



# The University High School SCHOOL NEWS

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## YEAR 8 HISTORY WITH MISS SEEGER-SNOWDEN Lizzie Forrest 8B1

We knew an interesting year was beginning when we first met Miss Seeger-Snowden. Little did we know that towards the end of the year we would have covered a large array of topics, enjoyed cultural food such as Moon Cakes, as well as enjoying some luxuries such as hot chocolate in the mornings and classes outside in the sun.

She is a good teacher; we listen and take advice from her so we can do well in life. We have learnt that blaming others, like teachers or mothers, is not acceptable and the only one that is responsible for our learning, is ourselves. We write our reports and it's up to us to take an interest in our education.

Overall it has been a successful and enjoyable year.



## MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA EDUCATION PASSPORTS 2005

Students, staff, family and friends are welcome to subscribe to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's Education Passport series. This three-concert subscription offers a choice of any three concerts from a selection of ten Thursday evening 'Electrolux Master Series' concerts. The cost of the subscription is \$40 for students and teachers and \$70 for parents.

Please contact Geoff Campbell in the Chapman Office if you are interested.

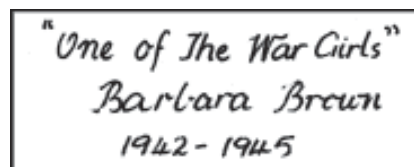
## PAVER UPDATE Haydn Moyle

Response to this project is improving, and we have had about 130 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. Unfortunately we have had very little response from present day students or Alumni from the last 10 years.

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.

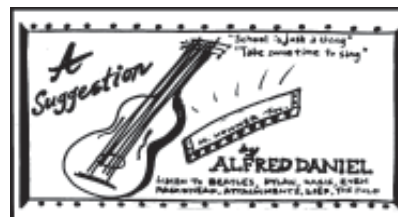
We hope that all members of the school, especially those presently at school, will support this project.



**The deadline has been extended until December 16** for the first lot of pavers to be laid next year.

If you have not ordered your paver, you have until December 16.

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.

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### November

- Sunday 21 Art Exhibition "Visions" closes 4pm  
Friday 26 Re-enrolment day for 2005 years 9, 10 & 12  
Monday 29 Pupil-free day - Report writing  
Tuesday 30 Year 8 Phillip Island adventure camp departs

### December

- Thursday 2 Last day of classes for year 10  
Year 10 final assembly, 1:30pm  
Friday 3 Re-enrolment day for 2005 years 8 & 11  
Year 8 adventure camp returns  
Monday 6 Parent Participation meeting 5:30pm in the Social Staffroom  
Tuesday 7 Year 7 (2005) Orientation day  
Friday 10 Enrolment day for all students new to UHS in 2005  
Saturday 11 Parents' Association secondhand book sale  
Monday 13 Years 7, 8 & 9 activities program (13th - 15th)  
Year 9 camp to Waratah Bay & Wilson's Prom departs  
Thursday 16 Year 9 camp returns  
Year 7-9 reports issued  
Friday 17 Last day of term 4. Students attend by appointment only

**Thursday 27 January is the first day of term I for 2005**

### SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

Your copy of School News should arrive in your letter box in Mid February 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 December 6

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 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 December 8

# THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Bronwyn Valente

I am pleased to be back at University High School after the experience of working in a broader role in the Western Metropolitan Region. It was professionally rewarding giving me an opportunity to work with other schools. It has also reinforced to me the strength of programs at University High School.

I wish to acknowledge the excellent work of Mrs Rosalind Betson as Acting principal and Dr Ric Benson as Acting Assistant Principal over the past four months. The School has been very ably led and planning is well in hand for 2005.

I also wish to acknowledge the retirement of two long serving staff members at the end of the year.

Mr Richard Clay has made a huge contribution to the school. As the timetabler for the school, he has to deal with daily operations of classes and requests for arrangements to support curriculum and ensure the best range of opportunities for students. Succession planning for the teaching of various studies has also been an important aspect of the role. Staff will miss his considered responses and advice as will students in his teaching of Chemistry and Mathematics. He has also been School Council Treasurer for a number of years.

Ms Sally Luste has also retired from the school. She has been a teacher at the school for many years and led the introduction of Indonesian, undertaking additional study and supporting other staff. She also has made significant contribution to Chapman Sub-school, has been a Geography Faculty Co-ordinator and a valued member of the SOSE and LOTE faculties. Staff and students alike will miss her and we wish her well.

Senior students have completed exams and teachers are working completing assessments and reports for all students.

Confirmation of enrolment days are approaching. These are important to confirm personal details and emergency contacts, arrange student photo identification cards and confirm student electives and courses. These days ensure a smooth start to the 2005 year where we plan for students to be in class, commencing with their teachers for the year on day one.

