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NEWSLETTER 6

September 2018



From the Principal

The last half of Term 3 saw many highlights at Unley High School. We were pleased to be further recognised in the Apple Distinguished Program Award for our teaching work in Digital Learning Technologies – this time the award spans 2018 to 2020. Assistant Principal Jenny Johns has led the latest work in this area. The Annual Greek Spring Dance was another successful event. For over 30 years the Greek Parent Committee and students have organised this great cultural and family event. Congratulations to all involved under the leadership of President, Ourania Ntafillis.

Arts and Multicultural Week saw a whole school assembly with a range of inputs by students who reflected on the diversity of our school's cultural mix. We also recognised the work of Home Stay and Buddy students during the recent Kyoto Study Tour. The Multicultural Food Fair was held inside due to stormy weather but it was still really successful with teams of students well supported by the many staff and parents involved. A big thank you goes to Toby Watts and the organising committee. Teams of students cooked, supervised and cleaned, and their efforts were much appreciated by all. No food remained at the end of our extended lunchtime – testament to great cooking and great patronage.

The hilarious and very professional student-led Musical 'The Addams Family' was a real triumph. Held in the much used George Cresswell Hall, it was a real tribute to the creativeness and dedication of the student group led by Director Year 12 student Kathryn McCloy, and supported by Arts Coordinator Chris Martin and a team of volunteer teachers. There are many other Arts items covered in this addition and more to come in the remainder of the year.

In STEM news, this newsletter summarises a variety of the enrichment opportunities for students in the Sciences and Design and Technology. The official opening of the new STEM Area is planned for early February. Several groups are using it already and while Stage 1 is totally complete, the STEM Works grant has been stretched through clever planning to encompass an internal re-fit of two additional laboratories. This work will be completed in December which means the 'grand opening' needs to wait on the return to school next year.

As part of the French Bilingual/ Binational program and Unley High School's member ship of the Association of Australian French English Schools, we have been invited to host the AAFEBS National Conference in Week 1 of Term 4. This will be opened by the Minister for Education John Gardner and will also welcome Rick Persse CE of DfE as the new Honorary President. In other Languages news, in November the school will be notified of the outcome of an Expression of Interest to be considered for a grant to develop the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program as an additional option to SACE in Senior School. I hope you enjoy the achievements of our young people and the other school news contained in this September issue.

Brenda Harris Principal





Important Diary Dates Term 4

Oct 26 Year 12 Graduation
Nov 5 -22 Year 12 Exams
Nov 22 Year 8 - 11 Awards
Nov 23 Student Free Day
Dec 14 Last Day of Term 4





Women in STEM Breakfast

Earlier in Term 3, Niamh Davis, Kylie Ho, Ella Temperly and I were invited to attend the annual Women in STEM Breakfast at Thebarton Senior College with Ms McLean. It was an eye opening experience where we heard from two presenters, Dr Rebecca Heyer (Defence Science and Technology Group) and Dr Kristen Alford (MoD at University of South Australia) They spoke about their journey to STEM, and outlined what it has taught them and how STEM has helped them throughout their lives. Their talk provided real life examples of how modern day careers can chop and change, and how STEM can remain a constant skill set throughout their and our lives. The Thebarton Senior students put on a delicious breakfast halfway through, which we all enjoyed very much.



Overall the experience was really insightful and we are grateful to have been selceted to attend.

Mariane Johnstone - Year 10 Student

STEM Challenge

On Friday, the 29 June 2018 the year 10 STEM class led by Mr Wallace and Ms Paterson visited Flinders University for the annual Science and Engineering Challenge. Representing Unley High School, the class split into groups of 2-4 students and competed in either one full-day challenge or two half day STEM-focused challenges. Some of these challenges included; building a Catapult from minimal materials, constructing a bridge to withstand as much weight as possible, and communicating a complicated code between group members by using only different coloured lights. Unley High School led the challenge the whole day but unfortunately were narrowly defeated in the end, finishing second out of eight schools.

Overall, the day was great fun and definitely worth it as we were able to utilise our STEM skills and challenge our thinking, whilst gaining knowledge from some qualified Defence officers who are currently working in the STEM industry and wo prvided mentoring on the day.

