

Rowing Club News



Unley High School

March 2010

President's Ponderings

I can't believe the Head of River (HOR) celebrations are just around the corner. Many people have assisted the Club in planning, organising and running the UHS Centenary HOR breakfast and dinner. It is the wonderful conclusion to another great season. A big thank you to everyone who assisted in every way. Without all of the people helping, the planned HOR celebrations would not happen. This is why Unley High School is such a great school. A superb team effort!

Welcome to the year 8 rowing families. The year 8 rowers had a fabulous start to the season. Thank you to our brand new coaches who are keen to make sure the rowers are skilled and confident to do well. I hope the rowers enjoyed their first regatta. I've caught up with a few new families and would like to meet you if I haven't. If there are any questions, please ask.

Kay Gilmore
President

Entertainment books

Entertainment books will be available from Anita Hughes next term. These are at a cost of \$65 and we make \$12.00 per book. Anita Hughes has a sample book if you want to look before buying. A payment form will be sent out soon.



Another iron man event completed by Matthew!

Summer Camp, March 2010

Summer camp was held again at Ankara Camp site in January. Almost 80 rowers attended, including many new year 8 rowers. Welcome!

We were very lucky with the weather as no time was lost due to the heat or rain.

Unfortunately our dinghies were out of action. Thank you to Paul Straatman and George Fessas for their loan and driving their boats. Without them and their boats the rowers would not have been able to row.



3rd Grade Mens Coxed four, Murray Bridge



Senior Girls at Summer Camp

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Giant Raffle

Thank you to John O'Loughlin for organising the GIANT RAFFLE and the Mitcham Shopping Precinct which kindly donated over 60 raffle prizes. If you haven't handed in your raffle book, sold or unsold, please do so to your squad manager, Sue McArdle or Anita Hughes by Saturday 20th March. The money raised will be well spent. An example is replacing and repairing our sad oars. Did you know a pair of oars costs approx \$500? That is one reason why the club relies so much on fundraising.

Regatta Results

Only one regatta has been cancelled this year due to choppy waters. We enjoyed two trips to the country – Mannum and Murray Bridge. The rowing, company, coffee and shopping were all very much enjoyed!

Adelaide High School very kindly offered Murray Bridge their scheduled 'host' regatta. The original date last year for Murray Bridge was cancelled due to extreme hot weather. Congratulations to Murray Bridge on their Centenary.

Some of the teams have enjoyed some wins, as shown below:

Boys 8/9A – win at the first regatta for the year.
Boys 8/9A – Mannum.
Boys 8/9B – Murray Bridge.
3rd Grade Mens Coxed four – Murray Bridge
Boys 8/9A – Wilderness 1st Grade Championship.

Well done to all who have rowed – winning is great but participation and having fun is also what it is all about.

Rowing fees

Rowing fees will be sent out soon to all rowing families. Please note that the year 8 fees will be discounted due to the reduced number of regattas compared to the other rowers. When you receive your fees prompt payment will be appreciated. The coaches will need to be paid after the HOR celebrations.

Anna Tree and the UHS Centenary Opening

Those who attended the UHS Centenary Opening in the Rose Garden on Friday 12th February were treated to great food, wine, company and speeches. Anna Tree, a former Unley Rower delivered a very entertaining and informative speech. Anna's speech will be circulated to Rowing Families later on in the year.

Head of River - Day

Looking forward to Head of the River which will be a magnificent day – the rowing, catering and just the day itself.

If you want to purchase an Unley High Rowing tshirt please contact Michelle Pisoni, email mpisoni2@optusnet.com.au. She only has large sized white t-shirts left, though.

Head of River - Night

Information has already been sent out for the Head of River dinner. This is a huge night and very much enjoyed by all.



Parents helping at Summer Camp

Wendy James, Newsletter Editor