Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition

Congratulations to one of our Year 9 students Georgina Trotta who won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society since 1883. There were only four entries from Australia to receive gold medals. Georgia competed against students in the Senior category from 55 Commonwealth countries and territories, representing 830 different schools. There were over 11,000 entries responding to the theme Opportunity through Enterprise.

Her imaginative story titled The Good in Men will be published in the Yearbook so you will be able to read it for yourself.

Georgina’s outstanding achievements in writing and public speaking need to be commended.  
Sue Wendt, English Coordinator

From the Principal........

On Tuesday 17 September 2013, the Unley High School Council sponsored an evening Parent Forum. The Forum, hosted by the immediate past Chair of the Council, Mr Michael Lock, aimed to gain parent views to assist us determine the next set of goals for the school.

Parents were asked to identify why they had chosen Unley High School for their child/ren. This question aimed to identify those aspects of the school that our community values and wants to maintain. The second question asked people to identify aspects of the school that they wanted to improve or further develop. These views will be collated over the holidays, and shared with the people who attended the Forum.

Over the last three years Unley High School has been focused on two goals;
To increase student engagement and achievement
To increase community connection

We have had significant success in implementing these goals. For example, our students have achieved higher grades at each year level and last year 100% of the families who responded to our annual survey said they felt welcome at the school.

Over the next term the views of students and staff will be gathered. The School Council will consider the information and combine this with the views of our families to determine our new goals. These may extend the goals we currently have or set a new direction for the school.

The aim of the Council is to ensure that we can be the best school we can be, with a focus on continuous improvement. Thank you very much to the parents who attended the Forum. We really appreciate it.

I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work this term. The newsletter outlines many of our outstanding activities and achievements which attest to the commitment and creativity of our staff. All staff at Unley High School are fully committed to ensuring our students have every opportunity to develop their strengths and passions.

Susan Cameron, Principal
English News

Debating and Public Speaking Update

On Saturday 21 September 2013, the Unley High School Year 9 Blue team won the Debating Grand Final in the House of Assembly Chamber at Parliament House. They defeated Glenunga International High School by convincing the panel of five adjudicators “That modern art has no merit”. The team, consisting of Georgina Trotta, Isaac Thiele-Swift, Jack Cheshire, Alastair Correll and Johnson Li, have worked extremely well together to achieve such success. They won their Semi Final on 10 September 2013, also against another Glenunga team and their Quarter Final against Pembroke. They will be awarded their trophy by the Governor of South Australia at Government House early next term.

I was very impressed with their ability to speak so eloquently and convincingly under pressure. I commend their coach Dr Georgie Swift for her unfailing support and patience in helping to shape such successful debaters. It certainly would not have been possible without her. I would also like to thank the parents who showed such support for their students by turning up to debates all season and transporting their students to and from venues.

It was a very proud day for me to see Year 9 students from Unley High School stand up to speak so confidently in such an auspicious venue. Their dedication and team work are a credit to them.

Our Year 8 Debating team also performed well and had their share of best speaker awards, but they did not gain enough points to make it into the Quarter Finals. It has been a pleasure to coach the team and I know they have gained much from their experiences in Debating this year.

Students at Unley have participated in a variety of workshops and competitions over the last few weeks which has given them the opportunity to improve and develop their speaking and argument skills.

On Friday 23 September 2013, 22 students from Year 9, 10 and 11 took part in the United Nations Youth Workshop where they were taken through the workings of the United Nations Security Council and given the opportunity to represent countries in debating United Nations resolutions. Students found it very rewarding and engaging and two of our students Lauren Fletcher and Georgina Trotta went on to participate in the Evatt SA 2013 competition representing Rwanda. Their performance on Saturday 7 September 2013 earned them a place in the State Finals which were held on Wednesday 18 September 2013 in the Adelaide City Council Chambers, where they represented Morocco. Georgina was the youngest student in the competition and although they didn’t win the State Finals, she is still looking forward to competing again next year as she has found it a most interesting and worthwhile experience.

On Friday evening 23 August 2013, Jack Cheshire participated in the State Finals of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition at Legacy House. He did an excellent job of presenting his prepared and impromptu speeches, but he was narrowly beaten by students from St Peter’s Girls School. He also feels he has gained much from the experience and it has helped him enormously with his debating and other public speaking tasks.

Sue Wendt, Coordinator English and Debating
Congratulations to Nic Danell, Sudhashree Somers, Ann Jackson and Everest Shrestha who have all been selected to appear in the 2013 Spring Poetry Anthology.