Annabel Nettleton - Year 10 Student















Mission to Mars

On the 31st of July, the Year 10 STEM class went to Hamilton Secondary College for a 'Mission to Mars'. This excursion gave us the opportunity to experience a simulation of being an astronaut on the Mars surface and an officer in the command centre. On the Mars surface, we took on roles which required us to find and test samples of different features while the mission control officers kept in communication with us about what we needed to do. After everyone had a chance to go on the Mars surface, we explored our findings in the lab.

The Mission to Mars was a great experience; we learnt more about Mars, and space exploration and we had a lot of fun in the process. **Sam Green - Year 10 STEM student**









Oliphant Science Awards

The Oliphant Science Awards is an annually held competition for South Australian school students from Reception to Year 12 to develop their interest in Science through a science based competition with a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests. Unley High School is proud to be part of a competition named in honor of one of our outstanding alumni, Sir Mark Oliphant.

This year we were fortunate to gain the following awards:

Prize Winners

Amna Mateen (Year 8) - Crystal Investigation

Andrei Hurr (Year 10) - Crystal Investigation

Heath Rampazis (Year 10) - Computer Programming & Robotics

Mya de Ruyter (Year 8) & Natasha Gunter (Year 8) - Photography

Sonica Semawal (Year 10), Jordan Zhao (Year 10), & James Yii (Year 10) - Crystal Investigation

Highly Commended Entries

Dimtra Ntafiillis (Year9) - Crystal Investigation

Ming Chih (Jamie) Yu (Year 12) - Crystal Investigation

Nikita Warland (Year 8), Amelia Oxlade (Year 8) & Caitlin Milde (Year 8) - Crystal Investigation

Melna Puthiyedathu - Laboratory Manager /Oliphant Science Award Coordinator







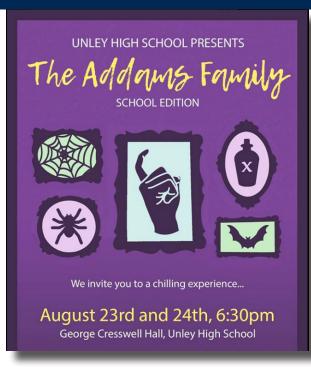
The Addams Family: The Musical

The Addams Family: The Musical, written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, premiered at Unley High School on 23 August 2018.

Year 12 students, Kathryn McCloy and Ishana Somers shared the directing responsibilities. The production team included stage manager Shaun Bottrill, musical director, Daphne Bostantzoglou and photographer/videographer Ella Neuman and Publicity Officer, Catalina Sepulveda.

Over 60 students in the cast and crew dedicated their spare time over many weeks to making the show a success.

Rehearsals started in Term 1 and continued all the way up to the performance week. The cast met twice a week to rehearse vocals, choreography and blocking. This process included holiday, dress and technical rehearsals.



A number of staff helped us throughout including Mr Martin, Ms Hollis, Ms Vovos, Ms Geddie, Mr De Gregorio and Ms Aitken. The matinee and evening performances were a huge success, with positive reviews all round.

The cast, crew and production team did an amazing job and the *The Addams Family: The Musical* exceeded all expectations.

Kathryn McCloy and Ishana Somers - Year 12 students and Addams Family Directors













Art News

Creating a Molo

Year 8 Art students had the opportunity to work with Angel Lope, a musician and composer from Ghana, in a cross-curricular cooperation of Music and Visual Arts.

Angel has been participating in Nexus Art's Community Musician Leadership Development Program under the guidance of Jazz violinist Julian Ferraretto.

In a series of workshops, the Arts faculty worked on creating a traditional African instrument called a "Molo". Students were then asked to compose new music and lyrics using their instruments. This has helped the students gain a better understanding of the creative process on two levels: the link between the musical and visual artistic methods. Below are some students with the Molos they have created.

