

NEWSLETTER 9, DECEMBER 2011

Congratulations...

Angelica Kyriakopoulos and Annelise Wood who were successful in the Year 8 – 10 Category of the KESAB Poster Competition. Both students' poster held strong message's about litter and sustainability.



KESAB was overwhelmed with well over a 1000 entries from schools all over the state. Themes embraced in the poster competition were litter, recycling, energy, water, pollution, climate change, biodiversity and environmental protection.

It's Written All Over Your Foce, DON'T LITTER.



Students submitted impressive posters that showed a great deal of knowledge about environmental issues in South Australia as well as a lot of creativity.



From the Principal

We have come to the end of another busy and productive year. This newsletter showcases the successes of students across a broad range of curricula and cocurricula areas. It shows what a rich and diverse program we offer to a broad range of our students. This of course is supported by the work of the staff – the School Services Officers who work behind the scenes managing finances, facilities, and support for students with specific learning needs, and the teachers – who not only work in the classroom to deliver the most engaging lessons but to give freely of their time to ensure we have this rich and diverse program.

We wish our graduating Year 12 students all the very best for the future. We trust that we have not only supported them to reach their learning goals but have also given them the skills and approaches they need to live happy lives that contribute to the wellbeing of their community.

We have worked extremely hard this year to ensure that the program we deliver to students is world class. I have just had the privilege of attending a course at Harvard University learning about a Program lead by Dr Richard Elmore called Instructional Rounds. This is a strategy using classroom observation to deepen the learning experiences for students. I believe it will be a useful strategy to support the work we are already doing. I look forward to working with staff to introduce the Rounds process to Unley High School next year. With their support this will be the first such program to operate in South Australia.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. The close relationship between home and school is well documented to support the achievement of students. Thank you for taking the time to get involved. We appreciate it and I know your children do too – even if they do not always give that impression.

I wish you all the very best for a safe and relaxing holiday.

Susan Cameron, Principal

MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGE

Polling for a Prescribed Sum

The polling process is now complete. There was an overwhelming 'yes' vote. Eighty nine percent of parents who responded replied in the positive. The School Council has requested that the Principal, on behalf of the Chief Executive, approve the Material and Service charge of \$665 plus any subject charges be set as a 'prescribed sum' and thereby collectable in full.

Rosemary Wright, Business Manager

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Please note the following dates for 2012:

80 January	Year 8 & 12 students commence	8.45am
80 January	New students commence	9.30am
31 January	Year 9, 10, & 11 students commence	8.45am
)7 February	Acquaintance Night	
21 February	UHS School Council AGM	7.00pm

School News

Unley High School 'Parent Voice'

A very enthusiastic group of parents began meeting early in the year to continue the concept started in 2010 of being 'parent representatives' for their child's Home Group. Throughout the year the group has changed its focus to be parents having a say within the school, hence it's recent name change to Parent Voice.

We would like to encourage all parents to come and join this vibrant group as we share information and discuss many aspects regarding school life. Highlights of the year have included:

- Getting to know other parents within the school at different year levels.
- Middle School Planning meeting in September where we worked together to look at ideas and strategies to improve our student engagement and achievement in the Middle School. This included having input to a vision statement for the Middle School and improving community and parent involvement.
- Opportunity for feedback on the Reporting process within the school.

In 2012 we plan to meet twice a term in week 3 (Monday) and week 7 (Tuesday). Our goal is to continue to encourage as many parents as possible to be involved in having a say within our school. Our informal meetings begin at 6:30pm and our aim is to conclude by 8:00pm. Meetings are chaired by Joanne Costa and mainly involve discussions about a variety of topics aimed to make parents more informed about school processes and to have genuine input in improving life at Unley High School for our children.

For more information or to register your interest in attending, please contact Joanne Costa or Trudy Bradley at school on 8272 1455.

