and recreational life, civil, sporting and cultural life in their respective cities. The Middle Years is already publishing writing, artwork and photographs from the Russian teenagers.

All School Council members have an invitation to the 2004 Valedictory Assembly on Wednesday, 27th October commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the MS Sharman Hall.

They, along with all members of the school community, are also invited to the Annual Art

Exhibition beginning Tuesday, 16th November 2004.

As you can see, this is an exciting and challenging time of the year for students, staff and parents of the University High School community.

CHANGES TO P.E.

Katherine Klopsteins

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) have proposed a new curriculum model. Under this model, Physical Education will not be classified as a discipline in the curriculum, but be placed in a personal/social context with Civics and Citizenship, Interpersonal Development and Personal Learning.

The Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER) is alarmed and concerned over the de-valuing of Physical Education under these proposed changes. ACHPER has been advised by the VCAA that there will be no further consultation with teachers or the wider community due to the short timeline.

Given the disturbing statistics on childhood obesity and related health issues, physical education should be strengthened in schools – not jeopardised – to send a clear message to the community and children the being active for life is to be highly valued.

This information on curriculum reform does not yet jeopardise the Health and P.E. program here at University High school. However, it may have future implications to the way in which we view Health and Physical Education and for future programs.

The outcome of a recent crisis meeting represented by teachers, parents, universities, sporting and health organisations was the following resolution:

“ That the Legislative Assembly of Victoria act to require that the government restore physical education to a discipline and position it in the discipline core area in the Victorian Curriculum Reform being undertaken for the Minister for Education.”

How can you help?

- Look on ACHPER website, www.achper.vic.edu.au under Physical Education in Crisis to obtain information on the issue and to download the petition.
- Obtain signatures (from parents, grandparents, sporting clubs, teachers, local politicians etc.) who are supportive of restoring physical education as a discipline. Forms available from ACHPER website or the PE office at U.H.S. Submit signed forms to the school by the end of October or post directly to ACHPER.
- Email your concerns to politicians.

STEP TO THE FUTURE- YOUTH FORUM

Ruthie Hambling 9C1

On Tuesday the 7th of September, I slept it. Unfortunately that was the day of the Step to the Future Youth Forum excursion that I was supposed to be going to. When I got to school I discovered I had been left behind, and in a worried state of confusion I went to the library. As always they sorted me out, calmed me down and got me there.

Upon arriving I learned that it was a student initiated project, and was apparently aimed at inspiring high school students to build confidence in themselves in order to reach their goals. I was led in and sat right up the back by myself just in time for the answer and question time of Jeff Kennett's speech. I was surprised to realise that the strategically placed microphones around the huge room, were actually there for us to use, and there was never a shortage of questions.

In the break I found the Uni high group, and thankfully sat with them for the rest of the day. All the students who had participated in ADVANCE were invited, and those who weren't there with us, had gone the day before.

Through out the day, we listened to Hugh Evans, Hamish and Andy, Barbara Holborow, Eric Bailey and Julian Burton, and they were all fantastic. Far from it being tedious, as I had first imagined it turned out to be thought provoking and inspiring. Absorbed in their stories, I had cried, laughed and done everything in between. They told us the highs and hard, cold lows. Hugh Evans explained how he had made a difference, and established an organization called The Oak Tree Foundation, entirely youth run. He had gone to Africa with this organization, and built a Resource Centre for an underprivileged community.

Barbara Holborow told us about how she had become a very powerful Children's Court Magistrate, and spoke of some of the horrific cases she had to deal with.

The last speaker, Julian Burton, an ex NFL player shared with us his account of the Bali bombings. These were just some of the moving stories we heard. I left wanting to change the world and be part of it all some how. What a successful day, and to think I nearly didn't make it because I had slept in.

VET ORIENTATION EVENINGS

Compulsory Orientation Evenings are being held over the next few weeks for all students who will be in Year 11 in 2005 who have applied to study a VET program.