Robert Zunic - Arts Teacher















Design & Technology News

The Design & Technology faculty were excited to add a new technology to the workshops recently - a CNC plasma cutter. Students from years 8 to 11 have enjoyed developing their CAD/CAM skills, producing highly accurate and exceptionally creative work. Year 8s have championed the technology through the design of their lightboxes, with year 9 metal and art metalwork students hot on their heels with a variety of decorative and practical products.

Justine Bolzon - Design & Technology Coordinator







Art News

On Monday 3rd September our Arts Captains from this and next year met together at the Mitcham Community Centre with Mr Chris Martin and Ms Sophie Aitken for an "Arts Captain Summit". Students spent time reflecting on their achievements as Arts Captains this year and planning initiatives for the coming year. We also discussed our Arts curriculum with a special focus on Year 10, as an opportunity for these student leaders to contribute to our Arts curriculum and offerings. It was amazing to reflect on the wide range of achievements of the Arts Captains this year (Chloe Morgan, Catalina Sepulveda, Kathryn McCloy, Jackson Phillips, Lily Eccleston, Coral Bryce). This includes Visual Arts initiatives such as



the lunch time Arts Club and Mandala Workshops, contributions to numerous music performances and ensembles, representing the school on interstate trips and at the Generations in Jazz music festival, directing and running publicity and design for the school musical. As individuals the Arts Captains have also excelled. Jackson Phillips has released quite a number of albums now (search for "Jackulflips" on Bandcamp), most recently with his band "Oopsy-Daisy" (along with Year 11 student Ashton Anderson), receiving airplay on JJJ as part of the Unearthed competition. He was also commissioned to produce an animation based on his work in the Year 11 online Art Gallery last year. Kathryn McCloy, in addition to directing the musical this year, has participated in the iTheatrics trip to America, performed in "Grease - The Musical" at the Entertainment Centre, and performed at the Neo-Teen Takeover event in the SA Art Gallery. Catalina Sepulveda designed a logo and publicity materials for a local Veterinary surgery as part of our competition earlier this year, winning the staff vote. We congratulate our outgoing Arts Captains on all their achievements, and look forward to the coming year with our new Arts Captains for 2018-2019.

Chris Martin Coordinator Arts and Community Partnerships

New Art Captains for 2019

With the farewell to the 2018 Arts Captains, we welcome another brand new group of Arts students, eager to share our ideas with the world. Emily Webb, Tyson Smith, Connor Boyle, Esther Zhao and Daphne Bostantzoglou are the new Arts Captains at Unley High School.

After a ceremonial handover and brainstorming and idea sharing with the past group of Arts Captains, we are ready and keen to make positive changes to the Unley High Arts scene, with plans for Unley High School Newsletter coverage for Arts students' achievements, more Arts focused events and even a possible Arts Instagram page to share students' work.

We are all very excited to provide our ideas for the Arts and help promote Unley High School in any way that we can.

Daphne Bostantzoglou 2019 Arts Captain

Music News

Our Annual Music Showcase has been rescheduled to take place on Thursday 18 October at 6:30pm in the George Cresswell Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the range of music on offer from our school Ensembles and senior music classes. The Concert Band, Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Rock Band, Year 11 music groups, Year 10 music groups, UBerBand, and Percussion Ensemble, will all present. There is no admission charge, and the concert will run until approximately 9:00pm. We hope to see you there.

Unfortunately our Strings teacher Ms Judith Bingaman is currently injured and our String Ensemble is on a break until next year while she recovers. We wish Judith the best in her recovery, and are very pleased to have the highly accomplished Ms Jacqui Carias helping us out with String lessons for the remainder of the year. Finally, we will run auditions for several music ensembles in Week 4 Term 4, including the Concert Band and Vocal Ensemble, with a view to beginning our preparations for the Generations in Jazz trip next year. These ensembles are open to all students.

