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**Graeme Webster, Deputy Principal**

## ***From the Principal***

We have just completed a very busy and eventful term. As you know the main focus of our school is to improve student engagement and achievement. It is clear from reading student reports and from comments from teachers that the vast majority of our students have settled to work extremely well. Thank you for providing them with the encouragement and support to enable them to do this.

Please take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher during our Parent Teacher Interviews. We have changed the format of these interviews to better enable parents and teachers to meet together.

In this Newsletter you will see the high level achievements of last year's graduates. We are very proud of our students and hope that their success acts as an incentive for this year's students to focus.

Sport is such a big part of our school with many of our highest achievers actively involved. The benefits of a fit and healthy lifestyle are well documented. Featured on our front page are some of the photographs taken on our recent Sports Day. Thank you to everyone who organised and participated in this excellent event.

**Susan Cameron, Principal**



## ***School News***

### **Technology News**

#### ***UHS MOBILE LEARNING WITH IPADS IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL***

On Tuesday 6 March 2012, the UHS School Council gave final ratification to our proposed parent funded 1-to-1 Mobile Learning Program, in the Middle School (using iPads). Data gathered during our 2011 trial strongly suggested that, having access to a personal device, engaged both the students and the staff in new and innovative ways of teaching and learning. Our Mobile Learning Program begins in Year 8 in Term 2 of this year and we will be 1 to 1 with iPads across the Middle School in 2013 and beyond. This is an exciting time for us all, teachers and students. We aim to engage our students in learning the skills they need to be active participants in the global society in which we all live.

All Year 8 parents are invited to attend the information evening on Thursday 26th April at 7pm in the George Creswell Hall where our program will be officially launched.

Details about the program will be presented, the Information Booklet will be available, purchasing options will be revealed and parent questions will be answered. We look forward to seeing our Year 8 parents.

**Cherie Pickering, Assistant Principal Learning Technologies**



**Government of South Australia**

Department of Education and Children's Services

## 2011 Year 12 Results

Unley High School students once again achieved outstanding results in 2011. Thirty eight students achieved an ATAR of more than 90 and another twenty eight students achieved higher than 80. Our students between them gained six hundred A and B grades, almost 64% of all of the grades our Year 12's

achieved. Eleven Merit Certificates (perfect scores) were awarded to Unley High School Students.

