

## **Newsletter 7, November 2015**



## From the Principal...

**Dear Parents and Caregivers** 

Since the last Newsletter, among many other things, Unley High School students and staff on the study tour to the USA have returned, the Rowing season has started and Year 12 students have begun their final exams. We wish them every success. Year 11 exams begin soon on 23 November, providing valuable preparation for students who will take on Stage 2 studies in 2016.

Unley High School is always busy and we are now looking forward to a visit by the Hon. Susan Close MP, Minister for Education and Child Development, accompanied by Martin Hamilton-Smith MP, State Member for Waite, to view the school facilities. The School Council Chair, Principal and Head Prefects will welcome them, and lead a tour taking in the Science Laboratories, Design and Technology, Home Economics, Art and Physical Education areas.

The recent Year 12 Graduation Ceremony was an excellent event managed by Year 12 Assistant Principal, Cherie Pickering, Year Level Manager Kathleen Dodgson, Office Manager Sonya Parkin and a hard working committee of teachers and students. It was a fitting celebration for these Unley High School students, their families and teachers. The musical items and student speeches were excellent, and the perfect Spring weather added to the success of the morning.

Year 10 students recently completed the Semester 2 Work Experience and Year 10 Challenge. Both events take much organisation and offer excellent experiences in real world and problem based learning. On visiting some of our working students, I was impressed by the positive feedback from employers about their work ethic and level of maturity.

Remembrance Day will be commemorated in a number of ways this year. The Australian Air Force Cadets, 617 Squadron Unley, will lead the ceremony at school for staff and students, while an Unley High School memorial plaque will be unveiled at Unley Memorial Gardens. The plaque project acknowledges Unley High School and other schools in existence, both now and at the time of WW1. The invitation to be involved came from the ANZAC Centenary Commemoration Committee member David Pisoni. I will attend this Ceremony with Head Prefects for 2016, Jakob Millard and Hannah Crockett-Naini.

Facility improvements are continuing and include the repair and painting of shade structures, balustrades and foyer walls, the rendering of planter boxes, and removal of bins and dated signage from the front areas of school. Fucso Constructions have laid the foundations of the Trade Training Centre and we should see the structure emerge soon. Other preparations for 2016 are also moving ahead with Teachers completing 'Transforming Tasks' and 'Numeracy Improvement' workshops as part of Mitcham Plains Partnership work. Year Level Managers have scoped a revamped Pastoral Care program, while the Timetabling team are busy making adjustments for next year.

I hope you will enjoy reading about the many Unley High School activities and successes in this Newsletter.

Brenda Harris, Principal

## **Important Diary Dates**

N	Nov 20	YEAR 8 - 11 AWARDS CEREMONY - George Cresswell Hall	9:00am to 10:30am
N	Nov 23-27	YEAR 11 EXAMS	
N	Nov 27	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS	
D	Dec 4	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS	
0	Dec 9	ALL YEAR 8-11 STUDENTS ATTEND HOME GROUP TO COLLECT REPORTS	2:00pm to 2:25pm
0	Dec 11	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 8 & 9 STUDENTS	12:30pm dismissal

## **Year 12/13 Graduation Ceremony**

It was with great pride that I, along with 1000 others, including staff, students, families and invited guests, watched the 2015 Year 12 students graduate from Unley High School. This formal ceremony was a celebration of our Year 12 students' achievements during their five years at our school and the end of their twelve years of formal school education. For some, this milestone marks the end of their education and the beginning of their working life. For others it marks the stepping stone from school to adult education at either TAFE or University. Working with and getting to know this group of young people over the last five years has been an absolute pleasure for me and I wish them every success in their future endeavours. Cherie Pickering, Assistant Principal

## Below is an extract from Kathleen Dodgson Year 12 Manager's **Graduation speech.**

"I ask the class of 2015 to acknowledge their parents, caregivers, previous Year Level Managers, teachers, current Home Group Teachers and subject teachers with applause.

Going to school is a common experience that everyone in the Hall can share today regardless of whether it was here in Australia or overseas. We can talk a common, timeless language – what we talk about today will also be discussed in twenty years. From speaking with many of you, highlights of your schooling are: Year 8 Camp, Multicultural Fair, Sport, Spring Rowing Camp, Musicals, the Semi-Formal and the Formal.

Now is the time that you are moving on. You will feel differently in January when you won't be involved in the 'back to school' routine. School friends will often come back into your life, sometimes many years later. People you may not have been good friends with at school may become close friends later in life or you will still stay connected with your close friends. The world is a much smaller place. Even though people travel, you remain very much a part of the Unley community. The connection of being an Unley High School student is amazing. Looking at our past students, you can see that you can dream to be whatever – anything is possible. Your educational, extra-curricular and life experiences will stand you in good stead as you move forward.

As a Year Level Manager and teacher, I have enjoyed the opportunity to interact, work with you and teach many of you this year and in past years. As a group, I have valued your collective wisdom, your ability to discuss your concerns objectively, to see the big picture and embrace all the opportunities that school has presented, so you have no regrets. I've loved your sense of humour, even my nickname! I have taught some of you for three years. It has been great to see all of you growing as young people and maturing. Ms

Pickering, you may remember, was your Year Level Manager in Years 8 and 9. I have enjoyed working with you throughout this year. I wish you all the best as you move forward. Please remember this quote.