Chris Martin Coordinator Arts and Community Partnerships

Music Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule

Vocal Ensemble	Monday 1:00 - 1:30	Mr Chris Martin
Jazz Combo	Tuesday 1:00 - 1:30	Mr Chris Martin
Rock Band	Tuesday 1:00 - 1:30	Mr Pat Ramm
Concert Band	Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30	Ms Carol Hollis





Multicultural Food Fair

Unley High School's annual Multicultural Food Fair was held on Thursday 30 August. This year the fair was moved to the George Cresswell Hall due to inclement weather but this did not slow down the event at all. All stalls were busy selling delicious food covering a staggering amount of cuisines from around the world. We had food on offer from China, Japan, Nepal, Italy, France, Bangladesh, Mexico, England, Germany, Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Greece and Pakistan. The GSA were also represented with a rainbow food stall. Students and staff embraced the spirit of the event by dressing in National costumes which added to the colour of the day. Mr Martin and the Jazz Combo helped entertain the crowd with some fabulous tunes. Money raised from this event will go to Blue Sky School, Nepal as well as the Indonesian Earthquake appeal. Thankyou to all staff and students for their involvment in this event which helps us to celebrate the incredible diversity within our school community.

















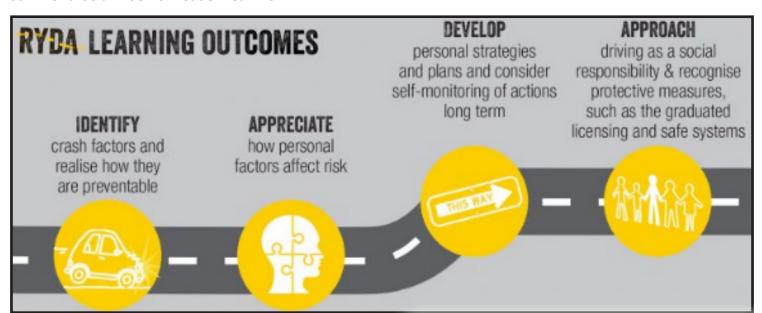
RYDA Road Safety Program

On Wednesday 19 September, Year 10 students participated in the RYDA (Rotarian Youth Driver Awareness) program. RYDA is a series of practical and powerful workshops for high school students that challenges students to change the way they think about road safety and lays the foundation for safe road use throughout their lives.

The sessions that students participated in allowed them to reflect on their own choices as both a driver and a passenger. They heard real life stories from crash survivors, and learnt about the impact that a crash has on the driver, their friends, family and other people on the road. Cornes Toyota donated a brand-new Camry for the day so that students could experience up close how long it takes a car to stop at various speeds, and the possible consequences of travelling above the speed limit.

Some of the words that students used to describe the day were "informative, interesting and pretty cool". The students said that most sessions were of high quality and they learnt a lot, especially about the factors that can contribute to road crashes

Sam Kondraciuk - Senior Leader Year 10



Spring Poetry Festival 2018

This year one of our Year 10 students, Jayden Hicks, has had his poem selected for publication in the South Australian English Teachers Spring Poetry anthology. He joins many past students from Unley whose poems have been selected in this competition. He will receive his complimentary copy of the 2018 anthology at the launch of the Festival on Saturday 27 October held at Pulteney Grammar School.

Congratulations Hayden.

Sue Wendt - English Coordinator

Identity

The cosmos is incognito.

Time forgets
your purpose.

Wind, fire, water, stars
Formed in our favour
But when I love you
When you love me
We curve
in essence
in spirit and
in soul
When I love you
I am myself.

Jayden Hicks





Old Scholar News

Carly Dodd, Unley High School 2016 graduate has been named as SA NAIDOC'S Young Person of the Year for 2018. She is a Kuarna, Narungga, Ngarrindjeri woman. An accomplished artist, Carly was a curator and exhibiting artist in the recent SALA exhibition. Carly received mentoring respected Indigenous artists which led to her first solo exhibition at age 15. While still a student of Unley High School, Carly designed a guernsey for the Brisbane Lions to wear during the Indigenous round. Along with her work in the Arts, Carly is currently visiting elderly people in care to share her Aboriginal culture. Congratulations Carly.



