From the Principal.....

Unley High School has two school goals. The first is to increase student engagement and achievement and the second is to increase our connection with our community.

In this Newsletter you will see many fine examples of the work that we are doing to implement these goals. For example, the Artists Workshops for our Year 11 Art students with the Adelaide Central School of Art aims to meet both goals. Students have access to some of the best practicing artists to assist them to refine their skills, which increases engagement. Building connections with the Arts Community also gives students real insights into artistic ideas and practice, and assists them to see the positive role that the Arts play to build our community. The SOSE article also provides a wonderful example of how involving students in the community in the ‘Mayor for a Day’, provides students with a real life, engaging experience, and assists them to understand how society works.

The Newsletter also provides many examples of the rich curricula and co-curricula programs our students are offered. These programs that are intellectual, social, cultural and sporting provide students with a rich and interesting experience which builds community. I would like to thank all of the staff who work so hard, and display such creativity for the benefit of our students.

One of the featured projects is the redevelopment of the Senior Study Centre. Students with the support of staff and community members have planned an outstanding development. Through their work, students will be able to both work and relax in an attractive 21st Century learning environment. The planning, collaboration, consultation and decision making skills exhibited by the students who led the project will be with them for life. Thanks to James Merrett, leader of the Learning Hub Sub-Committee, for his creativity and persistence.

Susan Cameron, Principal

IMPORTANT DAIRY DATES

7/9/12
STUDENT FREE DAY
Staff Professional Development

10/9/12
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Show Day

21/9/12
EARLY DISMISSAL at 2.15pm
Last day of Term 3

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on

Wednesday
15 August 2012
from
12.00pm to 8.00pm

As in Semester 1 there will be no lessons on this day.

Students are encouraged to come with their parents to the interviews.

Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal

Year 9 Ski Trip 2012
Arts News

Artists workshops with Adelaide Central art School

This term our Year 11 Visual Art students have been making connections with Adelaide Central School of Art. This is part of a pilot project, where Education Officer Sasha Grbich and contemporary artists Annelise Rees and Julia Robinson, visited classrooms to talk about Artists ideas and ways of working. It has involved Artists presentations about how Artists work, leading to workshops where students model practice and work in a range of media and ideas.

Year 11 students have responded well, extending their approaches to creating ideas and working in a range of techniques.

This has been a highly successful project, which we hope to extend on in 2013 for our senior Visual Art students. It has also been an excellent opportunity to link with Tertiary art school practice.

Terri Moore, Arts Coordinator

South Australian Museum ‘The Waterhouse Art Prize’

Youth Art Prize – 1st Prize Zoe Woods, Past Unley High School Scholar.

The Waterhouse Natural History Prize is a prestigious art award that celebrates our natural world. Held annually at our S.A. Museum the exhibition features a wide range of artists working in a wide range of media. Categories of awards are; Paintings, Works on Paper, Sculpture and Objects and Youth Art. This year the first prize winner in the Youth Arts section is past scholar, Zoe Woods with her glass work, ‘Microcosm’.

It is exciting to continuously see Unley High School students featured in major exhibitions such as this, and we congratulate Zoe on her achievement. We intend for Year 11 art students to visit and critique the Waterhouse Art Prize. The exhibition dates are from 21 July to 9 September, 10 am to 5pm at the S.A. Museum.

Zoe Woods, Handblown glass ‘Microcosm’ 2012

Arts & LOTE News

Italy 2013 Art & Language Trip

We have had an exciting response to our Italy 2013 Art and Language Trip.

A detailed meeting was held on Tuesday 24th July 2012 at 6pm seeking expressions of interest from students and parents/caregivers.

The four week trip will be occur from April 6th (Week 10) to May 3rd (Week 1), including Term 2 holidays in 2013.

The itinerary will include Rome, Florence, Sorrento, Venice and Milan as well as 12 nights in a homestay in the area of Ferrara.