99.2	Amanda Li	Merit in Classical Studies, Research Project; A in English Studies, Mathematical Studies, Visual Arts Design.
98.65	Seok-Jun Kang	A in Biology, English as a Second Language, Mathematical Studies, Specialist Mathematics.
98.4	Indiana Wishart	A in English Studies, Research Project, Modern History.
98.1	Sam Haar	A in Chemistry, Mathematical Studies, Specialist Mathematics, Physics, Research Project.
97.65	Inessa Harpas	Merit in Psychology; A in Biology, Chemistry.
97.25	Anna Barron	A in Classical Studies, Drama, English Studies, Psychology.
97.25	Sarah Bernhardt	A in Biology, Chemistry, English Communications, Mathematical Studies.
97.25	Vasilios Halikias	Merit in Research Project; A in Chemistry, Mathematical Studies, Specialist Mathematics, Physics.
97.25	Jyoti Shrestha	A in Chemistry, Mathematical Studies, Physics, Research Project.
96.85	Emma Chin	A in Chemistry, English Communications, Mathematical Studies, Physics, Research Project.
96.6	Nikki van der Velde	A in Biology, Drama, English Studies, Research Project.
96.4	Chester Armstrong	A in Chemistry, Mathematical Studies, Physics, Tourism.
96.4	Jane Hill	Merit in Psychology; Research Project; A in English Communications, Nutrition.
96.4	Xiaotong (Margaret) Sun	A in English as a Second Language, Specialist Mathematics, Physics.
95.75	Shijia Zhou	A in Chemistry, English as a Second Language, Mathematical Studies, Specialist Mathematics.
95.65	Gong Hoon Koo	A in Business & Enterprise, English as a Second Language, Japanese (beginners)
95.55	Elise Summerton	A in Chemistry, English Communications, Physics.
94.95	Sungmin Hong	A in Biology, Chemistry, Specialist Mathematics.
94.9	Sarah Lawrence	A in Drama, Modern History.
94.8	Zenia Anderson	A in Media Studies, Modern History, Research Project, Society and Culture.
94.8	Lachlan Kerr	A in English Communications, Health, Physical Education, Psychology.
94.55	Wenyi (Vannie) Lu	A in Chinese (background speakers), English as a Second Language, Mathematical Studies, Specialist Mathematics
94.4	Nadia Norrito	A in English Communications, Legal Studies, Psychology, Research Project.
94.15	Lily Pisoni	A in Chemistry, Nutrition, Research Project, Visual Arts – Art.
94.05	Pearce Eckermann	A in Chemistry, Italian (continuers), Mathematical Studies.
94.5	Brydie Kosmina	A in Classical Studies, Psychology, Research Project.
93.65	Eun Jin (Esther) Kim	A in English as a Second Language, Japanese (beginners), Mathematical Studies, Research Project.
92.9	Lauren Hussey	Merit in Child Studies; A in English Communications.
92.9	Patrick Kolesik	A in Biology, Communication Products 1, Mathematical Applications.
92.9	Yanzhu (Katie) Shi	A in English as a Second Language, Mathematical Studies, Tourism.
92.6	Jiaqi (Jessie) Chen	A in Accounting, Mathematical Studies.
92.3	Rachael Gill	Merit in Food and Hospitality; A in English Communications, Health.
92.3	Annabel Jansen	A in English Studies, Physics.
92.15	Katie Logos	A in English Communications, Psychology, Research Project.
91.9	Christiana Harous	A in Child Studies, Psychology, Research Project.
91.6	Nicole Tan	A in Mathematical Methods, Research Project.
90.5	Nicolas Henry	A in Physics, Research Project.
90.25	Lauren Chartier	A in Health, Nutrition.
90.15	Dion Di Falco	Merit in Communication Products 1; A in Research Project.
89.9	Alana Pyper	A in Physics, Research Project.
89.6	Michaela Crisp	A in Music in Context, Psychology, Research Project.
89.45	Sophia Wehrs	A in English Communications.
89.3	Hermione Hanna	A in Child Studies, English Communications, Psychology.
89.3	Carla Harker	A in Classical Studies, English Communications, Health.
89.3	Alexander Rendoulis	High B's in majority of subjects
89.15	Georgina Smerd	A in Psychology, Research Project, Visual Arts – Art.
89.15	Ashleigh Warner	A in Child Studies, English Communications, Food and Hospitality, Health, Research Project.
88.7	Nathan Cartledge	A in Physics, Research Project.
88.7	Kasha Gawel	A in Child Studies, English Communications, Health.
88	Samantha Hulst	A in English Communications, Health.
88	Nicholas Smolanko	A in Research Project.
87.1	Laura Bennett	A in English Communications, Health, Research Project.
87.1	Victoria Partoon	A in Food and Hospitality, Health.
86.5	Thomas Paton	A in Mathematical Studies, Research Project.
86.1	Mikaela Austin Lablack	A in Mathematical Studies.
86.1	Samuel Graham	A in Physics.
86.1	Nicholas Robinson	A in Research Project.
85.75	Georgia Evreniadis	A in Food and Hospitality, Health.
85.45	Carolyn Uphill	A in English Communications, Material Products 1.
85.1	Tara Campbell	A in English Communications.
83.7	Alyce McNeil	A in Research Project.
82.45	Daisy Divak	A in Society and Culture, Tourism.
82.45	Georgia Guerinet	A in English Communications, Food and Hospitality, Research Project.
82.4	Aaron Fox	A in Communication Products 1, Solo Performance.
82.25	Glen Fernandes	A in English Communications.
81.95	Patrick Manson	High B's in majority of subjects
81.85	Chelsea White	A in Dance, Health.

## Year 12 Formal

On the evening of Friday 16th of March, Year 12 students attended the Year 12 Formal. The formal was held at The Adelaide Convention Centre in the city. The students were dressed in their finest attire to celebrate their last year of high school.

Over 340 guests, including teachers, enjoyed a two course meal and entertainment. The theme for the night was the 'Evening Sky' and this was beautifully decorated by Pam Benny and her team at Labours of Love event décor in Kensington. Each table had a beautiful centre piece with fairy lights and candles. It was a lovely atmosphere.

The Formal Committee; comprised of three teachers and twelve students helped organise the large scale event held in Week 7. Lead by Martin Ellis and Rheanna Dougherty, the students helped plan everything down to the last detail. It was a team effort and the students should be commended on their effort in creating and planning such a special event.

A special mention needs to go to Nikki Marangos, who was our ticket / menu designer and Sharon Khoo and Bianca Shuman who assisted Nikki. Thanks also to Savannah Rowe and Hannah Skara in assisting Ms Dougherty. Also a big thank you to Emma Short and Julia Turner who delivered fantastic speeches for the awards and were exceptional MC's on the evening.



Overall it was a great night, the students enjoyed the event and we look forward to next year's Formal with great anticipation.

