



Special Note to Parents regarding Week 7, 12 – 16 March 2012

Week 7 will be a unique week in the Unley High School Calendar with Monday 12 March being a Public Holiday for Adelaide Cup Day, Sports Day on Thursday 15 March, where all students will be expected to attend and participate, and a Student Free Day and the Year 12 Formal scheduled for Friday 16 March.

The school community has determined that holding the Year 12 Formal as early as possible in the school year is an advantage as it allows students to enjoy the event and then remain focused on their learning for the rest of the year. To accommodate the large cohort of Year 12 students, the Formal will be held at the Convention Centre, with the only date available to us in Term 1 being Friday 16 March 2012.

In relation to Sports Day, we need to hold it early in the year to allow coaching and training to occur for the Interschool Athletics Carnival scheduled for Tuesday 3 April 2012. Additionally, there are restrictions on the bookings of tents and shelters for the event.

Schooling is important for all year levels, and is of particular importance to senior students. To ensure learning is maintained throughout Week 7, teachers will set work that will need to be completed over the long weekend, on the Student Free Day and on the following weekend.

Tuesday 13 March, Wednesday 14 March and Thursday 15 March are normal school days and the expectation, as always, will be that all students will attend as usual.

Kathy Ellis, Assistant Principal Senior School

From the Principal

On Tuesday 10 February 2012 I had the very great pleasure of meeting with the Unley High School students who received Merit Certificates at a ceremony at Government House. Merits are awarded to students who receive a perfect score in a subject – the top 1 to 2% in the group who achieve an A+. Dion Di Falco, Rachael Gill, Vasilios Halikias, Inessa Harpas, Lauren Hussey, Lachlan Kerr and Indiana Wishart received 1 Merit. Amanda Li and Jane Hill gained Merits in two subjects. Amanda's achievement was exceptional as she gained the Classical Association of South Australia Prize for Classical Studies, receiving the top mark in the State. Amanda studied Classical Studies at Mitcham Girls High School and her other subjects with us.



Back row: Vasilios Halikias, Lachlan Kerr, Jane Hill & Dion Di Falco
Front row: Inessa Harpas, Indiana Wishart, Amandi Li and Lauren Hussey

Harvard University Course

At the end of last year I attended a course at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. This course was about Instructional Rounds, which is based on the medical rounds model and aims to build the professional practice of educators. Groups of teachers and school leaders briefly visit a series of classrooms gathering evidence about what teachers and students are doing, and the nature of the learning task. From a series of observations, patterns of evidence that emerge are analysed in order to identify the next steps needed to support student learning.

There were one hundred and twenty people at the course with one team each from Canada, Bahrain and Australia. The remaining participants were from the United States. I am pictured here with my South Australian colleagues who are school and system leaders.



I will be trialling the use of Instructional Rounds in two ways this year. In the first instance, I will be working with the Inner South Secondary Principals Group where we intend to observe in each other's schools. Secondly, I will be working with the New to Teaching (NTT) Group who are teachers new to Unley High School and are new to teaching. I am very pleased to say that we have fifteen teachers this year who have been teaching for less than five years. Of this group, some are already proving to be some of our finest teachers.

As a way of supporting their professional growth we hope to offer the opportunity to trial the Instructional Rounds process later in the year. Although not yet formally reviewed there is strong anecdotal evidence that the Instructional Rounds process leads to changes in the nature of the learning tasks that students are asked to do, with particular reference to increasing the level of challenge. This fits very well with our school goal to Increase Student Engagement and Achievement.

Susan Cameron, Principal

School News

Finance News

An Education Tax Refund may be available to eligible parents. Information is available through the ATO. Please retain your invoice to assist you in making a claim. Items on your invoice that may be claimed include Text Book Hire, Stationery Items, and subject charges which are for Workbooks (Yr 8, 9 & 10 Language subjects). Some Year 12 charges may also include claimable components.

