

Newsletter 5, August 2013

From the Principal......

Trade Training Centre

Unley High School has been successful in its bid for the funding of a Trade Training Centre. The \$1.495 Million will be used to construct an industry standard facility. We are uncertain of the timeline for the project but image that building would commence in 2014.

We have been running a Plumbing Pathway in our current facilities two days per week for the last two and a half years, training more than 135 students. Approximately 60 of these students come from Unley High School and the remaining 75 from schools and colleges in the surrounding areas. Most students have gained a Certificate I in Year 11 and this year we have our first Year 12 class where students are studying a part of a Certificate III. Five students from our current Year 12 class have already gained employment in the industry.

The new Centre will make it easier for students to learn the required skills and we envisage, with growth in demand, that the Centre will run most days of the week. In addition, our industry partner, the Plumbing Industry Association may for example, wish to offer industry training out of school hours in our new Centre.

I would particularly like to thank Mr Richard Whaites, Assistant Principal and Mr Toby Watts, Coordinator Technology Studies & VET for their hard work and persistence - this is the third time we have applied for the grant – and it was indeed third time lucky.

Apple Distinguished Program 2012-2013

On Tuesday morning we celebrated our Apple Distinguished Program status. The award has been given to us because of the quality of our Middle School iPad Program. We are one of 16 schools nationally and only three in South Australia to be recognised in this way.

The Middle School iPad Progam has been operating since May 2012 and we have learnt a lot in that time. All staff have iPads, as do all Year 8 and 9 students. The iPads have been used to shape learning experiences so that students are fully engaged and achieve their potential. When we began the program we made it clear that it was developmental and staff and the students would learn together. Our learning has been supported by our 20 staff and 22 student iPad Coaches. These people have willingly shared their skills and knowledge, helped solve our problems and given their time generously.



While the iPad Coaches, staff and students have really supported our learning, it is Cherie Pickering, Assistant Principal Learning Technologies, who has led our transition to a truly 21st Century learning environment, ably sustained by Konrad Date, IT Manager, Marc Vallance and Michael O'Toole, IT Support. My sincere thanks to Cherie, and to all of the staff and students who have contributed to the success of our Middle School iPad Program.

Unley High School Wins the Footy!

Congratulations to our Open Boys Football team who valiantly won the Grand Final match against Concordia on Wednesday. The match was a real nail biter with Unley winning by five points close to the final siren. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Susan Cameron, Principal

Parent Forum to be held on **17 September 2013** 7:00pm

in the Learning Hub

Five years ago our School Council held a Forum for parents to assist in setting the broad directions for Unley High School.

As a consequence one of our two goals has been to increase our connection with our community. The Council again is seeking your involvement.

Please come along to an informal evening hosted by the Council, to share your thoughts on what we are doing well and what we could focus on more fully, for the benefit of all of our students.

Yr 12 Graduation Ceremony 2013

A significant event for Year 12 students is their Graduation Ceremony on Friday 25 October 2013.

The Graduation Ceremony will be held in the George Cresswell Hall commencing at 9:00am and will conclude at approximately 11:00am. The Ceremony will be followed by a Morning Tea.

The school wants to give plenty of notice to allow you to make arrangements to attend.

This year, two tickets will be given to each Year 12 student. If you wish to apply in writing for extra tickets after this distribution you can, however, there is no guarantee there will be spare tickets available as seating is at a premium.

Please contact Sonya at

sonya.parkin@uhs.sa.edu.au

if you require special access or seating for guests.

More information about this and other events for Year 12 students will follow in the next few weeks.

Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal

Child Studies News

Year 12 Child Studies **Interacts with Novita Children's Services**



On Friday, 2 August 2013, the Year 12 Child Studies class were privileged to have a visit by Anthea Mur, Community Relations Officer with Novita Children's Services. Anthea explained the various kinds of disabilities in young children, and ways in which Novita works in partnership with carers and families to meet the needs of children with disabilities. The Year 12 students were quite surprised with statistics relating to percentages of children living with disabilities in the community.