"Don't wait for the rain to stop, learn how to dance in the rain."



Lauren Fletcher, Oliphant Award winner with Mrs Oliphant

Lachlan Robert and Josh Mitsio







## Year 12 News

### **RSL Black Tie Dinner**

The 5th annual Port Noarlunga Christies Beach RSL Black Tie Dinner, also known as the *Formal Mess Dinner* or *Dining in Night*, was held on Saturday 17 October 2015. The Dining in Night is a military tradition and regular feature of mess life.

This year, Viki Ntafillis was one of two guest speakers who addressed members and their invited guests. Viki reflected on her selection to represent South Australia on the 2015 Premier's ANZAC Spirit School Prize tour of Gallipoli for the 100-year Anniversary of the ANZAC Campaign. Viki's eloquent speech touched the hearts of the hard-core military personnel, including Olive Weston OAM, the oldest surviving South Australian nurse who served in World War II.

I congratulate Viki on her positive representation as an ambassador of youth and of Unley High School at this ceremonial event.

Cherie Pickering, Assistant Principal



## **Year 11 News**

### **End of Year Arrangements**

Year 11 students at Unley High School are approaching the end of their school year with some important weeks and events coming up. All students are expected to attend the Year 8-11 Awards Ceremony on Friday 20 November 2015 and take part in all remaining lessons after the Ceremony. This is the last day of lessons for Year 11 students.

Year 11 Exam Week will be held from Monday 23 November through to Friday 27 November 2015. Exam timetables have been distributed to students and attendance at all examinations is compulsory for completion of these subjects.

The *Research Project Summer School* will run from 23 November to 11 December 2015 (during weeks 7-9). This will consist of sessions run by teachers for students who are yet to complete their Research Project. As a compulsory requirement of SACE completion, students must achieve a C- or better. Those students who are required to attend the *Research Project Summer School* and their parents will be notified in the coming weeks.

Year 11 students will also receive their preliminary timetables for 2016 before the end of Week 6. Students who have any queries regarding this timetable are asked to see myself or Andrew Hall, Student Counsellor, as soon as possible.

All Year 11 students must attend school at 2:00pm on Wednesday 9 December 2015 to receive their Reports. They must wear correct school uniform on this day.

If you need any further clarification on any of these events or dates, please contact me via email at <a href="mailto:casey.freeman@uhs.sa.edu.au">casey.freeman@uhs.sa.edu.au</a> or by phone on 8272 1455.

I wish all Year 11 students all the best for their exams. Casey Freeman, Assistant Principal

## Year 8 - 11 Award Ceremony

Each year a series of special awards are presented to students who have excelled in the area of leadership within the school and the local community, such as;

Academic Excellence Academic Achievement Outstanding Commitment to Achieve Sport and School Service

Everyone is welcome to attend this important Ceremony on

Friday 20 November 2015 George Cresswell Hall 9:00am to approximately 10:45am

Prize winners and their families will receive personal invitations closer to the event.

Casey Freeman, Assistant Principal

## **Library News**

It is that time of year again to start looking in cupboards, under beds, in school bags, in lockers and wherever else your school resources are kept, to make sure all your library items are returned before the end of the school year.

Students receive automatic emails when they have an overdue Library item.

Items can be returned to either Student Services or the Library.

If you have any queries please phone the Library on their direct number: 8271 5620 or email: <a href="mailto:library.admin@uhs.sa.edu.au">library.admin@uhs.sa.edu.au</a>

Jenny Brisbane, Teacher Librarian

## Science News

#### **Landmark Media**

Landmark Media are working with AI Group and the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) to produce a series of video clips to promote the work done in the *Students in Manufacturing Project*. Unley High School was one of the schools participating in this project and have been selected to take part, due to the great work done in conjunction with Dematec.

These video clips are being shot to showcase not just the project itself, but its benefit to both schools and companies. The clips will be available through the websites of the AI Group <a href="www.aigroup.com.au">www.aigroup.com.au</a> and online through DECD <a href="www.decd.sa.edu.au">www.decd.sa.edu.au</a> The video clips will comprise of;

- An interview with one student to talk about the project or the work the team had done. This will be accompanied by interviews with a teacher and someone from Dematec.
- There will be some extra footage shot without audio of the students interacting with the company
- The final clips will be around three to four minutes long.

If you have any questions about the video clips, please contact me on 8272 1455 or at jo.vanderzwaag@uhs.sa.edu.au

Jo van der Zwaag, Coordinator Science & STEM



### **Oliphant Science Awards 2015**

"The Oliphant Science Awards is an annually held competition for South Australian school students from Reception to Year 12 to develop their interest in Science through a Science based competition with a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests. Learning science encourages students to develop a range of skills such as observation, prediction and communication as well as expanding their knowledge within and between the diverse domains of Science. The Oliphant Science Awards provide students with an opportunity to expand their scientific literacy, by showing interest and understanding in the world around them and engaging in discussions about Science.

The South Australian Science Teachers Association (SASTA) has conducted The Oliphant Science Awards every year since their inception in 1981, with Sir Mark Oliphant the patron of this competition named in his honour and running with his legacy. The Awards recognise the excellent work of students with prizes in each age group and category, along with Sponsor and school prizes for outstanding achievements."