Trudy Bradley, Parent

Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment (RYPEN) Camp

During this year, the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek offered the opportunity for two Year 11 students to participate in a two day Leadership Conference at Woodhouse. The students who represented our school community were Sam White and Madeleine Benton. This was a wonderful opportunity for both of them to interact with young people from all over South Australia and to develop their future leadership skills. The school thanks the Rotary Club of Brownhill in supporting our students and meeting the financial costs of the camp.

Summer Break Emergency Numbers

During the summer break , it is important to know that support is available from a range of community agencies.

These agencies include:

- Kids Helpline phone : 1 800 55 1800
- Lifeline phone: **13 11 14** 24/7 telephone counselling service
- Beyond Blue phone: 1 300 224 636 or www.beyondblue.org.au
- SANE Australia helpline Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, phone: 1 800 187 263 or www.sane.org

Also information is available from Reach Out crisis and mental health information for young people at <u>www.ReachOut.com</u> and Black Dog Institute for information regarding depression and bi polar disorder at <u>www.blackdoginstitute.org.au</u>

The Counselling Team wishes all students and families a happy and safe break. We look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Kathleen Dodgson and Bruce Hendry, Student Counsellors

Home Economics News

The Year 9 Food & Culture class, taught by Ms Daphne White made Gingerbread Houses as their final assignment for 2011.



Christine Catchlove, of Catchlove Gingerbread, was an invited guest to judge the student's final products. She praised the students for their creativity, design and skilful execution of quite difficult techniques.

In a very kind gesture, she also rewarded them with samples of beautiful gingerbread items, made by her company.

Kathleen Dodgson, Student Counsellor

ICT News

Reflecting on Learning Technologies at Unley High School, 2011

2011 has been an exciting year for Learning Technologies at Unley High School. We have, over the year, installed a range of visual display equipment across the school, both in classrooms and specialty areas and in the George Creswell Hall. It is exciting to see our staff and students engaging with visual literacies and media across all curriculum areas and all year levels.



This year we have increased our fleet of mobile technologies as a result of the Digital Education Revolution (DER) funding provided by the Federal Government. As a result, there are many more opportunities for students to access laptops and/or NetBooks in classes across our site.

Our iPad2 Trial in Semester 2 has been both exciting and successful, resulting in us polling the 2012 Year 8 families to ascertain whether or not we should introduce mobile learning using iPads across the Year 8 cohort for 2012. This 1-to-1 Mobile Learning initiative has the potential to engage our students and our staff in new and exciting learning opportunities anywhere, anytime. A parent of one of the iPad2 Trial students recently reflected that, "for the first time, I really do know what my daughter is doing in school because this brings the classroom into my home every night". How have the iPad2 Trial students felt about having the iPad2 as a tool for learning? Their responses are collated here in this Wordle, in which the words most mentioned by



the students are the ones that appear largest in the image.

During Term 3, eight of our Year 8 and 9 Art students submitted entries into the "Doodle 4 Google" Competition, a National competition run annually by Google. Four of our students' entries were among the three hundred and twenty State and Territory finalists out of the thirty two thounsand entries received by Google. We would like to congratulate Sienna Gardiner (8503), Marie Li (8505), Chelsea De Ruyter (8507) and Annelise Wood (9817) on their successful participation in this competition.

On behalf of the ICT Team, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

Cherie Pickering, Assistant Principal Learning Technologies

Remembrance Day

At 11.00 am on the 11th day of the eleventh month, 2011 a bugle call sounded through the central garden area of Unley High School.

For ten minutes all students and staff had gathered to celebrate the successes and to commemorate the sacrifices of all people who have defended peace and ensured the freedom of their families.

Then, at this most memorable hour, our cadets lowered the flag to half mast, read the Ode, and the school fell silent to hear the last post, to stand in contemplation, and then to hear reveille played by Head Prefect, Emma Chin, and the national anthem.

Let us never take our freedom for granted, and let us never forget the efforts of people who gave so much to ensure we can be free.