We envisage this trip will have a strong cohort of students due to initial expression of interest response at this meeting.

A friendly reminder that deposits are due in Week 5 on the 17th August 2012.

For further details, please contact:

Terri Moore
terri.moore@uhs.sa.edu.au
or
Joe Rosmini
joe.rosmini@uhs.sa.edu.au
or
phone the school on 8272 1455.

Joe Rosmini, LOTE Italian Teacher & Terri Moore, Arts Coordinator

‘Building Drawings’ by Annelise Rees (pictured)

‘Strange new Creatures’ by Julia Robinson

2009 Italy Art & Language Trip
SOSE News

On Thursday 28 June 2012, SOSE class 8405 were joined by The Mayor of Unley, Lachlan Clyne and Unley Community Officer, Matthew Ives to participate in their ‘Mayor for A Day’ program.

Students created ideas for improving living standards and lifestyle for people living in the district, with their ideas showcased at the Unley Town Hall Community on 19 July 2012.

The City of Unley has been seeking ideas for their future planning to make living in the district more sustainable and fulfilling.

Bruce Stopp, SOSE Coordinator

Greek News

Exchange student from France

Daphne Kyrazidis, a French exchange student has been attending Greek lessons since early June. Daphne is from Marseilles and she speaks her native French as well as Greek, English and German.

Daphne left us at the end of Week 3. It has been a pleasure having her in our Year 10 Greek classes. We wish Daphne all the best with her studies.

Greek Student Film Festival

Year 9 Greek students have begun planning for the production of a short film for this year’s festival.

Dance rehearsals for the Greek Spring Dance

A number of our students are practising their dance item for the annual Greek Spring Dance.

We thank Elena Asikas and Pyrros Radimissis for their leadership, organisation and effort in teaching their peers a variety of Greek dances in time for the Dance.

The annual Greek Spring Dance is on Saturday night 1st September 2012, everyone is welcome to come along for a fun filled evening.

Matoula Kouzions, Greek Teacher

International Student Program News

Welcome New International Student Officer, Ms Philippa Holland.

We warmly welcome the newly appointed International Student Officer, Ms Philippa Holland. Philippa comes to Unley High School from a range of experience in business and finance, and with new enrolments and induction of new students, has “certainly hit the ground running.”

Induction of New Students

At the start of the term inductions programs were undertaken by new students beginning at Unley High School this term:

Mr CHEN Jialiang Mr ZHANG Conjie (Jayco)
Mr WU Ze (Stewart) Mr ZHAO Jinchao (Atom)
Mr Kim Pav LANG Ms Jule WEISSER
Mr Leo BADER Ms Li Shihu (Leena)
Mr WANG Xindong (Felix) Mr SHI Xiaoping (Jeremy)
Mr DIAO Pengfei (Daniel) Mr Luca LORENZETTI
Ms Arisa MURAI Ms Kino HORIBA
Ms Miyuki TAKAHASHI Ms Miki MAKINO
Ms Sayaka SANO Ms Miyuna NAKANO
Ms Akina IKUMA.

The students are from China, Cambodia, Germany, Italy and Japan.

We especially welcome the four students from Jissen Girls High School, Tokyo and three students from Hokusei High School, Hokkaido in Japan, as these are new and developing programs for our school, which we hope will become annual events.

Preparations for the Multicultural Assembly and Multicultural Food Fair

Planning is well under way for Multicultural Week, in Week 6 this term. The Students’ Multicultural Committee has been meeting regularly in preparation and their enthusiasm is infectious.

The highlight of the week will certainly be the Multicultural Fashion Parade and Multicultural Food Fair on Friday 24 August 2012.