First Prize - Crystal Investigation



Third Prize - Photography

It is with pride that Unley High School students enter the annual Oliphant Science Awards each year. The awards are named after the late Sir Mark Oliphant, an outstanding Scientist, former Governor of South Australia, and past Scholar of Unley High School.

At the prestigious Presentation Ceremony held at the Brighton Concert Hall on Friday 18 September 2015, Year 10 student, Denil Kollakombil, was awarded first prize for his crystal investigation and Year 11 student Sharee Grimshaw was awarded third prize for her photography entry.

Congratulations to all the fabulous students who participated and thank you to the teachers and parents who supported students by attending the Awards.

Melna Puthiyedathu, Oliphant Science Coordinator

## Congratulations to Ben Plane

Ben was successful in his application to attend the 2015 Australian Space School 7 to 9 October, 2015.

At the very beginning of August 2015, I was made aware of an experience held by The Centre for Australian Space Education (CASE) inviting students from Year 10 to participate in the 19th annual South Australian Space School (SASS). I regarded this opportunity as unique and unlike any other, which soon lead to my application, and later on being accepted into the SASS.

Many weeks had passed prior to the commencement date, the 7th of October. I was somewhat intrigued but also in a state of ignorance, not knowing exactly what to expect. The plan, provided by the Space School, was simple yet extravagant: Take part in Science investigations including building and launching model rockets at Hamilton Secondary College. Undertake tours

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of the University of Adelaide Physics Laboratories. Visit the Defence Science & Technology Group (DSTGroup). Hear inspiring talks about careers in Space Science, Physics, Engineering and Life Sciences. Previous guest speakers have included an Australian working at NASA in Planetary Science, an Australian Neuroscientist who was a finalist for selection in the European Space Agency's Astronaut Corps, and NASA and European Space Agency astronauts. It's quite a schedule for a three day, two night experience, it goes on.

Energised, enthusiastic and exhilarated, the selected group of 40 began the first day at the Royal Adelaide hospital, where we were given our own rooms and personalised windcheater. After everyone had introduced themselves and settled in, we left for Adelaide University and UniSA's Mawson Lakes campus to explore more about the possible careers in physics/astrophysics and listen to lectures about current research topics in those areas.

The second day consisted of going to the Royal Australian Air Force Base in Edinburgh and listening to a public lecture at Adelaide University. At the base, we were given a tour and shown the many different professions there. The exciting activity was when we were able to test equipment used for training future pilots, such as the spatial disorientation training where a student was spun in an aircraft simulator to test their skills on handling visual and vestibular illusions that may be encountered during a flight. In the evening, we were able to meet Barry E. Wilmore, an Astronaut who had only recently returned from the International Space Station, at a public lecture. He told the audience about his extraordinary journey in space and the daily routine of an Astronaut. To our amazement, we discovered that we were to spend our last day with Barry.

Meeting an Astronaut is a compelling and inspiring experience. During the South Australian Space School, I was awarded with such an experience and had the opportunity to meet NASA astronaut Barry Wilmore. "Butch" was selected as a pilot by NASA in July 2000, his most recent expedition 41/42 was in September 2014 as a member of the Soyuz TMA-14M long duration international space station crew.

I have only recently realised how this experience completely changed my view on the world and space, all thanks to overcoming the apprehension surrounding a new experience. Some people are apprehensive about trying new things and experiences, which leads them to be put off. I encourage you to try something you haven't done before. Sometimes it turns out to be the best experience.

By Ben Plane



## **New York Tour**

In the spring holidays, twenty five of us, accompanied by Ms Dougherty, Mrs Langman and Mr Stopp, took a trip to the United States, visiting the cities of Washington, Philadelphia and New York. We came back exhausted, but also overjoyed by the wonderful experience we had all been privileged enough to have. We started our time in Washington with a visit to Arlington Cemetary, where we saw the grave of Jack Kennedy, his wife and brothers. We were very impressed by the highly regimented changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Later that day, we visited the American History Museum, home of the Star Spangled Banner, First Ladys' Gowns, and Kermit the Frog. Then visited the Air and Space Museum, where we learnt about the history and science behind the aviation that brought us to the US in the first place! We also had a photo opportunity outside the White House, but were ordered by the Secret Service to leave prematurely due to a lock-down! We later saw memorials dedicated to Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jnr, Iwo Jima and World War II. Our visit to the Newseum was a valuable lesson in the power of the media, and the consequential importance of media ethics and a free press. This was followed by the Holocaust Museum, whose halls were disturbingly designed to resemble a concentration camp. On our last day, we visited Capitol Building, which was unfortunately under construction. All states are invited to send two statues of historic citizens to the buildings, and Arizona could apparently find no one more suitable than Barry Goldwater. A visit to the impressively ordained Library of Congress promptly followed, and we concluded our time in Washington with a visit to the Mall.

Stopping at Philadelphia en route to New York, the cracked Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the Constitutional Centre were all impressively historic experiences, and our arrival in New Jersey that night prepared us for our voyage across the Hudson to Manhattan the next morning. There we saw Central Park, though stopped short of walking the whole fifty blocks it spans! During our time in New York, we saw many art galleries, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the MoMA, and the Guggenheim, all of which boasted grand collections of traditional and modern art. The Tenement Museum introduced us to the hard lives lived by many 19th Century immigrants, and this was later reinforced by a stopover at the former processing centre on Ellis Island. That same day, however, we also saw the Statue of Liberty, the symbol of the freedom many immigrants sought in their new country. We witnessed another symbol of this freedom and justice in the form of the United Nations, and the various councils it hosts.