Generations of Change

On the 11th September, twelve students participated in the workshop, 'Generations of Change', run by Reconciliation SA. Its purpose was to educate students about racism so they knew how to identify and prevent it. We watched a play performed by a theatre company. It contained a main character who often said racial slurs and didn't care for other's feelings. Afterwards, we were asked to reenact a certain scene and to try and stop the bully from being racist; this gave each student a chance to show how they would react to the situation and decide whether it was an effective response. Our final activity was to brainstorm how we could continue to prevent racism at our school. Our three main ideas were to: incorporate different cultural perspectives more in curriculum, so students learn to appreciate and understand various cultures; have more of a focus on racism in Pastoral Care, as this gives students a chance to identify racism and find an effective way to respond; and, our last idea was to create many visual representations that directly address racism. We could put them in classes and regularly change the posters, so that it is constantly educating students about these topics. Overall, there were many fun activities that we took part in and everyone commented on how informative and eye opening it was.

Scout Sylva-Richardson & Matrim Grover - Year 8 students









Adelaide International Youth Film Festival

Earlier this term, students from Mrs Simpson's Year 8 English class went to the Adelaide International Youth Film Festival. Students from other schools also attended. We watched eight short films on varying themes, including the negative effects of technology, valuing clean water, and music and what it means to individuals. It was a great opportunity to learn about film techniques, such as lighting, camera angles, costumes and props and their importance in movies. Students learnt how to identify and analyse different film techniques before the festival, so they could have a deeper understanding of the films viewed.



Chloe Bowles, on behalf of Home Group 8509





Sports News

Term 3/4 Sport is underway, with over 100 students competing across 12 weekly teams. Volleyball, Basketball and Indoor Soccer are already three weeks into their summer seasons, while we look forward to Cricket and Badminton resuming in term 4. For the first time in decades, our Senior Boys Volleyball team will compete in the Open A grade of the private schoolboys Friday competition as they build up to the Australian Schools Cup in December.

Two Girls teams competed in the inaugural 'Crows Cup' 9-a-side Football Carnival. The Year 8/9s improved a lot over the day, helped along by the coaching of old scholar and Sturt premiership winner Henry Carey, while the Open Girls were well on their way to winning the competition before bad weather called the day off early. We also had 4 teams compete admirably in the Open Mixed Netball carnival held at Blackwood High.

In knockout sport, the Year 10 Boys Basketball team is through to the second round to face Henley High School. They were terrific in their round 1 wins over Adelaide and Marryatville High Schools. A disciplined team defensive performance led them to victory over last year's finalists Marryatville by 8 points. Congratulations to Sam Tosh with a huge game scoring 19 points, which included 5 three pointers.

Congratulationss to the following on individual achievements/selections

- Dania Nugroho for her selection to the Under 15 Australian Development Squad for Badminton. Dania
 has been selected on her potential to be selected for future National teams, and is one of only seven U15
 girls across the country in the squad. She will have access to Badminton Australia-run training camps run
 domestically and overseas
- Mim Potter, Mitch O'Hara and Ollie Neate for their selection to the Under 18 State Touch Football teams that competed on the Sunshine Coast earlier this month. Joseph Neate has also been chosen to represent the state in U15 Touch Football in Hobart in October. Special mention to Mim and her Girls team, who came away with the gold medal after a 5-3 comeback win against Australian Capital Territory.
- Kylie Ho, whose FISAF Aerobics team won the Australian National Championships. Kylie's great performance led to her invitation to compete on the Australian team in a tournament held in the Netherlands in October.
- Michelle Chan Yin Tung is travelling to Quennsland to rpresent South Austraia in the Australin National Junior Table Tennis Championships.

Tim Shortt Sports Coordinator



Kylie Ho, third from the left with her team who have won the FISAF Australian National Championships and will be travelling to the Netherlands in October to compete in the FISAF Internationa World Championships.

Well done Kylie.





Rowing News

Spring Rowing Camp

From 6 through 10 September, Unley High School rowers camped at Walker Flat to take part in our traditional pre-season Spring Rowing Camp. Once again, Spring Camp provided our rowers with the perfect opportunity to dust off some cobwebs in preparation for the upcoming season which begins with the traditional Henley on Torrens Sprint Regatta on 20 October.

Beyond the spectacular weather, highlights of camp included the wonderful catering put on by our parent volunteers, seeing our rowers work to improve their technique and fitness, and the strengthening of bonds between rowers which leads to improved cohesiveness throughout the club. Many thanks to all Parent volunteers and the coaching team.



