



### ***From the Principal.....***

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

This term we made significant changes to our Parent Teacher Interviews. Changes involved the timing of the interviews and the booking process. As a result, we had many more interviews than is normally the case; 2,266 interviews, spread evenly across the day and into the evening, representing 42% of our families. We received much positive feedback from parents about the changes. We were particularly pleased with the numbers of students who attended with their families and hope this will increase for the next Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 15 August 2012.

Like any new system there were a number of things that did not go as smoothly as we wanted. Teachers have provided us with their input and we will plan for an improved process next term. If you have suggestions for improvement please contact Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal via email [kathy.ellis@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:kathy.ellis@uhs.sa.edu.au)

#### **Newsletter**

At Parent Teacher Interviews, we asked people to give us feedback about the Newsletter, with 55 people responding. Of these, 48 people view the Newsletter online with 34 receiving an email notification from our Announcement System. The feedback we received was very positive with people reading the newsletter to keep informed and involved, to be aware of upcoming events and to view student achievement. We asked for ideas for improvement. Some people wanted more information about the work of school Committees. Some wanted more information about sport, although others felt the coverage of sport was good. Some articles were considered a bit long. We will take all feedback into account with our future newsletters. Thankyou to those people who took the time to complete the survey. It has given us a clearer picture of how to communicate effectively with you.

#### **Extended Leave**

Graeme Webster, Deputy Principal, had planned to take Long Service Leave for the first month of Term 2. He has now decided to extend his leave until the end of the year. Kathy Ellis is currently acting as Deputy Principal.



#### **Open Day**

Many hundreds of people visited the school for Open Day on Sunday 6 May 2012. It was a fine example of all of the school community working together. I would like to thank members of the School Council and parents who assisted on the day. As one parent said, *"It is very important for parents to talk with other parents about the school"*. The students and teachers who acted as tour guides did a very good job. I had positive feedback about how enthusiastic they were about the school and how knowledgeable they were about our programs. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of Joanne Costa, Assistant Principal Middle School, and the team she worked with to ensure that the school was looking its best. Our newsletter features the Middle School mural *'Beyond the Classroom Walls'* which was launched on Open Day, another fine example of teachers, parents and students working together.

*Susan Cameron, Principal*

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Please note these important dates on your calendar

Year 8 Relationships Day	30 May 2012
School Musical 'Annie Get Your Gun'	9, 10 & 11 June 2012
School Closure Day (Day 1, Term 3)	16 July 2012

## Arts News

### Middle School Mural Launch

The Mayor of Mitcham Council, Michael Picton launched our Middle School Mural, 'Beyond the Classroom Walls' on Sunday 6 May 2012 at our annual Open Day. A big thankyou to our Year 9 Art students from 2011 who were involved in the designing, creating and painting of the Mural. Many favourable comments have been received from staff, students and parents.

A Mural like this cannot exist without many other stakeholders from both the school and the community. A special thankyou to parent, artist, illustrator Gilbert Dashorst, who was the main driver and visionary of the Mural. We have appreciated his dedication, inspiration and hard work with our students. Also to parent, artist Adriana White who supported Gilbert, staff and students throughout the project. Thank you to Visual Art staff, in particular Rheanna Dougherty and Sara Boni for their support, hard work and for motivating their students.

'Beyond the Classroom Walls', has certainly enhanced the Middle school area and we look forward to hosting further events in this improved courtyard and rose garden area.



### Open Day

Congratulations to all Arts students and staff for all your excellent work on Open Day. We had many positive comments about the quality of the music and drama performances, displays and exhibitions. It was really good to see so many students performing, set painting, acting and being creative. Good job, well done and much appreciated .

*Terri Moore, Arts Coordinator*



## Arts News continued

### Musical Rehearsals

Rehearsals for 'Annie Get Your Gun' are underway for Term 2. On Sunday the 22nd and Monday 23rd of April, the cast went to Musical Camp at school where they went through "Act 1". The idea of this camp was to put together the live music with live singing and acting because they have been rehearsing separately.

Erin Fowler, an ex- Unley High student, came in to choreograph the opening number on Sunday. On Monday the Musical Production class came in and worked with the cast on costuming. It was the first opportunity for the class to see a run through which enabled them to see how their set, lighting, sound and costuming plans will look on stage.

