

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

The Utmost for the Highest



NEWSLETTER 2

April 2017

From the Principal



Unley High School has completed a really productive Term 1. Some shared celebrations and recent events are outlined in this newsletter. We launched the colourful 2016 Year book (available from Student Services), took part in Head of the River and ran Year 8 to 12 Acquaintance Nights, Year 8 Swimming Carnival, Sports Day and interschool swimming and athletics competitions. Unley High sent representatives to important community events like the anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations breakfast, Harmony Day and the International Women's Day celebration. Senior students joined in promoting the Meningococcal B vaccine trial in SA, and their Year 12 Formal was a great night and a chance to forget study for one evening. The detail put into the organization by the Student Committee and Year 12 Manager Alice Paterson is to be commended. The Hilton venue looked magnificent. The many staff who attended are to be thanked for their contributions to the success of the event.

After a term's work in Years 8 to 12 subjects, the first written reports are available for students and parents. Reading all Year 9 reports recently, it is pleasing to see that the majority of students are working productively both in class and on assignments during out of class time. Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for the third week of Term 2, providing a direct avenue to discuss ways forward and to reaffirm the partnership between home and school. This partnership is a vital support in the lives of our young people. While teachers look forward to catching up with parents and students from all year levels at the Interviews, we encourage parents to continue to contact us on any matters as they arise.

Our school was commended in many areas by a DECD review team recently. We received the maximum four year return cycle and the final report will be published on the website when available. In Staffing news Rob Perkins has been seconded to the DECD Learning Improvement team for 6 months on a Gifted Education project. Toby Watts takes on the Assistant Principal Middle School role and Greg Waldeck is VET/ Career Development Coordinator. Deb Green takes up the Female Counsellor Coordinator role.

We had an overwhelming response to our recent Open Evening and it was a pleasure to see our students so proudly and competently show our potential families around to meet teachers and current students, and see working displays. The Principal's tour in the following week saw our largest turnout ever.

Year 9 students undertake NAPLAN tests in the second week of next term. These tests provide teachers with useful data on each student's reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. We use this along with subject grades to form a comprehensive picture of individual progress and to highlight any areas for improvement. Analysis of NAPLAN data is proving increasingly important in the area of planning for educational success.

Progress is continuing on our STEM Works project, with a recent Design Start Up meeting held at our school. Discussion focussed on fine tuning our project design and establishing project administration procedures, such as safety protocols.

Also, importantly, it allowed school leadership to be introduced to key personnel working on the project. This included departmental representatives, along with the project's architect and key engineers. Our STEM Works project has a budget of \$2.5M which will be used to develop an integrated Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths facility. It is anticipated that the concept phase will take six weeks to complete. This process includes engaging engineers and developing a more detailed report to set out an indicative building program and to inform the procurement strategy. It is anticipated that builders will be engaged from mid-year subject to the complexity of the project. Best wishes for a well-deserved and safe holiday break.

Brenda Harris

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International Women's Day

International Women's Day is dearly loved, as it allows women of all cultures to rejoice; celebrating the importance of women and the gifts we bring to the world. On 10 March, Adelaide gave recognition to its women by holding the annual International Women's Day Breakfast. Tickets for this event sold out in only two hours; indicating the popularity of this event. The Adelaide Convention Centre hosted 2,700 women and men that morning, and together we gathered to celebrate all that women are.

Laughs were shared and insight was given by the beautifully spoken former Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Senator Penny Wong. The morning concluded with our perspectives broadened and a feeling of empowerment, despite learning of the disadvantage women face across the globe in many areas of life, including in salaries and in education.

Unley High School was invited to join members of DECD in the VIP section. This was an honour and a privilege as we mingled with women who had broken through the "glass ceiling" and have made their mark in the world.

What was made clear to me during this morning was the power women have, when we fight and stand together, to make known what is fair. We are the future, and to make our future strong, fair and above all, wonderful, we must celebrate and appreciate all that women are, and what we are capable of, today and every day.