International student News

VISITING TEACHERS FROM INDONESIA

Unley High School had the pleasure of hosting four visiting teachers from Indonesia for five days during Term 4. The visitors were welcomed into classrooms during their stay and experienced the daily life of students and staff in an Australian secondary school.



The four teachers were from Bandung, Bogor, Bekasi and Sindang in West Java. Their Unley High School placement is part of a program to learn about Australian education practice, methodologies, structures and policies. Thank you to the Unley High staff for making the visitors so welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHADY WEI

Shady, an International Student from China, has been elected onto the Student Voice for 2012. We congratulate Shady on his application and success – Well done Shady!

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES



Hi, My name is Valentin Steinforth and I have been here at the school in Year 9 for six months. I am really sad that I have to back to Germany soon. I really enjoyed my time here. I met some great people, saw parts of a beautiful country and had a lot of fun. I will really miss the friends I made and it will probably be harder for me to go back than it was to come here. Some people already got me to promise that I'd come back,

and whether you are happy about this or not, I will come back.

Enjoy the rest of your high school time, because as we heard in the student voice assembly earlier this year, it is a special part of the "we are growing up" time. We might meet later on in our lives. After two and a half years studying at Unley High School, I think I've had a great time. It was great that I was involved in the Multicultural Festival, graduation performance and the Mid-Autumn Festival. There are dedicated teachers and nice school mates at Unley High School. I very much appreciated that I had the chance to study



abroad and at Unley High School. Thanks for all the great memories, staff and school mates for making the time so wonderful. I will take with me all the great memories.

Margaret Xiaotong Sun

YEAR 11 SEMI-FORMAL

Many of the Year 11 International students attended the Semi-formal this term. Hidden talents were revealed



on the night, particularly on the dance floor. Shady Wei entertained the crowd with his amazing display of break dancing. Many treasured moments of the evening were captured on camera. This was certainly a memorable night for the students.

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2012

Seven International Students who will be attending Unley High School in Term 1, 2012, spent time with us in Week 6. This is a great opportunity for the students to get to know some of the current students and how the school day operates. Our thanks to the Unley students who volunteered to be buddies to the visitors. They were: Ye Lyn Cho, Lilli Kulbach, Hien Mai Nguyen, Ee Hou Goh, Vincent Liew, Dae Ra, Tom Zhao and Danny Wu.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Have a safe and enjoyable break everyone – we look forward to seeing you in 2012. To those students travelling to their home country to be with their family for the holidays, we wish you a safe journey.

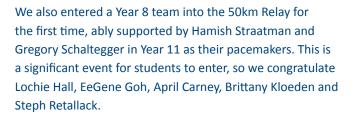
Peter Trethewey Coordinator, International Student Program

Sports News



Term 4 has been a great finish to the year of sport at Unley High School. Our participation numbers were higher this year than they have been in Term 4 for the past few years which was great. Our Saturday morning Cricket, Badminton, Drive Tennis & Touch have all had some great wins throughout the season. Most of these teams had significant changes in team members since first term and these new combinations played very well together. Our mid-week teams also had great seasons with girls and boys playing Indoor Soccer and Tennis and girls playing Basketball. One of the girls basketball teams came first in the Grand Final which was a great result.

Our Knockoout results have also been fantastic with some teams coming out on top as State Champions and many others gaining very commendable final positions:



The Beach Volleyball Carnivals were also a great few days with plenty of students representing Unley. Unfortunately there were a couple of events on offer that didn't go ahead due to a lack of schools entering teams – Beach Touch, Super 8's Cricket and mixed Softball. Hopefully our students might be able to participate in these events next year.