Sombrely, a more tragic chapter in New York's history was apparent at the National September 11 Memorial Museum, and we all left the museum greatly moved by the magnitude of the attacks. We did, however, spend our last night in the Big Apple on a happier note with our viewing of a Broadway production of Jersey Boys. The staging, acting, singing and music combined to create an unforgettable theatre experience!

Unforgettable is probably the best word to describe the experience as a whole. Most of us will graduate next year, and the USA Trip is certainly one experience from our time at Unley High School that we will be talking about for years to come! Isaac Thiele Swift

















## **Health & Physical Education (H&PE)**

Our Physical Education (PE) classes are continuing their studies in a variety of different practical activities.

Year 8 students are currently learning about roles within Touch and using feedback in Volleyball. Year 9 students are learning about roles within Basketball and using tactics and strategies in Badminton.

Year 10 Health classes participated in Wheelchair Basketball, which was a valuable practical application to their recent study on Disability.

Year 10 Outdoor Education classes have just completed successful Bushwalking Camps in the Deep Creek area where they put their lightweight camping skills to the test.

This week, Year 11 Outdoor Education classes enjoyed two great days at West Lakes honing their Kayaking skills in preparation for their three day camp at Ral Ral Creek in October.



SASI has tested over 700 students throughout the State and visited Unley High School last term to continue testing on selected students. Seven Unley High School students have been asked to attend SASI for further testing in view to join development training squads in Rowing, Cycling, Volleyball and Canoe Sprint.

This week we farewelled our Year 12 H&PE students. Moderation for the two Stage 2 PE classes went well last term and students are now preparing for their exam. It has been three years since a Stage 2 Outdoor Education class has run and this group has had a great year including three wonderful camps; Snorkelling, Skiing and Bushwalking. Health Studies continues to be a popular subject with three Stage 2 classes this year and results thus far have been impressive from many students. We wish all these students well in their future endeavours. *Jenny Hall, Coordinator H &PE* 







## **International Student News**

Congratulations to Joyce Caturas on winning the International Student Achievement Award for 2015.

This award is presented to the graduating International Student for high academic achievement and involvement in the wider school community.

Joyce has been a positive role model for other International Students at Unley High School. She arrived in Australia from the Philippines in November 2013 and commenced at Unley High School in January 2014. She has been an outstanding student achieving high academic standards in all of her subjects.

Joyce has also participated enthusiastically in wider school activities, representing Unley High School in Badminton competitions for The Sport Association for Adelaide Schools and the school Knockout competition. She was a member of the Multicultural Committee assisting with the Multicultural Food Fair.

In late 2014 Joyce returned to the Philippines with educational materials from the International students at Unley High School for local school students in her hometown of Lambuano.

Joyce is a worthy winner of this award.

Andrew Cawthorne Coordinator, International Student Program



Joyce Caturas
winner of the International
Student Achievement Award 2015

### **Arts News**



Arts Captains for 2015/16

This year we have introduced Arts Captains, a senior position of Student Leadership within The Arts.

Arts Captains must display outstanding leadership qualities, interpersonal skills, teamwork, and have a strong interest and active involvement within Art, Design, Drama and Music. At all times they are role models for The Arts in the school and wider community and mentor successful Year 11 applicants to take up the role in the following year.

We thank Tara Asikas, Tessa Cartledge and Josh Batic for their contribution and leadership in the Arts for 2015.

I am pleased to introduce Jake White, Brooke Bowering, Lawson Dodd and Hannah Crockett- Naini, our Arts Captains for 2015/16.

Rheanna Dougherty, Arts Coordinator

### Year 8 Drama

This term my Year 8 Drama students are studying the art of Puppetry. The first two weeks has seen their skills develop in understanding the range of emotions puppets can portray and how to operate them hidden behind a professional booth. Working in groups, students have been using a class set of glove puppets to create short performances. They have developed their own theatrical stories and utilised a range of miniature props, sound effects and background music on their iPads to enhance their story lines. These have varied from love tragedies to a re-enactment of the shower scene from Alfred Hitchcock's 'Psycho'.

As the term progresses students will be able to engage with Bunraku style puppets and operate these in teams of three. These stand 1.2 metres high and create a fabulous opportunity to understand motion, actions, space and working as a team. Our focus is on Asia as part of the Australian Curriculum so students will be creating their own rod puppets for performance, investigating a range of Asian customs in puppet theatre. This includes shadow puppetry which is traditionally used in depicting the stories of the Ramayana and Mahabharata in some Asian cultures.

Additionally, students will explore contemporary puppetry to appreciate the connection this ancient art form has in modern culture. They will be looking at theatre companies such as Handspring, who produced Warhorse, and the recent stage musical of King Kong using animatronics. Students will also get a small taste of ventriloquism and how it is relevant to comedy today. I also have a couple of vent dolls so students can explore this type of interaction with an audience, as well as numerous other mouth and marionette puppets for students to learn about and operate.

This topic should make for a fun and engaging learning experience for the students over the term.