At these sessions more detailed information will be provided about each program and it will be an opportunity to ask questions. **Non-attendance will result in the student being withdrawn from the program.**

The Orientation Evenings are as follows:

Oct 19	Concept Dev for Clothing Products Kangan Tafe, Richmond
Oct 20	Engineering Kangan Tafe, Richmond
Oct 21	Fitness & Comm. Rec. Melbourne Girls' College
Oct 27	Broadcasting Swinburne Senior SC
Oct 27	Music Industry (Tech Prod) Swinburne Senior SC
Oct 28	Furnishings Albert Park College
Oct 26	Hospitality St Joseph's, North Melb OR
Nov 3	Hospitality Presentation College OR
Nov 8	Hospitality Kew HS
Nov 4	Community Services University High School
Nov 10	Multimedia Uni of Melb (Hawthorn)
Nov 10	Info Technology Uni of Melb (Hawthorn)
Nov 11	Horticulture Uni of Melb (Burnley)

*ALL STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED A SHEET OUTLINING DETAILS OF THE VENUE.

*THE EVENINGS WILL RUN FROM 7.30 – 8.30 PM

OLIVER JOWSEY, WINNER

"Let the Poetry begin.." competition

My brilliance was once again proved when I won a poetry prize in a competition hosted by The Age with two pieces I did in year 9, which my mother sent in for me. I won myself two books, a sharpener, a ruler, a three-in one highlighter, and the chance to participate in a poetry workshop with Steven Herrick and nineteen other English whizzes.

Unfortunately, the workshop was *not* what I had expected. Most writing workshops involve some level of instruction in the particular field of writing. Steven said that he only worked three hours a day for nine months of the year, and that he didn't have an office.

He also failed to answer the question on whether there *is* any demand for a professional poet nowadays. We never even wrote anything down, or did anything more creative than asking him questions about how *he* writes.

I also disagree with his attempt to spot the difference between my pieces, which had the word poetry stamped on them as an afterthought, lacked any added meaning, and were made for my own amusement more than anything, and other 'poetry'. He said it was all to do with poetry being about language, and how we speak. What? I speak in a series of amusing limericks about the Thane of Thoon eating pie?

Anyway, I'm as much of a git in conversation as I am in my written work. He did, however, read some very nice poetry in a wonderfully dynamic style. Don't get me wrong, the workshop was fun, but it could have been better.

Oliver's poem "A Commination" follows (Page 5)

A COMMINATION,
OR
DENOUNCING OF THE LIBRARIAN'S ANGER AND JUDGEMENTS
AGAINST SINNERS

BRETHEREN, in the school library there is a definite discipline, that, very frequently, is extremely painfully upheld, with just cause, so that others, admonished by their example, might be the more afraid to offend.

Instead whereof, until the said discipline may be restored again, (which is much to be wished), it is thought good, that at this time (in the presence of you all) should be read the general sentences of our cursing against impenitent sinners; and that ye should answer to every sentence, *Amen*; to the intent that, being admonished of the great indignation of librarians against sinners, ye may the rather be moved to earnest and true repentance; and may walk more warily in these dangerous days; fleeing from such vices, for which ye affirm with your own mouths our curse to be due.

CURSED is the student that talketh back to the library staff.

And the people shall answer and say, Amen.

Cursed is he that partaketh of all forms of sustenance within the library.

Answer: Amen

Cursed is he that intentionally disfigureth library books.

Answer: Amen

Cursed is he that vieweth licentious or seditious material in the LRC.

Answer: Amen

Cursed is he that bringeth his backpack into the library.

Answer: Amen

Cursed is he that removeth the tattle tape from library books and inserteth it into his neighbour's schoolbag.

Answer: Amen

Cursed is he that secretly and maliciously reshelveth library books in incorrect and inconvenient locations.

Answer: Amen.

Cursed is he that writeth on the sides of tables in White-out.

Answer: Amen.

Cursed are the plagiarisers, fighters, discourers, masticators, moneylenders, those of polluted minds, vandals, jostlers, and game players.

Answer: Amen.

Loosely based on the example in the Church of England's Book of Common Prayer. A Commination is a prayer designed to let sinners know that they're in for a bolt of divine lightning or a dose of purgatory if they don't shape up.

This one is written to tell UHS students the divine will of the school librarians.

THE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BOOK SALE 2004

Preparations for the annual **SECONDHAND BOOK SALE** are about to begin.

This year V.C.E. books will be sold to students on their Confirmation of Enrolment Days, November 26th for Year 12

and December 3rd for Year 11. We are offering an ordering service for V.C.E. students ONLY. Book order forms will be distributed with the second hand booklist. V.C.E. students must submit their order by November 20th and will be able to collect their successful orders from Rm. 613 on their Confirmation of Enrolment Days. Although there is no guarantee that all orders can be filled, this system will help to eliminate the long queues experienced in previous years. Any surplus stock will be available for sale at the enrolment days for year 11 and 12.