The Child Studies class are currently studying the range of services Novita provides, to assist them in creating a learning aid or toy to support a child with disabilites. They are also considering ways in which they can raise funds to support this valuable community organisation.

The photo below shows the Unley students surrounding Anthea, the guest speaker.



Daphne White, Child Studies Teacher

Canteen Thank you's

Hello to all our wonderful volunteers, thanks so much for giving up your precious time, we greatly appreciate it.

Tracy Svingos	Marion Plane		
Deb Gentry	Cath Danz		
Merrilyn Fietz	Tania Smithson		
Kathryn Ireland	De Woolman		
Kerry Gammon	Liz Key		
Aija Windsor	Anna Chin		
Rebecca Drescher	Carla Davison		
Kerrilee Lock	Jan Hardwick		
Amanda Crockett			
Friday 2nd August			
Regards Helen, Elaine and Liz			

English News

Debating Update

After the school holidays students were refreshed and ready to tackle their next debates.



The Unley High School Blue 8 team put up an excellent effort on the 30 August 2013 and made a strong case for Robin Hood being a hero, but sadly were beaten by only one point by Prince Alfred College Red 8. Our team was commended on their fine team work and Tyler Rock won the best speaker award for his clinical demolition of the other team's arguments in his rebuttal as third speaker.

On the same night the Unley High School Blue 9 team took part in their first Quodlibetical debate which dealt with the issue of payment for kidney donation and they had to prove why the scheme outlined in the given scenario was flawed. It was a new experience and they performed very well to soundly defeat the Pembroke School Red 9 team. Isaac Thiele-Swift was awarded speaker of the match for his most convincing and effective presentation of his case.

I was very impressed with the performance of our teams and the standard for both year levels has been very high.

We have one round to go before finals on Tuesday 20 August 2013 and both teams will be working hard to get a place in the quarter finals.

Audience are always welcome and anyone interested in attending debates can get the information from the debatingsa website www.debatingsa.com.au as to venues and times.

Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards State Finals

Added to the success of our Debating teams is the performance of one of the Year 9 students, Jack Cheshire, who has won a place in the State Finals of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards.

He will present both his prepared and impromptu speeches on Friday 23 August 2013 at Legacy House for a place in the national competition. We wish him good luck and I would like to thank one of our retired teachers Jackie Mussared, who has come back to the school to provide Jack with expert coaching both last term and this term.

Sue Wendt, Coordinator English

Library News

Book Fair to be held in the Library during Book Week

This year, Pages and More at Glenelg will be supplying books for a Book Fair in the library during Book Week. Parents are welcome to view the Book Fair in the library before school on Tues 20th Aug, Thurs 22nd Aug and Fri 23rd Aug and at lunchtime on Mon 19th Aug, Tues 20th Aug, Thurs 22nd Aug and Fri 23rd Aug. Books will be priced at approximately \$20 or less.

Library Staff

Greek News

Dance rehearsals for the Greek Spring Dance

A number of our students are practising their dance item for the Greek Spring Dance. We thank Stephanie Bourboulis, Elena Asikas and Pyrros Radimissis for their leadership, organisation and effort in teaching their peers a variety of Greek dances in time for the Greek Spring Dance which will be held on Saturday night 31 August 2013.

The dance will be held at the Goodwood Community Centre 32 Rosa St Goodwood, from 7pm-12pm.

Come along with your family and friends for a night of good food, fun and entertainment Greek style. Everyone is welcome. There will be a buffet dinner, music by a DJ and dancing. Tickets can be purchased from Matoula Kouzionis at the school. Adults \$35 and children \$20.

Everyone is invited to the Unley High School

Annual Greek Spring Dance

Saturday 31st August,7pm-12pm

Goodwood Community Centre

32-34 Rosa St Goodwood 5034

Entertainment: Performances by Students

Greek Dance Music by DJ Arthur

Buffet Dinner

Tickets: Adults \$35

Kids (5-18 years) \$20

Please bring a friend for a Great Night Out!