Rosemary Wright, Business Manager

Facilities News

REPLACEMENT BUILDINGS

The 700 Block transportable buildings are finally nearing completion. Five classrooms were destroyed in an act of arson in July 2011. The new buildings are modern, air conditioned and far superior to the 'old tinnies'. There is a six metre covered area between the two buildings and an extended verandah on the eastern end creating a light bright area which can be used as shelter or an outdoor classroom. It is planned to install lockers in this area to reduce the congestion in the nearby locker cage. Four classrooms are now occupied and it is hoped an Art class will move in by the 27th February. Landscaping of the area and gardens will beautify the area.



An Opening Ceremony was held Friday 10th February 2012. A ribbon was cut, cake was shared and Susan Cameron thanked those involved in assisting with the replacement of these buildings. The classrooms were declared open.

SECURITY FENCE

Visitors to Unley High School will have noticed the erection of the Security Fence is well underway. It is still several weeks prior to the gates being locked each night. When this process commences it will be important for parents, students and visitors who come to the school late in the afternoon or evening to understand that the last gate will be locked at 6:00pm. There will be no exit from the fenced site, vehicular or pedestrian after this time. The Kitchener Street Park on the southern side of the Main Oval will not be locked. The student car park adjacent to the LifeBeInIt gym will have no access to the school site after 5:00pm. This time is still to be confirmed and further information will be provided to all students and parents.

Congratulations to

Sarah Tonkin, who been selected to represent Secondary School Sport SA at the forthcoming School Sport Australia Softball Championships in Canberra, ACT, from 28 April to 5 May 2012.

Pastoral Care Support Worker News

CACET (Child abuse consultancy, education and training) is holding an FREE information night on how to protect your child from internet predators and internet bullying. Please come along to Parkside Baptist Church, 100 Young Street Parkside on March 14th at 7pm. There is a particular focus on Facebook and how predators use it to get close to kids, so if your child uses Facebook this would be a brilliant night to attend.

Kat Evans and Jodi Quast, Pastoral Care Support Workers

Musical News

Rehearsals are under way for Unley High School's next school musical, *Annie Get Your Gun!* The rehearsals commenced in Week 2 with rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 - 4:45 in the Performing Arts Centre.



Frank, Dolly, Winnie and Buffalo Bill

Rehearsals are going very well. "The whole cast is working with excitement and enthusiasm", Director Mel Geddie informed us.

A big congratulations to Em Carter who is playing the lead



Annie, and her sisters

role of Annie Oakley, Andy Kingsmill as Frank Butler and Ned Kulbach as Buffalo Bill.

The performances of *Annie Get Your Gun!* will be on the 13th, 14th and 15th of June 2012 in Week 8 of Term 2. Tickets will be available to purchase online closer to these dates. To all the actors and singers involved, keep up the great work!

The Year 10/11 Creative Arts Class Publicity Group

Home Economics News

2011 ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to both Olivia Evans and Brittney Coombs-Claughton who entered the Royal Adelaide Show in 2011.

Brittney achieved a 3rd place and Olivia 1st place in Under 17 Casual Clothing section. Olivia also won the \$40 overall prize for her age group.

Jo Stock, Home Economics Teacher

Sports News

Term 1 sport has got off to a great start in 2012. We have many students participating in cricket, badminton, touch football, basketball, tennis and indoor soccer on a regular weekly basis. We are lucky enough to, once again, have the support of some fantastic old scholars to coach and support these teams along with some current senior students and parents. Their help and commitment is what makes running our sport teams possible and they are always appreciated.

Knockout sports have also begun with both the Year 10 and open cricket teams making it through round one. Sadly the Year 10 boys were knocked out in round two losing their game to Wirreanda by only four runs. The open boys are still to play again. Also this Term in knockout we have open baseball, softball and tennis. We have also had nine students making up three teams competing in the team triathlon championships. All of these teams did very well coming in the top ten when competing against many state athletes.

So we've hit the ground running with our sport and we are looking forward to another successful year on the back of winning "The Howard Mutton Perpetual Trophy" in 2011. This award goes to the school who had the most successful sporting year in regard to both participation numbers and successful results. Events that count towards this award are the mid-week Southern Zone Team Sports, Knockout Sports and the Secondary School Sport Elite individual and team events. We are very proud of all of our sports participants whose efforts all contributed to receiving such a great sports recognition award. We also realise that we have even greater participation in sport than this award reflects as our Saturday morning sports numbers are very large and are not included as part of this award.