Evie Koukoulas, Year 11 Student



On Friday 10 March there was an International Women's day breakfast held at the convention centre. It was a huge event that held 2,700 people with a waiting list of 900 people. Four students, Grace Lo Basso, Georgia Osborne, Sophie Grayling and Evie Koukoulas, along with our principal Ms Brenda Harris, were invited to attend. We were lucky enough to hear and meet the Honourable Julia Gillard who spoke about gender inequality and her current work in the field across many countries. The Honourable Senator Penny Wong hosted the event, speaking out about her personal struggles and experiences. It was an amazing opportunity that we were lucky enough to be a part of and one that we will remember and hold closely to our hearts for a long time.

Grace Lo Basso, Head Prefect



Introducing our new Deputy Principal

We welcome Mr Greg Rolton our new Deputy Principal, who replaces Ms Joanne Costa. Greg began his teaching career in Whyalla and his most recent appointment was at Aberfoyle Park High School where he spent 5 years as the Deputy Principal. His main teaching areas were in the Sciences (Chemistry and Geology) and Physical Education.



At Unley High School one of Greg's responsibilities is to co-lead the Curriculum Committee with Ms Harris, Principal. He has come from a school, which, like Unley High School, has a structure of professional development for teachers called PLCs (professional learning communities). He is looking forward to working with teams to help in 'taking the next step towards improving outcomes for students'.

Greg's other responsibilities include staffing; the oversight of Year 10 students with Mr Martin Ellis; and the new building project for STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths).

Greg likes to keep fit by rowing and riding. Aside from keeping him fit, these activities are the preparation for his main interest, which is climbing. 'In Australia it's rock climbing, in Europe it's mountain climbing, up to 4000 feet.'

With his wife Gillian Rolton (the Olympic equestrian champion who won gold medals in 1992 and 1996), Greg runs a program for equestrian riders. These young people become part of the Rolton household for up to 18 months, bringing their own horses for training.

Of his work at Unley High School he says, "I'm looking forward to taking the curriculum further, working with teaching teams, so that we can continue to improve outcomes for students. Unley High School is a high performing school and with the students we have, there is no reason we can't move students forward even more".

LINK News



We are proud to welcome Ethan Woollaston as the LINK representative on Student Voice in 2017. Ethan is keen to continue to improve the profile of LINK Students and their independent access to all school buildings. He has taken on this role with great enthusiasm. Student voice meet regularly to represent their peers in a range of school matters.



We would also like to congratulate Year 8 Sophie Pontifex, on her recent swimming achievements. Sophie attended a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport earlier this year. In a recent National Swim meet in Darwin, Sophie won 4 silver medals in freestyle and backstroke events. Sophie broke the Australian 14yr S7 200IM record, as well as the Australian 14yr S7 50m Freestyle at the SASSSA carnival. Sophie also achieved two National Open qualifying times this season.

Congratulations Sophie on this outstanding sporting achievement.



English News

WordFlyers arrives at Unley High School. This year, Unley High School has subscribed Years 8, 9 and 10 students to an online literacy program called WordFlyers. This interactive English program is designed to build students' essential literacy and higher-order thinking skills. To access WordFlyers at home on desktops, laptops and tablets, simply visit www.wordflyers.com.au and click on 'Student' to log in. Your child has their own unique login and password to access WordFlyers at home. They received this from their English or EAL teacher. Please feel free to browse the site with your child as it will be used in English and EAL classes during this year. Mastering and continuing to work on literacy skills such as spelling, grammar and punctuation is an essential part of doing well at school, further study and work. To get the most out of your child's WordFlyers subscription, we recommend they use the website at home for at least 30 minutes each week.



If you find that your child is struggling with basic grammar, punctuation, comprehension and spelling skills, the website includes a Review level where students can quickly learn skills they may have missed in earlier years of schooling. Is it *receive* or *recieve*? Do I use *complement* or *compliment*? Is it the *dog's bone* or the *dogs' bone*? WordFlyers explains the rules and provides plenty of practice for students to learn essential literacy skills that are a feature of the Australian Curriculum: English.