Year 8-9 Boys Baseball – FIRST / Year 8-9 girls softball – FIRST / Year 10 Boys basketball – SECOND / Year 8-9 Boys Tennis – THIRD / Open Mixed Badminton – THIRD / Year 8-9 mixed badminton – THIRD / Year 8 Boys Basketball – FOURTH

Term 4 also saw a number of carnival events: 8-a-side rugby, where our open boys and Year 8/9 boys both came 2nd in their divisions, Year 8/9 Handball carnival where we had two boys teams (one came 2nd) and one girls team for the first time and the Mountain Bike Challenge where we had three teams of 3 boys. During Week 9 we have plenty of students travelling interstate for both Volleyball and Basketball Australian Schools Championships. We are sending three girls teams and one boys team to Melbourne for Volleyball and three boys teams and one girls team to Bendigo for Basketball. These trips have always been great fun and a fabulous experience for the players who attend so we expect no less this year.



One of our Year 11 students, Grace Henry, was selected this year as part of the U17 Australian Women's Football (soccer) team who recently took part in the Asian Championships in China. The Australian girls ended up coming fifth out of their pool of seven with Grace receiving special mention for her strong defensive play in the position of center back (wearing number 13). The girls had some very close results only losing to top placed teams, DPR Korea and Japan by one goal each. Grace also sat for a Year 12 exam on the morning of the DPR Korea game. Congratulations to her on this fantastic achievement.



Congratulations also to our recipients

of the School Sports Awards. Although there are a large number of students participating in sport at Unley High School at varying levels, the recipients of the Sports Awards are given out to students who have been involved in a wide variety of different sports for the school, playing not only in knockout or one off events but also as regular representatives of Unley High School in weekly sport teams.



They have represented the school positively with a fair minded attitude and a high level of sportsmanship.

The Year 12 Sports Awards encompass this participation across the students' entire time at Unley High School and the recipients were Victoria Partoon, Georgia Evreniadis, Jake Nicolcopolous, Michelle MacKenzie, Samantha Ellis, Elise Summerton, Caitlin McArdle, Elise Garlick, Andrew Thomas, Nicholas Henry and Nathan Carteledge. Victoria Partoon was also the winner of The Brownhill Creek Good Sportsmanship Award. The awards for Years 8-11 are for sports participation during this one year. The recipients were: Stephanie O'Hara, Sienna Gardiner, Holly Konopka, Georgie Baker, Sam Powell, James Gardiner, Jarred Archer, Aaron Jones, Alex Hall, William Fry and Hamish Straatman. Sienna Gardiner was also the winner of The Zealand Sports Trophy awarded for outstanding commitment to sport at a junior level.

A big thank you to all of our coaches, referees and parents this year who make it possible for us to play School Sport. Congratulations to all of our sporting participants who made our 2011 such a great year of sport at Unley High School. Although and results are not fully tallied until the holidays it is looking like we are in contention to win The Howard Mutton Award. This is the state prize awarded by Secondary School Sports for the highest level of participation and results in sporting events throughout the year. This would be a fantastic achievement for Unley, so fingers crossed!

I hope everyone has a refreshing and happy holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone back in the sporting arena next year.

Anna Henderson, Sports Coordinator



Rowing Report



SPRING ROWING CAMP

In Week 7 of Term 3, the Unley High School Rowing Club held their annual Spring Camp at Ankara Camp on the banks on the Murray River. Over the four days, rowers from Years 7-11 all participated in a variety of fun activities including games, fitness testing, exercising and of course, rowing!

The rowers, parents, coaches and staff had a tremendous time and it was a highly enjoyable experience for everyone. The camp gave rowers an opportunity to bond with their squad and all other members of the rowing club. All rowers that attended the camp were able to improve their rowing with a focus on technique. Although there were many sleepy faces, the early morning rowing sessions were definitely the best time to be out on the water as there was minimal wind and the water was calm.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the parents who came along to help with the cooking, boat maintenance and driving the dinghies. Also thank you to our fantastic coaches who are great role models as well as dedicated rowing mentors. These are the people who make rowing at Unley High School possible such a positive experience.

Through good memories we all look back at the fun times we shared together on camp. If you wish to participate in more of these fun activities at our next rowing camp held on the 22nd to the 26th of January in 2012, please contact Anita Hughes, the UHS Rowing Manager. We are always looking for new members and anyone regardless of year level is able to join.