The South Australian English Teachers Association will launch the 2013 Spring Poetry Festival at the Education Development Centre, Hindmarsh on 19 October 2013, where these students will be presented with their own copy of the Anthology.

### Unley High School Poetry Writing Competition

At Unley High School we have an internal Poetry Writing Competition. This year’s winners received a book voucher from the English Learning Area. Past teacher, Jackie Mussared kindly judged the entries, which will be published in the Year Book.

The results were as follows:

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James Harous, English Teacher

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### Year 12 News

**Encounter Youth visit for Year 12 – Safe Schoolies**

On Monday 2 September 2013, the Education Coordinator from Encounter Youth conducted a seminar in the George Cresswell Hall for Year 12 Home Groups about safe partying and looking after your mates over the annual Schoolies Festival at Victor Harbor.

The theme for the seminar was *Look after yourself, look after your mates – It’s your choice!* Kim the speaker, provided an educated approach to drugs and alcohol and the effects of drugs on the body, particularly on the brain. She also raised awareness of the bad batches of drugs on the market, drink-spiking at parties and how easy it can be for someone else to spike your drink.

The aim of the seminar was not to alarm students, but to inform them and empower them in making sensible choices and decisions around the use of drugs and alcohol. Students were asked to consider how safe they are in a setting like the Schoolies Festival, and take a responsible approach so they can keep themselves and their mates safe. Students were given information on where to stay, what the law says and where to purchase schoolies tickets. A representative from SAPOL was also present to answer question from a Police perspective.

The seminar, funded by the Mitcham Council was enjoyed by the students.

*Daphne White, Year Level Manager - Year 12*

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### Year 12 Graduation News

**Parents of Year 12 Students – A date for your diary!**

A significant event for Year 12 students is their Graduation Ceremony. This will occur on Friday morning 25 October 2013 and Parents/Caregivers are invited to the event. The Graduation Ceremony will be in the George Cresswell Hall, for approximately two hours, followed by a morning tea. This notice is to give you plenty of warning so that if you have to make arrangements in regard to work or other commitments, you will be able to do so in plenty of time.

This year, two tickets will be given to your son/daughter and 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 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.

*Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal*

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**Congratulations to………**

Congratulations to Ruby Wright, Home Group 10.303.

Ruby has been selected by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange to participate in an exchange to Germany. She will depart from Australia on 29 October 2013 and return on 23 January 2014 in time to commence the school year.

Well done Ruby!
**Art News**

Year 9 Art/Design students were involved in Multicultural Week by designing banners for the Multicultural Food Fair to enhance the event on the Middle School Lawns.

Their brief involved research and considering students cultural backgrounds in the school. Congratulations to students who obviously really enjoyed having a ‘real project’ to work on and for the excellent outcomes. They definitely reflected our Multicultural Week Celebrations.

Terri Moore, Visual Art Teacher

“The designs we used were very cultural and expressive. We used fish, hamsa hand, lotus flowers and a henna design. We used black on the outlines and then painted them in light pink, pink, blue, green and purple.

As a group we picked to do this design because we liked it and came together and put different symbols in until it looked good.”

by Tegan Matters.”

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**Music News**

The Unley High School music department is proud to congratulate two of its high achieving students this week, Austin Zilm (oboe) and Georgina Trotta (flute).

Year 11 student Austin Zilm has performed as an oboist with the Adelaide Sinfonia throughout 2013, and on Sunday 1 September 2013 performed as part of the Youth Revolution Gala at the Adelaide Town Hall. Peter Burdon, in his review of the concert for the Advertiser (2 September 2013) wrote “the Youth Sinfonia was at its best in Holst’s Somerset Rhapsody, with elegantly shimmering strings, and an outstanding oboe from Austin Zilm”. This is wonderful acknowledgement for all the hard work that Austin has done as part of this ensemble in 2013.

Year 9 student Georgina Trotta has been involved with the Secondary Schools Concert Band (as well as the Unley High School Concert Band) for quite some time, and this week received an exciting invitation to join The Adelaide Flute Ensemble (TAFE), an Ensemble that is mostly comprised of senior students and University students and includes the full family of flute instruments, including piccolo, alto, bass, and contrabass. Georgina is also a composer, and she has already been invited to arrange one of her compositions for performance by the group.

We are extremely proud to have such high achieving musicians studying music here at Unley High School.

Chris Martin, Music Teacher

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**Multicultural Banners**

Year 9 Art/Design students were involved in Multicultural Week by designing banners for the Multicultural Food Fair to enhance the event on the Middle School Lawns.
The Science Experience is a very special three-day program for Year 9 & 10 students across Australia. It is a fun three-day program of science activities which is held each year at nearby Universities.

