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NEWSLETTER 6

September 2019



From the Principal

Unley High School's student reporting system is changing. From now on all reports will be issued electronically via our learner management system Daymap. Teachers will now publish a minimum of two grades per term, per subject. This provides students and parents with four grades, plus a formal report at the end of semester. The benefit for students and teachers is the ability to spread the workload across the whole semester rather than have assignments due in an end of term rush.

We are also working with Daymap to create a new Dashboard which will display all grades plus subject and teacher on one page. As soon as it becomes available we will share it with parents and students.

Working with the architects for the \$32.5M upgrade has been ongoing this term. I am hoping by the next newsletter we will have some drawings to share with our community. In the meantime I can share the following. The new front of house will face Kitchener Street and will be attached to the western end of the main building. The old offices, including the Principal's office will be turned into one large space to become the staffroom. The current staffroom will become a new personalised learning hub and the current student services will become a new wellbeing centre. More details next term.

Inside this newsletter you will read all about the STEM expo with teachers visiting from across the state. Congratulations to the students who passionately presented their projects and demonstrated wonderful ideas for our future. Congratulations also to the wonderful work of our STEM teachers for designing and coordinating the day.

Wednesday night I had the pleasure of attending the Year 10 music concert. The quality, skills and variety of music was outstanding. Well done to Sophie Webb, Annika Rayner, Finn Larcombe, Max Wissel, George Lamb, Heath Norris, Megan Bottrill, Lei Li, Emily Hoet, Noah Harvey Harry Dillon, Liam Donnelly, David Midwinter, Oscar Huxtable and Connor Filipov.

Hot off the press is the news that Ms DeCesare's Year 8 Italian class have won the Italian languages competition, this year titled "Da Vinci nel 21 secolo". This is hosted by the South Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (SAATI), in collaboration with the Dante Alighieri Association of South Australia. Next newsletter we will have photos and an article from the official presentation on 22 October. Congratulations to the Year 8 Italian class.

I also had the honour of opening the Unley High School Rowing clubs 'culture and respect' workshop this week. Rowing is a strong tradition in our school producing many strengths in developing and preparing our students for the future. Adding a strong focus on culture and respect will further add to the character of our students. Well done to the rowing team of students, teachers and coaches.

I hope all students have a wonderful and safe holiday break in preparation for Term 4. I wish all our Year 12 students good luck finishing their studies next term with many heading into Year 12 exams.

Greg Rolton, Principal





Book Week

To celebrate Book Week 2019, Year 8 (and a few Year 9 students), made picture books for Year 1 and 2 students at Meningie Area School. The Unley High School students made sure to write books that were reading-level-appropriate for the Meningie students. The books were also personalised, so that each Meningie student could read about their personal interests – and of course, they were the main character in their books. The books were enjoyed by Meningie students, who showcased them to their school in their Book Week assembly. Our students also received thank you letters and videos from the Meningie students.



Ms Toyer's Year 8 & 9 student authors



Meningie Primary School Year 1 -2 class with their books from Unley HIgh School Students

Young Writers Award

We would like to congratulate Achsa Binu George for being a finalist for the South Australian English Teachers Association Young Writer's Award 2019.

Acsha and her family attended the award's ceremony on 24th August where she was awarded 3rd place in the Poetry division for her poem Beauty Long Gone. Well Done Achsa.



Year 11 English

Students in Year 11 English Essentials have been analysing and creating audio-visual tutorials. Here's a photo of Andrei Hurr after a lesson in which students used online tutorials to learn how to create balloon dogs, balloon swords, balloon flowers and balloon wings. Students then wrote analytical responses about the tutorials they watched.

Rachel Toyer, English Teacher







STEM Leaders Expo @ Unley High school



The recent influence of STEM learning within education has provided a lever for transformational and pedagogical change in schools. A key to the development and implementation of any successful STEM learning is the opportunity to understand the experiences and journeys of others, the challenges they have overcome and the success factors.

In recent years Unley High School (UHS) has experienced advancements in STEM learning and

was invited to openly share its insights, programs and expertise. Over 60 teachers and leaders of STEM joined the Unley High School STEM team to find out more about Challenge Based Learning and our STEM learning program. The professional development day and STEM experience included:

- Sharing the UHS STEM journey from a multi-faceted perspective and how STEM is being seen as the driver for whole school pedagogical change to develop creative, connected and engaged learners through authentic, interdisciplinary, inquiry-based learning experiences
- UHS STEM strategy and approaches to delivering STEM in a crowded curriculum
- Observations of diverse examples of STEM learning in action and interaction with the teachers and students to learn more about task design, unit planning tools and community connections
- Sharing of resources and scaffolding tools
- Opportunities to seek future networking/mentoring and guidance for sites to assist in their STEM journey.