Austin and Verayna Zilm

RECENT REGATTAS AND CLUB EVENTS

So far seven regattas have been held this season - four at West Lakes, one at the Torrens and a great weekend of racing at Renmark. All crews have been very competitive with several winning first-place medals. The eight captains were also announced and presented with their badges at the first regatta of the season. Congratulations to Captains - Imogen Brown, Ben James; Deputy Senior Captains - Laurel Keller, Hamish Straatman; Junior Captains - Elli Fessas, Angus Santostefano and Austin Zilm (joint position); Junior Vice-Captains - Verayna Zilm, Jordarn Karpowicz.

A social evening to celebrate 35-years of rowing at UHS was held at the Torrens Boathouse on Saturday, October 22. Two rowers and a coach from the crew who won the National Schoolgirls Eight in 1992, several rowers from the early 90s as well as more recent old scholars and current parents attended. Chris Russell, a current rowing parent, prepared a Powerpoint presentation which was played throughout the evening and was well received by all present. Photos and other information relating to the club's history was also available for people to peruse.

A boat christening for a recently purchased quad / four took place on Saturday, November 5. The boat was named Sophie Tree to recognise Sophie's sustained involvement and contribution to the club over many years. Sophie's association with the rowing club began as a rower in 1991 and continued with the commencement of her coaching involvement in 1997. In 2003 she became Head Coach before resigning from that position in 2009. She is still involved in the club as a committee member.

Anita Hughes, Rowing Manager

Year 8 Breakfast Program

The Year 8 breakfast has been quite a success this year and enjoyed by many students, sometimes from the older year levels as well! Nigel Daw, from St Chads Anglican has come in every fortnight



to help both myself and Kat Evans provide a complimentary pancake breakfast with the lot! It has been a fantastic time for Year 8's to come in, enjoy some homemade food and hang out with friends, even meet some new ones, or meet the CPS Workers. We definitely plan to continue on with this into 2012!

Kat and I both want to wish all families, staff and students a safe and relaxing time over Christmas as you celebrate the people in your lives and the blessings you have received over this last year. We look forward to seeing you around early next year in 2012!

Regards, Jodi Quast (and Kat Evans) Christian Pastoral Support Workers

Arts News

YR 12 ART AND DESIGN EXHIBITION

Our final Year 12 Art and Design Exhibition celebrated the achievements and successes of students work. We had a large and appreciative audience on the night, including parents, students, artists, designers, staff and past students. The exhibition was officially opened by Artist and past



student, Anna Platten who spoke about her past, successes and tribulations of being a practicing artist and her times at Unley High School. Our guests were also entertained by newly formed Year 9 Jazz ensemble, under the guidance of Mr. Chris Martin. Thank you to all who made this a memorable night, including work by Visual art teachers Robert Zunic, Sara Boni, Rheanna Dougherty and music teacher Chris Martin.

Final Moderation has now occurred and we wish all Year 12



Art and Design students all the best for their final results. A special mention to Dion Defalco (Design) and Georgina Smerd (Art) as their Design and Art works and folios were selected for the 2012 SACE Art Show.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MURAL UPDATE

Our Middle School Mural is in its final stages of completion with Gilbert Dashorst (artist & parent), and Adriana White (parent) working with approximately sixty Year 9 students rotating every Wednesday. This has been an ambitious project but both rewarding and well worthwhile, bringing community links into our school and incorporating student ownership and participation. Final touches will be made during Week 9 with the Mural being installed at the beginning of 2012.

We look forward to a launch of the Mural in Week 2, Term 1 of 2012 at



Acquaintance night, where we will acknowledge students work and participation and Gilbert's excellent guidance and expertise. Also, a special mention to Ms. Rheanna Dougherty and Ms. Sara Boni for their support, guidance of students and their painting skills in this project.

