



The University High School SCHOOL NEWS

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PAVER UPDATE

Haydn Moyle, School Council

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 hand drawn 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 member who may be interested in an engraved paver, or simply in updating their contact details, forms are available on the school website. <http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au>

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RESULTS

The 2005 UHS-Essence Photographic Competition has at last been judged, and we have pleasure in announcing the results. This year, the judging panel was made up of almost the entire Art and Design faculty, and with so many judges, there was considerable and prolonged discussion and re-evaluation prior to reaching consensus. But consensus was reached, so here are the results:

Junior Division

"Even in the Quietest Moments": Winner - Vaughan Quinn, yr 9

"My Place, My Time": Winner: Hannah Layman, yr 8

"The Beat of a Different Drum": Phoebe Quinn, yr 7

Senior Division

"Even in the Quietest Moments": Winner - Callum McDonald, yr 12

"My Place, My Time": Winner: Fiona McAlpine, yr 12

"The Beat of a Different Drum": Andrew Wong, yr 11

The standard overall was so high that the judges insisted on nominating several other entries as "Highly Recommended". All winners, along with the highly recommended entries will be published in our annual magazine, Essence. Senior winners will receive their prizes in the mail, junior prizes will be distributed at school.

Thanks and congratulations to all entrants. Thanks to the judging panel - J Rendell, B White, M Augustinus, M Steel and A Marotta.

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SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical cost will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance of health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Is other insurance cover available?

Yes.

The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty. Ltd. And Willis Australia Ltd., that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.

Website: <http://www.studenthealth.com.au>

PARENTS' SKILLS REGISTER

Susie Orzech,

Chair, Parent Participation Group.

Thank You to all those parents who responded to the skills register survey toward the end of 2004; your generous response has been appreciated.

In the course of 2005 many parents have been contacted and have helped faculties with their work as well as with fundraising via the book sale. We hope to build on this parent involvement next year as new families join the UHS community.

The participation of parents in the life of the school has been valued greatly by the Parent Participation Committee of School Council and by the whole school community. Thank You.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

December

Tuesday 13 Year 9 Adventure Camp departs.
Enrolment day for students new to UHS in 2006

Thursday 15 Years 7-9 Activities program

Friday 16 Years 7-9 Activities program
Year 9 Adventure Camp returns
Years 7-9 reports issued

Wednesday 21 Last day of Term IV. Students attend by appointment only

Tuesday 31st of January is the first day of Term I for 2006

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 February.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association meets in the school staff common room at 7:30 pm. All parents are welcome.

Next Meetings: To be announced, 2006.

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: To be announced, 2006.

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Rob Newton
Teachers

Following National Teachers Day on 28th October, 2005, I imagine many teachers like myself reflected on their careers and profession. I actually celebrated a birthday soon after and my gift from the family was Frank McCourt's latest novel *Teacher Man*. While I am saving this for a 'holiday read', I have read the reviews and many other letters to the editor recently regarding the challenges of teaching. It certainly has become more challenging and that brings with it pros and cons like job satisfaction and personal rewards versus stress and frustration. The rewards far outweigh the negatives. McCourt expresses my feelings well. "I made a great discovery in the classrooms of New York: myself. When you teach you see bits of yourself in the eyes of your students, till one day the bits begin to come together and you say, oh I'm glad this happened before the next fog closes in".

Building Program

Thank you to all the families that have contributed to our building program via the materials and service charges. The College Council is hopeful our submission to the Federal Government to help fund (\$150,000) our Breezeway project will be successful (we hear in March 2006) and that we can complete the

YEAR 10 GRADUATION 2005

Peter Nero

On Thursday the 1st of December all Year 10 students celebrated the completion of their year 10 studies with a special graduation ceremony in the Performance Centre at UHS. Students listened to speeches from the Principal, Mr Robert Newton and from our special guest, Mr. Dan Nicholson. Dan Nicholson graduated from University High School in 1995. Dan has been an active participant in a number of community volunteer organisations, including Fitzroy Legal Service, and a human rights organisation in the Asia Pacific. He spoke of the importance for young people to develop, not only a personal responsibility but community responsibility. He described the fantastic will and fortitude of the Timorese to rebuild their country, in particular their schools. Dan made a significant impact on the audience, especially with his emphasis that they can make a difference in their local community and in the world.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of special achievements awards and Year 10 Certificates.