In the lead-up to the May NAPLAN literacy tests, Unley students can use their WordFlyers subscription to familiarise themselves with the Language Conventions and Reading test formats. Each of the 128 units on WordFlyers has two lessons in the same format as the NAPLAN tests, on topics including grammar, spelling, punctuation and reading comprehension. Your child can easily find the NAPLAN*-style tests on the navigation bar. Using WordFlyers www.wordflyers.com.au for just 30 minutes a week will help your child to gain better literacy skills which will aid in their success across the curriculum.

Debating 2017



This year we have three teams in the Debating SA competition and they will begin the competition in week 2 of Term 2. The Year 8 Blue team consists of Jingle Lim, Charisse Teoh, Anthony Tsecagias, Rishabh Vasisht and Leia Vlahos. I will be coaching this team and their first debate will be on May 9 at Pembroke School where they will be asked to argue that fines for truancy should be increased. They will debate against St. John's Grammar School.

The Year 9 Blue team are coached this year by two of our most successful debaters from last year's Year 12s, Isaac Thiele-Swift and Jack Cheshire who are keen to pass on their knowledge and skill to our middle school students. The team consists of Maeve Allen-Horvat, Deanna Athanasos, Nate Campbell, Steph Madigan and Caleb Mulholland. Their first debate will be on May 9 also at Pembroke and they will have to convince the adjudicator that doctors, nurses and midwives who promote anti vaccination messages should not be prosecuted. They will debate against Pedare Christian College.

The Year 10 Blue team consisting of Daniel Allen, Kayland Beswick, Thomas Krajnc and Henry Thiele-Swift will have their first debate on May 10 at Adelaide High School. They will argue that the development of artificial intelligence is not an unacceptable risk to humanity. The first debate is against Seaton High School. Jessica Williams one of our Maths teachers, aided by Angela Pano-Brugman, English teacher, will continue to coach the team this year.

Spectators are always welcome and information about the competition is available on the website; www.debating.sa.com.au. I look forward to another invigorating year of debating at Unley in 2017.

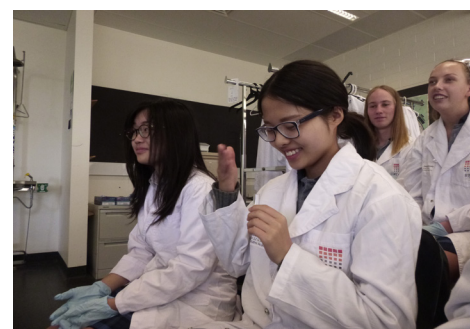
Sue Wendt, English Coordinator



Science News

On Thursday 9 March, Year 12 Chemistry students journeyed to Flinders University to gain insight into our chromatography topic and take advantage of the advanced resources available at Flinders University. Students undertook a series of experiments involving assessing components of liquids in a glow stick, grape Kool-Aid and different forms of solutions. We were able to watch an atomic absorption spectrometer in action. This was quite exciting because of the flame it emits. One of the main highlights was getting to smell all the different types of solutions that are considered 'faults' in wine-making due to their impurities. This included a clear liquid that apparently smelt like a horse. I can confirm it definitely did, and for some reason, everyone was quite captivated by its scent! At first, we were somewhat intimidated by the vast lab, but soon everyone got involved and took away a wealth of information from the trip. This excursion provided us with a valuable experience outside of the classroom. As we were able to gain a greater understanding of the highly technical equipment used within chromatography. The experiments made useful practical connections that aided our overall understanding of the chromatography topic and helped us significantly.

Loren Adlington, Year 12 Student



Art News

Each year Mr Zunic's Year 10 Art class is visited by a working artist to discuss their work. This year, the students were fortunate to be visited on two separate occasions by Mr Dieter Engler, a nationally renowned Australian artist. He has been exhibiting throughout Australia since 1980 and has held numerous highly successful solo exhibitions. Dieter presented his ideas on Art and discussed dozens of works in various media.

Here are some examples of work produced by Year 9 and 10 students in their Term 1 Art Studies.

Robert Zunic, Art Teacher





Guangdong Teacher Visit

Between 27 February and 3 March, Unley High School participated in the Guangdong Secondary School Teachers Training Program. A group of 20 teachers from Guangdong Province in China work shadowed staff in 5 secondary schools in Adelaide to learn about the South Australian education system and pedagogy.