The School Council meeting in November discussed and approved budgets for 2005 programs, adopted terms of reference to establish a fund raising committee and discussed a range of issues.

I informed the Council at this meeting I will be resigning on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 after being the Principal of the School for eight years.

I have felt privileged to have had the opportunity to be part of the school and to have had an

influence on the educational programs for many students.

The Council determined the Principal position would be advertised to allow for a smooth transition with the new Principal commencing on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2005.

**CLASS.STUDS.YR11/C-LS-S@UHS.COM**

(I.E. CLASSICS IN YEAR 11 WITH MISS!)

Mrs. C-L Seeger-Snowden

Classics Year 11, 2004

We have had a very interesting year this year in the study of Classics...and now it is all over!

Archaeological sites have been dug over and the most interesting of sherds, shards and allsorts have been able to 'tell' us much about our backgrounds, (not to mention the rubbish we have buried in our back yards!)

We have visited the NGV and examined very closely the wonderful collection of BFV's and RFV's. (Black-figure and Red-figure vases for the uninitiated!)

We read Homer's 'Iliad' and gave tutorial papers on specific books, (Achilles is a bit of a wimp, Agamemnon a bully and Paris with his lovely golden locks is a wuss!) We debated over Sophocles' 'Antigone' and really confused the issue of 'hubris'. Euripides and 'The Women of Troy' gave us much to think about regarding Helen and Hecabe...hate, hiatus and hierarchy.

Our visitations on the peculiarities and peccadilloes of the past-times and penchants of the Greek Gods...resulted in some both poignant and puerile not to mention pertinent information on these Beings, which has helped to explain a great deal...

The architecture around Melbourne will never be the same again...our work on aesthetics and Classical emblems in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century has made us more aware of just how Greek we are!

Our work has been full-on...essays, tute papers, power-point presentations, puzzles, quizzes, tests, maps, individual excursions anywhere around Melbourne, individual research at MU and anywhere else we could find, open-book tests, SAC's, semester exams...hangman and Celebrity Heads...which is where we finished the years work as evidenced by the photo accompanying this discourse...

An extremely successful year...attended by some extremely successful students...who encouraged and influenced what looks to be an extremely successful Classics 2005...there are TWO Year 11 Classics classes running for next year!

WHOOOPEEE...!!!!Congratulations and well done! Good Luck in Year 12 to all my students!

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Mr. G. Marchant

Once again, UHS students enthusiastically embraced the Federal Election held on the 9th October. Classroom discussions about leaders and policies took place in many humanities lessons, resulting in a great deal of passionate debate. A Federal Election Forum took place on Thursday 7th October.

Speakers from Years 10, 11 and 12 took part in an analysis of the main parties and their values and contributions to our democratic way of life. The speakers were Tim Farhall, Alexia Skok, Bernard Fitzgerald, Beaudan Shaw and one of our resident librarians Ms Kate Marquard. An appreciative audience of about 30 students and staff were impressed by the quality of the presentations by all of the speakers.

A poll of voting intentions took place involving a sample of approximately 120 students in years 10-12. This poll was based on AEC principles using a secret ballot and referential voting. The results were as follows:

Australian Democrats 4%, the Liberal Party 17%, the Greens 21%, ALP 44%, Independent/Others 7% and informal votes 7%. The poll proved to be a pointer to the result in the electorate of Melbourne where the ALP successfully defended the seat from a strong challenge by the Greens. Many students from UHS have been actively involved in a range of political issues including the environment, reconciliation, refugees, the ALP and the Liberal Party. We wish all of them well in their particular field of politics and encourage all students to participate in our great democratic way of life where disputes are settled by the ballot and peaceful means.

## WRITERS IN RESIDENCE

Rob Castles, Library Manager.

On 12 October all Year 9 students were regaled with stories by Melbourne writer, Archie Fusillo, as an introduction to a series of writing workshops run as part of their English program. A very entertaining speaker, Archie was able to engage his audience very quickly as he told a range of anecdotes about his journey to becoming a writer. Each workshop he ran was a double session in the Library allowing those students to explore their own writing ideas while being guided by his experience and expertise.

The Year 10 Literature students were also fortunate to have Maureen McCarthy conduct writing workshops with them on 3 November. Maureen has written a number of novels for young adults as well as seeing some of her work produced for television. Each class was able to undertake a series of writing activities with Maureen focusing on what makes a good story.

## WEB OF STORIES

Pam Hughes and  
Mini Paxinos.