The Award Recipients received a certificate and a voucher from Reading Bookstore.

Congratulation to all Year 10 and Year 9AP students.

Art: Visual Art	Fergie Romero & Ai Lin Tan
Art: Music Instrumental	Aaron SilverKuo Li
Art: Music classroom	Miranda Managle
Art: Drama	Anna Carlton

Art: Media	Rosie Dobney
English	Alexander Lee & Cordelia Rice
Information Technology	Liam Culbertson & Yi Huang

LOTE	Camilla Gorman & Konstadina Lontos
Physical Education / Sport	David Threlfall & Jenna Tellefson

Science	Phillipa Dalach & Annie Yang
Technology	Liam Culbertson & Lulu Xing
Student Leadership (SRC)	Ruth Hambling & Louis Gregory

project before it gets too cold! The Council is working on a future development plan of which details will be available early next year.

Strategic Plan

Thank you to all those who have contributed to our Strategic Plan. It is with the Department of Education and Training and we are now developing our Annual Implementation Plan. Many thanks to David Gurr (our critical friend and parent) and Assistant Principal Rosalind Betson who have led the project.

Year 12 Common Room

There is an overall increase in Year 12 classes for 2006. This is due in part to increased VCE enrolments (some students doing VCE over three years) and student subject selections for 2006. We are now using room 700 as a general purpose classroom. Consequently, we have relocated the Year 12 Common Room to a room adjacent to the Library. Whilst not as large, it is in a more appropriate position for our Year 12 students.

Happy and Safe Holiday

This being the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish all students and University High School families a safe and happy festive season and I look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for the challenges of 2006 on Tuesday the 31st of January.

Subschool Awards

Sharman

Excellence Award	Annie Yang
Participation and Leadership Award	Konstadina Lontos
Sharman Award	Luciana feola

Chapman

Excellence Award	Laura Carbone
Participation and Leadership Award	Zach Oakes

Chapman Award	Eleanor Pilioussis
Year 9AP Award	Felix Johnson
Brookes	

Excellence Award	Phoebe Kong
Participation and Leadership Award	Jenna

	Tellefson
Brookes Award	Lulu Xing

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms K Klopsteins

Health and Physical Education Week 10th – 14th October

There were heaps of activities that were happening the second week into the term to celebrate Health & Physical Education Week. It's always a good time to remind students, staff and even parents of taking care of your physical, mental and social health. The activities that we had for the week were all part of that theme.

We had Ms. Florence Tan come and take a small Aerobics class at lunch-time in the Hall on Monday. Thanks Florence, it was great fun! (Her son Jun Ying is in Year 8).

Warwick Giddey and David Stiff of the Melbourne Tigers Basketball Club came and ran a clinic at lunchtime.

We had an "alternative" therapies session at lunch time where Patricia Le Grain and Lyndal McLean conducted reflexology treatments in room 115. (Patricia's son Michael is in year 8 and Lyndal is also an instrumental music teacher at Princes Hill SC). Patricia kindly recruited the services of Dr Elena Nefedova who is from Russia and conducted iridology readings. Patricia works out of the QV Pharmed Pharmacy in the QV retail centre. If you need some relaxation time during a lunch-time or after work, I can highly recommend it!

A very big THANK YOU to all the above people for being part of our Health and PE week!

We also had some sporty competitions happening of course. We had a bench press comp, 3 point shoot out, nearest the pin and footy handball competition.

The PE staff got up at the crack of dawn on the Wednesday to make a healthy breakfast for the rest of the Uni High staff. After all, it is the most important meal of the day. This was a

rather enjoyable and social occasion to start the day.

On Thursday all Year 9 Students participated in the Year 9 Health Day. They participated in many health related discussions about life, including a session with Luke and Kirk from Reach Youth. This session involved discussions and activities surrounding self esteem and peer dynamics. Athi from Family Planning Victoria spoke about sex in general. (Ask a Year 9 student for the details!) In the afternoon the group broke up into two. The boys went off to do "secret men's business" (that's all I'm allowed to know). The girls attended a talk by a lady named Lyn who has no arms and no legs. This related to our discussions about body image, and got us thinking about the fact that we are more than just our bodies!