Jim De Gregorio, Drama Teacher





## **Music News**

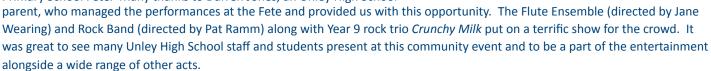
### **Recent events**

On 17 October 2015, Jazmin Fuzer, a student of our piano teacher Kat Mustanow, won first place in the Norman Sellick Memorial Prize. This prize was named for Norman Sellick, one of the most influential music educators in Adelaide in the first half of the twentieth century, and at one time a violin teacher at Unley High School. Kat Mustanow will be presenting a piano concert of her students at Unley High School in the Drama rooms on Monday 30 November 2015 at 7:00pm.

In Week 10, Term 3, we welcomed performers from *Salaika African Drumming*, on tour from Ghana. Year 8 and 9 Music students from Unley High School and Urrbrae Agricultural High School had the opportunity to experience traditional Ghanaian singing, drumming, and dancing, and to participate in a wide variety of percussion instruments, including over 100 djembe drums!

We were very pleased to be invited to participate in the *Voices of the Village* event at Mitcham Reserve on Sunday 18 October 2015. This community event marked the 175th Anniversary of Mitcham Village, and our Concert Band (directed by Carol Hollis) and Senior Vocal Ensemble (directed by Chris Martin) performed for a large crowd in fantastic sunny weather.

On Sunday 25 October 2015 we were invited to perform at the Black Forest Primary School Fete. Many thanks to Darren Jones, an Unley High School



On Friday 30 October 2015 the Flute Ensemble and Senior Vocal Ensemble performed at the Mitcham Village Kindergarten Art event. Having performed for the same event last year, we were very happy to be asked back and once again enjoyed the community atmosphere and the wide variety of art works on display.

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony was also a big event for senior Music students. Year 12 students performed in a variety of capacities. The Senior Vocal Ensemble along with Year 12 Music students Cain Roselt, Tessa Cartledge, Max Hattam, Barnabas Bosisto and Patrick MacDonald performed the Queen classic *Somebody To Love*. Yani Shafeeg, Patrick MacDonald, Nathan Clarke and Cain Roselt performed the Foo Fighters *Everlong*, and were able to bring in a little bit of crowd participation to the performance. Finally, Tessa Cartledge performed *Bach's Prelude No. 2 in C Minor* on the grand piano. We were also very pleased this year to have some musical entertainment during the morning tea, provided by Alisi Tavui and Sienna Gardiner. They provided some wonderful atmosphere for parents, students and staff at the event.

On Sunday 8 November 2015 several of our ensembles and students performed at the Mitcham Primary School Fete. Thank you to parents for making this performance possible.

Our Year 12 music class have also been finalising their assessment work for the year, including their major projects for Composing and Arranging and Music Technology. Congratulations to these students on finishing these significant pieces of work! A selection of recordings from the current Year 12 class can be found on our Soundcloud account "UHS Music" (no log-in required). We now have a large number of subscribers to this account and several hours of music uploaded from all year levels – we encourage you to **Upcoming events** 

As we head towards the end of the year, it is great to continue with a busy round of performances and recordings in the Music department. Our upcoming *Twilight Concert* will celebrate the music of our current Year 8 and 9 Music students. This will be a terrific opportunity to hear music classes performing pieces they have rehearsed for the last few months, as well as smaller groups presenting work from our Small Ensemble program. All staff, parents and families are encouraged to attend and join in the relaxed atmosphere.

Another important date for the diary is the upcoming *Cabaret* concert on Friday 27 November 2015. This end of year concert, organised and programmed by the Year 10 Music classes, will showcase a variety of our ensembles in a relaxed, cabaret seating style in the George Cresswell Hall. Please consider coming along to support this terrific event.

Chris Martin and Carol Hollis

# **Invitation -** Unley High School's Cabaret

Friday 27 November 2015 - 7:00pm until 10:30pm - George Cresswell Hall

Dress code is semi-formal. Theme is black, teal, and gold. You are welcome to bring food and drinks (including alcohol)

Tickets are available from Student Services only, from Monday 9 November 2015 (Week 5)

Adult / Concession \$5.00 Family Pass (for four) \$15.00

Children under 7 FREE

Come along, enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, quiz and raffle, and the talent of Unley High School's music community! by Loren and Genevieve, Music students

## Congratulations to...

A huge congratulations must go to our creative Media and Design Year 11 student Brooke Bowering.



Brooke created her film in a VET course that she is undertaking this semester. Brooke submitted a short film in the International Youth Silent Film Festival.

Overall there were 43 entries and Brooke had two of her entries in the top 30. Her film was then screened with the top 10 entries and overall her film "Who stole the Cookies?" won 3rd place in the South Australian and Western Australian final. The award night was held at the Capri Theatre on Wednesday 21 October 2015.

The International Youth Silent Film Festival was founded in 2009 by Jon "JP" Palanuk after he attended a live theatre organ concert. So inspired by what he heard, he decided to create a competition where young filmmakers could create their own silent movies.

Silent films are the most classic form of movie entertainment and the easiest to create using modern technology. For each submission, the filmmaker needed to choose one of the 10 pre- recorded musical themes upon which to base the film. The themes were: •Romance •Action •Horror •Slapstick •Mystery •Science Fiction •Hero •Western •Noir •Discovery. Brooke's Theme was Mystery.