A big thanks to the team who organised and ran the day. A huge effort by all in showcasing brilliantly the ongoing work in STEM and how this is positively affecting student outcomes.

Fiona Pettinau, Science Coordinator

















Welcome Event for Italian International Students

On 15 August our Italian international students were invited to a welcoming event organised by the South Australian Association of Teachers of Italian in collaboration with the International Education Services. The Italian students at our school are part of a large group of about 150 Italian international students attending a variety of South Australia government schools in Term 3 and 4.

The Consul of Italy for South Australia, Dr Roberta Ronzitti, and the Minister for Education, John Gardner MP, welcomed the students and their homestay families highlighting the importance of studying abroad and the opportunities and challenges of being an international student in a country so far away from home.

While at our school, the Italian international students have engaged in conversations with some of our students of Italian during classes, giving them the opportunity to



The event was unexpected and made us feel welcome and part of the community. Federica, from Milan

I am very happy about all the new things I can do at Unley High School, like the sports at school which we do not have in Italy. Unley High School is so beautiful! **Cecilia, from Rome**

The relationship with students and staff at Unley High School is wonderful. I am really enjoying Adelaide's beaches. If you choose Australia, you will have a great experience! **Anna Chiara, from Naples**

Silvia De Cesare, Languages Teacher









VOICE

Tom Price Memorial

On Tuesday 17 September, Unley High School was invited to attend the unveiling of a memorial to Tom Price, South Australia's first Premier. The memorial is in the Brown Hill Creek Recreation Park.

Premier Tom Price was Minister for Education and established the free secondary schooling system in South Australia. He opened the first secondary school Adelaide High School, in 1908 and he prepared the way for the opening of Unley High School in 1910. The memorial plague and unveiling ceremony was organised by the brownhill Creek Association. The plaque was unveiled by the Hon. Steven Marshall, Premier of South Australia and was also attended by the Opposition Leader Peter Malinauskas. Kaurna elders and Tom Price's great granddaughter.

Other local schools also attended the event including Urrbrae Agricultural High School, Mercedes College and Scotch College.



Our school was represented by Mr Greg Rolton, Principal, Ms Sam Kondraciuk, Assistant Principal plus students Mariane Johnstone and Henry Thiele-Swift. Unley High School will continue it's involvement with the Brownhill Creek Association through their re-vegetation program. Well done to everyone involved.

Student Voice 2020

Student Voice Council (SVC) changes for 2020

At a whole school meeting of the SVC this term, it was agreed to amend the Constitution to make some changes to the structure of SVC to form action teams that would focus on certain priorities within the school. This would allow students to work together across year levels to set and work towards goals that help improve specific areas of the school. STUDENT

The action teams are:

- Student wellbeing
- Curriculum and learning
- School image and promotion
- School environment and facilities
- School events and community connections

Applications were due Friday of Week 9 and successful students will find out which team they have been placed in before the end of Week 1 Term 4. There are still up to 50 places available in SVC. It is hoped that having a spread of year levels in each team will help with continuity of projects across the years. Next year, Year 8 students will have the opportunity to join action teams from semester 2.

In addition to the action teams, there will also be a Prefect (Year 12) group, and the whole of the SVC will elect the head prefects, deputy prefect, secretary and treasurer from this group.

We are looking forward to seeing how this exciting change helps the SVC identify and achieve their goals.

Sam Kondraciuk, Assistant Principal





Pedal Prix

Unley High School Pedal Prix team "MACH 2" got the opportunity to compete in the much anticipated 24-hour race at Murray Bridge Sturt Reserve over the weekend 21-22 September. The weekend started on Friday with the team setting up pit lane tents and overnight sleeping tents. Our team completed the selection rounds Friday evening to secure 3rd place in Junior High School category and 52nd grid position. Friday night rain and cold weather ensured an early sleep for all.

Race started Saturday at 12 noon with our strong riders capitalising on early advantage to reach 3rd position and maintain the lead over the first rotation but, as night falls technical issues with bike horn and light robbed us valuable 30 minutes of riding time pushing us to 13th position. Our strong riders rode through the night as the temperature hovered near freezing and kept riding hard over longer stints. By early morning we managed to scroll back to the 6th position and finish the race 6th out of 64 in Junior High School category and 47th overall among 208 teams and secured 6th overall position for the 2019 season in our category. We rode a staggering 447 laps totalling to 764 km over 24 hours, what a remarkable achievement by the Unley High School Pedal Prix team considering the late start to the first season after a long absence from Pedal Prix.

