



**Year 8-11
Presentation Morning**

The dust has barely settled on the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and planning is underway for the Year 8-11 Presentation Morning which will be held in the

George Cresswell Hall

on Friday 23 November 2012

from 9.00am

to approximately 10.30am.

**Everyone is welcome to attend
this important occasion.**

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

This is a morning where students are acknowledged for their academic excellence, outstanding commitment to learning and general school life, school service and sporting achievements.

Each year there are a series of special awards presented to students who have excelled in the area of leadership in various areas within the school and the local community.

Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal

From the Principal....

One of our two school goals is to increase community connection to Unley High School. We have implemented a number of measures to assist us to gauge our progress. They include, increasing the percentage of community based curriculum activities by 20%, increasing the percentage of parents who attend school events by 10%, increasing the percentage of parents who attend Parent Teacher Interviews by 25% and offering at least four activities which are run by parents, for parents.

Our Graduation Ceremony on 19 October 2012 was a very enjoyable celebration of student achievement. More than 50 staff were involved in ensuring the celebration ran smoothly and to schedule. Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal, led the team planning the Ceremony, and although we received feedback that the event was 'perfect', and 'we should not change a thing', we will hold a review to ensure we continue to hold an event that everyone can be proud of. Thank you to all of those who planned and participated in the Ceremony. We know it was a fitting celebration for our graduating students and wish them all the very best as they finalise their work at Unley High School.



Our Event and Fundraising Committee organised our first ever 'Parent' Graduation Party in the evening of Graduation Day. The event aimed to celebrate the achievement of parents who have supported their child through the rigours of Year 12. It was held in the recently refurbished Senior Study Centre - now known as the Learning Hub - and attracted more than 150 parents and an additional 20 staff. The night was catered for by our Parent Voice Committee and the Events and Fundraising Committee, and was supported by generous donations by businesses in our community. The Parent Graduation Party was a joyous and light-hearted evening, with the staff getting certificates of appreciation and medals, thanking them for their commitment to students. It was a wonderful opportunity to build social connection, that will hopefully continue even if the connection to Unley High School is over.

This event typified the best of what we are striving to achieve – parents and staff working together to build a positive and open culture. There is no doubt that all research literature shows that a close link between the school and the home supports student wellbeing and achievement.

I would like to sincerely thank the parents who developed and ran this event. They displayed skills, hard work and enthusiasm that was a real pleasure to see. We hope the event will become a regular feature of our annual calendar.

Susan Cameron



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and Child Development**

Finance News

2012 School Card

Please note that the final day for 2012 School Card applications is 16 November 2012. Please make sure that you have your application in by this date as no late applications are accepted. Forms are available from Student Services, www.DECD.sa.gov.au/goldbook or the School Card Section on 1800 672 758

Material and Service Charges

It was noted at a recent Finance Advisory Committee that there are still over 200 families who have not yet made arrangements to pay their Materials and Service fees for this year. The school will pursue non-payment of fees through DECD Debt Collection. Parent contribution goes totally to the delivery of our curriculum. This is the only funding the school receives to provide the necessary curricula resources, text books, printing, workbooks, planners, equipment, pastoral care activities, ICT, library and all the components needed for 21st Century learning for your student/s.

Information has recently been provided for 2013 Materials and Service Charges. We are pleased that we have been able to maintain our fees at the same level as 2012 and reduce some subject charges and book list costs despite a State CPI increase of 1.2% and a National increase for Education of 6.1%. Whilst maintaining the fee at \$665 we have within this charge included the cost of resources needed for the initial delivery of the Australian Curriculum in 2013.

Rosemary Wright, Business Manager

Health & Physical Education News



Year 12 Child Studies Visit to Mitcham Primary School

The final practical task for the Year 12 Child Studies class was a group task where the students prepared activities appropriate for young children. On the morning of 11 October 2012, these activities were presented by small groups of the Child Studies class to the Year 2 classes at Mitcham Primary School.