Brooke has now been invited to attend the international screening in Portland, Oregon in the United States in June 2016. We wish her the very best of luck with her entry and all the best for a successful career in the film industry.

Rheanna Dougherty, Arts Coordinator



## **Greek News**

### **Greek Spring Dance**

On 19 September 2015, the annual Unley High School Greek Spring Dance was held at the Cypriot Club. The night was filled with food, music, laughter, fun and most of all, Greek dancing! This year was the last Greek Spring Dance for eleven graduating Year 12 students who have performed together at this event since Year 8.

Beginning the performances for the night was the Year 8 and 9 group who danced a *Kalamatiano* and a Thracian dance called the *Baidouska*. The group consisted of not only Greek background students, but also three students from other cultures. The Year 10 and 11 group followed, performing two dances; one from the island of Ikaria known as the *Ikariotiko* and another Thracian dance called the *Zonardiko*. It was so rewarding to see all of the students perform their dances after giving up countless lunchtimes in Term 3 to practice. The dancers all performed with a great sense of pride and we, too, are proud of their efforts. We hope they continue to perform at the Greek dance throughout their time at Unley High School.

On the night, Year 12 students performed a *Pentozali* and the traditional Year 12 *Kalamatiano*. This tradition is something that all Year 12 graduates have looked forward to and admired since Year 8; having a turn at leading the group and then as their name is called, breaking off and dancing to the back of the line. Their performance was followed by a standing ovation from the audience where they were all welcomed to join the Year 12 students on the dancefloor. The dancing continued into the early hours of the morning, making it one of the best Greek Spring Dances we have ever attended.

As the dance teachers for this year, we have had the pleasure of interacting with students from all year levels. We will both cherish the great times shared at this year's Greek Spring Dance and the others we have enjoyed throughout our time at Unley High School. The memories bring smiles to our faces and we hope that this very important school and cultural tradition continues for many years to come.

By Nikki Asikas and Eva Ntafillis Unley High School Greek Spring Dance Teachers and students

## Thank you to the Sponsors of our Unley High School Greek Spring Dance

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## **LOTE News**

### Student Exchange to Italy

One of our Year 10 Language students, Cassie Warren has been selected to participate in an exchange to Italy.

She will leave at the end of November to spend six weeks in Lecce, Puglia. This region is steeped in history having had many invasions over the centuries and consequently cultural influences. Cassie will live with an Italian family and have first-hand experience of this unique area and its culture.

During her stay, she will be attending school, Liceo scientifico, which will further add to her language fluency.

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Christina Tedesco, Coordinator LOTE



## Unley High Blue-Sky Link Committee News

# Blue Sky Public High School Ghattekulo, Kathmandu Tel: 01-4436220 Post Box: 4891 E-mail: oli.prem@gmail.com Letter of Appreciation Dedicated to Unley High School, Adelaide, SA and its family for the financial support to BSP High School in maintenance and other of this institution affected by the massive earthquake on April, 2015. We are highly grateful to them for their

in the days ahead.

kind contribution and expect the same collaboration





In 2012, the Unley High Blue Sky Link Committee was formed to render much needed assistance to the impoverished Blue Sky Public School in the suburb of Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Committee, together with the wider Unley High School educational community, has continued to support and provide ongoing assistance to the Blue-Sky Public School each year, raising funds and providing resources that the school could otherwise not afford.

The Committee has supplied laboratory equipment to assist the school to set up a Science Laboratory to enable students to participate in practical science classes and meaningful science experiments to enrich their learning experiences.

The Unley High Blue Sky Link Committee would like to thank the Unley High School Student Voice and Prefects and the Multicultural Committee for the extra support provided to the Blue-Sky Public School community this year, in particular, since the devastating earthquakes in Nepal.

We have received a communication of thanks from the Principal of Blue Sky, Mr. Prem Oli, to share with its sister school in Australia, Unley High School.

Charlie Marino on behalf of the Unley High Blue Sky Link Committee

#### **Canteen News:** Thank you

Thank you to all our valued volunteers for coming in and helping out in the canteen these past weeks. We really do appreciate you giving up your time, and it's nice to have your company. 14 September to 23 October 2015

Anna Chin Hasmik Anassian Petryn Theile **Amanda Crockett** Leonie Rowe Trudie Cain Kathryn Ireland **Amanda Froggatt** Meredith Hough Jenny Boyce

Anja Leih Jan Hardwick.

Regards Helen, Elaine and Liz

## **Congratulations**

### **Student Exchange to France**

Congratulations to Eloise Cobby-Smith who has been selected by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange to participate in a student exchange to France. She will depart Adelaide in January 2016 and will return to Adelaide on 30 June 2016.

While in France, Eloise will live with a voluneer host family and attend local school.

We look forward to hearing about her experiences and wish her all the best.



## **Congratulations to Shaun Wright**



Shaun graduated from Unley High School in 2014.

Following his passion for Business and his determination to set himself apart from the rest, Shaun participated in the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Indigenous Pre-Programs in Business. After proving his capabilities, he was offered the opportunity to study a Bachelor of Commerce at the UNSW. Shaun was also successful in securing a Maple-Brown Family Charitable Foundation Scholarship for Indigenous Students, which assisted him greatly with his move to Sydney and study costs. The Scholarship has given Shaun a sense of pride and motivation and has helped him achieve his dream of studying at UNWS. Shaun is now in his first year of study. We all wish him well for his future endeavours.