Peter Trethewey, Coordinator, International Student Program

Canteen Thank you’s

Many thanks to our volunteer parents for their donation of their time to help us in the canteen from 18th June to 27th July, 2012

Tracy Svingos Elizabeth Key Millie Kolovinos
Annabel Mhaler Bev Cook Zmaragdi Plagakis
Anna Chin Merrilyn Fietz Annie O’Brien
Kerrilee Lock Trudie Cain Orania Barbara
Kathryn Ireland Jo Patterson Donna Jones

Thank You, Lorraine, Elaine & Helen

Canteen Worker for days when paid employees are unable to work

For parents/caregivers who have worked in our school canteen, you would be very aware of the busy nature of the job. Occasionally we need to employ a person to work in a paid position. If you have volunteered in our Canteen you may be interested in being considered for a paid position. It is likely that this work would be infrequent and you may be called upon at short notice.

If you are interested please email: kathy.ellis@uhs.sa.edu.au or telephone me at school.

Kathy Ellis, Convener of the Canteen Committee
1st September, 2012
7pm-Midnight
Goodwood Community Centre
32 Rosa St, Goodwood

Adults $35 -Children $20
Includes Buffet Dinner, Music and Dancing
(Music by DJ Valandi - Drinks available for purchase)

Tickets can be purchased from
Arthur Michaloudakis: 0432762369
Senior Study Centre News

The Senior Study Centre is currently used by senior students for study and as a breakout space for socialising during free lessons. The current space however, is unappealing, under-utilised and lacks essential learning tools to stimulate and enhance learning. This prompted the establishment of a sub-committee earlier this year to discuss and implement ideas to better utilise the area by transforming it into a new, appealing and vibrant Learning Hub which will better support and assist senior students in their study.

Ideas and inspiration for the redesign were taken from a tour of the newly constructed University of Adelaide’s Learning Hub at the end of last year – an initiative of Mr Graham Clark. Various design innovations such as collaborative group study rooms were taken back to the sub-committee for discussion and then put to students via an online survey in order to gauge student opinion and priorities for the redesign.

THE PLAN

The new Learning Hub will be divided into two main areas – a study area and a lounging area in order to create a versatile space that can be used for both study and socialising. It will feature moveable furniture to enable individual and group study as well as a collaborative group study room to allow students to complete group work and assignments. It will also feature a range of workspaces at different heights to keep students interested and engaged as well as a breakout space for students to socialise and interact with one another.

The entire space will be revitalised with a fresh colour scheme and new carpet and the design will be flexible in order to accommodate various events that occur throughout the year, including Year 12 Exams and Year Level Meetings.

The cost of the project is approximately $15,000 and funding has been arranged from:

- Unley High School Fundraising Committee: Profits from 2011 Quiz Night
- Funds raised from 2012 Year 12 Formal
- Contribution from Flinders University for School’s participation in Youth Mental Health Survey
- Funds raised from Term 3 Casual Day

Thankyou must also go to Richard Whaites (Assistant Principal) and Martin Ellis (Year 12 Manager) for their time and efforts in painting the Senior Study Centre prior to carpet being installed.

Overall, the new Learning Hub hopes to assist senior students in their study and encourage more senior students to utilise the area and its facilities more often.

The next stage of the redesign emphasises the need to upgrade the ICT facilities, including more computers, a new printer and an information screen displaying student notices and other relevant information.

The new Learning Hub will open in the coming weeks.

James Merrett, on behalf of the Learning Hub Sub-Committee.
The RYDA Program is a road safety education program aimed at equipping 16-17 year olds with the knowledge to stay safe on Australian roads.

Mark the date

**WED 19 & Thurs 20 September 2012**

Unley High School Year 10

Students are booked to attend this exciting program

Don’t miss this potentially life-saving opportunity being held at **Flinders University**

Education Building

Cost including transport $12.00 per Student. Students to bring own lunch and bottled water.

Road safety professionals interactively present:

- Hazard Perception
- Stopping Distances
- Safe Celebrating
- Police: Your Choice
- Financial Obligations
- Crash Survivor Presentation

Hamilton High School Student will also be attending

One young person dies on Aust roads every day. 17-25 yr olds make up over a quarter of all road deaths while constituting less than 15% of the population.