Our set group came in on Thursday 20th April with Ms Moore and Ms Geddie to paint sets and they continued to do that during the camp.

Ms Geddie, Mr Martin, Ms Hollis and Mr Bettess were very pleased with the progress of the group and expect the hard work to continue until our performances on the June long weekend (9th, 10th and 11th June) at the Scott Theatre, Kintore avenue, Adelaide.

*Ms Geddie,  
Performing Arts Teacher*



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## Greek News

### Greek Independence Day - 25 March celebrations

The Greek Parents Council organised a special morning tea on Friday 23 March for staff and a lunchtime barbecue for students to celebrate Greek Independence Day. We thank all parents who provided the sweet delights, Mr Michaloudakis and his team of helpers who cooked the souvlakia, Mrs Pouras for organising the dance performance with the assistance of Georgie-Lee Rantzoglou and Stacey Climatianos and the students who entertained us with their dancing.

The school community thanks all parents, staff and students who contributed to the success of the day.



### Third Greek Student Film Festival 2012

The Greek Student Film Festival is an Australia wide contest where students have the opportunity to express themselves in an original, creative and productive way using the Greek language.

A group of Year 9 and 10 students will be taking part in the creation of a four minute DVD on a Hellenic theme later in the term.

### Email correspondence with students in Greece.

Almost all of the Year 9 Greek students have been matched with an email pen friend and they are corresponding in both Greek and English. Our friends are living in the prefecture of Serron, North Greece.

Matoula Kouzionis, Greek Teacher



### Greek Music workshop - 27 April

All students studying Greek attended a music workshop on the role of percussion in Greek music. Con Dalas, a well-known percussionist, gave a demonstration of all his percussion instruments; bongos, congas, frame drums and the toublerleki. He also demonstrated other support instruments such as cymbals and tambourines. Students listened to the different styles of Greek music, ranging from Cretan, Pontian, Greek Island and Latin influenced beats from Con's MP 3 player. They had the opportunity to play the instruments and two enthusiastic young ladies in Year 10 had the chance to play the bongos.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the informative and entertaining workshop. We thank Con Dalas for his time and effort in organising and running the workshop at our school.



## Christian Pastoral Support News



Kat Evans (who has been working as the second Christian Pastoral Support Worker) is finishing up at school this week due to funding cuts. She has been a fantastic asset in the Counselling area over the past two years. Kat has had a massive part in leading the Animal Welfare Group at school and also leading the Craft Group that has been well attended. A big thanks goes out to Kat for all the work she has done and all that she has given to the students. Thank you and all the best!

*Hi guys, this has been a fantastic time for me at Unley. I have really enjoyed getting to know a lot of the staff and the kids, going on excursions to the zoo and camps, hanging out in the library, making toys in Craft Group, singing in the hallways and patting many animals in animal welfare group. I'm very sad to be leaving, but I'm grateful for my time here and hopefully I'll see everyone again if I come to events at Unley!*

*Kat Evans, Christian Pastoral Support Worker*

## LOTE News

### Chinese Papercutting Excursion

Towards the end of last term, the Year 9 Chinese class visited a Paper Cutting Exhibition in the Barr Smith Library at the University of Adelaide. The Paper Cutting Exhibition is the work of a famous paper cutting artist, Guan Xiaoyun, and the students were very fortunate to have the works explained to them by the artist herself. The exhibition and the visit of Guan Xiaoyun to Adelaide were arranged by the Confucius Institute at the University. Confucius Institutes has been set up in major cities around the world by the Chinese government to promote the understanding of Chinese culture and to support the development of business connections and the teaching of Chinese at both school and university level.



The individual paper cuts depict characters from a famous Chinese novel called *The Dream of the Red Mansions* and Guan Xiaoyun explained to the students how the personality of each of the characters from the novel can be seen through their gestures and the details of the setting in which they are depicted. She told us that each of the paper cuts took her three months to complete.

She then demonstrated to the students how she does her paper cutting and showed them how to cut a flower with buds and leaves attached. The students who were a group of all boys then showed enormous patience and precision in cutting out flowers which really looked very similar to the model that she demonstrated as can be seen in the photograph.

I think all the students would agree that this excursion gave them a valuable insight into, and practical hands on experience of a form of artistic expression which is a very important part of Chinese culture which is quite different from the art forms with which most of them are familiar.