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The program takes place in over thirty-two universities and tertiary institutions, in many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and listen to presentations by senior academic staff in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a tertiary institution.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering and highlights the wide range of careers that enable students to pursue their interests and abilities in science.

One great aspect of the program is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from different schools.

Programs run at various dates around the country, from July 2013 through to January 2014.

The South Australian dates are:
- University of Adelaide: 14-16 January 2014
- Flinders University: 3-5 December 2013
- University of SA: 10-12 December 2013

Applications are due soon.

This is a great opportunity for students with an interest in science. The full cost of enrolment is $115 per student and local Rotary Clubs may be willing to sponsor some students.

You can access information on all programs and registration dates at: [http://www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

The Science Experience provides a great preparation experience for students who later, in Year 11, want to apply for the National Youth Science Forum program!

Peter Splitek, Science Coordinator

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**Library News**

**SA Secondary School State Constitutional Convention**

On Thursday 29 August 2013, Joe Gaynor, Harrison Verey and Jarryd Hawes attended the South Australian Secondary School State Constitutional Convention at Parliament House. The annual event brings together students from a cross section of Adelaide schools to debate a pertinent issue in Australian politics.

This year the theme was “Indigenous Recognition in the Constitution”. Through a series of talks from guest speakers, Professor Dean Jaensch and Professor Anne Twomey, and guided group discussion, the students were encouraged to think critically about the role the Constitution plays in shaping Australia’s culture, government and society, and the broader challenges in changing this document.

Joe, Harrison and Jarryd contributed spirited responses during the open debate, hosted in Parliament’s Lower House, and with the support of an essay, are given the chance to win a trip to Canberra for the National Constitutional Convention in Canberra next year.

The boys were exceptional representatives of Unley High School, interacting with their peers in a positive and respectful manner, bringing insightful and measured judgements to a contentious issue, and demonstrating genuine engagement with, and reflection on, the concepts raised.

*Marni Trevena, Teacher Librarian*

**Home Economic News**

The Year 9 Home Economic students were given the task of promoting healthy eating to their fellow students here at Unley High school.

Creativity and higher order thinking was encouraged through the use of their iPads, to produce a visually appealing method of spreading the word.

*Mariearna Ademosu, Year 9 Food and Nutrition teacher*
On Monday 19 August 2013, the Year 11 Cohort was presented with the Road Awareness Program (RAP) by The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service. RAP is a powerful presentation aimed at educating students in road awareness. RAP targets license aged drivers and road users at secondary schools across South Australia.

MFS Fire fighter Chas Thomas, presented an emotional, hard-hitting Road Awareness Program, which took students on a journey of discovery about the risks drivers choose to put themselves in and the consequences that they have no control over.

The message of the RAP is ‘Through concentration and common sense, almost all road crashes are avoidable.’ Chas discussed decision making, being a responsible driver, choices, being a safe passenger, risk taking, being a safe pedestrian, attitudes and generational change and of course looking after our mates!

Students learnt that road safety is their responsibility and they also got a very clear understanding of the consequences of their actions in relation to road safety choices.

During the 90 minute presentation, students were given a hard-hitting, realistic insight into road crash trauma including vision of real crashes and real victims. This was a very emotional section.

Chas also addressed the lasting trauma from injuries and fatalities, including the on-going effects for survivors. Real life crash survivor, Eli Murn was on hand to talk to the students about his major crash in 2004 that left him in hospital for months, this included two years of rehabilitation. RAP has several road crash survivors who share their stories during the presentation giving the students a personal insight into the immediate and ongoing consequences of poor decision making. The road crash survivors provide inspiration for students to become responsible drivers.

A student resource package was provided to the students at the end of the program which incorporated an evaluation form, a Parent-Young Person Safe Driving Agreement and a Peer Group Road Safety Agreement to take home and discuss with their families.

The Program was very well received by students, with quite a few coming up to speak with Eli and Chas after the presentation. This is an ongoing program for the Year 11 cohort and we hope to open it up to parents next year. We look forward to our next presentation about safe partying coming up in a few weeks time.

We encourage students to join Eli’s Facebook page RAP.