*Rheanna Dougherty, Formal Coordinator*

## Year 12 Sydney Art Design Trip 'Picasso and Potter'



Our annual Year 12 Visual Art and Design study trip gave students the opportunity to visit The Art Gallery of NSW and the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney. We viewed; 'Picasso Masterpieces from the National Picasso Museum, Paris', one of the most significant exhibitions ever to come to Australia. It represented every period of Picasso's seven-decade career. At the Gallery students were also involved in a seminar with NSW Year 12 Visual Art students reflecting on their work in ARTSEXPRESS. Georgia McGlennon's work inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci's 'Last Supper' brought inspirational gasps. The second day involved 'The Powerhouse Museum' a world renowned design institution with a focus on Year 12 Design students' work and an interactive workshop in being a designer with Jason Hews. Our students were commended for their knowledge and enthusiasm in this workshop which focused on product design. We will now have students who want to 'make stuff' in their Year 12 course. The two days were jam packed with activities, student exhibitions, Picasso and workshops; all centred on how to be inspired and creative. It was also a great chance to bond as a group, and we would like to commend students on their work ethic, good manners, friendliness and good spirit. The Harry Potter Exhibition was a welcome surprise to our students and was a great finale. A much appreciated parent comment sums up the trip, "Just wanted to thank you for a fabulous experience in Sydney. Sophia was so impressed! Exhausted but happy and inspired. Well done, and beautifully organised."

*Terri Moore Coordinator the Arts and  
Rheanna Dougherty, Art Design Teacher*

## Annie Get Your Gun!

As the weeks have progressed the cast of *Annie Get Your Gun* has been working hard learning their lines, lyrics and positions on stage. The Year 10/11 Creative Arts class is also working hard organising costumes for the cast and sets and lighting. The whole production is coming along very well and everyone is excited to see it all put together and performed soon!

### **IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATES!**

For the performance of *Annie Get Your Gun* the dates were originally the 13th, 14th & 15th of June but the dates have been changed. The performances will now be on **9th, 10th, 11th of June** over the long weekend. The times will be advertised closer to the release date of the tickets in Term 2.

*By The Year 10/11 Creative Arts Class Publicity Group*

## Greek News 2012

### **TEACHER ASSISTANT FROM GREECE**

We welcome to Unley High School Mr Christos Kasimidis from the Education Service of the Consulate of Greece. Christos is multilingual and is assisting in the teaching of Greek language and culture in our Year 8 to 11 Greek classes. Christos is with us every Tuesday and we hope his teaching experience at Unley High School is a rewarding one.

### **ON-LINE LEARNING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CRETE**

Students studying Greek have access to a plethora of on line books and other resource materials developed by the University of Crete, Greece for the teaching/learning of Greek in the Diaspora. Students in Years 9,10 and 11 have already downloaded reading texts and exercises from the website. Anyone interested in viewing on line resources may download them from the website [www.ediamme.edc.uoc.gr/diaspora](http://www.ediamme.edc.uoc.gr/diaspora) click on **Εκπαιδευτικό Υλικό**

### **EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH STUDENTS IN GREECE**

An email exchange has been established with secondary students in North Greece. Second year students in the prefecture of Serres who are learning English have already sent emails in Greek and English to our Year 9 Greek students. Their teacher of English was a Greek teacher assistant in Adelaide in 2004. The email correspondence is an excellent opportunity for students to use and develop their Greek / English language skills beyond the classroom whilst learning about each Greek and Australian culture.

### **CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM TOUR**

Our Year 8 and 10 Greek students visited the Museum of Classical Archaeology at the University of Adelaide on the 13th and 14th of March 2012. Amy, our student archaeologist Tour Guide gave us a wealth of information about the Artifacts on display from Egypt, Greece, Cyprus, Rome and the Middle East. Our students thoroughly enjoyed two rooms of archaeology of the Old World. The Museum Tour was sponsored by the South Australian Council for the Greek Cultural Month and we thank the Council for sponsoring the tour as part of Festival Hellenika's 2012 schools' events.

### **TERM 2 EVENTS**

#### ***Musical instrument workshop for students studying Greek.***

Con Dallas, a well known Adelaide percussionist will be presenting a Greek music workshop on Friday 27th April 2012. Students will listen to Greek beats which include the bouzouki, baglama, toublerleki, bongos, congas, maracas, zilia and more. Students may get a chance to have a bash on the instruments if they ask Costa.

#### ***Third Greek Students Film Festival.***

The third Greek Students Film Festival will be announced next term. We participated in the film festival in 2011 and if there is sufficient student interest we will do so this year.

**Matoula Kouzionis, Teacher of Greek**

## Inter School Swimming Carnival



On Monday 27 February 2012, a team of thirty three students went to the new SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre to compete in the SASSA Inter School Swimming Carnival. The boys came 3rd in the competition with 615 points and the girls came 1st with 697 points. The combined score put Unley High School in first place, thereby winning the F Grade Championship. All students should be congratulated for their efforts, with thirty two students achieving certificates for coming either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events. These certificates will be presented at the Sports Assembly next term. Special congratulations to Madeleine Larkin and Tim Muusse with five certificates each, and Jesse Aungles with four certificates.