*Kathy Purvis, LOTE Coordinator*



## Environment Group News

### Unley High School Life Be In It Gymnasium Lighting

The student Environment Group has been a major driver of environmental change at Unley High School since its inception in 2001. They have led the school with innovative ways to reduce waste and increase recycling. They are also keen for the school to use electrical power more efficiently.

A major user of electricity at Unley High School is the three basketball court gymnasium which currently has 36 large lights operating from approximately 8.00am until 11.30pm most days. The group undertook research to replace the current lights with a more efficient system. Through their research, they identified a highly efficient plasma globes with an improved lux outcome and a watt usage nearly half of that used by the current lights. The smaller gym could then be configured to take ten lights instead of the current sixteen, representing further energy savings. The Environment Group expects the savings to be in excess of \$5,500 per year.

Additional savings will occur as the new plasma globes have a life expectancy of approximately five times longer than the current lights, hence requiring less frequent maintenance. Due to the frequent breakdown of the existing lighting system, the current average maintenance cost is approximately \$2,000 per year.

It takes approximately two minutes for the new plasma globes to reach full power in comparison to the existing lights which take fifteen minutes to reach full power. Staff will now be able to turn off lighting when not required, for example between lessons and at breaks. Additionally, if there is a power outage, players will now have only two minutes after power resumes before continuing their game.

The Environment Group believes that Unley High School is the first school in Australia to use these new plasma lights. The results of this change in lighting on the power bill will also be monitored closely by other gymnasiums across Australia.

*Robert Handley, Our Environment Group in Action!*

## Rowing News

On March 31, the Unley High School Rowing Club participated in the 'Head Of The River' rowing regatta. This is the final school's regatta for the season and as well as attracting media attention and large crowds on the West Lakes beachfront, it also has the ability to eke out every rower's, and thus every crew's best performance for the season.



Unley entered crews in sixteen events and performed admirably in all races against twelve Adelaide schools. Some of the highlights on the day included the performance by the Year 10A Boys Coxed Quad Scull crew that were beaten in a photo-finish by PAC by just 0.2 sec, the Year 9B Boys Coxed Quad Scull crew finished 3rd in the A Final, and a crew of Year 8 Boys competing against Year 9s in the Year 9D Coxed Quad Scull event, in only their second regatta, were equal leaders with just 400m to go, but unfortunately caught a 'crab' that damaged one of their riggers.

All rowers and their families are most grateful for the support of the wider Unley High School community who provided valuable vocal encouragement on the day.



On the evening of the 'Head Of The River', a Presentation Dinner for 220 people was held in the George Cresswell Hall to acknowledge the performance of all squads throughout the 2011/2012 season. A list of all award winners can be viewed in the Rowing Newsletter that is available on the Unley High School website at

<http://www.uhs.sa.edu.au/extra-curricular/rowing-club/newsletters/>  
Special congratulations to Gemma Luongo who received the Chuan Lai Perpetual Shield as the Most Valuable Clubperson.

Winter training is now commencing for most squads, so any Unley High School students who may be interested in rowing next season are invited to attend. Please see Mrs Hughes at school for more details.

Fundraising is an on-going activity for the club. Entertainment Books are still available, or perhaps you may be interested in getting a table together for our Quiz Night which is scheduled



for Saturday, 4 August 2012. The club is hoping to purchase a new or close-to-new eight in the next eighteen months. The \$35,000 plus required means selling around 23,500 sausages at BBQ fundraisers -an arduous effort - less what we can raise at special events such as Quiz Nights. So please consider supporting this particular evening with your attendance or maybe you are able to donate a prize or silent auction item.

For more information regarding donations, please contact the Rowing Secretary, Pip Lundy [piplundy@aapt.net.au](mailto:piplundy@aapt.net.au) or the Rowing Manager, Anita Hughes [anita.hughes@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:anita.hughes@uhs.sa.edu.au)

*Anita Hughes, Rowing Manager*

## Sport News

We have finally announced our Sports Captains for 2012. Congratulations to Year 12 students Josh Archer and Amelia Portellos. These two students have contributed hugely to Unley High School sport in their time here, playing a number of different sports themselves and being involved in coaching younger teams. Both students also extend their sporting commitments to clubs and even state teams, soccer for Amelia and football for Josh. We are very happy to have these students in the role of Sports Captains due to their excellent participation, support and enthusiasm for sport at Unley High School as well as being sporting role model for younger students.