UHS Student comments:

“I thought the program was extremely informative. Although confronting, it gave more of an impact” - Courtney Mitchell - 17 yrs

“Even though I knew a bit about road safety and the consequences to do with driving, hearing about it more often has made me feel more conscious and serious about driving with safety”
- Jenna Tolley - 17 yrs

“Thank you for coming to our school and teaching us about road safety. Eli thank you for sharing your story, it must be hard. Thank you SO much!! - Rob Cain - 16 yrs

Rheanna Dougherty, Year 11 Manager
Year 11 News continued

Year 11 Semi-formal

The Year 11 Semi-formal was held at the Stamford Grand at Glenelg on Thursday 5 September 2013. It was held in the ballroom which was elegantly decorated with coloured balloons hovering above round tables formally set for groups of ten.

Refreshments were served on arrival in the foyer. We eagerly awaited the opening of the doors to the ballroom at 7:30pm. Once inside, introductory welcome speeches were made by Louise Wray and Austin Zilm. We had plenty of time to meet up with friends and take lots of photos before the entrées arrived.

Dancing started early in the evening and most students and some teachers danced to the accompanying DJ. Our favourite songs were played while we danced the night away.

We had opportunities to have photos taken by Event Photographers during the evening. Congratulations go to all award winners on the night; some of the awards were novelty, while others were for best dressed and best on the dance floor.

Overall it was a very enjoyable evening. Our thanks go to Ms. Dougherty for helping the committee plan such a memorable event.

Written by Sarah Hyland, Lisa Vuong, Danielle Tong and Angelica Kyriakopoulos.

CPSW News

40 Hour Famine - World Vision

This year 71 students and two staff participated in the 40 Hour Famine, which is organised through World Vision each year. It was run from Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 August 2013 in Week 4 of Term 3 with an excited bunch of students having chosen what they would give up for the 40 hours – being anything from food, to technology, to voice, to furniture.

On the Friday, the famine ended with a celebration lunch for the participants of pizzas, mini pies and pastries, sweets and drinks, which was happily consumed by all, and particularly by the students who had given up food!

THANKYOU to the Committee for their fantastic work over Term 2 and 3.

Austin Zilm 11817 Mai Nyugen 11304
Bridget Davis 11244 Isobel Hercus 11337
Sarah Bailey 11304 Alisi Tavui 10243
Miriam Griffith 10131

A BIG thankyou to all the students who participated and staff member, Anthony Grzyb who also took part.

Money raised this year will be supporting projects and development in Malawi. In Malawi, the malnutrition rate for children under five is 47%, evidenced by high rates of stunting. Right now, more than 1.9 million people in southern Malawi don’t have enough food to eat.

So far we have raised over $4,200 with more to be collected by the end of September 2013.

What a fantastic effort we have made together here at Unley High School for people who are disadvantaged and don’t have what we have!

Jodi Quast – CPSW (Christian Pastoral Support Worker)
**Multicultural Week**

**Asia Week: The Multicultural Assembly, Fashion Parade and Food Fair**

Week 6 this term, the last week of August, was Multicultural Week. Celebrations began with the Multicultural Assembly which showcased student music performances, International student speakers, reports by student participants on the Italy and China trips and colourful dance performances by the GOC Dance Academy. Members of the Students’ Multicultural Committee also took the opportunity to promote other events scheduled during the week of festivities.

The Multicultural Fashion Parade was held during recess time on the Friday of Multicultural Week, with students from an array of cultural backgrounds proudly displaying cultural dress from their background culture in the presence of a large and appreciative audience of students and teachers.

The final event for the week was the Multicultural Food Fair. This took place on the central lawns with stalls selling food from 16 different cultures. This proved highly popular with long queues of students at many of the stalls and many selling all of their fare in rapid time.

Special thanks go to the members of the Students’ Multicultural Committee and other student participants for all their efforts to ensure this celebration of our cultural diversity was such a success.

*Peter Trethewey, Coordinator International Student Program*

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**Mathematics News**

**A Celebration in Mathematics.**

Last month our school entered five teams of students into the annual Maths Association of SA Maths Quiz Night at Westminster College. It is a traditional event that promotes skill in general and mathematical knowledge and at the same time fosters enjoyment and peer integration amongst competitors.

All teams performed to a commendable level; however a significant achievement was noted by the Year 10 group who won the Best General Knowledge category. Considering that there were numerous prestigious private and government schools in attendance, we were very pleased with their award. The team consisted of Lauren Fletcher, Simon Jupp, Matthew Johnston and Jacinta Stevens. Well done to all.

*Peter Stone, Coordinator Mathematics and Numeracy*
Year 9 Ski Trip News

We arrived at Falls Creek after a long and tiring fourteen hour bus trip. Despite regular breaks during the journey and breakfast at the Myrtleford Bakery, we looked like the walking dead stepping off the coaches! Traipsing through the snow and up several flights of stairs we reached Halleys Lodge where a hot lunch awaited us.