Competing in the new centre was a wonderful experience and all students should be proud of their efforts. We had several younger students competing in older age divisions and to have nearly every event filled contributed to our success.



Well done to all the students in the team:, James Aldridge, Jarred Archer, Jesse Aungles, Rylie Buik, Shane Caputo, Talia Carter, Ashleigh Chin, Hannah Crockett-Nani, Chelsea De Ruyter, , James Freestone, Eliza Ganley, Sharee Grimshaw, Alex Hall, Blake Harris, Taj Heald, Letisha Heintze, Sam James, Asheigh Jeffries, Phoebe Kempson, Amy Kerr, Arthur Kyros, Madeline Larkin, Sophie Muusse, Tim Muusse, Cai O'Loughlin, Ryack Parsons, Calina Schanze, Alex Schmidt, Courtney Size, Miranda Stocco, Braeden Townsend, Stamati Toulantas, and William Tran.

Three Year 11 Physical Education students did a fantastic job with the officiating, so my thanks go to: Sophie Hinchcliffe, Georgie Conti, and Ryan Miller. Thanks also to Reuben Stretch who was unable to participate on the day due to an injury but also officiated.

**Jenny Hall, Physical Education Teacher**

## Parent Voice News

The main focus of the Parent Voice Committee is to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to be actively engaged in the life of the school. The Committee's harmonious and supportive work with staff assists Unley High School students to develop healthy attitudes towards their learning and their community. It also helps them to be successful and contributes towards their experience of valuable learning outcomes. Through their involvement in this committee, parents and caregivers are also contributing towards Unley High School's two goals for improvement, student engagement and achievement, and increasing community connection.

The Parent Voice Committee meets twice each term on Monday of Week 3 and Tuesday of Week 7 at 6:30 pm in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

On the 9 March 2012, the committee held its first major event of the year. All Year 8 parents were invited to a Sausage Sizzle which included a viewing of the Year 8 Camp and Year 8 Swimming Carnival DVD. It was a fantastic evening with over 200 parents, students and teachers attending. The atmosphere was great with students and parents socialising and standing side by side watching the DVD presentation. In particular, parents commented that it was great to see the DVD and get an insight of what their children experienced while on camp. The evening also gave parents the opportunity to meet other parents from their child's Home Group. It was pleasing to see the students introducing the parents of their friends to their own parents.

Thank you to the following parents, teachers and groups for helping with the organisation of the evening: Katherine Ireland, Krista Jenkins, Junita Giles, Chris Dearden, Charlie Marino, Graeme Webster, Jo Van der Zwaag and the Rowing Club.

*Joanne Costa, Assistant Principal Middle School*

## Sports News

Only a couple of weeks left for our summer sports and we have had a great term. Our weekly teams have continued to play well having to put up with some weather extremes! We already have our Term 2-3 winter sport teams entered into competitions with students nominating to play soccer, football, basketball, netball, table tennis and badminton.

Knockout sports have continued throughout the term. Unfortunately most of our cricket boys have been knocked out. Our Year 10 boys went out quite early in the competition. The open boys had to face the always strong Adelaide High School in round three and, although our boys played really well, were beaten, marking the end for them too.



The Year 8/9 boys also had a good game against Blackwood but unfortunately lost. Luckily they have another chance to stay in the competition as their early round is a group round-robin set up so we're hopeful the boys will be able to play on for a while yet. This competition extends right over into Term 4 so we have a while to wait for that outcome. We've also played both open baseball and softball. Our teams made it through the early rounds to play in the finals series where both the baseballers and softballers came third which was a fantastic effort. The baseball boys did particularly well as they had to play Seaton, a baseball specialty school, in the semi-final and only lost in the final innings by two runs. In more knockout, we have the open tennis players competing in their first rounds late in the term and with strong boys and girls teams we are hopeful to make the finals in both competitions. We have had a large number of tennis players compete in the Secondary School Sport Tennis Championships this term with all doing really well, in particular Sienna Gardiner who made it to the quarter finals in the Year 9 girls division, Alexander Endenburg who made it to the semi-finals in the Year 8 boys division and Mislav Bosnjak who made it to the grand final coming second in the Year 9 boys division. Congratulations to those players for doing so well. Next term sees us get straight into knockout competitions with touch in the early weeks and soccer, football and netball not long after. We will also have rugby league competitions coming up following a taste had by our under 16 boys this term who have played in a rugby 7's carnival.

Congratulations to some talented students who have made state sport teams. Shaun Wright and Nico VanDerLinden have both been selected for the SA State Baseball Team playing in Adelaide in May and Sarah Tonkin has been selected for the SA State Softball Team and will be playing in Canberra in late April. Congratulations to these students for their fantastic sporting achievements.