Terri Moore, Arts Coordinator

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

The Unley High School CABARET of 2011 was a resounding success!

Year 10 Music class students hosted this event and presented many wonderful ensemble performances. Twenty acts, three quiz rounds, and one raffle made for a full program.

Classics originally by The Beatles, ZZ Top, the Red Hot Chilli Peppers, & Led Zeppelin, were balanced with renditions of contemporary songs by The Strokes, System of a Down, & Sleeping with Sirens.

The school's Concert Band & Vocal Group along with the two Year 9 Music Class Bands were terrific.



and the jazz vocal solo sung by Clara de Nichilo was powerful and encore worthy!

Thank you to the Year 10 Music class for their mammoth efforts and to the Music, Drama, and Visual Arts staff for their contributions.

Carol Hollis, Music Teacher

Thank you to the sponsors who so kindly donated prizes for our raffle: The Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Winston Music, Size Music, Beerenberg Farm

Year 9 Community Care and Well being

Unley High school has many well established traditions to help students improve their learning, wellbeing and outlook on life.

The "Year 9 Community Care Project" is an essential part of the Year 9 Pastoral Care Program. It is designed to teach students the value and importance of offering voluntary service to our community. Therefore all students are expected to participate. Members of each Home Group work as a team that identifies and organises a meaningful activity offering services to others. Most classes chose to focus on fundraising for established organisations. Others focussed on collecting material for the less fortunate. Overall every Home Group have embraced the spirit of "Community Care" and excellent results have been achieved both with learning and giving. Many Students developed positive and healthy attitudes towards giving back to the community.

Another important and integral part of our Middle Schooling Home Group program is "Year 9 Wellbeing Day" held on Monday 31st of October. This day provides opportunities for students to enhance resilience and improve their physical and emotional well-being. Students generally work in single sex groups and are offered a selection of workshops designed to cater for gender specific needs. This year's activities were Yoga, Rock Climbing, Stage Fight, Self Defence, Building Resilience, Bike Ride, Eat To Look Good, Stay Healthy, Safe Relationships, Scouting Around, Catastrophic Survival, Body Image and Make-up, Be Happy, Artistic Flair and Work Skilling. "Accepting Differences" was a workshop that all students were expected to attend.

Joanne Costa, Assistant Principal Middle School

STUDENT REFLECTIONS

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. 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 with 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

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 benefited 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. This year as Year 9's we participated in a Community Care Project, our class decided to raise money for charity in groups. One group sold Chocolates, another had a Raffle, and another planned to have a Bake Sale.

Our group decided to have a BBQ and Bake Sale at a primary school or sporting event. We applied at countless schools and ovals but no one would give us a go or there would be a complication and we were unable to hold our fundraiser there. We had everything organised except for the location! It was a little frustrating. After a long time of letter writing and school visits we decided it was too difficult to organise so we ended up joining another group and having a Bake Sale at school.

We were asked how we could have improved our learning from this experience, but we decided that we couldn't! Everything went wrong!, and although this doesn't sound too great it really was the best thing that could have happened. If everything went the way we had planned then we would not have developed and learnt the skills we have today. All the 'rejection' that we experienced made us strive even harder to achieve our goals and to organise the best fundraiser we could. We were more focused and worked together really well.

All the group work that we did in order to organise our fundraiser taught us to consider the needs and ideas of others, and even if we disagreed we put our differences aside and worked together to create a healthy working environment.

On The Big Day of our bake sale everything went according to plan (finally!), and all our team work finally paid off! The doughnuts and soft drinks sold especially well, and the homemade cakes and sweets were a big hit. We raised around \$250 in profit and around \$1000 as a Home Group.

We learnt and improved many important skills by doing the Community Care Project including our teamwork skills, organisation and most importantly to persevere and Never Give Up!

By Hamish Phillips and Elena Asikas

By Elena Asika

Airforce Cadets News

DAZZLING DEBUTANTE BALL

Elegant and delightful representatives of Unley High School Airforce Cadets .