Already we are accepting nominations for both regular weekly winter sports and knockout events to start in Term 2. Any interested students need to return sports forms to student services before 14 March 2012 to be considered for a team.

Anna Henderson, Sports Coordinator

Glenunga and Unley World Challenge Vietnam/Cambodia Expedition December 2011

Three Unley High School students joined a group from Glenunga International High School on the World Challenge Vietnam/Cambodia Expedition in December 2011. They were Hamish Straatman, Michael Ingham and Alex Tan. The Tour Leader, Wendy Ladner of Glenunga International High School has written the following article about the experiences of the students.



The Glenunga and Unley World Challenge team left all that was comfortable and familiar at home in Australia, full of anticipation and expectation: they were not disappointed. As the School Leader, I was witness to this group of young people gelling together to manage their own successful tour of Vietnam and Cambodia. They were challenged by the customs, language, and poverty of these developing countries. They were challenged by the hustle of busy cities, by the stresses of travel and by the dynamics within the group. They were challenged by the rigours of trekking, and were duly rewarded at 'the top of the hill'. They were confronted by the shocking events in recent history of both Vietnam and Cambodia.

It did not take long for each student to step up to these challenges through their own personal development and with the support of the other team members. After 28 days together, long lasting friendships were forged and a love for travel. Each student was deeply affected by the week-long stay at the New Hope for Cambodian Children Orphanage in Phnom Penh, and plans are underway to continue support for this very worthy organisation.

The students penned some reflections as they reluctantly made the long journey home:

As my first time overseas, Vietnam and Cambodia have been the most amazing experiences of my life. To experience cultures so vastly different to ours has been thrilling. Perhaps the most rewarding was the NHCC. I have decided to sponsor a child myself.

It is so upsetting to be going home! This trip has been such a valuable and enjoyable experience. I want it to keep going. The team are now like family. I have come away from the expedition with so much: pushing through the trek, organising transport/food/accommodation, dealing with unfavourable situations and adoring the kids at NHCC has taught me invaluable life lessons. Thank you to the 'Glenuglies' for sharing the trip with me.

Before this trip I was told by family that this trip "would change my life". I responded politely, "yes, thank you" not actually accepting that this would actually happen, but it has! Thank you to everyone for making this one of the most brilliant experiences of my life. These memories will stay with me forever.

A trip like this can show anyone the true value of what they have. I have seen that there is little that I don't have. This experience has changed how I am going to spend my spare time. Vietnam and Cambodia have been awesome. Things are cheap and the food is good. We had such good fun and I would like to go back one day.



While the whole trip has been rewarding, it was working at NHCC that I got the most out of. I would love to visit these places again, especially NHCC.

Vietnam and Cambodia are two beautiful places to visit. I highly recommend this trip to others.

Sincere thanks are extended to the families and friends of the students and those who supported our various fundraising events. Thank you to both schools, World Challenge and particularly our World Challenge Leader, Tom.

More photos on our blog:

[Glenunga and Unley World Challenge 2011](#)

Wendy Ladner, Glenunga International High School

SA Police Youth Leadership Camp

Earlier this year during the summer holidays, I had the amazing opportunity of attending the SA Police Youth Leadership Camp, run by the Special Tasks and Rescue (STAR) Force at Echunga. I was one of 28 participants selected from across the state to attend the intense six-day camp, which focused on leadership, teamwork and motivating others and aimed at developing future leaders within the community.

It was an extremely memorable and rewarding experience that took me out of my comfort zone through a range of physically and mentally challenging activities, which together boosted my self-confidence, made me more independent and enabled me to form strong relationships with other participants and leaders.

Throughout the camp we were continually challenged and pushed to our limits. There was a large emphasis on working together as one and on identifying each other's strengths and weaknesses in order to support one another. Our team leaders acted as our mentors and along the way, we met many inspirational people and took on board many intriguing lessons of self-motivation and preparation for when we are faced with challenging situations in the future.