We're looking forward to next term which is coming upon us very rapidly and will be a very busy one! I hope everyone enjoys their holiday break in the meantime.

*Anna Henderson, Sports Coordinator*

## Year 9 Community Care Project

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 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 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*

## Canteen Thanks

Many thanks to our volunteer parents for their donation of their time to help us in the canteen from 31st January to 23rd March, 2012

Helen White, Anna Chin, Jo Patterson, Ali Parkin, Jenny Stevens, Shasi Jey, Jenny Saint, Nga Nguyen, Grace McMahon, Ra Stretch, Kim Stretch, Bev Cook, Trudie Cain, Yasmin McInerney, Donna Jones, Deborah Freeman, Annie O'Brien, Tracy Svingos, Joy Wilson, Elizabeth Key, Katherine Ganley, Amanda Crockett-Nairi, Merrilyn Fietz, Sarah Thomas, Marion Plane, Kerrilee Lock, Zmaragdi Plagakis, Orania Barbara, Kathryn Ireland, Annabel Mhaler, Millie Kolovinos, Jenny Saint, Carla Davison

*Thank You, Lorraine & Elaine*

## Online Learning



Educated researchers know that there's more to using the internet than just doing a Google search and relying on Wikipedia and Google results. Unley High students are increasingly being referred to use online databases. We purchase quality information tools that are not freely available on the internet. A database that is of interest to the whole school is the Online Reference Generator (ORG).

Acknowledging sources used in research work is an established protocol that is universally used in all published research work. These sources are collated into a bibliography or reference list at the end of the work. At Unley High students are encouraged to use a range of quality resources and expected to submit a correctly formatted bibliography as part of their research. Preparing a good bibliography can be a difficult and time consuming task.

The ORG is a fantastic tool that accommodates Middle and Senior School Students. Students select their level, select the type of resource they have used, look at the rollover example which describes each element of the citation, enter details into the Harvard Online Referencing Generator, then copy and paste into their own bibliography in alphabetical order.

At school students find the ORG on the Library Intranet. At home, students can go to <http://www.slasa.asn.au/org> and then enter the password ben22. There is no username.

The ORG login via the UHS website will soon be available.

*Jan Crame, Coordinator Library and Learning Technologies*

## Fundraising Committee News

The Unley High School Fundraising Committee is holding a Movie afternoon on Sunday 20 May 2012 at the Capri Cinema, Goodwood Road. We would love to see all of you there, so please put this date in your calendar and start asking your friends to join you for a fun afternoon. It is also a great opportunity to meet people from our Unley High School community, along with assisting in the important role of raising funds.

The movie screening will be "Five Year Engagement", starring Jason Segel and Emily Blunt. The ticket price is \$20 which includes nibbles on arrival, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase, a raffle will also be on sale.

Our committee is also looking for new members, so why not come along and join our dynamic team.

Please contact Joanne Costa on 8272 1455 or email to [joanne.costa@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:joanne.costa@uhs.sa.edu.au).

*Kerrilee Lock, Fundraising Committee Member.*

## Year 8 Camp

The week beginning 21 February saw the start of our Annual Year 8 Camp at Mylor Baptist Camp. Two hundred and fifty one Year 8 Students were divided into 3 groups, with each group attending the camp for two days and one night, following the same program of activities.

On Tuesday 22 February the first group of eighty five very excited students boarded the buses for the start of a great adventure. Upon arrival to the camp, the students assembled at the hall where Mr Marino, with the help of the Home Group Teachers, allocated the students to their dorms. Excitedly each student hurried to their dorm to secure the best bunk bed.



The first part of the camp was run by our Student Counsellors Mr Carthew and Ms Dodgson assisted by Year level Manager, Mr Marino and the Home Group Teachers. The activities during this session were designed to encourage students to get to know each other and to work together in teams to solve some very challenging problems such as balancing a tennis ball in mid-air using only three plastic cups and three knives. The atmosphere in the hall was amazing; students were working together, having fun and engaging in the activities with lots of exciting cries when a group solved the challenges.



After lunch more fun was had. Each Home Group was divided into two smaller groups and each group participated in a number of activities that were offered. These included, Raft making, the Giant Swing, Challenge Course, Archery, Bridge Building and Rock Climbing. The activities had a set time and each member of every group had the opportunity to engage in all of the activities on offer. Students participated in each of the activities with enthusiasm and the determination to succeed in mastering new skills and meeting new challenges. The students seem to particularly enjoy the challenge course and rolling in mud as well as the thrill of the Giant Swing where a lot of students challenged themselves by aiming to release the swing at a higher level than their team mates.



The Highlight during the evening was the activities organised and run by the Unley High School Air Force Cadets. Students got to experience what it is like to be an Airforce Cadet and learnt some pointers on how to survive in the bush.