Tam Hood, Indigenous Family Liaison

## **Sport News**

Our summer sport teams are in full swing with the weather being kind to us and not causing any cancellations. We have some Indoor Soccer, Basketball, Cricket, Badminton and Touch teams playing regular weekly games. These teams will play right through the summer season to finish the year.

In addition to our weekly team sports we have had some Knockout games and some Carnival days. Our Year 8-9 boys and girls Volleyball Knockout teams played really well and had some wins but, unfortunately, not enough to take them through to the finals round. This is a similar story for our Year 10 Basketball girls who were knocked out by a strong Seymour College team. Our Year 8-9 boys Basketball team have had a number of wins and as a result will be playing in the finals in the middle of the term, so we wish good luck to those boys. The Year 8-9 Softball girls will also start their Knockout competition later in the term.

A team of Year 8-9 boys played in a European Handball competition and did a fantastic job in multiple games to end up in third place overall. Considering they only lost to schools with a handball focus in Physical Education, this is a great result. Still to come is a Super 8's Cricket Carnival, mixed Softball and a mixed Beach Sports Day.

Week 2 this term saw our Year 12 students graduate, fourteen of whom were awarded with 'Outstanding Service to School Sports' Awards. These awards were presented to students who have consistently represented Unley High School in weekly school sports teams as well as Knockout and Carnival teams with a high level of personal reliability and ethical behaviour throughout the whole of their schooling. The recipients were Will Ballard, Joe Couzner, Sophie Couzner, James Daly, Lachlan Hall, Cameron Hedger, Imogen Henderson, Tom Hensel, BoChan Kim, Chelsea Lambert, Christina Mougiannis, Grace Pendlebury, Chelsea Stendt and Jaimee Wittervan. In addition to these awards Christina Mougiannis and Lachlan Hall were awarded with the Brownhill Creek Good Sportsmanship Award for their high level of commitment and sportsmanship to sport at Unley High School. Congratulations to all of these students.

Further congratulations are also due to some students who have been selected to represent South Australia in our State teams or have achieved some great sporting results. Rachel Tonkin has been selected in the Under 19 State Softball team, Taylah Gabrisch and Hayley Bonython in the Under 17 State Softball team and Olivia Baker in the Under 15 State Softball team. Well done to all of these girls for these fantastic achievements and good luck for their competitions. Two students also took part in the Athletics SA All Schools games – Moe Milsom and Alistair Rowe. Moe made the finals for both the Under 18 100m Dash and Triple Jump events and Alistair made the finals for the Under 16 Pole Vault event. Well done to both of these boys.

Anna Henderson, Sports Coorinator







## **Rowing News**

### **Matthew Draper Cup**

At the beginning of each rowing season the Unley High School Rowing Club holds the Matthew Draper Cup. This fun all club event allows rowers of all ages and gender to combine in a head race format over a distance of 300m. The ultimate winner of the Matthew Draper Cup is the rower who finishes the day undefeated. The beauty of an event such as this lies in the ability of any rower, regardless of age or gender, to win on the day. This year Elle Nutbeam (Year 10) took out this prestigious event, Congratulations Ellie.

### **Regatta Report**

We are already three Regattas into the season and it has been fantastic to see the great results of many of our crews. Already, we have raced at West Lakes, Port Adelaide and the River Torrens. Each venue has provided our rowers with some fantastic racing opportunities, in particular, the Port Adelaide Regatta was a highlight as rowers were required to dodge the traffic on this busy working waterway (see picture below).

Leading up to Christmas we have a very busy Regatta schedule. I look forward to seeing many more successes, both on and off the water.







### **Rowing Captains**

I am pleased to announce that the following individuals have been elected to the position of Rowing Captains for the 2015/16 season. Their selection is recognition of their contribution to the Unley High School Rowing Club as a mentor and leader.





## **Community News**

#### PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT **SCHOOLS ARE FOR THE** SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN

Local Councils impose a variety of parking restrictions at and near schools to achieve a safer environment for your children. These restrictions are also to optimise traffic movement and safety.

#### **NO STOPPING ZONES -**

These zones are usually adjacent to school entrances and the approach and departure sides of school crossings.

You must not stop your vehicle in a no stopping zone or on a solid yellow line, not even for a few seconds.



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#### NO PARKING ZONES -

You may stop in a No Parking zone to immediately pick up or set down your child, and drive off as soon as possible.

The THUSE HOLL BEAVE YOUR VENICIES parked or unattended. If you are going to collect your child from this zone, have your child wait nearby in the school grounds so they can see you arrive. On your arrival they can then leave the school ground, enter your vehicle and you can then drive off.

#### **CONTINUOUS WHITE CENTRE LINE**

If a road has a continuous white centre line, there must be 3 metres between the vehicle and the white line.

#### **SCHOOL CROSSINGS** -

You cannot stop within 20m of the approach side or 10m of the departure side of a school crossing.

#### SPEED LIMITS -

Speeding vehicles in a school zone are highly dangerous for children. There is a **speed limit of 25 kph**, designated by the signs and a zigzag line below, any time when children are present or when the lights are flashing (depending on the type of crossing)







## INTERSECTION OR T-INTERSECTION



#### **CROSSING PLACES (driveways)**

You may park so that the front of your vehicle is level with the approach or the back is level with the departure side of a driveway to any private or public property so that vehicles can enter and depart safely.