The Australian Air Force Cadets, Tri service Debutante Ball is a prestigious event held annually at the Torrens Parade Ground. Cadets from the Navy, Air Force and Army come together as one and work tirelessly to make the night very special. It was a



brilliant night, with memories that I will treasure forever.

Thirty debutantes and their escorts were presented to the Air Commodore, earlier in 2011.

We all attended ten long and arduous rehearsals on Sundays with professional dance instructors in order to be ready for the ball. We were taught formal dances such as the Queen's Waltz, Progressive Military Two Step, the Cha Cha and the Jive.

On the day we arrived at exactly 3pm, dressed in our fabulous white floor length gowns with immaculate hair and makeup. As a group we moved into a smaller room where we were given elbow length silk white gloves and brilliant corsages of frangipanis to be worn on our left wrists. Similarly, our escorts also arrived at 3pm but had their formal attire (attire was depended on which service they were in) waiting for them, freshly ironed and cleaned. Like all the Air Force males, my escort, Leading Cadet Blackman, wore dark navy pants with a white undershirt and a very impressive white jacket with a pale blue collar, gold buttons and a black bow tie.

As this was a very formal event, guests and parents were asked to wear formal attire; they were greeted and motioned to their seats ready for the evening to begin. All debutants and escorts were chauffeured behind partitions to wait for the "showing of the ladies" to begin.

The band started to play and one by one, partners escorted each debutant to the dance floor. When the last dance rolled around the debutantes asked one of their parents up from the crowd to dance with them. All too soon, the dances were over and everyone sat down to enjoy an extravagant meal. Photographers had been organized so that all debutants and escorts could have something with which to remember the night. Everyone had an amazing time and really enjoyed themselves.

Bethany Barber and Elle Kempton-Richards

SCHOLARSHIPS TO OBTAIN A PILOTS' LICENCE.

A/ CSGT (Acting Cadet Sergeant) Chris Jennings, Year 12 was privileged to be nominated for a scholarship to gain his pilot's license. Chris is one of the Year 12 students who ran the moving and memorable Remembrance Day Ceremony



on 11th November this year, at Unley High School, in our beautiful rose garden.

The AAFC scholarship allows cadets to gain the knowledge and skills required to obtain a pilot's license in either gliders of powered aircraft. Each year, a number of cadets in S.A are accepted to receive this opportunity and in many cases participants learn how to fly before they can drive.

This opens up many opportunities for the avid aviation enthusiast or those who just fly for fun. I was first introduced to flying when I went on a gliding Biv, we were taught all the different control planes on an aircraft and what they did.

When I first sat in a cockpit it felt natural, just seeing this beautiful aircraft slowly lift of from the ground was amazing. I didn't expect to be in control of the aircraft during the first flight and was quite surprised when the instructor handed me the controls, although I was a bit shaky at first it all seemed to fall into place.

I was the only one on the course who didn't know the phonetic alphabet and was given a crash

course by having to phonetically spell each number plate that went past. For me, learning all this was easy as I enjoyed the subject and the instructors made it fun.

Elle Kempton- Richards (who also received a pilots training scholarship)

Community News

Attention Students Commencing Year 12 In 2012



Have you ever thought it would be handy to know what university is like before you actually start your degree? And wouldn't it be great if this helped you get your SACE and counted towards your ATAR? You are now able to attend the University of Adelaide part-time in 2012 if you are accepted as a Headstart Studies or Headstart Accelerated Scholarship student.

HEADSTART STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP:

You may now apply for a University subject as part of your Stage 2 studies if you are a high achieving student going into Yr 12 in 2012. You will gain credit towards your SACE and can have the grades counted towards your ATAR. Tuition fees are waived for up to one subject in each semester, and eligibility is based on Yr 11 grades.