Our very busy winter sport season is underway. We have a large number of students playing soccer, football, basketball, badminton, volleyball, table tennis and netball on a regular weekly basis. Thank you to the parents, old scholars and even current students who are acting as coaches for all of these teams, your efforts are much appreciated.

In addition to our weekly sports we are entered into an even bigger range of the State Knockout Competitions with minor rounds in some already having started. There are also plenty of carnivals and SSSSA elite events on offer. Hopefully we'll have a very successful and enjoyable winter of sport.

### **Congratulations to James Patterson!**

James has qualified to compete in the National Gymnastics Championships in Sydney at the end of May. We wish him good luck and look forward to hearing about his experiences and results on his return.

*Anna Henderson, Sports Coordinator*



### **Congratulations to Daniel Koufopoulos!**

Daniel signed up with George Stamoulos of "Transtec Automotives" on 9th May 2012 for a Certificate III in Automotive Mechanical Technology traineeship.

*Toby Watts, VET Coordinator*

## Community News

### **School Bus Y and Z**

Please be advised that School bus Y does not set down students before stop 26 on South Road. The drivers specific shift sheets do state that students are not to get off at these stops, therefore some drivers have been taking students to stop 26 as directed. As a result the students can't get home. School Bus Z will however service any stop along the route and any students wishing to alight prior to stop 26 on South Road must catch this bus.

Southlink will be instructing drivers of Bus Y **not to set down** students before stop 26 on South Road.

Please direct parents enquiries to :

Southlink Lonsdale on 8186 2888

*Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal*



### **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*

## Community News



### Effective Living Centre

**Empowering people to engage with and contribute to life more effectively.**

#### Fun not Fuss with Food

Nutritionist and psychotherapist Peter Hill will lead a discussion around strategies to change behaviour, while supporting developmentally appropriate independence and curiosity with eating.

Wednesday, 30 May at 7:30-9:30 pm

#### Helping your Child Deal with Emotions Constructively

It is not easy living with our own emotions, let alone our child's ups and downs. Yet parents can help their children to safely express their feelings and manage strong emotions. It is a gift which will serve them well for a lifetime.

Wednesday, 20 June at 7:30-9:30 pm

#### All sessions are held at:

The Effective Living Centre, 26 King William Road, Wayville

**Cost:** \$15 regular, \$10 conc. or friends of ELC, \$20 per couple

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** [www.effectiveliving.org](http://www.effectiveliving.org) or 8271 0329

### Parenting Courses

#### Mum's House, Dad's House

Single sessions

Thursday 24th May – 6.00 – 9.00 pm

Tuesday 5th June – 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Wednesday 20th June – 9.00 – 9.00 pm

**Venue:** Centacare, 33 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

**Cost:** \$5.00      **Bookings:** 82108200



#### Parenting Teenagers

##### Inside his Head - Understanding Teen Boys

3 evening sessions, starting Thursday 31st July 2012

##### Inside her Head - Understanding Teenage Girls

3 evening sessions, starting Thursday 12th June 2012

**Time:** 6.30pm – 9.00pm

**Venue:** Centacare, 33 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

**No cost**      **Bookings:** 8210 8200

### Relationships Australia

#### How to drug proof your kids

6 evening Sessions starting on Wednesday 23rd May 2012

**Time:** 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

**Venue:** Relationships Australia, 49a Orsmond St, Hindmarsh

**Cost:** \$90/ \$50      **Registration:** 8245 8100

### Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is now accepting applications for Australian youth to join voyages in the sail training ship Young Endeavour between July and December 2012.



A voyage in Young Endeavour is an exciting experience and a unique opportunity for youth to develop skills for life. Our internationally recognised development program increases awareness and confidence, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community amongst participants.

Since 1988 more than 11,000 young Australians have completed the Young Endeavour Youth Development Program. On completing a voyage in 2011, Victorian student Kirsty Reaks said,

*"Being elected captain of a multi-million dollar ship was absolutely exhilarating. What I wanted was a challenge, and the responsibility and adrenaline I experienced in Young Endeavour was amazing. The problem solving skills, teamwork, the friendships, and working with so many different people in a small place has been a fantastic life experience which I would recommend to every single young Australian".*

Applications are accepted through our website, and youth crew are selected via a biennial ballot. In 2012 the standard fee for an eleven day voyage in Young Endeavour is \$1,750.00

No sailing experience is required and all young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply.