Greek News continued

Certificate of Attainment in Greek

On 14 May 20103, five students studying Greek in Years 10, 11 and 12 sat for the Certificate of Attainment in Greek at Flinders University. The exams are set and marked in Greece at the University of Thessaloniki .We have received the results and are pleased to announce that all five students have achieved an A grade.

We congratulate Stephanie Bourboulis and George Karavasilis for their outstanding achievement in the exam for native speakers.



Congratulations also goes to Elena Asikas, Adriana Tsoleridis and Pyrros Radimissis who completed the exam for students learning Greek as a second language.





We wish the students every success and are proud of their achievements and perseverance in learning Greek.

Καλή Πρόοδο παιδιά! Matoula Kouzionis, Greek Teacher

History News

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY COMPETITION 茶餐真參茶餐真參茶餐真參

"The Australian History Competition is prepared by the History Teachers' Association of Australia and run in conjunction with The Giant Classroom. While a primary goal has been to provide an interesting and challenging competition for students, we also see this as an opportunity to support teachers in the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum: History. It is an opportunity to provide a quality resource that demonstrates approaches to the assessment of knowledge, skills and understandings and promotes a broad view of history."

Unley High School entered both Year 8 & 10 students. They acheived some wonderful results:

YEAR 8

Distinction:	Connor Smitham
Credit:	Daniel Yii
Merit:	Joseph Zhao and Tori Psichogiopoulos

YEAR 10

High Distinction:	Jacqueline Anderson
Distinction:	Alice Fittock
Credit:	Angus Clarke, Kate Macpherson,
	Lachlan Rowe and Ariel Reed
Merit:	April Rouse, Larissa Dubrowsky-Ryan and
	Nathan Clarke

Congratulations to these students and all those who entered the Competition, well done!

Bruce Stopp, Coordinator, SOSE

International Student News

The school farewelled our three students from Brazil at the end of Semester 1. Larissa, Felipe and Anne Beatriz all enjoyed their school and homestay experience and we hope to hear from them soon!

Also leaving us was Leo Bader from Germany who had been here for one year. Also from Germany, Marie-Theres Ludwig, Jasmin Mohr and from Austria, Linda Gahleitner all short term students who actively participated in the school program were farewelled. We wish them well on return to their respective home countries.

A big welcome to our new students, Elisabetta Gagliarducci from Italy, Marion Adjiman from France, Valeria Martin from Spain, Jisoo Park from Korea, Suzuka Hori, Hinako Kikuchi, Tomoe Takeda, Satoko Yashima and Kaho Narit from Japan, Li Kang from China, Live Wold from Norway and Nils Pachert from Germany.

All new students have settled in well and are enjoying the experience of a different culture and school life.

Peter Trethewey, Coordinator International Student Program

Congratulations to......

Congratulations to Ashley Jefferies, Year 10, who has successfully applied to become an STS exchange student in France for a semester program starting in January 2014. We all look forward to hearing of her experiences.

Rowing News

The UHS Rowing Club is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Josh Whitwell as the new Rowing Manager.

Josh has a background in rowing having rowed for Unley High School as a student from 1997 to 2001, as a coach in 2002, 2003 and 2013, and as the Rowing SA Development Coach in the Riverland from 2006/2007.

Josh has also spent considerable time working and travelling within Adelaide and regional South Australia, as well as on the seas and overseas. He is currently studying for an Education / Health Science degree at Flinders University.

The many skills that Josh has attained from his past experiences and brings with him to this position will provide excellent leadership to the coaching team and the squad of up and coming Unley High School rowers. Josh is looking forward to fostering the unique qualities of cooperation, courage, commitment and discipline in a fun team-orientated sport as well as getting to know the school rowing community and working with the rowers to achieve their full potential on the SA and National stage.



Unley High School Rowing congratulates and welcomes Josh on his appointment and looks forward with great enthusiasm to his contribution to our sport.

Please do not hesitate to contact Josh via email at joshua.whitwell@uhs.sa.edu.au or contact the school on 8272 1455 with any rowing-related enquiries.