Into our rooms and ski-gear on, the chaos of getting fitted for boots and skis and then we all caught the lift up to the slopes for our first foray onto the snow. It was cold but very entertaining watching students like new-born calves…very wobbly and uncertain and lots of slips and spills!!

The students were enthusiastic and by the end of the first ski-lesson, most appeared to be picking up the skills and confidence necessary and could negotiate gentle slopes with snow-plough style. Some even braved the run down Wombats Ramble back to the Lodge.

One hundred students and staff sharing one drying room...one hundred parkas and pants; 200 boots, skis, stocks and gloves. Imagine the carnage when all were trying to put gear away at the end of the day...and then the disarray when all wanted their gear to get dressed and head out in the morning. It was a challenge but the students developed strategies and used team work and common-sense and by mid-week, this no longer presented an issue.

The food at Halleys Lodge was fantastic and kept all of us well fuelled for skiing. Cooked breakfasts of pancakes, bacon, eggs, hash-browns as well as juice, toast and cereals got us off to a flying start. Lunches were generally cooked and hearty and ensured we had the energy to get through the afternoon. Our dinners were always looked forward to, with soup to start, a hot main and dessert to follow ensuring no one went hungry. Meals were varied and vegetarian options were provided for those who wished.

Meal times were always a noisy and fun affair with about 40-50 people eating at a time. Lots of laughter and stories of the day’s activities circulated around the tables, but manners were not forgotten! Students removed their hats and did not use their mobiles at the table, waited to leave until all had finished and they helped clear the tables at the end of the meal. We celebrated birthdays for three students, Carla Santucci, Will Longshaw and Aleina Dearden while on the slopes with rousing renditions of “Happy Birthday” and ice-cream cake!

The evening entertainment consisted of students lounging around with friends and many new friendships were formed. A pool table was well used, card games a favourite and the TV/DVD room well utilised. Many students were happy to just “hang-out” after a tiring day on the slopes! The evenings also saw a recounting of the day’s funny activities and prizes awarded. We had the most wonderful Summer Heights High-esque performance from Emily Draper about her adventures in the snow and she had us all in stitches from laughing so hard. She is a really talented performer.

Former Unley High School students Alana Heintke, Hannah Werner, and Savannah Rowe were all at Falls Creek at the same time as us, either holidaying or working, and dropped in and spoke to us about how well behaved our students were and what a good reputation they have across the mountain.

Our students were fortunate to have “ski-in/ ski-out” conditions during their stay and also experience snow falling...many for the first time! With such a covering of snow it was inevitable that snow-fights and snowmen were common-place. What a fantastic experience!
Year 9 Ski Trip News continued

About 60 students decided to try night-skiing and had a wonderful time racing down the slopes along with a few of the more courageous teachers. The slopes have an eerie feel during the night and all commented on the evening as a real highlight. After 25cm of snowfall during Wednesday evening, the students also got to experience skiing in fresh powder on the Thursday. The conditions required a different style of skiing and caused more than a few of them to fall thigh deep into the snow. Funny!!

By the end of the week the vast majority of students had developed the skills to handle all green (beginner) and blue (intermediate) slopes and several were handling black slopes with confidence. Hopefully, the skills they have acquired and the passion they have gained for the snow will allow them to return to the slopes in the future. We have had so many students from the past who have forged careers in the snow.

The last day was hectic. Students needed to clear out their rooms ready for a new school to move into our lodge before heading up to the slopes for the last few hours of skiing. Then it was the reverse of our arrival...changing out of gear; returning skis and boots; changing for the trip home; lugging bags to the bus through falling snow.

A fourteen hour trip home was not looked forward to by anyone, but the thought of home and our own beds was foremost in many minds. A dinner break at Bright and then tiredness overtook all of us and within an hour the bus was silent apart from an occasional snore from the back rows!

2013...a great trip!

The 2013 Ski-trip team

LINK News

We are currently hosting international visitors from Nepal and Indonesia. These visitors are on an Australian Award Fellowship Grant with Flinders University and are spending five weeks in Adelaide exploring policies and practices in inclusive education. They all work in their country’s respective education departments and have a strong interest in education for students with physical disabilities.

Link Students have spoken with the visitors about the Link Program from their perspective. Melissa talked about the support received from Link Staff and Unley High School teachers, the flexibilities within SACE and the various post school options. The visitors were most impressed with Liam and Charlie who spoke about how technology has improved during the time they have been at Unley High School, the iPad and how it has improved their access to the curriculum, the iPad coaching project and ‘everything iPad’. Alice also spoke about her communication system and the specialised technology which helps her complete her SACE.