The **JUNIOR BOOK SALE** for years 7 to 10 will be on **Saturday December 11th** between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm

Please note that the selling day is a Saturday and that you cannot order books in advance. It is therefore essential that if you or your child cannot personally come to buy the books you will need a friend or relative to come instead. Cash or cheques are acceptable.

(No facilities for credit cards will be available)

Year 11 and Year 12 students wishing to sell books have the opportunity to deposit their books in the library any day during school hours between November 1st and December 1st. (Please avoid lunchtime.)

Year 10 students will be able to deposit books in Room 613, on December 3rd (Enrolment day for Year 11 2004) and subsequently on December 8th and 9th during school hours.

The intake of books for sale from year 7,8 and 9 students will occur during school hours on 6th, 8th and 9th December. Students need to make a note of these dates, and ensure all their books are at school on these days. Students will be called by class to deposit their books on these days.

Each family will be paid by cheque for their sold books. However these cheques must go through the school system and for that reason we cannot post them until the beginning of the 2004 school year.

The profits from the book sale will be used as in the past to support UHS educational and extracurricular programs. We hope that with your support we can continue to make the secondhand book-sale a profitable and worthwhile event.

The Secondhand Booksale is a major fund-raising event and relies heavily upon parent support in the processing of the books and the sales to students.

The Parent's Association has already received some offers of help from parents, but more parent help is needed.

Assistance at evening working bees for the ticketing of books and the completion of orders is still required. Also some extra help with distribution of Year 12 & 11 orders on NOVEMBER 26th and DECEMBER 3rd DURING SCHOOL HOURS would be appreciated.

If you can assist at these working bees, V.C.E. pick up days or on the day of the sale, DECEMBER 11th between 9.30 a.m. and 1.00p.m., please contact Jennie Mansfield at jennie @ planet. net. au.

More details about the times of working bees and collection days will be posted on the U.H.S. web site.

LOTE NEWS

Snjezana Singh

Our school was very successful in the recent Berthe Mouchette Poetry Competition of the Alliance Française de Melbourne. Three students were awarded major prizes in this state-wide competition: Christopher Loo and Tatiana Brodskaya in Year 9 shared the 2nd Prize ex-aequo in the Poetry Recitation section, with Christopher also receiving the top prize – Best Overall Year 9 Candidate. In Year 11, Kevin Tan received the 1st prize ex-aequo and Overall Second Best Candidate in Year 11.

Certificates were awarded to students who received an A or B as their result, so that meant that at UHS, 368 students received a certificate. What a fantastic effort!!

We wish to congratulate all the students who participated, especially the major prize winners, Christopher, Tatiana and Kevin. Well done.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Amanda Watson

The End of Year Activities for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take place between Monday 13 and Thursday 16 December 2004. Students have a choice of full and half-day activities. An invoice listing the selected activities and total cost has been prepared and posted home for each student. Payment will need to take place between Monday 26 October and Friday 12 November at the General Office. Please remember that as all activities have been pre-booked no refunds will be given.

YEAR 8 ADVENTURE CAMP

Katherine Klopsteins

Year 8 Camp Coordinator

Phillip Island Adventure Resort Tuesday 30th November – Friday 3rd December. Most Year 8 parents would now be aware that the Year 8 Adventure Camp will be in Week 9 this term. I would like to apologise for the typo on the camp form that had the incorrect date. Please note that the camp is running for FOUR days from the 30th November until the 3rd December.

Most students have returned their forms and made the initial payment. Please note that final payments are now due. (By the end of October)

Students who are not attending camp need to consult with their Sub-school Coordinator as to why they cannot participate and will be expected to attend school during the week of the camp.

PLAY HOCKEY AT MUHC

The Melbourne University Hockey Club runs junior teams in U11, U13, U15 and U17 age groups. We are looking for new players, including goalkeepers, for the winter season 2005. Joining a team means attending weekly training (Wednesday evenings) and matches (Friday evening, Saturday morning for U11). You will need a mouth-guard, shin-guards and a stick to play. Goalkeepers use club pads and helmet. The registration fee for the season is \$150. The season runs from April to September 2005. Pre-season training starts in early March 2005.