Anita Hughes, on behalf of the Unley High School Rowing Committee

Important Dates:

The following dates will of interest to those who are already involved in Rowing at Unley High School.

For those who would like to get involved in Rowing, these are also important dates to note.

Unley High School Rowing Club AGM and Matthew Draper Cup Unley Boathouse, River Torrens - 10:30am Sunday 25 August 2013

Spring Camp

Ankara Campsite, Walker Flat Thursday 5 September 2013, 5:00pm to Monday 8 September 2013, 4:00pm

Summer Camp

Ankara Campsite, Walker Flat Sunday 19 January 2014, 4:00pm to Thursday 23 January 2014, 12:00 noon

50,000 Bottles Fundraiser

On the 3rd of August the Rowing Club held a fundraising event with the aim of collecting 50,000 recyclable bottles and cans. Although the club fell well short of this ambitious target it still managed to collect upward of 10,000 bottles and cans. Contributing roughly \$1000 to it's fundraising efforts.

On behalf of the Rowing Club I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that volunteered their time and resources on the day. We are also very grateful to those who brought in their recyclables.

The Rowing Club hopes to make this an annual event and look forward to the continued support of the school community.

So start collecting!



The Unley Cares Assembly



The Unley High School Educational Community has acknowledged that many communities both at home and abroad have urgent humanitarian and educational needs. Many Unley High School students have made it their business to become actively engaged in activities such as World Vision to raise much needed funds to help communities in dire circumstances.

Another worthwhile and rewarding involvement has been the Blue-Sky Unley Link Committee. This group has rallied and helped to raise much needed resources and money to assist a highly disadvantaged sister school, Blue Sky Public School in Kathmandu, Nepal.

On Monday 1 July 2013, our Middle School Assembly, run and organised by students, celebrated our involvement in World Vision and our efforts in helping other communities. Mr. David Rusk, a member of Rotary shared with us the good work and impact that Unley High School's efforts have made at Blue-Sky Public School. A member of the Blue Sky Committee presented Mr. Rusk with a cheque for \$750 to assist the Blue Sky community in its plight to develop much needed educational resources, particularly in science.

Congratulations to the Unley High educational community for its generosity and its caring attitude. *Charlie Marino, Teacher*

'The Collective' visits Unley High School

Early in Term 3, Isabella Lathouros won a radio competition. Her prize was a performance by 'The Collective' in one of her classes at Unley High School. Last year this singing group was a finalist on the X factor.

The Collective had a busy schedule and were booked to perform at Unley High School on Friday 9 August 9 2013 at 9:00am. This happened to be Mr. Marino's Year 9 Math's class who coincidentally were studying probability. So what are the chances of this happening?

It all started off with the young performers entering the school from the Western gates by the large gym. When The Collective arrived, they were greeted by excited screaming girls. A crowd of students ran up to them to get pictures. After that all settled down The Collective performed two of their own songs and a little mix of Kings of Leon songs.

Outside the class room, girls and boys crowded and became part of the excited audience by clapping to welcome them. Vocally they were great and enjoyed meeting all of their fans.

But there was a surprise when the manager asked for a volunteer to sing. After much encouragement, Penny Skounos got up to sing with one of the singers Jayden and sang "stay" by Rihanna. This was a great experience for her and she will never forget the incredible moment. It was an overall exhausting but exciting morning for everyone! by Penny Skounos and Isabella Lathouros

The audience was very well behaved, the entertainment was top class and it was enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you Isabella for entering the competition, The Collective for performing and Penny for her courage in getting up to sing. *Charlie Marino, Teacher*



Sport News

We are nearing the end of our winter sports season with only a couple more weeks of games to go. We have been having some fantastic results, particularly from our girls Badminton and our Open Soccer boys, who have both had repeated convincing wins week after week. Soon we will be starting our mid-week summer competitions again which will run through until the middle of Term 4.