A P1 licenced 17 yr old driver is 4 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than a 26 yr old.
Sport News

Welcome to term three! Our winter season is nearly at an end with our mid-week finals rounds being played in Week 4 and the Saturday morning competition finishing up on 18 August 2012. We have had a good season for these winter teams with lots of successful games over the two terms. Our Open Football boys are playing in the Grand Final against Concordia at Unley High School which will hopefully result in a win. We also have one of our Year 8/9 Netball teams playing in the Grand Final for their division which is exciting. Our other Netball teams have also done very well with two other teams playing for third place which is a great result.

We have some good news in our knockout sports for Term 3 already. Both the Open Girls Volleyball team and the Open Boys Badminton team have won all of their games in the preliminary rounds to make it to the finals, both of them to be played in Week 5. Well done to all of those players. Our Open Boys Basketball team played their finals in Week 3 and did brilliantly to become state runner-ups behind Concordia. Sadly this means that they do not get automatic placement in the Championship division of the Australian Schools Championships when they travel to Victoria at the end of the year but they might still get in as a wild card entry...we’ll wait and see. The remainder of this term will bring us more badminton, basketball, hockey, rugby and touch competitions as well as some fun ‘come and try’ carnivals.

Over the holidays we had some fantastic student sporting achievements. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent South Australia for their age group in their chosen sport:
Bonnie McKenzie & Louise Armstrong – U19 Girls Volleyball. This national tournament has already been played and South Australia won gold against Victoria. Bonnie has now been selected for the “All Stars” team.
Rob Cain – U15 Boys Hockey. He will play in Adelaide at The Pines in September. Well done to those students.

Our regular winter season is fast coming to an end with only one week to go. Nomination forms for the upcoming summer season have been available for a few weeks now and were due for return on 10 AUGUST. All mid-week sports from Term 1 (indoor soccer, tennis, volleyball, girls basketball, pilates) require a new nomination and payment for what is a NEW season starting in late Term 3 and continuing into Term 4. Term 1 teams DO NOT carry over into this season. If any students are hoping to be in one of these mid-week sport teams they will have to have had their nomination forms returned to Student Services by 10 AUGUST. Students who played Saturday morning sport in Term 1 (cricket, badminton and touch) do NOT have to re-nominate for these sports. They will simply be asked to confirm that they wish to continue playing in Term 4 when this season re-commences.
The Unley Cricket Club (based at The Kingswood Oval) are going to be starting a new U17 Cricket Team and will be looking for players. Please contact the club for more information.

Anna Henderson, Sports Coordinator
Year 9 Ski Trip News

We had a great week! The weather was superb and the students were very well behaved, cooperative and supportive of each other.

Most students were skiing intermediate slopes, including runs called "highway 83, Main street, Rapunzel's and Lakeside" and some even went to more difficult slopes, such as "Ruined Castle, Scotty's, Skyline", for those that know the area.

We had 15 skiers out on the snow to do some night skiing (something we had not done before). Marty informed me by radio that "they were all having a great time!".

At night time, students played cards, watched videos of themselves skiing and chatted amongst themselves about their experiences throughout the day. Some students had a snooze. Our past students were fantastic and spoke so positively about the many teachers at Unley High School who had contributed to their lives.

The last day! Well, we had breakfast with a very tired group of people. They packed their gear and cleared their rooms ready for the next occupants. After that we headed up to the easy slopes for our last day of skiing. Our team of leaders looked worn out but had been magnificent for the week - I am sure that both teachers and students were all looking forward to some sleep in their own beds.

Friday was dinner in Bright and then the quietest bus trip I have ever been on, for the trip home.

