School News

Year 9 Wellbeing Day
On Monday 31 October 2011, all Year 9 students took part in the “Year 9 Wellbeing Day”.

The day is an important and integral part of our Middle School Home Group Program and provides an opportunity for students to enhance their resilience and consider ways to improve their physical and emotional wellbeing.

Students worked in single sex groups. Workshops were designed to cater for the needs of both female and male students. They had a number of workshops to choose from such as: Safe Partying, Safe Decision Making, Work Skilling, Yoga, Self-Defense, Artistic Flair, Catastrophic Survival Bike Riding, Body Image, Be Happy And Rock Climbing.

“As on the 31st of October this year, all of the year nines participated in wellbeing day. Wellbeing day was a fantastic and very fun day. There are some fun activities such as bike riding and rock climbing as well as some more important and serious activities such as respecting differences.”

By Anthony Gallo

As an essential part of the Wellbeing program, all students attended the “Accepting Differences Workshop”. In this workshop, students engaged in exercises that helped them to analyse issues that impact on homophobia and look at how discrimination impacts on the whole community.

They explored how students can support peers who might be questioning their sexuality or experiencing discrimination.

Joanne Costa, Assistant Principal Middle School
Year 9 Wellbeing Day continued...

STUDENTS’ VIEW ON THE DAY.

“The Respecting Difference course teaches students not to judge a book by its cover, people are not always who we think they are based on their appearance. This course also taught us that just because someone may be different to us it doesn’t mean that they should be treated differently, or without respect. We learnt the importance of thinking before we speak, so that we do not offend anyone.

“I think that wellbeing day was very successful. We benefitted from the knowledge it gave us in looking after ourselves both physically and mentally. It is important that we have this knowledge now so we are prepared for the years to come. Each course offered something different and everyone will take something different away from it.”

By Elena Asika

“One very enjoyable activity was rock climbing. Despite the uncomfortable harness some of us were able to reach the top, with the aid of Mr. Henwood and Mr. Handley. Despite all of the fun from rock climbing we had to talk about more serious issues in the compulsory activity, respecting differences. This important activity, run by Marion Youth, was mainly based on homophobia but also dealt other serious teenage issues. Overall Wellbeing Day is a great day that should definitely be attended by any year nines in future years. It will certainly be a day that I will remember for the rest of the year.”

By Anthony Gallo

Unley High School Year Book

The 2011 Year Book is now available to order. The Year Book will be available for distribution during Week 9, Term 4. Only a minimal number will be produced. To ensure you receive your copy, please pre-order at Student Services at your earliest.

This high quality edition will include a record of all students by Home Groups, special curricula activities, sporting and other organised events such as the Year 12 Formal, Semi-Formal, Year 8 Camp, the Year 9 Ski Trip and the many other activities undertaken during the 2011 school year.

Rosemary Wright, Business Manager

Year 8-11 Presentation Morning

The dust has barely settled on the Year 12 Graduation morning and planning is underway for the Year 8-11 Presentation morning which will be held in the George Cresswell Hall on Friday 25 November from 9.00am to approximately 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend this important occasion and prize winners and their families will receive personal invitations closer to the event. This is a morning where students are acknowledged for their academic excellence, outstanding commitment to learning and general school life, school service and sport. Each year there are a series of special awards presented to students who have excelled in the area of leadership in various areas within the school and the local community.

Kathy Ellis, Assistant Principal Senior School

National School Opinion Survey

In October/November 2011 a random sample of parents/caregivers and students will be invited to participate in a pilot of a national school opinion survey. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA) in conjunction with selected schools around Australia, including Unley High School is conducting this pilot.

The primary purpose for conducting this pilot is to better understand what parents and students think about their school and to gauge the possibility of surveying all schools across Australia at a later date.

The results of the pilot survey questions will tell us how our school is progressing and to help us reflect on our programs and practice.

Survey responses are anonymous and will be reported back to the school later this year in a way that cannot identify any individual.

I encourage the randomly selected parents/caregivers and students to participate in the survey and would like to thank you in advance for your participation.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact our Deputy Principal, Graeme Webster.

Graeme Webster, Deputy Principal
International Students

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

Three new internationals students have begun at Unley High School this term. We welcome Gloria (Wai On) Chu from Hong Kong, Johnny (Chuangfeng) Lin from China and Pezhman Behshtian from Iran.

GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES

Our very best wishes to the International Students who are sitting their Year 12 exams. We hope your final exams go well and wish you all the best for the future. It has been a pleasure to have you at Unley High School.