The students organised activities to include an area of development such as social, physical, emotional or cognitive development, over a 45-minute lesson. These themed activities ranged from story-telling to reading short stories, followed by accompanying activities including outdoor games, puppet-making, origami and making masks. The activities were received with enthusiasm and curiosity. The Year 12 students enjoyed the interaction with the young students, who showed their appreciation to the students for the activities presented. Pictured above is Michaela Salvatore and Carly Legg with animal masks and paper faces.

Daphne White, Year 12 Child Studies Teacher

English News

Poetry Winners

In previous newsletters you will have read about the UHS Poetry Competition. I am pleased to report that a number of our students have successfully entered the Spring Poetry Competition. This is a state wide competition run by the South Australian English Teachers Association. Over 700 entries were submitted this year.

The following students were selected for publication:

Year 12: Tahlia Svingos, Rachael Della, Laurel Keller and Robyn Da Silva

Year 10: Holly Konopka

Year 8: Emily Ryan-Cooper

These students have been invited to the launch of the book on October 20th.

Paper

I am blank, I am nothingness
I need others to bring out my beauty.
Stripped by my mother for the use of another,
Wasted, mistreated.
I'm just as fragile as you.
But I don't know what feelings are.
I come in abundance,
Yet I feel so alone.
Unleash your imagination,
For I will never judge,
I will be what you want me to be.
Creativity inspires us, emotion bonds us
They bring out the best in us both.
To some I am dull,
But others see beyond.
My appearance may seem bland,
But I am what you make of me.
by Emily Ryan-Cooper, Year 8 2012



Congratulations to Jess Clayfield, a Year 10 student, whose art work was selected for the front cover of the Spring Poetry Collection 2012.

Ruth Eckert, English Teacher

Year 11 News

Year 11 Semi-Formal

The Year 11 Semi-Formal was held at the Stamford Grand Hotel on Thursday 6 September 2012. Students were greeted by staff serving 'mocktails', before entering the well-decorated ballroom, for a sit-down, delicious 3-course meal - the menu of which was voted for by the students.

The students danced the night away, to music they had selected for the DJ. Awards were presented during the evening for the best dressed, as well as humorous awards including 'The most likely student to succeed as a millionaire!'

Approximately 160 students and 27 staff attended. The students and staff had a wonderful time, as can be seen in the photos below.



Ms Daphne White, Year 11 Manager and the Year 11 Semi-Formal committee.

Link Program News

Minister for Education Award

On Friday 26 October 2012, Tina May, a student with the Unley High School Link Program, was presented with a 'Minister for Education Award', by the The Honourable Grace Portolesi MP. The award, part of SA Children's Week 2012, was presented to Tina for overcoming insurmountable personal challenges and taking control of her life to ensure her dreams are achieved.

Tina is an inspiration to all young people with a disability. She has shown exceptional strength and fortitude in facing and overcoming many personal challenges throughout her 17 years. Tina has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a degenerative condition which will worsen with age and growth. Coupled with her disability, Tina's personal life has also been full of challenges, resulting in a range of living situations, some less than ideal. After family were unable to care for her effectively Tina spent 12 months at the Adelaide Women's & Children's Hospital, whilst attending part-time school at Adelaide West Special Education Centre. Together with school staff and a disability advocate, Tina personally researched her disability, health, schooling and personal needs and, as a consequence, now lives independently in a CARA respite house and recently enrolled at Unley High School to further her education.

Tina's positive attitude, enthusiasm and determination will ensure her success in achieving her SACE and ongoing studies at TAFE or University. She is extremely deserving of a 'Minister for Education Award', and we have no doubt she will achieve all she desires. We are exceptionally proud of her and wish her all the very best for her future.



Jane Kettle, SSO Link Program

Canteen Thank you's

Many thanks to our volunteer parents for the donation of their time to help us in the canteen from 11th September to 19th October, 2012

Kerrilee Lock, Katherine Ganley, Ra Stretch, Yasmin McInerney, Tracy Svingos, Elizabeth Key, Trudie Cain, Jo Patterson, Amanda Crockett-Nairi, Amanda Johnston, Jan Hardwick, Marion Plane, Donna Jones, Liz Drescher, Jenny Stevens, Kathy Tansell, Anna Chin and Millie Kolivinos.