#### FOOTPATHS / NATURE STRIPS -

Parking is prohibited at all times. It creates dangerous situations for both pedestrians and other ehicles in the vicinity.

#### **DOUBLE PARKING** -

Creates dangerous situations anytime, however the danger is increased near schools, especially when children are entering or leaving school.

## **AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES**

# CHILDREN **SCHOOLS** TRAFFIC

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## **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

Please be mindful when dropping off or picking up students in front of the school. The following will assist traffic flow and

- Please endeavour to drop your children on the northern side of Kitchener Street but do not park on the northern side of Kitchener Street in the morning.
- Please don't do a U turn in front of the school in Kitchener Street as this blocks traffic. A roundabout is located at the east end of the oval which is a much safer alternative.
- Please don't drop your children off in the car parks as turning back onto Kitchener Street stops the flow of traffic.

We ask that you consider the large volume of traffic and students, particularly at the start of each school day.

Betty Smith, Business Manager



Parenting SA has recently developed four short videos to give parents and carers tips and strategies for living with teens and pre-teens.

Topics include: •

- helping teenagers stay safe online
- teenagers and feelings
- managing conflict with teenagers
- living with teenagers

To watch the videos, go to the Parenting SA website www.parenting.sa.gov.au/videos.htm

## Kiara's Youth Drop In Service

We have psychologists available to answer any of your questions and facilitate youth support groups for young adolescents wanting to connect with other teens.

Open to all teens

Pizza and Iollies will be provided on the 10th November When: Tuesdays until 15th December - 4:00pm - 6:00pm Where: Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton - in the Red Room

For further enquiries call:

Pam Dale, Coordinator Fullarton Park Community Centre 8372 5180 or 8372 5181 or email pdale@unley.sa.gov.au



FIQUE CROCHET BAGS OF COLOMBIA with Lady Narvaez Peñaloza

For ages 16 - 25+

Learn how to create these vibrant coloured string bags with Lady Narvaez Penaloza, who is from Colombia and was taught to make this type of bag by indigenous women of the mountain regions of Colombia. The bags are made of fique string from the inner fibres of the agave plant and used by villagers for carrying food and other goods

Unley Library, 181 Unley Road, Unley

2 week workshop, Thursdays, 3 & 10 December, 5 - 7:45pm

Cost: \$5 per session (Payment on first visit.) Bookings: ahill@unley.sa.gov.au / 8372 5114 Tea, coffee and snacks provided.









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Term 4	2015	Diary	y Dates
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Nov 2-18	YEAR 12 EXAMS

Nov 11Remembrance Day CeremonyNov 17Year 7 'Getting to Know You' sessionNov 17Year 7 Parent Information Evening

**Nov 18** Year 12 Art & Design Exhibition - *UHS South Gallery* 6:00pm

**Nov 19** Year 8 Breakfast - *Counselling Foyer* 8:00am to 8:40am

**Nov 19** Year 11 Drama Production - *UHS Performing Arts Centre* 7:00pm

Nov 20 YEAR 8 - 11 AWARDS CEREMONY - George Cresswell Hall 9:00am to 10:30am

Nov 23-27 YEAR 11 EXAMS

Nov 23 Parent Voice Meeting 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Nov 23-25 Year 7 Orientation Days

Nov 27 LAST DAY FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Nov 27 UHS Cabaret - George Cresswell Hall 7:00pm to 10:30pm

Nov 30-Dec 4 Basketball Championships, Canberra

Dec 1Fundraising Committee Meeting6:00pmDec 1Unley High School Council Meeting7:00pm

Dec 4 LAST DAY FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

**Dec 4** *'Pheonix'* Art Exhibition - *Gallery One, Mitcham* 6:00pm

Dec 7-9 Year 9 Presentations

Dec 7-11 Volleyball Trip, Melbourne

**Dec 8** Year 8 Showcase

Dec 11 LAST DAY FOR YEAR 8 & 9 STUDENTS

Dec 11 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30pm

## Term 1 2016

Feb 1

**Feb 16** 

Feb 2	YEAR 9, 10 & 11 STUDENTS COMMENCE	
Feb 10	AQUAINTANCE NIGHT - YEAR 8 & 9	
Feb 16	AQUAINTANCE NIGHT - Year 10	
Feb 16	AOUAINTANCE NIGHT - Year 11	

**AQUAINTANCE NIGHT - Year 12** 

**YEAR 8 & 12 STUDENTS COMMENCE** 

Feb 19 Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony - George Cresswell Hall 9:00am to 9:30am

Feb 22 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:00pm

Feb 22 Parent Voice Meeting 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Feb 23 Unley High School Council AGM 7:00pm

Mar 9 TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING 6:00pm 8:00pm

Mar 12 Rowing Head of the River Regatta

Mar 14 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Adelaide Cup Day

Mar 15 Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:00pm

Mar 15Parent Voice Meeting6:30pm - 8:00pmMar 16Principal's Tour9:00am to 10:30am

Mar 25 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Good Friday

Mar 28 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Easter Monday

Mar 29 Unley High School Council Meeting 7:00pm

Apr 1 Year 12 Formal

Apr 15 LAST DAY TERM 1 - EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15pm



6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm

7:00pm