It was with reluctances that they all boarded the buses at 2:30pm on the second day for their return journey back to their families and the comfort of their own bed.

A big thank you to Mr Marino for organising and running the camp.

*Joanne Costa, Assistant Principal Middle School*

## 2012 Year 8 Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 8 February the Year 8's had an opportunity to beat the heat by participating in the traditional Unley High School Year 8 Swimming Carnival. This was held at the Urrbrae Agricultural High School Swimming Centre and was a great success.



Unley's swimming carnival is not just for students with a competitive spirit. There were many different events both novelty and competitive. This offered everyone opportunities to participate in a manner suited to them, which meant everyone felt comfortable.

The aim of the carnival was to engage and involve as many people as possible in the fun events or competitive events or both. The idea was not to come first in all events but to have enjoyment through participation and getting to know the other students.

The majority of students worked to earn valuable points for their Home Group.

The day was pleasant and a nice BBQ helped to feed everyone.

Competitors, participants and spectators all worked harmoniously and everyone who entered the water liked the cooling effect it had particularly because it was a hot day.



On behalf of the Middle School Team I would like to thank everyone involved in making the day a success.

Thanks particularly to

- The PE staff for their hard work in preparing the day
- All of the competitors and participants
- The Home Group Teachers for supervision and preliminary preparations
- The Peer Support Leaders for organising students into events and helping with preliminary preparations
- The BBQ team including the parents who catered and cooked for everyone
- All of the parents who helped and supported the event
- All of the spectators particularly parents who took time out in their busy schedules to attend
- The rowing teams, with parents and teachers for having drinks on hand
- Staff at school who took reliefs
- Urrbrae for the use of their Swimming centre and their BBQ
- Anyone else who helped in some way and were omitted from this thank you list

Congratulations to all contestants and participants for their commitment and efforts.

### ***The Year 8 Champions for 2012 were:***

Girls	Boys
1st – Courtney Size	1st – William Tran
2nd – Sharee Grimshaw	2nd – Reuben Stretch
3rd – Sophie Muusse	3rd – Sam James
4th – Miranda Stocco	

### ***Home Group Points and placing:***

	HG	Points
1st	8518	302
2nd	8407	271
3rd	8509	266
4th	8517	237
5th	8410	190
6th	8405	184
7th	8515	161
8th	8408	151
9th	8520	138

Thank you.

***Charlie Marino, Year Level manager – Year 8***



## Rowing Report

### TERM 1 REGATTAS

Term 1 has been a very busy but rewarding time for the UHS Rowing Club. Following a successful Summer Rowing Camp, which was held at the end of January at Walker Flat, all squads have been training hard in preparation for the finale of the rowing season – the Head of The River (HOR).

Some of the term's highlights include:

- The purchase of a new Boat Trailer to transport boats to and from regattas, the design of which allows for a more efficient loading and unloading.
- Participation at two regional regattas at Murray Bridge and Mannum. The latter was particularly successful with Unley High School leading the medal tally with eight crews receiving medals for winning their events, seven receiving second places and three third places.



- Calina Schanze, an exchange-student from Germany, has dominated all the single and double scull events that she has participated in at regattas. This includes winning the Women's 1st Grade, U19 and U17 single races at Murray Bridge, the Schoolgirl Open Single Scull at the School's State Championships as well as all Open Schoolgirl single races conducted as part of the Schools' Super Series regattas. The only single scull race that she did not win was in the 1st Grade State Championships Women's Single Scull race where she felt privileged to compete against several Australian rowing representatives including Sally Kehoe of Sydney University who has represented Australia at four World Championships and one Olympic Games.



- The club performed admirably at the State Championships with Unley rowers being part of seven winning crews – Austin Zilm teamed with a Pulteney Grammar School rower to win the U17 Men's Double Scull; Calina won the U17 Women's Single Scull and paired with a Torrens Rowing Club rower to win both the U17 and U19 Women's Double Scull events; a Year 10 crew consisting of Angas Santostefano, Austin Zilm, Nathan Spencer, Tom Edmonds and Isobel Hercus (cox) won the U17 Men's Coxed Quad Scull; and Jared Lundy coxed the Torrens crews who won the Open Men's Lightweight Eight and 3rd Grade Men's Coxed Four.



- Huge progress has been made by the twenty-eight new Year 8 rowers. Their commitment and enthusiasm has been truly admirable.
- The willingness of the majority of current rowers, despite their own rowing commitments, to assist at the Come'N'Try sessions for Year 7 students who are interested in attending Unley High School as part of the Year 8 Rowing Class in 2013. The interested rowers and parents have forwarded some great positive feedback regarding our rowers' passion for rowing and the friendliness, helpfulness and patience displayed during these sessions.
- Eighty-three rowers participating as part of twelve quads, a four and two eights at Head Of River on 31 March 2012.
- The extraordinary efforts of the club's coaches, committee and parent helpers to ensure the smooth running and success of the club.