Earlier in the year all Year 7 students participated in a Writer in Residence program. This was sponsored by the Artist in Schools program funded by the Department of Education and Training and managed by Arts Victoria. During the program author, Kirsty Murray, conducted a series of workshops in which students developed their own personal narratives inspired by events or people in their own lives. With finance from the University High School Parents' Association, these stories have now been published as WEB OF STORIES.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6.30p.m. until 7.30p.m. in the Performance Centre all Year 7 students, their parents and teachers are cordially invited to join us in celebration of the publication of this Year 7 anthology.

This publication includes the work of the majority of Year 7 students

A copy can be yours for a minimum donation of \$5.

We encourage all families to purchase a copy as a lasting memory of childhood and school. It would also be a personalized gift from our budding young writers to grandparents and friends.



We hope to see all year 7 families at the launch.



## SYN TV

Chloé and Nina – year 10 Chapman

Every Monday from 4.30 to 5.30pm we present a television show on the Student Youth Network at RMIT in Swanston Street - Syn TV which is screened on channel 31, simulcast on 90.7 Syn FM.

After initially getting introduced to the station through Music VET in year nine, we applied for our own radio show, called "In the Speaker", which we presented for 12 weeks and then applied for another show, called "Summer Lovin'" which we presented over the summer holidays from 2003-2004.

After giving radio a break for half a year, we then applied for another show called "Rock the Casbah" which we presented in term 3 of this year. After presenting 12 shows we put in a request for another show, only this time – instead of giving us another radio show, they offered us a spot on Syn TV – which is a show presented every weekday on channel 31 by five different sets of hosts.

We accepted this offer and now have our own show every week, which is completely organized by us. We get to choose the video clips that are shown and decide what we are going to discuss, as well as getting to request certain guests (for our second show, Jimeoin is going to come on and be interviewed!). It's a fantastic experience that we thoroughly enjoy and is a great way to share our experiences and favourite music with Melbourne!

## END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES 2004

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 are reminded to bring their lunch and drink each day as the school canteen will be closed.

Students participating in outdoor activities need to bring a sun hat and sun screen.

Depending on the choice of activity, students may need a MET ticket for the day and appropriate clothing. Students who are booked to attend snorkeling must remember that the bus will leave school at 8.15am.

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

## SINGING ALL SONGS

Emilia Maubach, of year 12, is a member of 'The Young Voices of Melbourne' choir, which represented Australia at the 26<sup>th</sup> International Society for Music Education Conference in Tenerife (Canary Islands) in August. Emilia has been singing in the choir since year 7. The choir, which was founded in 1990, also performed at this year's Melbourne International Arts Festival. The choir performed a number of acclaimed and unique arrangements as a part of the festival's 'Singing in the Square'.

Emilia is now in the midst of her year 12 exams and is hoping to be able to study a music degree at university.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RESULTS

Mr G Viney

The annual UHS-Essence Photographic Competition once again attracted a large number of entries from right across the school spectrum.

This year we asked entrants to submit photographs that responded to one of four "themes", rather than the "categories" of previous years. The themes chosen for 2004 were A Moment in Time, Somewhere to be, Friends and Life in the City.

The standard of entries was, once again, excellent, and it's great to see so many enthusiastic and talented photographers amongst our students. This year the competition was judged "in-house" by Ms Judith Rendell and Ms Bronwyn White. And the winners are...

### Junior Division:

A Moment in Time –  
Sweeney O'Heare-Young, Year 9

Somewhere to be – Xiang Min, Year 7

Friends – Ruth Hambling, Year 9

Life in the City – Lin Yin, Year 9

Each of these winners will receive a cheque for \$40 and a certificate in due course.

Prize money for this year's competition has been provided by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous. On behalf of the School and the competition entrants, I would like to thank that person.

The winning entries will be published in the 2004 edition of *Essence*, due for publication at the end of November. Congratulations to all entrants.

### Senior Division

A Moment in Time –  
Callum McDonald, Yr 11

Somewhere to be –  
Morgana Interlandi, Yr 11

Friends – Duncan Campbell, Yr 12

Life in the City – Damien Lawler, Yr 11

## HEALTH, PHYSICAL AND SPORT EDUCATION

### Ms K Klopsteins

I would like to thank Mrs. Pauline Walter who recently donated a new table tennis table to the school. It will get much use in our classes, and looks so much better than our old ones.

Also, I'd like to thank the Uni High Old Boys Football Club who also donated some equipment. Footballs of course! These came in very handy.

### Year 8 Health

Most Year 8 classes have recently undertaken the Rethinking Drinking Unit as part of their Health and Physical Education. The aim of the unit is to minimise the harm involved with the use and misuse of alcohol. Students have the opportunity to learn facts about alcohol (such as standard drinks, blood alcohol content), risks associated with drinking and cultural aspects of drinking or not drinking alcohol.