On Friday the Year 10 students attended a production called "Wired" which was presented by Brainstorm Productions. The focus here was mental health. Luke and Kirk from Reach Youth also conducted a session with this group. The theme was "finding your voice".

Thank you to Ms Kim Patterson who was the head honcho organiser for these two great Health Days. Thank you also to all the teachers who assisted with the activities and to all our guest speakers.

It was a pretty eventful Health and PE Week. Thanks to all who participated in the activities and helped conduct them as well.

Golden Circle Fun Run – Year 8 Sport Education

On 11th November all Year 8 students will be participating in a Fun Run in Royal Park. The Fun Run is sponsored by Golden Circle and students are able to obtain sponsorship for running 3km. The idea of the sponsorship is to raise money for the school. "Why raise money for the school, doesn't it have plenty?" I hear you ask. Well, we'd like to update some equipment in the weights room, add some cooling fans for the

summer months, and sometimes we need to raise some funds for these extra special items. Also, students will get prizes for themselves if they submit their sponsorship forms

So please, be part of the fun, collect some sponsorship money, get yourself a prize and enjoy the physical activity. Also, Pete the Pineapple will be there! You can't miss seeing Pete!

Spare Golden Circle sponsorship forms are available from the PE office.

Thank you to Ms Roslyn Anderson who is organising the Fun Run

Pierre de Coubertin Awards

On Sunday 16th October, Sophie Porter of Year 12 was presented with the Pierre de Coubertin Award at the Melbourne University Law School. The award is named after the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

This prestigious award is presented by the Victorian Olympic Council to students who demonstrate Olympic Spirit at their school and in the broader community. These attributes include participation in sporting endeavours with a particular emphasis on participation and commendable sporting behaviour. Sophie received this award because she is a self motivated participant in many sporting activities, both in the school and beyond. She loves competition, loves to win but also loves fair play. Sophie also coach's junior basketball teams outside of school and referees basketball as well.

Well done Sophie!

Generally this award is presented to senior students who have demonstrated a consistent approach to their sporting endeavours over time at school. So make sure that you tell your teachers about all the great things that you do at school and outside of school.

Physical Education Excursion Forms – Good news for 2006!

In your enrolment package this year you will notice that there is *just one excursion form* for Physical Education. The fantastic news is that we have approval for this excursion form to cover the Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and all Physical Education activities for the whole year. These activities include the Swimming Unit at Brunswick Baths and classes conducted at nearby venues such as Royal Park Tennis Courts, Melbourne University Sports and Recreation, Royal Park and Princes Park. This also covers participation in after school trainings at these venues.

The great news is that parents won't get repetitive strain injury from signing so many permission forms for PE, and we'll save a few trees in the process! All students will be expected to communicate to their parents what activities that they are doing each week in PE.

This form will not cover any Inter School competitions such as sport days, or excursions in other subject areas.

Year 8 State Tennis Finals

Anjelica Chen, Ellen Healy, Larissa Donohoe, Vinney Wang and Jelena Stojic made up this fine team of talented players and top sports people. Their manner on the court was exemplary and they fought out each match with great determination. The opposition teams were Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College, Traralgon Secondary College and Shepparton High School. Although we were unable to clinch any of the matches, the girls did make them work hard for every point. Thank you to Vinney's Mum for bringing along a picnic hamper of sushi, soft drinks and icy poles. It was a perfect day for tennis. The girls can be extremely proud of their personal performance and teamwork in the doubles matches. Thank you to Ms Sterling for her on-going support of the team since first term when she took the girls as part of the Sport Education class and coached them to their first win at the District competition.

Term 4 Sporting Results

This term has been a most important time for some of our sporting teams, namely: girls hockey and mixed squash teams (years 7-9). There was a flurry of activity leading up to the days of competition. Now that the Finals have concluded, the team results are as follows:

Girls yr.7 Hockey 2nd Place
Girls yr.8 Hockey Semi Finals placing
Girls yr.9 Hockey 4th Place.
Girls yr.7 Squash Semi-Finals placing
Girls yr.8 Squash Semi-Finals placing
Boys yr.8 Squash Semi-Finals placing
Girls yr.8 Tennis Semi-Finals placing

The school community congratulates the teams for their efforts at the State Finals. Many thanks to the teachers and parents who attended the day, this was much appreciated by students. I think that we at UHS should be proud of our achievements for 2005 and I look forward to your participation in 2006. Have a good rest over the Christmas break and be ready for our annual intra-school swimming carnival to be held on the 22nd of February at the Coburg Outdoor Pool Complex.