MULTICULTURAL FOOD FAIR

A warm, sunny day greeted us on September 16 this year when the annual Multicultural Food Fair took place. Many food stalls from many different cultures gave us a taste of the wonderful flavours of the world. The stalls were brightly decorated, many in the colours of the culture they represented. The large number of stalls indicated how many cultures are represented at Unley High School. Green chicken curry from Thailand, sushi from Japan, spring rolls from China, croissants from France, bulgogi from Korea, Berliner buns from Germany, satays from Malaysia, delicious cakes from Greece, cold rolls from Vietnam and so the list of wonderful foods goes on. What to try next? Should I try the sweets now? Can I fit this much in? The day was awash with food, glorious food.

MULTICULTURAL FASHION PARADE

The fashion parade showcased the beautiful costumes from these countries as the students and staff twisted and twirled through the rose garden. The colourful display was greeted with appreciative applause from spectators.

With many of the stallholders remaining in their traditional dress a carnival atmosphere was created on the day. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Multicultural Fashion Parade and the Multicultural Food Fair. Grateful acknowledgement to all staff who assisted in making the event such a wonderful celebration of our cultural diversity. Even though the carnival may be over for this year it will be eagerly anticipated in 2012.

BEAUTIFUL CAKES

YEAR 12 FOOD & HOSPITALITY STUDIES

One of the requirements of the Year 12 Home Economics Food and Hospitality course is the creation of a gourmet cake. The students need to demonstrate their skills in producing a cake suitable for sale in a food establishment. This could be a signature cake or a special order for a specific function or occasion. Two of our International Student, Christina Lee from Korea and Fengzhu Li from China, created their cake showing individual flair and creativity.

Christina chose to decorate her cake with pink cornelling on a white background. Delicate white and pale pink roses were added for the finishing touch.

A novelty design was Fengzhu’s choice, wonderfully decorated with cosmetics. The colourful cake was certainly eye catching.

Well done Christina and Fengzhu.

Peter Trethewey
Coordinator, International Student Program
Cabaret 2011 Friday, 2 December 2011

The Year 10 Music class is busy organising a Cabaret night full of music performed by Music classes and various Ensemble groups. The colour theme for the event is ‘Black & White’, and the dress code is ‘Cocktail’, smart dress if you wish to indulge! Ticket price for Adults is $10. Performers and students aged 15 and under have free admission. You can reserve a table (of 10) at Student Services, or just turn up on the night.

The George Cresswell Hall doors will open at 7:30pm, you are invited to bring snacks and drinks, sit back and enjoy the entertainment provided by our Music students. There will also be a quiz and raffle, with the night finishing at 11:00pm.

Hope you can join us for this biennial event, it was great in 2009, please help us make it awesome in 2011!

Carol Hollis & the Year 10 Cabaret Publicity Team
Min Jee Hwang, Ann Jackson, Stephanie Tay, Macarena Vizquerra, Sydney Warmer, Rossa Yeun, Linda Zhong

Worlds Greatest Shave

On Tuesday 27 September 2011 in Week 10, three Year 10 girls ran a very successful Bake Sale for the Worlds Greatest Shave. If these girls raised over $500, Danny Sananikone, teacher, would shave off his hair in the school yard.

Much to the delight of Katerina Tsimouris, Stacey Climatianos and Georgie Lee Rantzoglou, the girls raised $566, so below you can see the results of their efforts. Danny’s hair got shaved off, along with some teachers who joined in for the fun and awareness by colouring their hair!

A big thank you to Katerina Tsimouris, Stacey Climatianos and Georgie Lee Rantzoglou of Year 10 and everyone who contributed in one way or another during this term.

Jodi Quast, Pastoral Care Support Worker

Invitation to the launch and Exhibition of Unley ‘Unleashed’

We are delighted to inform you selected Year 10 and Year 11 art and design students work will be exhibited at Mitcham City Council. Students and parents/caregivers are invited to the launch of Unley ‘Unleashed’ on Thurs 10th November 2011 at 5pm, Mitcham Civic Centre, 131 Belair Rd at Torrens Park. This Exhibition celebrates the diversity and excellence of a wide range of art and design work created by our senior students from our visual art department this year. We hope students involved and their parents/caregivers can join us at the launch and celebrate your work and the works of these students. Thank you to Robert Zunic, Art teacher, for collating and organizing this event for our students. The exhibition will be also open for viewing during office hours from 9am – 5pm from 8 November to 12 December 2011.