HEADSTART ACCELERATED SCHOLARSHIP:

Accelerated students who have already completed one or more Stage 2 subjects (or equivalent) and have less than a full workload may apply for a Headstart Accelerated Scholarship. This enables you to study up to 2 first-year subjects each semester at the University of Adelaide and be exempt from tuition fees. It provides you with a challenge beyond school and the year 12 curriculum.

Students who subsequently enrol as a full-time student at the University of Adelaide will be granted credit for studies taken as part of Headstart (as long as the course is relevant to your degree). Headstart helps you get used to university life and study before leaving school, and can help you decide which degree is the one for you.

Applications close on Wednesday 8th February 2012.

You can find more information online at www.adelaide.edu.au/headstart, or contact Angela Ballantyne, Recruitment Officer (Mon-Wed), on 8313 8381 or email angela.ballantyne@adelaide.edu.au.

Cumberland United

Cumberland United FC are seeking additional U16 players for 2012. Born 1996, year 10 in 2012. Neil Young (CUFC senior coach) will be taking the U16 squad every Monday until March 2012.

All U15/U16 players interested in playing for CUFC are welcome to attend any Monday session.

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 Where: AA Bailey Reserve, Winona Avenue Clarence Gardens (Home of the Foxes)

Please bring a drinks bottle, shin pads, boots and sneakers. For more info contact Neil: 0406 899 989

Resolution Run

Honour Your New Year's Resolution in 2012

So what is your new year's resolution? If it includes getting fit and healthy then the Resolution Run (January, 2012) may be the perfect start to the new year.

Begin 2012 the way you intend to continue. Take charge of your fitness and have some fun. You can join with thousands of other Aussies as they run or walk in some of Australia's most picturesque locations.

Starting inside the Adelaide Zoo, Adelaide

Friday January 13, 2012 6 - 6.30pm Start - Twilight Event

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8TO10 Chior

You like singing? You like performing?

THEN THE '8TO10' CHOIR IS FOR YOU!

This exciting Choir is for High School Students who want to sing a wide variety of songs and have fun doing so.

We rehearse on Monday nights from 6:15-7:45 at Unley Primary School.

Application forms are available now.

Please call Gaby Freer, Administrator '8TO10' on 8336 8380 or 040506 6469 or e-mail **mgf@pianophonics.com** for more information

Rehearsals start on Feb 6th 2012



Your chance to discover how websites impact the way you think, react and interact with the world.

The University of New South Wales is investigating how the internet affects people 18 years and under and we want your input.

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Get involved in some cutting edge research and discover more about yourself. You'll receive a \$20 voucher halfway through the project, and when you make it to the end you'll be in the draw for an iPad 2, an iPod or a \$200 JB Hi-Fi voucher.





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Canteen Thanks

We wish to thank the volunteers listed below for their help from 31st October to 2nd December, 2011 and also thanks to our student helpers for their enthusiasm in assisting us over the past year. To those parents who will no longer have children here at school and our four Year 12 helpers, good luck and all the best for the future. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Melissa Balla, Anne Ahn, Orania Hassiotis, Nga Nguyen, Deborah Freeman, Kerrilee Lock, Kathryn Ireland, Amanda Johnston, Alison Parkin, Millie Kolovinos, Bev Cook, Jenny Partoon, Ernest O"Neill, Helen White, Jenny Stevens, Anna Chin, Elizabeth Key, Annabel Mhaler, Trudie Cain

Thanks, Lorraine & Elaine

Term 1 2012 Diary Dates

January 30	Year 8 & 12 Commence	8.45am	
January 30	New Students Commence 9.30am to appr	oximately 12.30pm	
January 31	Year 9, 10 & 11 Commence	8.45am	
February 7	Aquaintance Night		
February 13	School Photos		
February 17	Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony - George Cresswell Hall	9.15am	
February 21	UHS School Council AGM	7.00pm	
February 21-24	Year 8 Camps		
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 12	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Adelaide Cup Day		
March 15	Sports Day		
March 20	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm	
April 5	Last Day - early dismissal	2.15pm	
April 6	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY		



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