These visits provide staff and students with an opportunity to showcase the Adelaide West Unley High School Link Program and also to learn about what is happening overseas in education for students with disabilities. What it has highlighted is how advanced we are in our programs and opportunities in education at Unley High School for our young people with disabilities.

Lynn Roberts, Link Teacher
Greek News
A first-timer's visit to the Greek Spring Dance...

On Saturday the 31 August 2013, I was a little excited. You see, I had won tickets to the Greek Spring Dance in a staff raffle held on Greek Independence Day celebrations in the Unley High School staff room. The Greek Spring Dance was something that I had often heard about and considered, but there always seemed to be some reason that kept me from attending. Well, with the arrival of the tickets, I had no plausible excuses left. It was on! I even checked out some of the dance practice the students undertook in preparation at lunchtimes to make sure that, when the time came, I could get my Greek on!

My daughter had previously attended as a guest and I was amused to find that she was most upset that I intended taking my wife rather than her. “Come on Dad, she won’t even dance! I’ll be up there on the df (modern vernacular for ‘dance floor’ I believe? Kids.) all night!” Despite this persuasive argument, I decided that ‘happy wife/happy life’ meant more to me than a teenage spat and so we headed down from the hills for a night that we hoped would be full of food, fun and celebration.

Let me tell you, there was plenty of all three.

First, the food. Sweet Heaven above, there were SO MANY plates to sample. I tried to have a tiny sample of each food on offer, but with my plate piled dangerously high and half of the options still begging for attention, I had to make some ruthless culinary decisions in order to satisfy my curiosity and tastebuds. I abandoned all bread rolls (they’re just filler – they take up valuable room but offer little in return), all salads (they looked great, but I’m a bloke and that means meats first!) and more seafood than I’d usually miss. The moussaka! The slow-roasts! The varieties of chicken... It brings a tear to my eye and half-an-inch to my waistline just thinking about it. And of course, later in the evening the home-made Greek desserts. Superb.

Anna Thallas-Lamb (President of the Greek Parent’s Council) and Matoula Kouzionis, Greek Teacher led the proceedings which celebrated the current students and the wider Greek community that has embraced Unley High School over many years. It was also pleasing to note that a few non-Greek-background student dancers also attended and kicked up their heels! There were some great dances and a wonderful feeling of celebration, which was culminated with the presentation of this year’s Year 12s.

Dancing is obviously a huge part of Greek culture. It was fantastic to see three and sometimes four generations of Greek Australians gliding smoothly across the dance floor, holding hands in long lines, beaming, having an absolute ball. And did you have to have Southern European links to jump in? Absolutely not. You just walked up and a space opened (as if by magic) in one of the lines for you; your hands were clasped and before you knew it you were swept along into the dance.

What a great night. A night of fabulous food, of celebration and of dance. Next year I’m taking my wife AND my daughters, because I know that they will have a wonderful time.

Greek Spring Dance in 2014? I can’t wait.

Steve Bettes, English Teacher

The 2013 Greek Spring Dance was a huge success with 250 people attending including students, parents and grandparents, friends of the school community and staff members. We were entertained with traditional and modern Greek dances by the Year 8-11 students and our Year 12 students completed the floor show with the traditional Kalamatiano.

We extend a big thank you to the dedicated and hardworking parents on the Greek Parents’ Council who organised the event and ensured that everyone had an enjoyable evening. Thank you to students and the parent for their comments below.

“The Greek Spring Dance was a wonderful event which showed great aspects of the Greek culture. This included masses of beautiful food and Greek dancing. The Greek dance was great to participate in as it was fun, interesting and it helped me expand my friendships. The night was full of laughter, beautiful dances and friendships made for life.” - Breanna Schultz —Year 8

“Normally the Greek dancing is something that the people in this school that are Greek or have some Greek heritage in their family do. This year, because I had some friends doing it I thought people with no Greek heritage should get up and give it a try. I’d never been to a Greek dance or wedding event before so to me it was a all very new and exciting. The food was absolutely amazing especially the Greek desserts. The night was followed by lots of loud music, lots of laughter and talk and stacks of winding circles of people dancing up on the dance floor. I really enjoyed the night and getting a taste of Greek culture and I definitely encourage many other people without Greek heritage to join in next year.” - Rachel Woodside —Year 8

“What a great night, I went to my first Greek Spring Dance this year and had a wonderful evening. There was great food. The students put on a fantastic display of Greek dancing. I would encourage other families to attend in future years.” Caroline Hill, Parent

Matoula Kouzionis, Greek Teacher & Joanne Costa, Assistant Principal Middle School
Unley High School is holding a spectacular Quiz Night to raise funds. We warmly invite your family and friends to attend and take the opportunity to meet parents and staff of our wonderful school. Organise your own table of ten, or buy individual tickets and we will place you with other parents from your child’s/children’s year level/s. A letter with more information will come home in your child/ren’s Report Folder. We hope to see you there!