Both our Open boys and girls Knockout Badminton teams have made it through to the finals. Our Open Basketball boys team is also through to the finals. We have high hopes for good results for all of those teams. We also have our Year 8/9 girls Soccer team progressing into the next round and we will start our Year 8 and 10 boys and girls Basketball campaigns very soon.

We have had a couple of Carnivals this term. Some Year 10 and 11 students played Handball and all had a great day of play. Our Year 11 boys team had a great result coming third (behind two Emmaus teams who have a Handball Program). We also had a number of Year 8 and 9 students taking part in the SSSSA Orienteering Championships. Our participants did really well with all but one pair fully completing the course. In particular, congratulations to Reuben Stretch who came third in the Mens Individual 15 A Grade competition and also to Jordan Rogers and Brad Roberts who came third in the Mens pairs 14 Division. We are looking forward to a few more carnivals this term including girls 9-a-side Football, mixed Touch and Orienteering Relays.

Some congratulations are due. Nitya Gunasegaran has been selected for the Under 15 State Badminton team and will be travelling to Sydney in September. Cameron Hancock and Stephanie O'Hara have been selected for the U18 State Touch teams and will be going to Caloundra in September. Fantastic achievements by these students – well done to them all.

Anna Henderson, Sports Coordinator



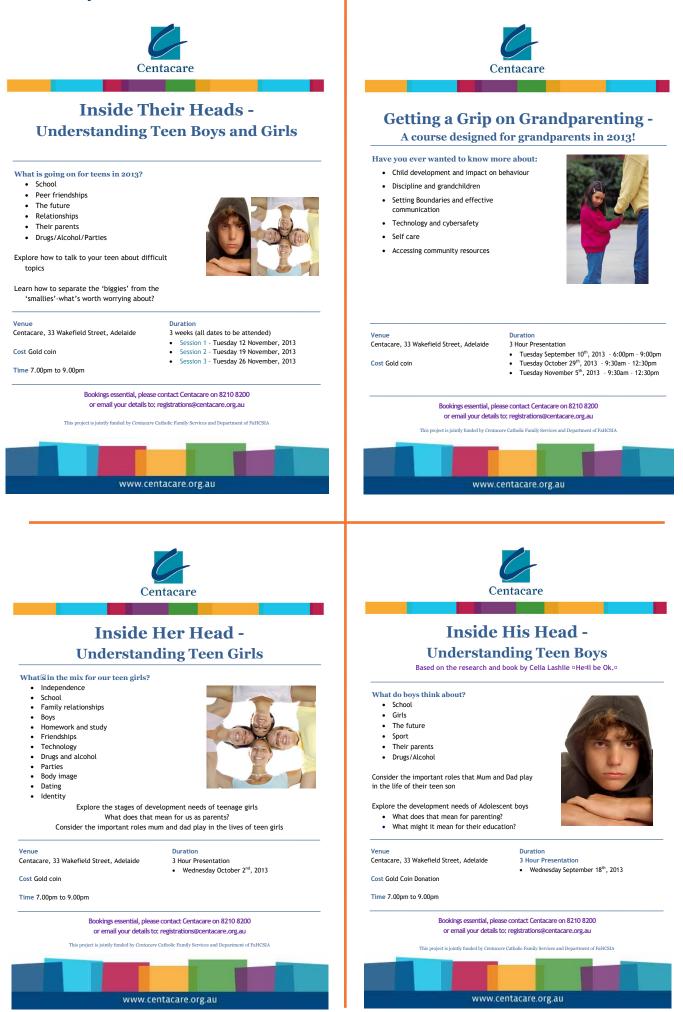








Community News



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School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Earn credits towards SACE through Employment & Training which compliments School education.

School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships provide secondary students from Year 10 onwards with hands on industry experience with an employer, and the ability to work towards or complete a nationally recognised qualification, while they complete their SACE.

School Based Apprentices/Trainees spend their week days involved in a combination of school, paid work and skills training.

A School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship gives students a head start towards their chosen career part time and the formal skills training they undertake can earn the student credits towards SACE.