THE NGV, HISTORY AND

THE 7B1'S.

YOU DID IT!!!

C-L. Seeger-Snowden

Thirty-three° C did not deter the enthusiasm of the great 7B1's. We were on a mission. Believe it or not, this whole activity was negotiated in the first week of first term!

It was democratically agreed to by you all in February, that:
If you completed all requested work requirements and outcomes
If you perfected those researched essay (footnotes with ibids and op cits)
If you presented oral dissertations
If you reproduced your artifact....
you would be allowed out on an excursion...YOU DID IT!!!

The activity at the National Gallery of Victoria, took place on the first day of December. 7B1 was divided into teams complete with badges, (the Egyptians, Greeks, Aztecs, Incas and Feltons) There were questions to answer, people to see, artifacts to find, lunch to eat, computers to use, and homework to complete. Always work!

Did you enjoy yourselves, did you learn more about the Ancient societies that we have studied all year, did you marvel at the beauty of these tools and statues that are thousands of years old? You did!!

Did you impress your teachers with your enthusiasm and interest, did you please the NGV personnel with your presence, did you have a positive effect on gallery visitors? You did!

Did you enjoy your specially packed lunches in the lovely gardens at the back of the NGV, did you enjoy lying on your backs in the Grand Hall looking up at the lead-light ceiling, did you amuse the other passengers with your attempts to share and offer seats on a very crowded tram? You did!

Congratulations 7B1. Remember what you did.

Remember, that YOU did it!

Happy travels in year 8, special thanks to Mr. Henry, love Miss.

TOUGH LOVE

ToughLove is an international group that has its origins in the USA and its aim is to help parents with difficult children, in particular teenagers, to help themselves. It is based on local groups of parents, who meet weekly to provide mutual support and to seek ways to deal with difficult teenage behaviour, and to bring about changes in their lives and their families.

The group meets every Monday from 7.45 to 10.00pm in the Technology Building at UHS. Enter via the driveway in Story Street, go to the top of the slope and the Technology Building is the one on your left, go through the double doors and follow our signs to the meeting room. The meetings follow a carefully planned structure and regular attendance is recommended. Guest speakers provide valuable information about local organizations and services for support.

If you are having problems with difficult behaviour from your child and have not been able to find advice or support for dealing with it, why not come along and hear what we have to offer. All parents are welcome whether you have a child at UHS or not.

If you would like some information about the local group you can call either Pam or Howard on 9370 2441. To find out more about the ToughLove organisation visit the website www.toughlove.org.au

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (30 January 2006 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (3 July 2006).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2006 for the first payment and 4 August 2006 for the second payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$205 for primary students and \$410 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2006 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28 February 2006 and prior to or on 4 August 2006, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES 2005

End of Year Activities for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take place on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December 2005. Please remember that as all activities have been pre-booked no refunds will be given.

Students who are going snorkelling must return their completed participant information sheets to school and remember that the bus leaves school at 8.15am.

Students are reminded:

1. to bring their own lunch and drinks each day as the school canteen will not be open
2. to bring sun screen and a hat if participating in an outdoor activity
3. to have their own MET ticket if travelling on public transport to an activity.

GAMELAN ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP

Earlier this term, the Year 10 Music Special and Music styles classes went to Melbourne University for a Gamelan workshop under the direction of Poedijono.

Poedijono is a highly esteemed and superbly talented artist, both in Gamelan music and the wonderful art of Balinese shadow puppets. Gamelan means the orchestra and its instruments as well as the style of music, which layers its textures with slower paced music in the lower pitches becoming gradually more complex and intricate as the pitch of the part rises.

Students experimented with various vocal and rhythmic sounds first, then applied their skills to the fantastic range of metallophones and gongs making up the orchestra. Our sincere thanks to Melbourne University for making their facilities available. Photographs by Beatrix Hunyh-Vu (10B1)

ART REPORT

Junior printmaking boosted by donation.

The Art Department is very grateful for a donation that was made to the school for the Junior Art Program this year. We bought a new printing press for the junior art rooms. Although there was a long delay in the delivery of this press you can see some of the excellent results that have resulted from this very generous donation, this term. Some students have done lino prints and others acetate etching. A boost like this is invaluable as it allows students to get a much more finished look to their printmaking. So please keep the Art Department in mind if any parent would like to give public education a helping hand!