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 23rd November

George Cresswell Hall, Unley High School

6:30pm for 7:00pm start

Purchase tickets from Student Services or call the School

Captains book a table of 10

$15 per person

Don’t have a table of 10?

Don’t worry we can help with that!

BYO Food

Drinks available for purchase

FUN, GAMES bring lots of coins
**Rowing News**

**Rowing Camp**

Rowing camp is a big part of the Unley High School Rowing club experience and has been for many years. It is held twice a year, once in September for the beginning of the season and again in January. Camp is held at Ankara Camp Site 110km away from Adelaide and is situated on an amazing stretch of the Murray River. Most rowers would agree that Rowing Camp is a highlight of the rowing calendar. The camp includes six sessions a day, and six nutritious meals. The day starts off with a morning row and ends with a fun activity such as a quiz night or a group indoor 'work out' before supper and bed.

Camp is very beneficial for all the rowers who attend, having multiple coaches watching you row from a dinghy only meters away is extremely helpful in improving our technique for the season ahead. The variety of coaches means different opinions, which helps fix even the smallest of problems. Not only do you get to spend 4 days with your close friends, but you make new friends in a non-formal way. The camp experience is something that all students remember for a long time, it's a time where squads and the Rowing Club more broadly bond together.

A personal highlight for me is the long ergos (indoor rowing machine) with your squad, where we're all rowing together and we are all feeling the same pain. During this time the competitiveness really comes out in us and we all bring out the best in one-another.

The Unley High School Rowing community is possibly the best community to be involved in, there is really nothing like it.

*Eddie Holmes, Year 9 Boy Rower*

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**Matthew Draper Cup and AGM**

On Sunday 25 August 2013, the Rowing Club held the Matthew Draper Cup in conjunction with its AGM. The Matthew Draper Cup is an important annual event that allows rowers to compete alongside fellow rowers from across all squads. The victor is the rower who progresses through the mini regatta without loss. This format is brilliant as it allows rowers the opportunity to compete on a level playing field, regardless of time spent in the sport or ability.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Angus Santostefano for a fantastic effort on the day. His efforts saw him awarded the Draper Cup for 2013. I would also like to congratulate all the rowers who took part, it was great to see almost half of the club turn out for this wonderful event.

Finally, I would also like to congratulate Peter Zilm on his election as President of the Rowing Club for the 2013/14 season. Peter’s passion and enthusiasm coupled with his knowledge and expertise will undoubtedly assist him to provide sound leadership for a Club heading in the right direction.

*Joshua Whitwell, Rowing Manager*

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**‘Anita Hughes’ Boat Naming Ceremony**

On Sunday 22 September 2013, the Rowing Club celebrated the naming of its newest boat, the ‘Anita Hughes’. The naming of the Senior Girls eight is in recognition of Anita’s eleven years of service as Rowing Manager at Unley High School. The sheer number in attendance on the day was testament to the high regard in which Anita is held. In addition, the Rowing Club was greatful for the attendance of Liesl Meuris and John Argue, the Rowing Club’s very first Rowing Manager and Coach.

Anita’s exceptional contribution to the Rowing Club and her recent efforts in setting up Rowing as a subject make her a worthy recipient of this honour.

*Joshua Whitwell, Rowing Manager*
Sport News

Our Summer Sports have come to an end with great seasons being had by all of our teams. With all of our four boys’ Soccer teams we had no less than seven wins out of twelve games with some draws in addition to those wins. The Year 8/9 Football boys also had a very competitive season playing some great footy under two different coaches. Both our junior and senior Basketball boys had very successful seasons with only a couple of losses for the whole season between four teams. Our Saturday morning Badminton girls came runners up in the Grand Final. Our Wednesday Netball teams also did well with one of the Year 8 teams coming runner up in their division and the Year 10 girls being Grand Final winners in theirs. Our open footy boys also won the Grand Final by just 5 points against Concordia. Congratulations to all of these Winter sports players, particularly the Year 10 Netball girls and the open Football boys for winning the Grand Finals.

We have only had a couple more knockout results recently. Our open Badminton teams played in the Finals with the boys finishing third overall and the girls second – a great effort by these players.