School Based Apprentices/Trainees will need to negotiate a modified school timetable to attend work and skills training so they can manage their time.

For more information head to the following website; <u>www.tradeschoolsforthefuture.sa.edu.au</u> or speak to one of the Apprenticeship Brokers that service our school.

Russell Atwell 0437 429 127 or Sam Ricci 0439 812 742

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 areas.

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

All School Dental Service care is Free for preschool children, general and emergency.

For information about appointments and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic on 8271 0371.

For after hours emergancy advice phone 8232 2651 (Children only)



Sturt Blue Light presents...

DJ Ollie Dance Party Marion Cultural Centre Domain Theatre

287 Diagonal Road Oaklands Park 9 – 17 years

Pre purchase your tickets from the box office \$5.00 or at the door \$7.00

GREAT GIVEAWAYS – MOVIE VOUCHERS – JB HI FI VOUCHERS DJ PRIZES DANCE OR CHILL IN THE CAFÉ AREA

dates coming up: 20th September, 18th October & 22nd November

Thank you for supporting Sturt Blue Light. All monies raised go to supporting youth events and school programs in the local area.

University Open Days



Flinders University Friday 16th & Saturday 17th August 2013



UniSA Sunday 18th August 2013

University of South Australia



Adelaide University Sunday 18th August 2013

This is a great opportunity for students and families to visit the Universities, experience the facilities, talk to students and lecturers and research potential tertiary courses.

These are 'a must' for Year 12 students about to apply for University, however, all students would benefit from this experience as we move into subject selections for next year.



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Term 3 2013 Diary Dates...

August 19-23	Book Week	
August 21	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	12.00pm - 8.00pm
August 26	Year 10 Subject Selection	1.00pm - 8.00pm
August 28	Year 11 Subject Selection	1.00pm - 8.00pm
August 28	Year 7 Information Session George Cresswell Hall	1.14pm - 4.15pm
August 29	Year 7 Information Session George Cresswell Hall	3.30pm - 5.45pm
August 29	Year 12 Performance Performing Arts Centre	6.00pm
August 31	Greek Spring Dance, Goodwood Community Centre	7.00pm
September 2	Fundraising & Event Management Committee Meeting	5.30pm
September 3	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm
September 4	Year 10 Subject Selection	1.00pm - 5.00pm
September 5	Year 11 Semi Formal	
September 6-9	Spring Rowing Camp	
September 6	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	
September 9	STUDENT FREE DAY Teacher Training & Development	
September 16	Extra Curricula Photos	
September 17	PARENT FORUM Learning Hub	7.00pm
September 25	Year 8 Immunisations	
September 27	EARLY DISMISSAL	2.15pm

Term 4 2013 Diary Dates...

October 14	FIRST DAY TERM 4		
October 21	Fundraising & Event Management Committee Meeting	5.30pm	
October 22	Prefects Morning Tea	10.30am	
October 25	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony - George Cresswell Hall	9.00am	
	followed by Morning Tea		
October 28	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm	n
Oct. 28 to Nov. 1	Work Experience		
October 29	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm	
November 4-22	YEAR 12 EXAMS		
November 5	School Tour	9.00am - 10.30am	
November 19	Year 7 'Getting to know you' session - George Cresswell Hall	2.00pm - 3.00pm	
November 19	Year 7 Parent Information session- George Cresswell Hall	6.30pm - 8.30pm	
November 23	Quiz Night - George Cresswell Hall		
November 25	Fundraising & Event Management Committee Meeting	5.30pm	
November 25, 26 & 28	Year 7 Orientation Day		
November 25-29	YEAR 11 EXAMS		
November 26	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm	
November 26	STUDENT FREE DAY Teacher Training & Development		
November 29	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 11		
December 3	UHS School Council Meeting	7.00pm	
December 6	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 10		
December 9, 10 & 11	Year 9 Presentations		TRAI
December 10	Year 8 Showcase		Government of South Australia
December 13	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 8 & 9		Department for Education
December 13	EARLY DISMISSAL	12.30pm	and Child Development