I believe the camp has made me a stronger individual and I have taken away many life experiences and ideas of leadership that I hope to use this year at school and in my future.

For more information visit

http://www.sapolice.sa.gov.au/sapol/community_services/young_people/blue_light.jsp

James Merrett, Student

Mitcham Dental Clinic

The Mitcham Dental Clinic is about to undergo a major internal upgrade. This will mean that from Wednesday 29 February 2012, the clinic will be closed and patients will be re-directed to Clapham Primary School Dental Clinic situated at:

Clapham Primary School
Calgary Avenue, Clapham
Phone: 8271 0371 Monday to Friday

The proposed reopen date for Mitcham School Dental Clinic is Monday 25 June 2012. We would like to thank you for your patience during this time and we will look forward to seeing you in our exciting new-look clinic.

From the Mitcham School Dental Staff

Young Endeavour

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is now accepting applications for young Australians aged 16 to 23 to join a voyage aboard the national sail training ship Young Endeavour. The ballot for voyages departing between July and December 2012 will close on 2 March 2012.

A voyage in Young Endeavour is an exciting experience, and a unique opportunity for youth to develop teamwork and leadership skills through a world recognised organisation.

During each voyage youth crew from across Australia learn the skills to successfully sail a square rigged ship, including climbing the 30 metre mast, setting and furling sails, and maintaining a 24 hour watch on the bridge. They also learn to navigate, take the helm, keep lookout and help the chef in the ship's galley. Once they have learned these skills, each youth crew will take command of Young Endeavour for 24 hours, and on their last day at sea will host a local group of youth with special needs, sharing their new found knowledge and experiences.

Lucinda Hirth, of Melbourne, sailed Young Endeavour across the Bass Strait in November 2011. On completing the voyage she said "It gave me the confidence and skills to achieve my personal goals and to contribute more in my local community when I return home".

Sydney local Natalie Grove, who sailed the ship along the Pacific Coast in August 2011, said, "Sailing Young Endeavour provided me with an opportunity to push my limits, expand my horizons and to learn to never underestimate myself or the people I am working with. It was definitely the experience of a lifetime".

Since 1988 the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy, has provided challenging training voyages for over 11,000 young Australians in the tall ship Young Endeavour. The specially designed program delivered aboard the ship increases the youth crew's self awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community spirit.

Applications are accepted all year round, however first round offers will be made after the ballot closes on Friday 2 March 2012. For more information on dates and fees, or to apply for voyages, visit www.youngendeavour.gov.au.

Phone: 1800 020 444, email: mail@youngendeavour.gov.au

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

Student Voice Induction Ceremony

One of the important events on the Unley calendar each year is the Student Leaders' Induction. This year our guest speaker was Emily Erickson, who left Unley at the end of 2010 and is doing her second year of journalism at the University of South Australia as well as working as a journalist for ourworldtoday.com.au Her talk was inspirational for all members of the audience and particularly for the students being inducted into their leadership role for the year. The Head Prefects took the opportunity to address the whole school and their speeches give us great confidence in the role they will play this year. After morning tea with family members the rest of the day for the newly inducted leaders was spent at Rosefield Uniting Church where we all worked together as a group, getting to know one another and setting goals for 2012.

Kathy Ellis, Assistant Principal Senior School

Student Voice for 2012

YEAR 8

Jack Cheshire, 8405
Chelsea Couzner, 8408
Emily Draper, 8405
Molly Durham, 8407
Matthew James, 8518
Kirush Jeyanathan, 8407
Johnson Li, 8405
Jack Meszaros, 8518
Sophie Muusse, 8405
Lily Walker, 8405

YEAR 9

Sienna Gardiner, 9503
Lauren Fletcher, 9505
Kiana Keyhani, 9236
Anna-Maria Gelasakis, 9505
Regina Tay, 9711
Ashlee Vandenbroek, 9711
Ben Stempel, 9505
Nikki Asikas, 9236
Brittany Kloeden, 9236
Sabina Adhikari, 9505