## **ROWING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The venue for these National Championships was the recently established Champion Lakes which is situated 25km south of Perth's CBD. The extreme heat conditions of at least 38 degree temperatures for most days during the Championships proved to be extremely challenging for all attendees. The Unley High School rowers stayed at a nearby Department of Sport and Recreation Outdoor Education campsite with PAC and Walford rowers. This provided an outstanding opportunity for all three schools to see each other as not just competitors, but as great ambassadors for SA Rowing.

The thirteen Unley High School representatives included Angus Santostefano, Austin Zilm, Hugh Kinnane, Tom Edmonds, Nathan Spencer, Isobel Hercus, Hamish Straatman, Ben James, Michael Ingham, Michael Heliotis, Jared Lundy, Aaron Jones and Calina Schanze. All participants gave their all which ensured some great results for the school. These included:

- Schoolboys Coxed Quad Scull - Angus Santostefano, Austin Zilm, Nathan Spencer, Tom Edmonds, Isobel Hercus (cox) qualified for the C Final which they won by some 30 seconds.
- Schoolboys Coxed Quad Scull - Hamish Straatman, Ben James, Michael Ingham, Aaron Jones, Jared Lundy (cox) qualified for the A Final, finishing 6th overall which is a most commendable effort.
- U17 Girls Single - Calina Schanze easily won the B Final with a quicker time than some of the A Final participants.
- U17 Boy's Double Scull - Austin Zilm paired with a Pulteney rower to reach the semi-final stage.
- U17 Girl's Double - Calina teamed with a rower from Torrens Rowing Club to win the A Final and thus be awarded the gold medal for this event at the 2012 Rowing Australia National Championships. This was an absolutely awesome result that generated great pride amongst all Unley High School participants.

Each event for the seven days of racing was accompanied by live commentary on loud speakers around the regatta venue. Unley's regular participation, support and past successes at National Championships level was acknowledged on a daily basis by the commentators.

Another bonus for the rowers was being part of an event whereby they competed on the same waters in races that immediately preceded or followed races that featured rowers vying for Australian representation at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The elite rower's participation was definitely inspiring to all school-aged participants at the Championships.

A huge thank you to Head Coach, Becky Lannan and senior boy's coach, Delwyn McInnes and the many parents who travelled to Perth to assist all crew members.



## **FUNDRAISING**

Apart from conducting BBQs at all West Lakes regattas and at the recent Year 8 Evening, the club has also assisted at the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra's presentation of Symphony Under The Stars on March 25 at Elder Park by acting as ushers for the event, selling raffle tickets / programs, distributing marketing materials and cleaning up during and after the performance. This fundraising effort will contribute toward the purchase of a new single scull shell for the club.

During the next two months, the club will continue its fundraising efforts with BBQs at the Life Be In It Gym at Unley High School, the selling of raffle tickets as part of the 2012 People's Choice Community Lottery and the sale of Entertainment Books – see advertisement in this Newsletter. A quiz night is also planned for Term 3. Please help support these Rowing Club's fundraising activities.

Following the Head of the River on 31 March 2012, all squads will take a two-month break from training, with the exception of Year 8s. One optional weekly session per week will be available to this cohort. This will enable students who would like to Come'N'Try this sport to see what is involved and also allow the rowers who commenced earlier this term to continue to work on their rowing technique. Any students or parents who are interested in learning more about the school's rowing program, please contact Anita Hughes at [anita.hughes@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:anita.hughes@uhs.sa.edu.au). It would be great to see more girls, in particular, take up this fantastic sport.

The dates for the Spring Rowing Camp at Walker Flat are Friday, 7 September to Tuesday 11 September, 2012. The Friday and Monday coincide with student-free days so time lost at school will be minimal for participants.

**Anita Hughes and Helen Jones, Rowing Managers**



## Community News

### Maths Tuition

Rachel Wang a former UHS student is offering to tutor Year 11 and 12 Mathematic Studies and Specialist Mathematics students. Costs vary between \$15-\$25 per hour. Rachel can be contacted on 0402 575 516 or [rachel.517@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel.517@hotmail.com).

*Peter Stone, Coordinator Numeracy and Mathematics*

### Marion Youth Centre

#### **FUN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF HIGH SCHOOL AGE!**

Come and be a part of our Thursday Night drop in activities. We have fun activities for you! There will be information about our services and other services in the community. You can meet other young people or bring your friends and hang around in a safe place. Food and fun activities will be happening on the night.