Our open Basketball boys also played in the Finals but, with a depleted team due to illness and injury, didn’t quite get the result we were looking for coming fourth. The Year 8/9 Soccer girls were knocked out in their fourth game but did very well to win their first three games. Our Year 10 boys Basketball team easily progressed through their first two rounds and will be playing the next in Term 4. Sadly our Year 10 girls Basketball team were knocked out in a very close game that had to go into overtime. We have more Basketball in Term 4 with our Year 8 boys and girls starting their campaigns.

In the middle of the term we had two teams of Year 8 and 9 girls playing in a 9-a-side Football Carnival. Despite some very enthusiastic players, neither team made the Grand Final but a great day was had by all. We had a number of Volleyball teams who took part in a weekend State Volleyball Cup and congratulations need to go to the under 15 boys team who won silver. Congratulations also to our South Australian U18 Touch team who were gold medal winners in the Developing States Championships with Unley High School student Steph O’Hara and past scholar Eleanor Konopka in the team. Coming up at the end of the term we will have a number of students taking part in the Orienteering Relay Championships.

This week we have a Year 8-9 girls Volleyball team competing in the Grand Final of the Friday night Junior League. This is a fantastic effort and better than any Unley High School team has done before in this league so good luck to the girls.

Summer sports have already started with girls Basketball and boys Indoor Soccer already recording wins. Next term we will see our Cricket, Badminton and Touch players back in action on Saturday mornings and we will have plenty more carnivals and individual events. Good luck to all students taking part in these events.

Anna Henderson, Sport Coordinator
Community News

ADELAIDE DRAGONS
TABLE TENNIS CLUB

COACHES

Li Wang Li
Level 3 Coach, coached in China and Australia for 16 years, group and private coaching. Played 18 years professional in the China national league, South Australia Representative.

Ann Marie Jolley
Level 2 Coach, 5 years of coaching private and group sessions and State High Performance Coach. SA Singles Champion, Australian Doubles and Mixed Doubles Champion, Australian and South Australian Representative and Semi-professional in Germany.

Alice Abbas
Level 2 Coach.

Sigi Stoeger
Level 1 Coach, South Australian State Team and Smash Hit Coach.

David Williamson
Level 1 Coach.

Bryant Ung
Level 1 Coach, CALD Coach.

CULTURAL AND LINGUISTACALLY DIVERSE (CALD) PROGRAM

Thursday 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Cost: $7.50
Cultural and Linguistically Diverse Table Tennis is a program which encourages individuals/groups from non-English speaking backgrounds to play and learn table tennis skills in a friendly environment. The program involves individual, and group coaching.
All programs are used to engage with the CALD community.
CALD: A person who was born, or who has a parent or grandparent who was born, in a non-English speaking country.

SOCIAL HITTING

Saturday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Monday and Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Cost: $3.00
Social hitting is available to all players. It is a great way to make new friends and train with someone new. All sessions include coffee and biscuits.

SMASH HIT JUNIOR PROGRAM

Saturday 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Cost: $7.50
Smash Hit Junior Table Tennis is an introductory program for juniors aged between 7 - 15 (approximately). Played in school terms each Saturday morning between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.
The program is supervised and involves games, coaching, and practice and is a lot of fun for the juniors.

ATTC PRACTICE

Wednesday and Friday 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Cost: $3.00 (members) $5.00 (non-members)
All are welcome. Cold beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and snacks available for sale.

For information on club membership please contact
Philip Sansovini at philip.sansovini@bigpond.com or phone 8371 1964

TEN STEPS TO ROAD SAFETY

Sometimes the simplest approach to an idea is the best. Recently, we were given the “Ten steps to Road Safety” which are worth considering when being a safe road user. The list can certainly be added to and is not exhaustive. Anyway, here they are:

1. Give your keys to the designated driver when sober, you won’t when drunk.
2. If you don’t trust your mates on drugs, why trust yourself.
3. Fast won’t get you there sooner — Lose your licence and you’re screwed.
4. Not wearing a seat belt is a smack in the face. Head trauma hurts.
5. Mates are a distraction. The more in the car the greater the risk.
6. Don’t use a mobile phone at all if L or P1 (not even in an approved car kit)
7. Storytelling is for kids — dangerous driving stories don’t get you kudos.
8. Driving is like colouring-in, stay between the lines and don’t cut corners.
9. The three second rule allows for safe reaction and braking time.
10. You don’t get good at something in 5 minutes — experience takes time.
# Term 4 2013 Diary Dates

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**Sturt Blue Light**
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
dates coming up: 18th October & 22nd November

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

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