Year 8: Lachlan MacLaren and Larissa Donogue, Lino cuts

Clare Hingston's image for the Butterfly Foundation



Student exhibits widen in the community.

Besides the successful University Art Exhibition, Essentials, students have also exhibited in at the Meat Market Art Centre in North Melbourne, during the busy month of November! Year 10 students, Hannah Crofts, Claire Hingston, Elise Pahlow, Ella Adams and Aaron Silver produced a series of images using Photoshop. They exhibited outstanding work in this very professional show run by the Butterfly Foundation, an organization supporting young people with eating disorders. It was titled "The Best Stuff is on the Inside". Several students attended the opening night, which was great fun with a band, food and

Elise Pahlow's image for the Butterfly Foundation



entertainment. While students were admitted free, the general public had paid to attend, as it was a fund raising night for the Foundation.

The Melbourne Environmental Arts Festival, held at the City Square and other satellite venues was also a great success, with Elizabeth Macmillan winning first prize in a category for painting and mixed media. Year 9 students who exhibited were Nicole Blanks, Ellen Buckley, Caroline Loh, Steven Leung, Miriam Nowak, Jennifer Wheatcroft and Hannah White. While this was a more casual exhibition run by the SRC at the Victorian College of the Arts, it was another opportunity for students to experience seeing their work exhibited outside the school environment.

Thank you to the energetic participants in both these exhibitions.



Elizabeth MacMillan's first prize entry for mixed media, Melbourne Environmental Arts Festival



Miriam Nowak's Stencil Art, Melbourne Environmental Arts Festival

IMAGES FROM THE ANNUAL UHS ART EXHIBITION
"ESSENTIAL" 2005



Zoe Stephenson Yr.12



Year 8 Pop Art



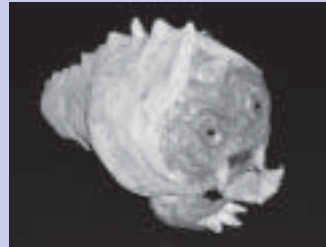
Dylan Hammond Yr.12



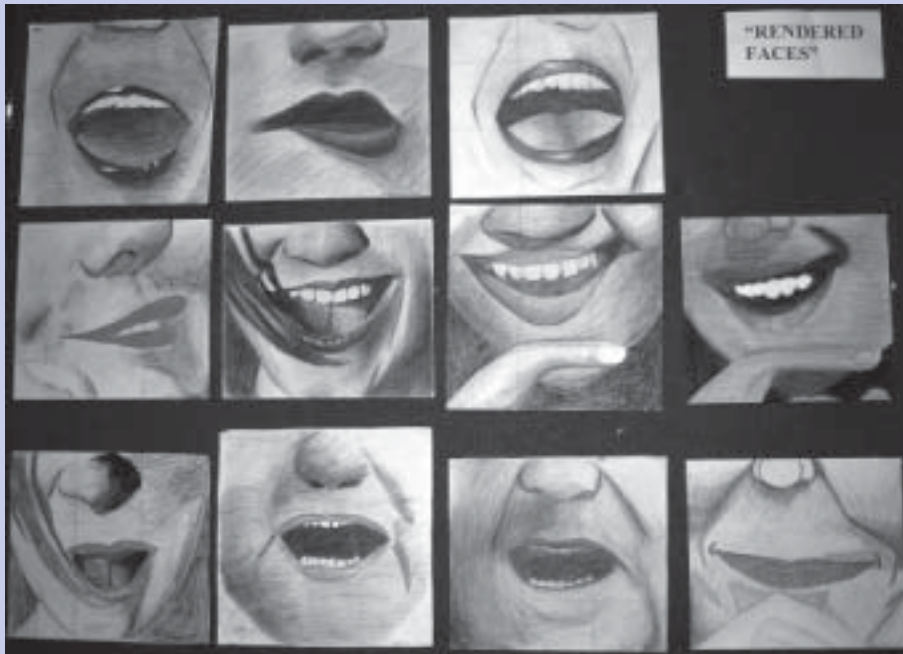
Year 8 Wire Tiara



Fergie Romero Yr.10



Kate Alexander Yr.11



Year 9 Rendered Faces

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