Unley High School Pedal Prix team would like to thank all the parents for their help and support, Josh Whitwell and Alex Gilmore for being with the team throughout and our valuable sponsors:

- 1. Balfours Bakery Pty Ltd @ 91 Exeter Tce, Dudley Park,
- Hyde Park Fruit & Veg @ 185 King William Rd, Hyde Park,
- 3. Mount Lofty Springs Pty Ltd @ Unit 2, 18 Francis Rd, Wingfield
- 4. Boomer Active @ www.BoomerActive.com.au

Vajira Amaratunga, Parent volunteer













Music News

Year 10 Music Concert

Congratulations to the Year 10 Music students who presented a variety of small group and solo performances for family, friends and staff in the Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 25 September.

The concert was a great way for the students to showcase and celebrate the results of their individual practice, rehearsal efforts and talents with the community. The audience were treated to student arrangements of "Easy" by The Commodores and "Say It Ain't So" by Weezer, a classical violin and guitar duet, numerous solos ranging from Mozart and Beethoven classics to jazz standards as well as premiere performances of two original compositions by Annika Rayner and Finn Larcombe.

Many thanks to the families, friends and staff members who attended and supported the students.

Vicki Holland, Year 10 Music Teacher/Coordinator of Arts and Community Engagement







Staff News

Recently our Computer Systems Manager, Konrad Date, an avid cricket fan and umpire was elevated to umpire his first Redbacks game. He is in his 5th season umpiring cricket, starting with Adelaide Turf Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association (ATCUSA) and his first match was a B1 grade Grange V Kilburn in season 2015/2016

In season 2017/2018, still umpiring for ATCUSA, Konrad made the SACA Development Panel so that he could develop and hone his skills further as a grade umpire. He was selected to umpire the U17 Shield Carnival and officiated the U17 Shield Grand Final.



In season 2018/2019, Konrad moved to SACA so that hecould umpire grade cricket, he was still on the Development Panel, level 2 and umpired Grade 3 and Grade 2 matches throughout that season. He was again selected to officiate the U17 Shield Carnival and officiated the U17 Shield GF for the second year running and earned a Grand Final Appointment in his year at SACA, the Women's 2nd Grade match between Southern Districts and Adelaide University.

Season 2019/2020 now sees Konrad on the Development Panel level 1 which means he will have Grade 2 and Grade 1 match appointments for the coming season and more opportunity to develop his craft and skills as a cricket umpire. Konrad has been nominated to officiate at the National Indigenous Cricket Championships which is held yearly in Alice Springs. Konrad's aim is to umpire cricket at the elite level.





e Sports Rocket League National Champions



On the 31st of August Uney High School sent a team of three students, Aiden Dean, Josh Cudmore and Aiden Hendry to Victoria to attend the Melbourne eSports Open (MEO) where they competed in the META High School eSports grand finale for rocket league. The students were supported by Mr Stephen Bettess and Mr Jeeves Dunn, Pastoral Support worker. MEO was a massive event, hosting both national and international teams across multiple games with spectators in the tens of thousands to support their favorite team try out new games and see the future of eSports in Australia. This was exciting for Unley to be

there and represent the school but to also be a part of the larger eSports community.

On Sunday the 1st of September Unley played in the grand final and won against Mount Albert Grammar School 3 to nil to become National Champions for the second year running.

This is a massive achievement and Unley HIgh School is now leading the way for all eSports nation wide.

Jeeves Dunn, Pastoral Care worker

Sport Report

10 more regular weekly teams will bring school sport to the finish line through the Term 3/4 season, bringing our total team numbers on the year to well over 50. It has been great to once again see such a high level of commitment and performance from so many Unley High students in the sporting field. After school sport is already well into the swing of things, with the Open Girls Volleyball and Year 8/9 Girls Basketball looking strong chances to repeat their term 1 pennant success! Saturday morning teams start in week 1 of term 4.

In Knockout sport - congratulations to our Year 8/9 Boys Indoor Soccer team, who came so close to taking out the state title, going down 6-3 to Parafield Gardens. The boys were terrific all day, playing a highly entertaining brand of Futsal and showing resilience to bounce back from early deficits and win in gutsy style. Harry Dillon was outstanding as coach, and it was great to have Unley soccer icon Joe Rosmini involved again (hopefully a sign of things to come!). The Open Girls KO badminton team came 3rd in their finals day, capping off a strong year across both knockout and also their regular weekly competitions. Coming up early term 4, we have our year 8/9 girls Volleyball, Badminton and Basketball teams all playing to reach the finals day.

We participated in three, all day carnivals recently – Open Mixed Touch Football with Touch SA, the Crows Cup run by School Sport SA and the Adelaide Crows Women's football team, and Open Mixed Netball. Special mention to the Mixed Touch team, that just fell short in the grand final by one try. With a team full of year 10s and 11s, the team is primed to go one better next year!