Unley High School hosted five of these teachers who work shadowed our teachers in the areas of Science, Maths, Physical Education, Technical Studies and English. One of the Chinese teachers was a PE Specialist teacher and also the Principal in a school that teaches Chinese Martial Arts as part of the curriculum. Another teacher came from a school with an enrolment of 7000 students where the average class size is between 60 to 70 students.

The Chinese teachers said they felt privileged to work with experienced teachers and engaged students at Unley High School. They were impressed by school management processes and the knowledge and professionalism of staff and their classroom management skills. They expressed their thanks for the care and attention they were shown at Unley High School, the generous way questions were answered and the passion they saw in our teaching. They were very surprised by the high level of independent learning skills of Unley High School students in all year levels they observed. It was interesting to learn from them that their school district in China is trying to introduce more independent and self-directed learning but pressures of course completion and class sizes currently hinder their progress in this.

Teachers from Unley who participated in the visit reported that it was an interesting and enjoyable experience with one teacher commenting, "It was so pleasing to see our visitors expressions and interest in what we do as educators and their final comments showed that we do so much, so well at Unley."

Andrew Cawthorne, International Student Coordinator





Greek National Day Celebrations

A team of dedicated and hard working parents and students helped to make Greek Independence Day celebrations held on Monday 27 March a huge success. Thank you to all the members of the Greek Parents Council for their tireless efforts in preparation of the lunchtime barbecue and the morning tea for staff members. We thank all parents who provided the delicious Greek sweets. We extend a special thank you to Ourania Ntafillis for her efforts in organizing letters, posters and overseeing the smooth running of events on the day and Sofia Arhontoulis for her role as MC during the morning tea.



Matoula Kouzionis, Greek Teacher

Viki Ntafillis and Emily Sapounas organised a group of students to perform a Greek dance at the morning tea. We congratulate them for their dedication and efforts in organising this event. Congratulations also to the following students who delighted us with their performance of the Kalamatiano

dance; Bella Antonis, Indy Lauthier, Georgia Marantos, Lilli Mavrogiannis, Dimi Ntafillis, Lucas Papageorgiou, Eleni Sremcevic, Kosta Makris, Demi Kountourogiannis, Marisa Djukovic, George Leonardos, Sophia Hu, Holly Xin, Jonathan Antonis, Eleni Arhontoulis, Anastasia Pericleous, Viki Ntafillis, Emily Sapounas and Breanna Schultz



Peer Support Program

Peer Support is a mentoring and leadership program available to Year 11 students. The main aim of the program is to provide opportunities for Year 11 students to connect with, guide and assist our Year 8 students as they transition from primary school to high school. By being involved in orientation activities and organising events such as the swimming carnival and the treasure hunt, the Year 11 students establish positive relationships with the Year 8s while learning a lot about themselves as leaders.

Student quotes about the program -

I remember when I was in Year 8, I was nervous about starting high school but the peer support leaders were there to reassure and inform us about what lay ahead. I wanted to do the same for the year 8s who were just as nervous as I was - **Lucy**

I want to learn more about what it takes to be a leader - **Isabelle**

I want to develop leadership skills and gain confidence - **Mitch**

Peer support may be a possible career pathway as I am interested in working with kids - **Zac**

When students were asked what qualities they hoped to develop as mentors, they said:

Listening to everyone's unique point of view - **Nick**

Enthusiasm and getting along well with people - **Callum**

Encouragement, respect and kindness - **Jye**

Approachable, kind and respectful - **Tayla**

A good listener and a good communicator - **Lottie**

Gill Forster, Peer Support Teacher





Year 8 Camp

Each year Unley High School's Year 8 students are invited to attend a camp in Term One to help students develop positive relationships with teachers and their Year 8 peers. The camp helps students to initiate new friendships and strengthen existing ones as well as getting to know their teachers better away from the classroom.

Students are organised into three different groups and travel to the campsite via bus to spend 2 days filled with plenty of fun activities. This year the camp was held at the Aldinga Holiday Park where the students took part in plenty of hilarious team building activities. Sessions were conducted on relationship building and problem solving and this culminated in the "Tribal Challenge".