Thank You, Lorraine, Helen & Elaine

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

To people who attended our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, please note that Ben James was omitted from the Outstanding Commitment to School Sport Award.

Kathy Ellis, Deputy Principal

Sport News

The first few weeks of the term have already been busy with sport. We are back into our weekly summer sports with Cricket, Badminton, Drive Tennis and Touch on Saturday mornings in addition to our mid-week sports which started last term. We also have our Senior Cricket boys playing in a Twenty20 Cricket Competition on Friday afternoons.

In Knockout and Carnivals recently, we have had some fantastic results. In the final week of Term 3 we saw our Year 10 Girls Basketball team knocked out of the competition by Cornerstone, although our girls played a really great game. Our Year 8-9 Knockout Girls Tennis team were also sadly knocked out by a very strong Walford team, again our girls played some lovely tennis. We had a number of boys attend an Indoor Rowing Carnival where we came away with a number of individual and team event wins, and our Year 8-9 boys and girls both came away with grand final wins at a Come 'n' Try Touch Carnival. Most exciting was the grand final win for our open mixed Badminton team at their knockout event meaning they are the State Champions. Hopefully our Year 8-9 team, who have already won some minor round games, will do as well in their finals rounds.



Badminton Open Mixed Knockout Champions

This term has started very well for Knockout events. The Year 8-9 boys and girls Volleyball teams both came third in their minor round group round. The top three teams were so close that the third places came only after a count back so it was a great effort. Our Year 8-9 Boys Knockout Tennis team have won all of their minor round group games to take them to the finals next week. The Year 10 Boys Basketball team have won another game against a strong Sacred Heart team to also go to the finals. Hopefully these boys will all do well to maybe bring home state titles.

We still have some more Basketball, Tennis, Softball and Badminton to come in Knockout competitions.



Our super swimmer, Jesse Aungles, recently made the 'Road to Rio' Training Program held in Canberra and is very hopeful to be part of the Australian Paralympic team in Rio De Janeiro in 2016.

He is also a finalist for the end of year School Sports Awards given to outstanding South Australian sporting students at the end of the year. Congratulations to Jesse on these fantastic achievements.



Year 8-9 Boys Knockout Tennis



Year 8-9 Girls KO Tennis



Year 8-9 Boys KO Tennis

Anna Henderson, Sports Coordinator

Arts & LOTE News

Italy Art & Language Trip fundraiser

Movie Night: 'To Rome with Love' Mitcham Cinema

This was a highly successful fundraiser for our 2013 Italy study trip, with over 260 tickets sold for the night. A raffle and cake stall supported this event and also proved to be popular. It assisted in raising a significant amount, which will subsidise students on this trip. A very big thank you to local businesses who were very generous in their donations and supported the Raffle, these included; The Lenzerheide, The Edinburgh, Caffe Buongiorno, The Tonsley Hotel, The Rising Sun and the Mercato supermarket.

The movie night and raffle were a great way to get to know our students, who showed us they were team players in their assistance, organisation and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic night which raised awareness of the Italy trip next year with 37 fabulous students. Thank you also to Ms Dougherty and Mr Harous for their very witty and clever Photo booth, it was a lot of fun and assisted in the atmosphere on the night.



Major Casting call - kids TV Series: Network 10

ANGELA HEESOM CASTING is South Australia's leading casting agency and has been for over 15 years. Having cast hundreds of TV commercials and over 40 films to date – they are now casting an exciting new Kids TV Adventure Series for Network 10 and are searching for our star cast (no acting experience required). They are looking for:

Teenage Boys & Girls: 15 - 19 years

Girls: 12 - 14 years

Directors will be visiting Unley High School to run an Open Casting Call on Friday 9 November 2012 between 12:50-2:25pm in the Performing Arts Centre, room 615.

All that is involved is a quick chat to camera – no script, no lines! Just a barrel of fun and a great opportunity for students to experience what it's really like to try out for a role in film or TV.