On an individual level, congratulations to both Tilly Midwinter and Kylie Ho. Tilly has been selected for the U17 State Volleyball team that travels to Canberra for the National Championships this holidays, while Kylie and her State Aerobics team took home a gold medal at the National FISAF Championships earlier! Well done girls







Are you creatively inclined and thinking about studying creative media? We are offering an exclusive one day workshop event in the October holidays – get behind the scenes and pursue your passion!

When: Saturday October 19th | 9AM - 4PM

SAE Adelaide Campus is opening its doors this October for SAE Study For A Day, a one day program to expand your skills in the fields of Studio Production or Electronic Music Production.

Don't miss out on your chance to experience life as an SAE student, and discover what it means to be a creative professional in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side!

Across the workshop, SAE Study For A Day attendees will work towards building a creative piece of work to take away for use in a portfolio or showreel. Attendees will receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge the creative work they have undertaken.

Due to the tertiary level of the workshop content, this event is open to anyone aged 15yrs and above (Year 10 and over). Spaces for this event are extremely limited.

Cost: Tickets are \$35.00 per person (incl. bf + GST) - *all tickets are non-refundable.*

Tickets will be on sale until 11:59pm, Wednesday, 16th October 2019 unless sold out prior.

SELECT YOUR AREA OF INTEREST:

The **Studio Production** workshop will introduce participants to the principles of studio sound production, including recording and music production software, studio signal flow, microphone techniques, and other audio elements including post-production and mixing techniques.

The *Music Production* workshop will introduce participants to the principles of electronic music production, including Ableton and other music production software, sequencing, synthesis and mixing, as well as other electronic techniques such as sound design.

STUDY FOR A DAY DETAILS: ADELAIDE

Date: October 19th 2019 Time: 9AM - 4PM

Where: SAE Adelaide - 282 Gouger St, Adelaide SA 5000

Phone: (08) 8215 7800 Email: adelaide@sae.edu

Your Money Counts - Financial Literacy for Young Adults

Are you geting ready to start your first job? Learn how to be financially savyy from your very first pay. The workshop will educate you on how to read a payslip, understand your financial rights, how to read a bank statement, understand the difference between casual and permanent employment, debt commitments and implications for poor conduct and thinking smartly about savings.

Presented by Nani Johnstone from Rise Financial Solutions

When: Thursday 10 October 3.30 -4.30pm

Where: Cove Civic Centre, 1 Ragamuffin Drive, HALLETT COVE 5158

COST: Free

Bookings Essential - via www.marionlibraries.eventbrite.com



GILLIAM GAME BECOME ANUMPIRE











YEAR 8 - YEAR 10 - YEAR 11 2019

School Immunisation Catch Up Clinic

The City of Mitcham is conducting a FREE catch up immunisation service for students who have missed their immunisations at school. Vaccines that will be available include:

Year 8 Students

HPV - Gardasil 9 and dTp - Boostrix

Year 10 Students

Meningococcal B – Bexsero and Meningococcal ACWY – Nimenrix

Year 11 Students

Meningococcal B - Bexsero

Where and When

Thursday 3 October 2019

4.00 pm - 7.00 pm

City of Mitcham – Civic Centre 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park

PLEASE BRING PREVIOUS VACCINE HISTORY AND STUDY / STUDENT ID

Contact the City of Mitcham on 8372 8888 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au for more information.

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Diary Dates

Term 4 2019

14 October First Day of Term 4	O. Tourn
	8.45am

28 October - 1 November Year 10 Work Experience Week

28 October Parent Voice Meeting

9.30 -10.30am 30 October Principal's Tour

4 - 20 November Year 12 Exams

5 November **Governing Council Meeting** 12 November Year 11 Drama Production

15 November Year 11 Pheonix Art Exhibition - Gallery One

21 November Year 8 - 11 Awards Assembly

22 November **Student Free Day - for Teacher training**

25 -28 November Year 11 Fxams 28 November Last day for Year 11 29 November **Last Day for Year 10** 9 -11 December Year 9 Showcase

Year 8 Showcase 10 December

10 December **Governing Council Meeting** 11 December Year 8 - 11 Reports distributed 2.00 -2.15pm Last Day of Term 4 - Early Dismissal

Term 1 2020

13 December

27 January Australia Day Public Holiday

28 January Term 1 begins for Year 8 & 12 Students 8.45am 29 January Term 1 begins for Year 9, 10 & 11 Students 8.45am

5 February Year 8 & 9 Acquaintance Night

7 February **School Photos**

11 February Year 10, 11 & 12 Acquaintance Night

14 February **Student Voice Induction**

18 February **Governing Council Annual General Meeting** 7.00pm

2 March Parent Voice meeting

9 March Adelaide Cup - Public Holiday

10-13 March Year 8 Camp

9 April Last Day of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2.25pm

Good Friday - Public Holiday 10 April

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12.30 pm

Department for Education