A Surf Education Program run by the Aldinga Surf Lifesaving Club which included basic first aid, understanding the dangers of our beaches, rescue techniques as well as surfing and body boarding. The Unley High School Air Force Cadets ran interactive camp craft activities at night. These sessions were an excellent addition to the learning on the camp.

This year's camp was a great success with both students and staff enjoying their time away. Feedback received was that the new venue was great and that the activities were enjoyable, challenging and fun. We thank everyone involved for making the Year 8 camp a success, particularly all Year 8 Home Group teachers.

Charlie Marino, Year 8 Manager





Head of the River 2017

Unley High School competed in the annual School's Head of the river regatta held at West Lakes on Saturday 25 March. All of our entered crews made it through to the finals of their events. 12 of the 21 crews finished fourth or better in their races. Our crews achieved 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 3 thirds and 5 fourths overall. Congratulations to our winning crews - Year 9 Boys A crew and Senior Girls first IV.



At the Head of the River Dinner. Amy Park, Unley High School Old Scholar and Senior Girls Rowing coach gave a speech to her victorious crew. Below are excerpts from Amy's speech with inspiring quotes relevant to girls in rowing and sport in general.

As Seniors and moving on from the Unley High School Rowing Club I'd like to offer some advice to each of the girls

"Last year the Senior Girls First Four broke a long drought by being the first Unley High School girls' crew to win a Head of the River event in sixteen years. And girls, today we continued that legacy by backing up last year's win with a convincing victory, again in the Four."

"Never stop raising your voice and speaking up for what is important to you. There is a saying that goes - Only when you are getting sick of giving the message that others are just starting to listen"

"Where you see opportunities in life, seize them and run with them, because you never know where they may take you"

"Never be afraid to show passion, anger, sadness for things that happen in your life. But more importantly, learn to channel the emotion into the energy you can use to actually do something about what has upset you in the first place."

"Wear what makes you comfortable, what gives you confidence, and don't let other people put you down because of it."

"Never shy away from a challenge. All too often, particularly in girls sport, I think we see a tendency for girls to pull away from trying their best, worried about 'what they might look like' to their peers. And so, to all of the girls in the club, don't ever shy away from a challenge, don't ever be afraid to show people how good you are at something, and learn to cherish your skills, and celebrate them. I truly hope that in the years to come we get back to having an Unley Girls Eight out on the water."





Sports Day 2017

After a long build up which included House Meetings and events held before the day, the annual Unley High School Sports Day was held on Friday 17 March. Our Sports Captains played an important role in organising their teams for the day and generating enthusiasm amongst their fellow students. Throughout the day each of the year levels had an opportunity to compete in a wide range of track and field and novelty events to earn points for their House. It was great to see the large majority of students involved in at least one event throughout the day.

There was a close battle between the Houses throughout the competition for the overall points tally. MILLS and KYRE swapped the lead many times and GILES and KITCHENER were never far behind. This close battle led to a great deal of excitement heading into the concluding events - the 4 x 100m relays. The House Captains worked hard to organise their teams for the relays and it was great to see the support from the crowd for each team during these races. At the conclusion of the day, **MILLS** house ran away overall winners after some great individual and team performances for the second year in a row. On the day there were some outstanding individual performances by many students. Congratulations to all of the Year Level Champions for their efforts. Year 11 student Josh Rogers managed to break two school records and was very close to breaking a third. Josh's records were:



Year 11 200m: 24.35s

Year 11 Javelin: 44.87m

A team has been selected from the Sports Day results to represent our school at the SSSSA Athletics Championships to be held at Santos Stadium in Week 11. Congratulations and good luck to all students involved in that team.

I would like to thank all the staff who arrived early to set up equipment and make sure everything was ready to go. Well done to all of the students who participated in events on Sports Day or who acted as helpers. The positive attitudes, sportsmanship and enthusiasm were outstanding from all involved. We look forward to reviewing this year's Sports Day and building towards a bigger and better day in 2018. If any parents would like to make comment on this year's Sports Day please contact me at casey.freeman@uhs.sa.edu.au.