Please see Ms Moore or your Drama teachers for a permission form if you are interested. The permission must be signed by your Parents/Caregiver. We hope some of our students will explore this exciting opportunity

Terri Moore, Arts Coordinator

Arts News

'Phoenix' Exhibition at Gallery One Year 10 and 11 students

In a joint effort with Julie Arnott and Gallery One, the 'Phoenix' Exhibition was created to showcase the works of our Year 11 and 10 students. The Exhibition celebrated our students' creativity and passion for Art and is part of our work around the school's goal to engage and connect with our community.

The 55 works presented in this Exhibition were in the realm of Visual Arts – Art, Craft and Design, covering various medias and sizes in full plastic, (3D) and 2D, (on canvas and paper). The styles and themes varied from Surrealism, Realism, Symbolism and Abstraction and some of the motives represented are Still lives, Figures, and Landscapes. They engage comment and explore various topics, such as Social, Cultural Context and Environment. The exhibition, titled 'PHOENIX' represented a little reminder of the power of positive thinking and creative mind, when our Art Department was affected by last year's fire.

An opening on Thursday 11th October 2012 was highly successful with many of our young artists, parents, staff and community attending. We also hope that this will be the beginning of a new tradition. An annual exhibition that could grow to include other Art forms, such as Music and 'Gourmet Art'. Time will tell how this initiative will develop.



Robert Zunic, Visual Art Teacher

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6.30-8.30pm

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All preschool, primary and secondary students aged less than 18 years, are eligible for care. Fees and conditions apply.

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

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School Holiday Cricket Academy

Scotch College, Carruth Rd, Torrens Park

Mon 17th, Tues 18th & Wed 19th Dec 2012

Coaching Academy

(Children aged 5-11 years)

\$100.00 per child (Inc. GST) for the 3 days

9:00am-12:00pm

Pathway Academy

(Children aged 12-17 years)

\$140.00 per child (Inc. GST) for the 3 days

1:00pm - 4:00pm

For information contact Jeremy Appleton

Mobile - 0408 490 079 or

Email - jeremy@appletonsports.com.au

The Class of 2002 Reunion

On Saturday the 10 November 2012 at 5pm there will be a reunion of the class of 2002 in the Performing Arts Center at Unley High School.

All students of that year's graduating class and their teachers are invited to attend. Finger food will be supplied by the Rowing Club and they will also be selling drinks on the evening.

A tour of Unley High School will also be offered to those who would like to participate. The cost is \$20 and payment needs to be made before the night at www.trybooking.com/WDB.

I look forward to seeing as many old scholars and their teachers as possible.

Sue Wendt



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Community News

STURT BLUE LIGHT UNDER AGE RAGE

Marion Cultural Centre, Domain Theatre, 287 Diagonal Road Oaklands Park

Friday November 9th 2012 7.30pm – 10.00 pm and Friday December 14th 2012 7.30pm – 10.00 pm

NEW DJ – Isaac, also Soul One Dance Crew performing throughout the event

Tickets - \$7.00 available from the Marion Cultural Centre Box Office between 10am – 5pm weekdays

Event is fully supervised by Police and Blue Light Volunteers - Lots of prizes !!!! Canteen facilities 9-17 years LOCK IN

For more info please contact Sturt Crime Prevention on 8207 4820




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Term 4 2012

Oct 29 - Nov 14	Year 12 Exams	
November 13	Year 7 'Getting to Know You'	2.00pm
November 13	Year 7 Parent Evening	6.30pm
November 20-22	Year 7 Orientation Days	
November 23	Year 8-11 Presentation Morning - George Cresswell Hall	9.00am to 10.30am
November 26-29	Year 11 Exams	
November 28	STUDENT FREE DAY	
November 30	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 11	
December 7	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 10	
December 10-12	Year 9 Presentations	
December 11	Year 8 Showcase	
December 14	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 8 & 9	
December 14	EARLY DISMISSAL	12.30pm

Term 1 2013

January 28	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Australia Day	
January 29	Year 8 & 12 commence school	8.45am
January 30	Year 9, 10 & 11 Students commence school	8.45am