Further information on voyage dates, ports of call, voyage fees and eligibility is available at [www.youngendeavour.gov.au](http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au)

Kathy Ellis,

Deputy Principal

### New Smoke-free Laws

for Playgrounds and Covered Public Transport Stops

From 31 May 2012, World No Tobacco Day, new State Government legislation will come into effect that:

- bans smoking within 10 metres of children's public playground equipment.
- bans smoking under covered public transport waiting areas, including bus, tram, train and taxi shelters and other areas used to board or alight from public transport that are covered by a roof.
- gives local councils and other incorporated bodies the ability to apply to have an outdoor area or event declared smoke-free.

Anyone aged 15 years and older can be fined for these offences committed under the *Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997*.

Further information or fact sheets available at [www.tobaccolaws.sa.gov.au](http://www.tobaccolaws.sa.gov.au) or call 1300 363 703

## 'Community as Career Partners Forum'

The Southern Career Development Network is delighted to bring you its inaugural professional development forum designed to support and link people providing Career Development in Southern Adelaide.

*The event will consider;*

- *Local and regional industry trends.*
- *How we can assist students and job seekers plan for, participate, and respond to a changing workplace place of work.*
- *How Skills for All fits into the workforce picture?*
- *What do young people have to say about the world of work?*

*Guest speakers:*

- *Professor Martin Westwell, Director Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st Century*
- *Anne Bainbridge, Executive Director Youth Affairs Council of South Australia*
- *Ermanno D'Annunzio, SA Labour Economics Office, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)*
- *Skills for All, Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST)*

**6 June 2012  
4pm to 6pm  
Marion Cultural Centre  
287 Diagonal Road Oaklands Park SA 5046**

Light refreshments will be provided

**For more information and to RSVP your attendance by May 29th, please contact:**

**Janis Turner**, Project Officer, Southern Adelaide South Australia Works

Email: [janis@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:janis@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au) or phone (08) 8384 0647

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## Canteen Thank you's

Many thanks to our volunteer parents for their donation of their time to help us in the canteen from 26th March to 4th May,

2012 Kathryn Aiston	Helen White	Anna Chin	Ali Parkin
Jenny Stevens	Nga Nguyen	Bev Cook	Trudie Cain
Yasmin McInerney	Annie O'Brien	Amanda Crockett-Nairi	Sarah Thomas
Kerrilee Lock	Zmaragdi Plagakis	Kathryn Ireland	Millie Kolovinos
Don Gilmour	Carla Davison	Katherine Ganley	

We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to one of our volunteers, Nga Nguyen who worked fortnightly in our Canteen and is now returning to university to complete her studies. We wish you well for your future.

Thank You, *Lorraine & Elaine*

### A concerned parent recently sent the following email to the school...

*"I have observed a number of near-misses with students exiting cars parked in front of the George Cresswell Hall in the morning drop-off periods. This is a dangerous practice, particularly when parked at the rear of the queue as cars, buses and four wheel drives have a narrow, congested road to navigate after emerging from the roundabout.*

*I urge parents to ask their children to only hop out on the footpath side to avoid serious injury and damage to car doors etc.*

*I have reverted to "kiddy-locking" the door behind the drivers' side door so they have no option but to do this."*

We appreciate this parent sharing their concern with our school community.

*Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal*

## Term 2 2012 Diary Dates...

<b>May 30</b>	<b>Year 8 Relationships Day</b>	
<b>June 5</b>	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm
<b>June 9, 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>'Annie Get Your Gun' Musical Performances - Scott Theatre</b>	
<b>June 11</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Queen's Birthday</b>	
<b>June 12</b>	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm
<b>June 12-15</b>	<b>Year 11 Exams</b>	
<b>June 29</b>	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL - Last Day Term 2</b>	<b>2.15pm</b>

## Term 3 2012

<b>July 16</b>	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	
<b>July 28-Aug 4</b>	<b>Year 9 Ski Trip</b>	
<b>July 30</b>	Parent Voice Committee Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm
<b>July 31</b>	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm
<b>August 4</b>	UHS Rowing Club Qiz Night	
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>	<b>12.00pm - 8.00pm</b>



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