OVERALL POINTS

1st	Mills	2139pts
2nd	Kyre	2051pts
3rd	Giles	1863pts
4th	Kitchener	1747pts



	Girls	Pts	Boys	Pts
8	Aylee Tinsley-Smith	44	Noah Warde	66
	Lilli Mae Mavrogiannis	36	Tasi Asbanu	42
	Scarlett Williams	20	Rory White	32
	Tilly Midwinter			
9	Alex Ballard	60	Sam Jenkin	52
	Annabel Nettleton	38	Asher Gillings	38
	Jewel Ramintas	28	Siwon Kim	30
10	Persia Tuckey	28	Jye Sinderberry	60
	Annalise Size	24	James Murphy	38
	Tilly Goodwin-Smith	18	James Tavui	36
11	Shannon Cain	76	Josh Rogers	68
	Zoe Andrews	32	Alistair Rowe	46
	Georgia Sandford	30	Jarrett Richards	40
12	Hayley Bonython	78	Jordie Wittervan	52
	Maddi Shaw	48	Manny Bakas	42
	Gracie Henderson	30	Henry Goodfellow	38



Casey Freeman HPE Coordinator



Sports News

This term has sped by and we have wound up a number of our summer sport term long competitions. Both our Saturday morning cricket and badminton teams finished their games last week. These Saturday morning competitions do not have premiership tables so the success of our teams is measured by the enjoyment our players get out of playing and we are happy to say that the Year 8-9 cricket, year 11 cricket, two open badminton and one year 8-9 badminton teams have had great seasons with lots of wins and fantastic team spirit.

Our mid-week teams do have premiership tables and still have finals to play for most sports. Tennis and Girls Indoor Soccer have both finished. Congratulations to both of our year 8-9 tennis teams who placed second and third out of nine teams which are fantastic results. Our Girls Indoor Soccer ended up in third place – another great result. Finals still to be played are the Boys Indoor Soccer, Girls Volleyball and Girls Basketball.

We joined in the open Girls knockout softball competition this term and did very well to win all of our minor round games to make it to the finals day. In the end our girls placed fourth overall after displaying some very impressive double plays and catches in their final games. This was a very respectable result; particularly considering our team consisted of only four softball players who were supported by some sporty but inexperienced softball girls.

We have also taken part in some carnivals and other events. A large number of girls from Years 9 to 11 took part in surfing days which are always fantastic events. The girls had great weather and most managed to stand up on their boards. Another well attended event was the SSSSA Individual Tennis Championships. A number of boys and girls competed in their appropriate divisions. Everyone did very well with special mention to Tara Bubnjak who made it to the quarter final of her Championship group and Connor Filipov, Jackson Harvey and Georgia Rowley who all made it to the semi-finals of their consolation groups. All other players had at least some wins so everyone played fantastically.



Ethan Birrane competed in the SSSSA cycling time trials and came 7th in a very large group. This result earned him an invitation to attend the SSSSA two day Cycling Tour which he will take part in term 2.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent South Australia in their chosen sport. Jordie Wittervan was selected in the U20 State Men's Touch Football teams and Bec O'Hara in the Queensland U20 State Women's Touch Football team (South Australia did not enter a women's team).

Hayley Bonython has been selected in the U18 SSSSA School girls Softball team and will be competing in Adelaide in December in the School Sport Australia Championships. Andrew Steel competed in the National Kayaking competition and Sophie Pontifex was selected for the State Swimming Multiclass team (see additional articles for news about Andrew and Sophie's competitions). Congratulations to all of these students for these excellent sporting achievements.

We're looking forward to a very busy term 2 with sport. We have teams entered to play regularly in football, soccer, netball and volleyball plus knockout competitions in all of those sports and more.

Anna Henderson, Sports Coordinator





Australian Air Force Cadets - Unley Squadron

During first term Australian Air Force Cadets from 617 Squadron Unley High School attended the year 8 camps at Aldinga to coordinate some evening activities for students. Activities included erecting 3 by 3 metre tents, obstacle courses and when the weather became inclement one night, they demonstrated how to apply camouflage paint and use hand signals to send Chinese whispers down the line.