YEAR 10

Peter Lee, 10337
Ashleigh Chin, 10128
Bethany Barber, 10341
Isobel Hercus, 10337
Angus Santostefano, 10303
Elena Asikas, 10325
Austin Zilm, 10817



YEAR 11

Laura Roscioli, 11230
Aaron Jones, 11714
Nicholas Garbas, 11342
Adriana Tsoleridis, 11233
Vasi-Marie Gelasakis, 11709
Pyrros Radimissis, 11338
Emma McCloy, 11709

YEAR 12

Molly Kempson, 12131
Bonnie McKenzie, 12239
Shady Wei, 12239
James Merrett (Deputy Head Prefect), 12334
Hugh Merrett, 12131
Tahlia Svingos, 12228
Kaylah Kopsaftis (Minute Secretary), 12302
Charlotte Meszaros (Deputy Head Prefect), 12323
Sam White (Head Prefect), 12131
Sharon Khoo (Correspondence Secretary), 12132
Ben James (Treasurer), 12228
George Photakis (Treasurer), 12239
Josh Stuart, 12132
Eleanor Konopka (Head Prefect), 12216
Amelia Portellos, 12216
Anastasia Borrelli, 12216



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PARENTS CLUBS
(SAASPC)

PARENT FORUM

Don't take that!

over the counter medication - what you need to know



Tuesday 27th March 2012

10.00am – 2.30pm

Australian Education Union Building

163a Greenhill Road Parkside

What parents need to know about over the counter medications

Do you know the difference between some brands of over the counter medications?

Why there is a use by date on the packet?

Why your school has a medication policy?

If not, and you would like to find out why and learn much more please register to attend the free parent forum.

Our speakers will focus on topics such as: Types of medication, the differences between them, are they safe; Department for Education and Child Development (DECD), Drug Strategy what's happening in schools, DECD Medication Policy; School drug and medication policy review process and much more

Key note speaker: Dr Charlotte de Crespigny: Professor of Drug and Alcohol Nursing, School of Nursing, University of Adelaide

*Bookings at <http://www.trybooking.com/BDWP>
Or on the registration form below*

There is no charge to attend the forum and lunch will be provided

Registration form

Don't take that! – over the counter medication, what you need to know

I would like to attend the parent forum on Tuesday 27th March 2012

Name.....

Contact address.....

Postcode.....Telephone.....Email.....

Preschool/School.....

Special needs (eg dietary, wheelchair facilities).....

Please return by Friday 23rd March to
SAASPC GPO Box 2126 Adelaide SA 5001 or by fax to 8522 4084

For more information telephone freecall 1800 724 640





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Term 1 2012 Diary Dates

February 27	SSSSA Inter-School Swimming Carnival - Marion Aquatic Centre	9.00am - 1.00pm
March 6	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm
March 8	Year 8 Hepatitis B Dose 1 & HPV Dose 1	
March 8	Year 8 Breakfast Program	8.00am - 8.45am
March 12	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Adelaide Cup Day	
March 13	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm
March 15	Sports Day	
March 16	STUDENT FREE DAY	
March 16	Year 12 Formal	
March 20	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm
April 5	Year 8 Breakfast Program	8.00am - 8.45am
April 5	EARLY DISMISSAL - Last Day Term 1	2.15pm
April 6	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Good Friday	

Term 2 2012 Diary Dates

April 23	TERM 2 COMMENCES	
April 25	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Anzac Day	
May 4	EARLY DISMISSAL - for Open Day	2.25pm
May 6	OPEN DAY	2.00pm - 4.00pm
May 7	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm
May 8	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm
May 10	Year 8 HPV Dose 2 & Varicella, Year 9 Boostrix	
May 14-18	Work Experience	
May 30	Year 8 Relationships Day	
June 5	Parent Voice Meetin	6.30pm - 8.00pm
June 11	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Queen's Birthday	
June 12	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm
June 12-15	Year 11 Exams	
June 13, 14 & 15	School Musical Performance - Scott Theatre	7.30pm
June 15	END OF SEMESTER 1	
June 29	EARLY DISMISSAL - last Day Term 2	2.15pm



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