Yr12 Art & Design End of Year Exhibition

Our end of year exhibition of Year 12 Art & Design works will officially open on Wednesday 16 November 2011 at 6pm in our South Foyer Gallery space. The Exhibition will be opened by past student Anna Platten, a local and internationally known artist. This year there is a wide variety of exceptional art and design works including sculpture, painting, mixed media, architectural models, packaging and graphic design. Congratulations to all students for their excellent work this year and a big thankyou to staff, Robert Zunic, Rheanna Dougherty and Sara Boni, for their commitment and hard work with these students. We look forward to seeing you at the Exhibition opening.

Terri Moore,
Coordinator Performing & Visual Arts
Uniform 2012
Some of you will be starting to make purchases for the 2012 school year so please note the uniform requirements. There are no changes for 2012 but please be mindful of the acceptable shoes and also that a tie may be required to be worn on particular occasions during the school year. The details about the purchase of the uniform remain the same and are printed on page 122 of this year’s Planner.

**GIRLS’ UNIFORM**

- **Dress**: Unley High School uniform
- **Polo shirt**: Unley High School uniform
- **Shirt**: White, with or without school monogram
- **Shorts**: Plain navy blue knee-length
- **Trousers**: Plain navy blue trousers
  (jeans and track suit pants are not acceptable)
- **Socks**: Plain navy or white
- **Shoes**: Plain black leather lace up or buckle fastened T bar school shoes
- **Skirt**: Unley High School uniform
- **Jumper**: Unley High School uniform
- **Cardigan**: Unley High School uniform
- **Windcheater**: Unley High School uniform
- **Blazer**: Unley High School uniform
- **Tights**: Plain navy blue or black opaque
- **Hat/Headwear**: Plain navy blue (beanies are not permitted)
- **Scarf**: Plain navy blue
- **Tie**: Unley High School uniform
- **Rugby Top**: Unley High School uniform (Can be embroidered by UMS with school activity representation)

**BOYS’ UNIFORM**

- **Polo shirt**: Unley High School uniform
- **Shirt**: White, with or without school monogram
- **Trousers**: Mid-grey school trousers
  (jeans and track suit pants are not acceptable)
- **Shorts**: Plain navy blue
- **Hat**: Plain navy blue, only to be worn outside
  (beanies are not permitted)
- **Socks**: Plain navy or white
- **Jumper**: Unley High School uniform
- **Windcheater**: Unley High School uniform
- **Blazer**: Unley High School uniform
- **Shoes**: Plain black leather school shoes (no suede)
- **Tie**: Unley High School uniform
- **Rugby Top**: Unley High School uniform
  (Can be embroidered by UMS with school activity representation)

**BOYS AND GIRLS PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM**

- **Sport Shirt**: Unley High School uniform
- **Shorts**: Unley High School uniform
- **Tracksuit pants**: Unley High School uniform
- **Footwear**: Sports shoes
- **Rugby Top**: Unley High School uniform
  (Can be embroidered by UMS with school activity representation)
- **Hat**: Plain navy blue
  (strongly recommended for Terms 1 & 4)

- Uncovered footwear (eg thongs, ballet style shoes and sandals) are not permitted at school.
- Year 12 jumpers are to be worn exclusively by Year 12 and 13 students.
- Visible coloured non-uniform items are not acceptable.
2012 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship opens soon

The 2012 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship opens on Monday 5th December and closes on Friday 6th January 2012.

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each scholarship is valued at up to $60,000 over four years.

Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at www.hawkerscholarship.org or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier, pastoralist and statesman Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia’s most respected pastoral pioneers.

In 2010, seven scholarships were awarded. This year the Trustees awarded four scholarships to students from three states and the ACT. Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce AC presented the students with their scholarships at a function at Government House in Canberra.

The scholarships are available to all Australian students. Since 1991 the majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university study.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions.

I’d appreciate you informing your year 12 students about the opening date of the 2012 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship.

More information:

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Canteen Thanks
Many thanks to our volunteer parents for the donation of their valuable time to help us in the canteen from 19th September to 28th October, 2011.

Tracy Svingos, Trudie Cain, Anne Ahn, Helen White, Annabel Mhaler, Millie Kolovinos, Anna Chin, Gail Dorman, Kerrilee Lock, Zmaragdi Plagakis, Nga Nguyen, Ernest O’Neill, Marion Plane, Kathryn Aiston, Kathryn Ireland, Angela Santostefano, Elizabeth Key

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