These are some examples of how The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) provides opportunities for self-development within a structured environment. 617 Squadron at Unley High School parades on a Monday night from 6:15pm until 9pm in the 500 block buildings. The squadron recruits cadets from the ages of 13-20, who take part in many activities ranging from theory classes where they learn survival skills, aircraft recognition, aviation theory, to practical classes focusing on personal reliance. The squadron is developing a flight simulator course to enhance cadets' flight training. Cadets have opportunities to take part in activities ranging from weekend field exercises, promotion courses based at the Edinburgh Air Force Base, international exchanges and flying lessons in both gliders and powered aircraft. The squadron actively promotes awards such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, of which last year they awarded 5 gold awards, 4 silver awards and 5 bronze awards. Many recipients are from Unley High School. These awards attract SACE points. As cadets progress through the training program they become eligible for SACE points for the advanced courses. Last year the squadron distinguished itself with the number of flying scholarships awarded to cadets. The squadron also supports community events such as the ANZAC Dawn service and Remembrance Day ceremony at Unley High School along with regular formal dining evenings.



For information about Unley cadets please email us at admino.617sqn@aafc.org.au.

Kayaking National Championships, Penrith, NSW

On 3 March 2017 I flew to Sydney with a group of about 30 kayakers from West Lakes, Onkaparinga and Holdfast Bay Canoe Clubs to take part in the National Championships, held between 5-9 March. I have only been kayaking for just over a year after being selected by the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) in November 2015. This was after SASI testers held a test for all year 8s at school, after which I was invited to attend two further selection tests over a few months. The tests are held to identify suitable candidates to take up sports such as cycling, volleyball and kayaking. They covered a number of fitness tests, as well as weight and height measurements. I was tested initially for cycling, but ended up being selected for kayaking, even though I had never been in a kayak before I started training. I

joined Holdfast Bay Club in January 2016, and I usually manage to train twice a week, but I try to increase to four times a week when the rowing season has finished. I have competed in a number of regattas at West Lakes over the season and was offered the opportunity to compete at the Nationals which I was really keen to do. We competed against other clubs from all over Australia, and I raced in the K4 with three boys I didn't know. I also competed in the K1, and raced in various distances from 200m to 1000m. The competition was held over four days, but we got a bit of down time to make friends and to relax. Although I didn't win any medals, I achieved personal best times in the 200m and 500m despite being very nervous. Kayaking is a sport where the peak age is around 28 years, so I have plenty of time to improve! It was a great event to be part of. I got to watch some really great racers, and to volunteer to hold two Olympians' boats at the start of their races. The facilities at Penrith are fabulous, and were used in the 2000 Olympics. The water there is much calmer than racing at West Lakes. I've now got a few weeks off before I start training again in May.

Andrew Steel Year 10





Community News

Materials and Service Charge 2017

The approved Materials and Service Charge for 2017 and subject fees, VET fees and Rowing fees need to be paid or have arrangements made for payment by the start of Term two. At this time many families owe fees for 2017 and previous years and it is essential these amounts are finalised or arrangements made to complete payment of outstanding amounts.

Your attention to either payment of the fees, completion of a 'Commitment to Pay' form and/or Direct Payment by Deposit form from the Finance Office would be appreciated. If you think you may be eligible for School Card, forms are available from Students Services and the School Card application can also be downloaded from www.decd.sa.gov.au.

Methods of payment include payment at the Finance Office between 8.00 am and 3.30 pm each day, payments on-line via the website or Direct Debit Deposits via bank account or credit card.

Direct Debit by Instalment has proven to be a successful option for payment of fees. Parents set an amount to pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly and specify the number of payments and payments are processed by finance staff against amounts outstanding.

If you have completed a 'Commitment to Pay' form you need to abide by the arrangements made on that form for payment of fees. If no arrangements are made then outstanding accounts will be forwarded to the Debt Collector by the end of Term Two. If you wish to discuss any arrangements please contact the school and speak to the Business Manager or Finance Officer on 8394 5400.