Wayne Beaumont, Year 9 Ski Trip 2012

Community News

URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL
HIGH SCHOOL
Celebrating Australian Year of the Farmer
Farming the Future Expo
Saturday 25th August 10 am – 5 pm
Official Opening 11 am
Gold Coin Donation
Everyone Welcome with a
Special Invitation to Urrbrae's Old Scholars

* Year of the Farmer Roadshow
* Urrbrae Estate Food & Wine
* Displays - Student & Industry
* Biogas Demonstration
* Farm Trails
* Wetland Tours
* Livestock Showing
* Water Recycling

505 Fullarton Road, Netherby 5062
Ph (08) 8372 6955    Fax: (08) 8372 6999
http://www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au
School Dental Service

The South Australian Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children at clinics throughout Adelaide and all major country regional centres.

Dental care is provided by dental teams comprising of Dentists, Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants.

All preschool, primary and secondary students aged under 18 years, are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees and conditions apply.

From 1 July 2009 there will be some changes to School Dental Service fees.

- All School Dental Service care is free for preschool children (general and emergency).
- Children who are dependents of/holders of Centrelink Concession Cards, Veterans Affairs Pension Concession Cards or School Cards are eligible to receive free dental care (general and emergency).
- For primary and secondary school children who are not dependants of/holders of the above concessions, a fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.
- Students with a Commonwealth Government Teen Dental Voucher are welcome to use it at the School Dental Service. If presented at a School Dental clinic it will entitle them to a full course of dental treatment including preventive care and any treatment if required.
- Dental emergencies treated at a School Dental Clinic between check ups will be covered by the fee paid at your child’s most recent check up.

For information about appointments and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic on: 82710371

Parents of children with special physical or intellectual needs should contact their local School Dental Clinic to discuss their child’s needs.

In case of a dental emergency contact your local clinic to arrange an appointment.

For after hours emergency advice phone 8232 2651 (Children only).

Invitation for Students to participate in the 2012 South Australian Police Youth Leadership Camp

Since 1991 the South Australia Police, through the Special Tasks and Rescue (S.T.A.R.) Opera section, have conducted a special Youth Leadership Program for small groups of select students who have successfully completed Year 11 and are about to enter their final year of secondary education in 2013.

The aim of the program is:

“Through interaction with members of the South Australia Police, other leading organisations and individuals within our community, provide an environment for the development of future community leaders”

The SAPOL Youth Leadership Program will be conducted at the Echunga Police Reserve from 13 to 18 January 2013.

The course program is managed and co-ordinated by the SAPOL Special Tasks and Rescue Group, with the focus on leadership, motivation and teamwork.

A wide variety of activities are included which are both physically and mentally challenging, accompanied by many opportunities for the students to display and enhance their leadership qualities. I believe that your student will treasure this opportunity as they prepare to enter a very demanding final year in secondary education and beyond.

Closing Date for registration of interest is Friday 14 September 2012.

If you are interested in attending, please see Ms Ellis in room 223 as soon as possible.

This program is a fully sponsored program and supported by SAPOL and the Lions Club of SA.

Richard Whaites,
Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing and Year 10
PARENTING COURSES TERM 3 - 2012

INTRO TO PARENTING BY CONNECTION.
1 evening session
Tuesday 14th August
6.15pm – 8.30 pm
Forbes Children Centre
80 Thomas St, South Plympton
Cost $20/ $10
Bookings: 8293 9000
Delivered by Ann Hefferan

NURTURING GENEROUS CHILDREN
1 evening sessions
Wednesday 15th August
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Effective Living Centre
26 King William Rd, Wayville
Cost $15/ $10
Bookings: 8271 0329

HELPING YOUR TEEN DEAL WITH EMOTIONS CONSTRUCTIVELY
1 evening session
Wednesday 29th August
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Effective Living Centre
26 King William Rd, Wayville
Cost $15/ $10
Bookings: 8271 0329

DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE
1 evening session
Wednesday 12th September
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Effective Living Centre
26 King William Rd, Wayville
Cost $15/ $10
Bookings: 82710329