**Where:** Marion Youth  
GP Plus Health Care Centre  
10 Milham Street  
Oaklands Park

**Phone:** 7425 8200

**When:** Every Thursday Night from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

#### **5TH APRIL – CREATE YOUR OWN PART OF MARION YOUTH**

Celebrate the end of Term and create your own part of Marion Youth Centre. Get to know what is happening on Thursday Night Activities next term. Suggest what will be cool to do next term on Thursday Nights.

### Sturt Marion Women's Soccer Club.

Part of the Sports and Community Club based at Club Marion on Sturt Rd, Marion.

We cater for girls of all ages and abilities in a fun, friendly environment with what we believe are the best facilities in the State.

Interested in learning to play soccer without the commitment just yet?

"Sturt Soccer Skills Clinic" is aimed at girls from 6-16. It is intended to run for ½ hour on Wednesdays during Term 2 from 5.45pm -6.15pm prior to our normal training at 6.30pm.

Exceptional value at only \$2 per session.

Please contact [sturtmarionwsc@adam.com.au](mailto:sturtmarionwsc@adam.com.au) to register your interest

### University of New South Wales – Law

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to take part in the annual 2012 UNSW Law Essay Competition.

The essay competition is designed to encourage school students to consider how the law impacts on our daily lives. Please note that this competition is open to all Year 11 and 12 students, not just those undertaking Legal Studies.

The winning essayist will receive a \$500 cash prize. Second place will receive \$300; third place will receive \$200.

Essay Topic:

In 1992, the Prime Minister Paul Keating said that the High Court decision in Mabo 'establishes a fundamental truth and lays the basis for justice.' What did he mean by this statement?

If you are interested in entering please speak to Ms Ellis, Assistant Principal Senior School.

Closing date for entries is 5:00pm Friday 27 April 2012.

For more information, visit <http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/news/2012/02/unsw-law-essay-competition-2012>

*Kathy Ellis, Assistant Principal Senior School*

### Entertainment Books

The Rowing Club is selling Entertainment Books.

For \$65 you can save hundreds of dollars when using the Entertainment Book.

If you wish to reserve a copy please email [anita.hughes@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:anita.hughes@uhs.sa.edu.au) or phone 8272 1455.

I will need your child's name and home group. I will then supply them with a payment form, which goes to student services for payment.

The books are available for purchase from now until the end of June 2012.

*Anita Hughes, Rowing Coordinator*



# Year 12

*Adelaide*

*Education Consultants  
SACE Autumn Seminars*

*Week 1: Tue 10 - Fri 13 Apr and  
or Week 2: Mon 16 - Thu 19 Apr*

*Office: 30th Floor, 91 King William St  
Adelaide SA 5000  
[www.aeg.sa.edu.au](http://www.aeg.sa.edu.au)*

*Seminar venue: St Mary's College*

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## School holiday kids screen acting workshops.

Back by popular demand, Heesom Casting at the newly built Adelaide Studios, are again running their School Holiday Screen Acting Program for kids & teens.

Fun and educational, these vacation workshops are a great opportunity for students to learn all the tricks and techniques direct from SA's leading Casting Director and the team that put people on TV.

This could be a great chance for students of all levels (aged 8 - 17) to gain new skills, friends and confidence.

**Call 8394 2545**  
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**[www.heesomcasting.com](http://www.heesomcasting.com)**

Heesom Casting is SA's leading agency, casting the majority of TV commercials shot in the state & holds over 40 films including Wolf Creek, Look Both Ways, Hey Hey It's Esther Blueburger & many more

### Sturt Blue Light – Under Age Rage

**When:** Friday 16th March 2012

**7.30pm – 10.00pm**

**Where:** Marion Cultural Centre – Domain Theatre  
287 Diagonal Road Oaklands Park

**Who:** 9 – 17 years.

\$7.00 entry. Tickets available from the box office.

LOCK IN. Fully supervised by Police and Blue Light Volunteers

**Phone:** 8375 6855



## TERTIARY STUDIES & CAREERS EXPO ADELAIDE

Sunday 29 - Monday 30 April 2012  
Adelaide Convention Centre  
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## Term 2 2012 Diary Dates

April 23	TERM 2 COMMENCES	
April 25	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Anzac Day	
May 1	Parent/Teacher Interviews	12.00pm - 8.00pm
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	School Tours	9.15am - 10.30am
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 15-17	NaPLAN Testing	
May 18	NaPLAN Testing - Catch up	
May 20	Fundraising Event - Movie at the Capri Theatre	
May 23	Year 9 Wellbeing Day	
May 30	Year 8 Relationships Day	
June 5	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm
June 9, 10 & 11	'Annie Get Your Gun' Musical Performances - Scott Theatre	
June 11	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Queen's Birthday	
June 12	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm
June 12-15	Year 11 Exams	
June 29	EARLY DISMISSAL - Last Day Term 2	2.15pm



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