If you are interested, please contact Tim Mattingsbrooke on 8344 8629 or t.mattingsbooke@unimelb.edu.au

SPORT REPORT

Suzie Hafey

We are currently in the midst of Northern Zone Fever. UHS has had 12 teams qualify for Northern Zone Finals this term. Year 7 Girls Softball, 8 Girls Tennis and 8 Boys Baseball all played in week one of term 4. All teams played well but unfortunately there were no winners. We still have Intermediate Boys Hockey, Year 8 Girls Table Tennis, 8 Girls Hockey, 7 Boys Basketball, 8 Girls Cricket and 7&8 Boys and Girls Squash to come.

The VSSSA Athletics Finals were held in Bendigo this week. UHS had 4 fantastic athletes qualify. Unfortunately Amir Yonis couldn't compete in the 800 & 1500m events as he had a better offer – being picked to represent Australia in a 14 and under Soccer Competition being held in the USA. Congratulations Amir!

Amelissa Luu of 7B1 had a great day to place 7th in a field of 15 in the triple jump. Not a bad effort for someone who doesn't usually train for this event. Well done Amelissa! Elvana Curi of 7B2 ran a great race to be placed 5th in the hurdles.

Kath Clarke of Year 11 is no stranger to the VSSSA Athletic Final, having represented UHS 4 times in the past 5 years. Kath had a great day, she came 1st in both the 100m & 200m events! Kath has been pretty busy lately; last weekend she also participated in the All Schools Athletics Competition and came 1st in the 400m.

PE NEWS

The Year Ten students at UHS are currently in the midst of a Leisure Unit. The students are participating in a range of Leisure activities which include things such as ten pin bowling, body pump, bocce and golf. This Unit will continue through until the end of Term 4. Students will participate in some activities at school, but the majority will be off campus. It is therefore important that students have returned all permission forms to their Phys. Ed. teachers. They will also need to be in UHS PE uniform for all sessions, unless otherwise instructed by their teachers. Hopefully there will be something for everyone!

EF FOUNDATION

Experience the world from home!!

EF Foundation is a non-profit student exchange organization. Each year students come from over twenty different countries to spend a year in an Australian High School. Our academic program, High School Year Overseas, which helps to bridge cultural differences, would not be possible without the generosity and support of our volunteer host families throughout the world.

We are currently seeking host families for January 2005 and believe that hosting is a fantastic way for Victorian students to increase their career prospects by learning from and living with a different culture in their everyday life.

In January of 2005, students from four countries will arrive in Victoria to live with a family and attend a Victorian high school. Your family has the opportunity to benefit from their stay. Exchange is a wonderful way to teach your children about the world. Parents are encouraged to call for further information.

Shihio from Japan, Winny from Indonesia, Nina from Germany and Phyllis from Hong Kong are all eager to begin their exchange in Victoria and become part of your family! All we ask of our volunteer host families is to provide a place to sleep, meals and a caring environment. Students attend the local high school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

Please call Marion on 9305 4010 or Allyson toll free on 1800 251 877 for more information or visit www.effoundation.org.

PAVER UPDATE

Haydn Moyle

School Council

Response to this project is improving, and we have had about 100 orders so far with more coming in each day. A list of contributors can be found on the school website. Some very colourful handdrawn pavers have been submitted. We need 500 orders (3000 available) to complete the project. The aim of this fundraising effort was to pave a heavily trafficked area and hopefully raise some funds to improve the School Hall facilities. We also hoped to update our Alumni records. We hope that all members of the school, especially those presently at school, will support this project.



If you have not ordered your paver, you have until November 19. Remember it's tax deductible and you are supporting your school.

If you know an ex-student or staff who may be interested in an engraved paver, or simply updating their contact details, forms are available on the school website.

VISIONS



The University High School invites students, parents and friends to the 2004 exhibition of year 7-12 artwork.

Parents and students are invited to the Opening Night:
Tuesday the 16th NOVEMBER from 7-9pm
PERFORMANCE CENTRE - UHS

Exhibition Hours:

Tuesday 16th November 9am - 3pm
Wednesday 17th November - 19th November 9am - 6pm
Saturday 20th November 9am - 12pm
Sunday 21st November 1pm - 4pm

Artwork from left to right : Ying Lim, Leona Dusanovic, Rachel Shi - Year 7

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