PARENTING AFTER SEPARATION
MUMS HOUSE, DADS HOUSE:
Dealing with change after separation
Single sessions
Thursday 16th August – 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Tuesday 11th September – 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Thursday 27th September – 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Centacare
33 Wakefield St, Adelaide
Cost: $5.00
Bookings: 82108200

PARENTING CLASS
1 evening session
Thursday 15th September
10.00 am – 1.00 pm
SPARK
213 Gouger St, Adelaide
Cost $75/ $35
Enquiries: 82123255

TALK SO YOUR KIDS WILL LISTEN
AND LISTEN SO THEY WILL TALK
1 evening session
Wednesday 17th October
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Effective Living Centre
26 King William Rd, Wayville
Cost $15/ $10
Bookings: 82710329

Back Packs tips
Australian children are at risk of permanent spinal damage because of incorrectly packed and fitted school backpacks.

Adult back pain and spinal disorders may stem from childhood activities including carrying a heavily loaded backpack for twelve years or more of schooling. Many of the current bags children are using may be fashionable, but unless they allow for even distribution across the back, they can cause pain.

According to an international study, daily backpack carrying is a frequent cause of discomfort for school children. School backpacks were felt to be heavy by 79.1% of children, to cause fatigue by 65.7%, and to cause back pain by 46.1%.

Some tips to prevent back pain associated with the carrying of heavy backpacks

- Backpacks should be ideally no heavier than 10% of a student’s weight when packed
- Make sure the backpack is sturdy and appropriately sized – no wider that the students chest
- Put comfort and fit at the top of the priority list, rather than good looks
- Choose a backpack with broad, padded shoulder straps
- Use both shoulder straps – never sling the pack over one shoulder
- Use waist straps attached – they are there for a good reason
- Don’t wear the backpack any lower than the hollow of the lower back
- Don’t overload the backpack – use school lockers and plan homework well in advance
- Place all heavy items at the base of the pack, close to the spine, for a better distribution of the weight.

Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal
Term 3 2012

August 15  Parent Teacher Interviews  12.00pm - 8.00pm
August 16-25  Year 12 Cross Country Ski Trip
August 26  UHS Rowing Matthew Draper Cup and AGM  2.00pm
August 28  Parent Voice Committee Meeting  6.30pm - 8.00pm
September 1  Greek Spring Dance, Goodwood Community Hall  7.00pm - 12.00am
September 4  UHS School Council Meeting  7.00pm
September 6  Year 11 Semi-Formal
September 7  STUDENT FREE DAY - Staff Professional Development
September 7-11  Spring Rowing Camp
September 10  SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Show Day
September 21  EARLY DISMISSAL  2.15pm

Term 4 2012

October 8  First day of Term 4
October 19  Year 12 Breakfast  7.30am
October 19  Year 12 Graduation Ceremony  9.00am
October 22-26  Work Experience
October 22  Parent Voice Committee Meeting  6.30pm - 8.00pm
October 23  UHS School Council Meeting  7.00pm
October 25  Year 8 Hepatitis B Dose 2 & HPV Dose 3
Oct 29 - Nov 14  Year 12 Exams

Community News

Blue Light Underage Rage
Dates for the rest of 2012 are:
10th August, 21st September, 9th November and 14th December 2012.
These lock-in Events start at 7.30pm and finish at 10pm.
Tickets must be purchased from the Box Office at the Marion Cultural Centre, 287 Diagonal Rd Oaklands Park.
For young people aged 9-17 yrs
$7 Entry, Lots of prizes,
Phone 82074820 for more information or
www.bluelightsa.com

Public Safety – Parking Control around schools and kindergartens
With the commencement of the third term Council advises of its ongoing monitoring of parking areas around schools and kindergartens. To provide for student safety around roadways at school drop off and pick up times, any breaches of the Australian Road Rules observed by compliance officers may result in the issue of an expiation notice.
Should you have any enquiries or would like more information, please contact Stephen Saffin on 8372 8870.
Stephen Saffin, Manager Environmental Services and Compliance, City of Mitcham