Betty Smith, Business Manager

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests for all Year 9s will run in Week 2 of Term 2. The specific dates and tests taking place on those dates can be seen below. Students are responsible for bringing their own materials to the tests. This includes a HB pencil, eraser, sharpener and calculator.

A NAPLAN report will be distributed to parents and caregivers later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. If you would like additional information regarding NAPLAN please contact Joe Rosmini, Year 9 Level Manager joe.rosmini@uhs.sa.edu.au or Toby Watts, Middle School Assistant Principal toby.watts@uhs.sa.edu.au

Tuesday 9 May 2017	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Reading 65 minutes
Thursday 11 May 2017	Numeracy 60 minutes
Friday 12 May 2017	Catch up tests



Uniform News



Introducing the new Unley High School Jacket. This item is the latest edition to the uniform and has been added as a result of student demand for a warmer jacket for winter. The jacket will be made from a "windstopper" fabric which is lined with polar fleece. The jacket is machine washable and will be available in a full size range.

Uniform Management Services are still waiting on the final costings from the manufacturer and the estimated time for delivery.

We will keep you informed of any information regarding the pricing and availability of the jacket as soon as it comes to hand.



Library News



Australia's largest online supplier of new books and eBooks to Schools, Public Libraries and Educational Institutions, offering over 20.2 million titles sourced from all over the world is **now available for students of Unley High School.**

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Canteen News



To our wonderful Canteen volunteers, thanks so much for giving up your precious time to help in the canteen. It's great to have you with us.
Regards Helen, Elaine and Liz.

Meredith Hough, Kerry Sinderberry, Anna Chin, Leonie Rowe, Zuzanna Synusas, Lorraine Brennan, Hasmik Annassian, Natalie Brittain, Teng Chua, Leanne Hough, Trudie Cain, Petryn Theile, Anja Clark, Georgina Chambers, Nimmika Cooray, Geraldine Sweeney, Sarah Thomas, Carla Davison



Who'll host a student for our school?



We've got Japanese students from Kyoto coming for a 14 night study tour : 2 -16 August 2017
Can you help?



Give one of these kids the chance of a lifetime: a short stay with your family. It could make a world of difference for them and you:

- explore their language, culture, customs and food;
- make a lasting bond with them and their family;
- join in activities with other host families;
- get a taste of the Homestay program and have other kids come to stay longer.

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NEWSLETTER 2

April, 2017

TERM 2 DIARY DATES

May 1	Student Free Day for Teacher Training	
May 9 -12	NAPLAN	
May 9	French Bilingual/Bi national Information Session	6.30pm
May 13	French Bilingual/Bi national Program Student Testing	10.00am - 12.00pm
May 15	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm
May 16	Year 8 Immunisations	
May 17	Parent/Teacher Interviews	12.00pm -8.00pm
May 18	Principal's Tour - Bookings essential	
May 23	Governing Council Meeting	7.00pm - 9.00pm
June 12	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday	
June 13	Student Free Day for Teacher training	
June 20	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm - 8.00pm
June 27	Governing Council Meeting	7.00pm -9.00pm
July 7	LAST DAY OF TERM - Early Dismissal	2.15pm

TERM 3 DIARY DATES

July 24	Student Free Day for Teacher Training	
July 25 -28	Year 12 Exams	
July 31	Fundraising Committee Meeting	5.30pm
August 2	Principal's Tour	
August 2 - 16	Japan Study Tour	
August 15	Governing Council Meeting	7.00pm
August 17	Parent Teacher Interviews	
August 21 -25	Book Week	
August 29	Fundraising Committee	5.30pm
August 30	Year 10 Subject Selection	1.30pm - 8.00pm
August 31	Multicultural Food Fair	
August 31	Transient Art Exhibition	
August 31	Year 11 Semi Formal	
September 1	School Closure Day	
September 4	Student Free Day	
September 5	Parent Voice Meeting	6.30pm -8.00pm
September 6	Year 11 Subject Selection	1.30pm - 8.00pm
September 13	Year 8 Immunisation	
September 19	Governing Council Meeting	
September 29	LAST DAY OF TERM -Early Dismissal	2.15pm

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