As an extension of this unit, the Year 8's were fortunate to be able to see a performance by a Swinburne TAFE group called "2MBS". The play, called "Robert Thompson is Dead", was based on the dangers of drug use. It centered around three students as they take a whirlwind tour through the world of drugs. The play aims to make the audience consider their risk taking choices carefully. Thanks to "2MBS" for their presentation. (Special note: An ex-Uni High student, Stefania Franja is part of 2MBS...and had a stellar performance!)

### Year 10 Health

Over the past few weeks, Year 10 students have been examining issues surrounding Mental Illness during their Health classes. In this unit students have the opportunity to look at illnesses such as depression, anxiety disorders, eating disorders, bipolar mood disorder, schizophrenia. They have the opportunity to examine the attitudes of people towards mental illness. Some classes also have had the opportunity to discuss the issues surrounding bullying and harassment as well as grief associated with changes in our lives.

Much of the learning in these classes comes from the discussions and activities that students participate in. We encourage families to discuss any of the homework tasks with students. We can all learn something through these types of conversations!

### 2005 SPORT EDUCATION SELECTIONS

A reminder to all student who are enrolling in Year 8 and 9 in 2005. Your Sport Education selection forms are now over-due. Please make sure that you fill out a selection form, have your parents sign the form and return it to your P.E. teacher.

### SPORT REPORT

Inter-school Sport has been quite busy of late. UHS had 12 teams qualify for Northern Zone Finals this term. Of the teams competing in Northern Zone Finals we were fortunate enough to see 4 teams go through to VSSSA State Finals. A fantastic achievement for those teams, who include:

Yr 8 Girls Hockey Yr 7 Girls Squash  
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This achievement has occurred due to the commitment of all of those students involved. Most of these teams have been training since early in Term 3.

Yr 8 Girls Hockey: The girls had to face some tough opposition, including the very talented Warnambool. They did a fantastic job on the day, with the round robin competition very even. Unfortunately a tough call to give the opposition a penalty may have been their eventual downfall. Well done ladies, we'll get 'em next year!

Yr 7 Girls Squash: The girls did a fantastic job in the round robin competition winning all of their 3 matches to make the semi final! Then serious competition hit them in the form of Wangaratta! Unfortunately Wangaratta were far too strong. Well done ladies, a great effort to make it to the semis.

Yr 7 Boys Squash: The boys had some fairly tight competition in the round robin competition, losing to Frankston by a game and winning against Tallangatta by points. The boys then played in the semi final against Northcote, a team we beat in the northern Zone Finals. Unfortunately this time the tables were turned and they beat us 3-1.

Yr 8 Boys Squash: They started the day with nerves under control. After all nerves aren't a problem when you've all been to the state finals before! The boys won easily against Belmont, but were defeated by McKinnon and last years winners Wangaratta. Bad luck guys!

### Year 7 Boys Basketball – Zone Finals

Team: J.Barrile, R. Clayton-Chubb, M. DiPetta, A. DiStefano, D. Ducasse, W. Hicks, O. Mispelhorn, D. Pilioussis, S. Tarrant-King.

The Year 7 boys had an impressive line up to go into the finals. Although this made team selection difficult, it was great to see so many players keen to play. With Aaron Muliaga out of town, we needed another forward and Oliver Mispelhorn filled the role well.

Game One did not look good. The twins on the other team proved to be difficult to stop with their 3 point shooting. However, we gained momentum in Game Two with a confident win. In Game Three we were playing the top team and were 18 points down at half time. Despite Dean Pilioussis putting in a valiant scoring effort to stay with them, we couldn't seem to make any ground. However, after some inspirational coaching by Barney Frankish, the team pulled together to make ground and made up the 17 points. In the dying seconds, however, we could not catch up that last point. Special mention to Will Hicks who played consistently well all day. Great work done by the whole team! Special thanks to squad members and scorers, Vlado and James.

Koach Kloppe

# THE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BOOK SALE 2004

**Preparations for the annual SECONDHAND BOOK SALE are well underway.**

This year V.C.E. books will be sold to students on their Confirmation of Enrolment Days, November 26<sup>th</sup> for Year 12 and December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and MUST collect and PAY for their successful orders in Rm. 613 on their Confirmation of Enrolment Days. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**(Please avoid lunchtime.)**
- **Year 10 students** will be able to deposit books in Room 613, on December 3<sup>rd</sup> ( Enrolment day for Year 11 2004) and subsequently on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> during school hours.
- The intake of books for sale from **year 7,8 and 9** students will occur during school hours on 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 Parent's Association has already received 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 26<sup>th</sup> and DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> between 9.30 a.m. and 1.00p.m., please email: [booksale@unihigh.vic.edu.au](mailto:booksale@unihigh.vic.edu.au)**

'Visions' UHS Art Exhibition 2004



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