Quiz Night

On Saturday 15 September the Unley High School Rowing Club hosted the school Quiz Night. In excess of 130 people attended this important fundraising event in the George Cresswell Hall which this year raised \$4500. All money raised will assist the Rowing Club to purchase new boats and oars which will directly support our increasing numbers of rowers while enhancing on-water performance.

Diary Dates

14 & 21 October – Year 7 Come & Try
To register your interest email Anita Hughes for more details – anita.hughes@uhs.sa.edu.au

20 October – Henley on Torrens - Season Opening Regatta

3 November – Murray Bridge Regatta

10 November – West Lakes Regatta / Torrens Junior Regatta

17 November – Port Adelaide Regatta / Melbourne Head Regatta, Melbourne













Greek Spring Dance 2018

The annual Greek Spring Dance was held at the Ikaros Hall on 22 September. A heartfelt thank you to all the staff, families and friends of UHS that came out to celebrate. The live band *Music 3000* entertained us once again and the delicious Greek BBQ buffet was catered by *WhatsYour Flava*. Vasilia Kopsaftis (year 11) and George Leonardos (year 10) were our student MCs and they did a great job of presenting the evening's formalities in both English and Greek. We are very proud of the dance teachers, year 12 students Anastasia Pericleous and Jonathan Antonis. During term 3 lunchtimes they taught traditional Greek dances to 21 students. The student performances on the night were lively and entertaining.



Greek Parents' Committee

Thank you to the committee members for organising this event. We are also grateful to them and their extended families for donating Greek sweets to share.

A special thank you to all our sponsors. Your support is very much appreciated.

Alsco Linen Bakery on O'Connell Banana Boys Davroe Fridgelt **George Vlahos** Hilton Adelaide **Hronopoulos Family Kopsaftis Family** Pure at Aveda Saili Music Maras Group Saudade T-Bar The Edinburgh Hotel **TIGI** Haircare



Ourania Ntafillis President, UHS Greek Parents' Committee

Governors Reception for School Representitives

Coral Bryce, Head Prefect, and I were fortunate enough to attend Government House for a Student Representatives Reception. We listened to His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le deliver a speech about youth leadership and the opportunities that are possible for us after school. We were given the chance to meet and talk with other schools leaders and to have a look around Government House. After this, we were able to individually meet with the Governor and given a chance to discuss our future goals in life beyond school. It was a thoroughly engaging evening and we both enjoyed our time visiting Government House as representitives of Unley High School.

Alistair Rowe Head Prefect











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Diary Dates

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Dec 14

Oct 23-25

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Oct 26	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony - George Cresswell Hall	9.00 -11.00 am
Oct 29	Parent Voice meeting	6.30 -8.00 pm
Oct 30	Yr 8 Drama Performance - Performing Arts Centre	6.00pm
Oct 31	Principal's Tour	
Nov 5 - 22	Yr 12 Exams	
Nov 6	Governing Council Meeting	7.00pm
Nov 7-9	Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Kayak Camp	
Nov 12 - 13	Yr 10 Aquatics	
Nov 13	Yr 11 Drama Performance	7.00pm
Nov 15	Yr 11 Music Showcase	
Nov 16	Phoenix Art exhibition - Gallery One Mitcham	
Nov 20	Twilight Music Concert - Rose Garden	
Nov 20	Yr 7 Parent Information Night - George Cresswell Hall	
Nov 21	Yr 12 Art Exhibition - STEM Area	
Nov 22	Yr 8 - 11 Awards Assembly - George Cresswell Hall	9.00 -11.00 am
Nov 23	STUDENT FREE DAY for Staff Training	
Nov 26 - 29	Yr 11 Exams	
Nov 29	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS	
Nov 30	Cabaret - George Cresswell Hall	
Dec 7	LAST DAY FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS	
Dec 10 -14	Australian Schools Volleyball Competition - Melbourne	
Dec 11	Governing Council Meeting	
Dec 12	Final Reports Home - Year 8 -11	

Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Bushwalking Camp

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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - EARLY DISMISSAL



12.30 pm