



From the Principal

Term 1 is always busy and this year has been no different with many exciting opportunities and events for students and staff - Open Night and Principal's Tours, Year 8 Camp, Sports Day, Swimming Carnival, Greek Independence Day, Harmony Day and Head of the River. It has been an amazing term and I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their hard work in making everything run smoothly.

From the street you will see the new front office is close to complete. New joinery is being installed in the main reception during the holidays and then it will be open for business. The three storey building is still on track for mid-year completion and is an impressive sight. The next building site will be the renovation of the former front office.

Open Night was different due to COVID restrictions. Four hundred people in two shifts had a good look at the school. Since then 1000 people have registered for one of the many Principal's Tours and visited classes in action.

Congratulations to Kyre House, the Sports Day Champions. Blessed with good weather the day was fantastic and enjoyed by all.

It was good to be able to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence. The students, staff and Greek Parents Committee put on the best celebration I have seen in my time at Unley High School. Congratulations to all involved.

We were very fortunate to have His Excellency, Hieu Van Lee, the Governor of South Australia, attend the Harmony Day Assembly and speak about his life escaping war-torn Vietnam to settle in Australia and the importance of Harmony Day. This was supported by a moving and wonderful speech by Year 11 student Thuy Nguyen explaining the origin and evolution of the Day.

After months of training and competition without spectators or parents allowed to attend rowing regattas it was good to finally welcome a crowd to the Head of the River regatta this year. The Rowing Principals worked hard in conjunction with SA Health to devise the final COVID plan that enabled parents and some friends to watch 95 of our students participate on the day.

Also, on the same day, the Premier Steven Marshall announced the proposal for the new city stadium that would involve the shifting of all River Torrens boat houses. We are now working with Rowing SA and the Government to plan the move to a new location should the new stadium go ahead.

Lastly, thank you to Stephen Murphy for his work archiving Unley High Schools documents and heritage. Stephen is a former student with a passion for History and will share some of his historical findings in each of our newsletters via "Stories from the Archive".





Sports Day

Friday March 5

We held our annual Sports Day on a beautiful, sunny day that saw our students get out their best colours and costumes to represent their House in track, field and novelty events. Attendance was up from other years and it was fantastic to see students striving for their own personal excellence and getting involved in the community that is school sport. Congratulations to the two record breakers, our Individual Champions who were presented with their medals at an assembly in Week 9, and to the winning House – Kyre!

A big thank you to the Sports Captains and especially the HPE staff for all of the organisation of the event. Students who excelled in individual events have been invited to participate in our Interschool Athletics team the UHS Antelopes on Thursday Week 11.

Final results

1st place: Kyre (2625 points)

2nd place: Giles (2476)

3rd place: Mills (1985)

4th place: Kitchener (1900)

Sports Day Individual Championship Winners 2021

Year 8	1. Ajdin Becirovic (56) 2. Glenry Hick (44) 2. Finn Shepherd (44)	1. Jade Dinan (50) 2. Georgie Twelftree (36) 3. Zara Branson (30)
Year 9	1. Nate Lessue (48) 2. Luey Gardiner (2) 3. Alex Smith (28)	1. Cassie Butschek (54) 2. Addison McLeod (32) 2. Amani Nunan (32)
Year 10	1. Seb Stephenson (56) 2. Chester Decandia (34) 3. Lachlan Wiszniewski (26) 3. Jude Mann (26)	1. Cameron Murphy (82) 2. Lola Payne (62) 3. Sass Carruthers (56)
Year 11	1. Harrison Barker (48) 2. Kye Ottaway (42) 3. Jaxson Russell (40)	1. Alex Ploenges (44) 2. Myah Bryce (38) 3. Sydney Turner (34)
Year 12	1. Joeli Tavui (46) 2. Rory White (42) 3. Connor Donnellan (30)	1. Tilly Midwinter (54) 2. Aylee Tinsley-Smith (50) 3. Amelia Empen (46)

Records

Event	Old Record	New Record
Year 8 girls 800m	Kirby Mutton (1998) 2:30:27s	Jade Dinan 2:28:00s
Year 8 boys shotput	Paul Rigmany (2001) 12.22m	Finn Shepherd 12.94m



UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Record Breakers Jade and Finn





International Women's Day - Jordi Hall

In our Year 12 Health and Wellbeing class we have been working on an assignment which aims to advocate for minorities and other struggling groups in society. We decided to utilise International Women's Day to put our focus on women's issues around the world. On International Women's Day, we hosted an assembly at which we discussed global issues that women are faced with as well as closing the gap between men and women in Australia.

We were fortunate enough to have a guest speaker and ex-student, the Hon. Amanda Rishworth, talk to us about her struggles as a woman in Parliament and how we can all take action to improve women's rights. We also had various performances by girls in Unley High School's music program in which they sang the iconic anthem of the feminist movement, "I Am Woman", by Helen Reddy.

In the assembly we made a pledge to help educate others about women's rights and acknowledge our privileges within the movement. The assembly correlated with sports day, as we had a stall where you could write down your own pledge and #choosetochallenge women's issues in your life and display it for everyone to see. We also had a gold coin donation for International Women's Day ribbons in which all proceeds went to purchasing women's sanitary hygiene products for the charity, Share the Dignity.





Education Minister Visit

The \$32.5 million expansion of Unley High School is moving full steam ahead. Led by an 80 per cent female team comprising construction managers, site engineers, construction workers, contract administrators and site administrators, the project is really starting to take shape.

Following International Women's Day, Education Minister John Gardner, Innovation and Skills Minister David Pisoni and Carolyn Power visited the site to view progress and recognise the contribution of the large female workforce working on the project.

Minister Gardner said, "It is fantastic to see such a strong female workforce delivering the project here at Unley High School, and I commend LendLease for their work in encouraging more women to be involved in the construction industry."

Progress on the build at Unley High School is well underway, with construction on schedule to be delivered in time to welcome students in Term 1 2022.





SSSSA Swimming Championships

Interschool Swimming was held on Tuesday Week 5 at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre. The Mighty Marlins, led by head coach Mr Keough, competed in the E grade competition against other schools including Mitcham Girls, Adelaide Botanic, Endeavour College and Victor Harbour High School. The girls team placed 3rd and the boys team finished in top position, meaning that the UHS Marlins took out 1st place overall on the day.

Congratulations to the following Marlins who placed in their various events and a big thankyou to Mr Keough for his work with the team.

- Andile Ndlovu - 2nd in 50m backstroke, 3rd in 50m freestyle, relay and medley relay
- Ben Kean - 1st in freestyle relay, 3rd in 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle and relay medley
- Daniel Steel - 1st in freestyle relay, 3rd in 50m backstroke
- Ella Bruce - 1st in 50m freestyle, 3rd in freestyle relay
- Felicity Cox - 3rd in freestyle relay
- Gemma Burley - 2nd in 50m breaststroke, 3rd in 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle and freestyle relay
- Georgie Twelftree - 3rd in 50m freestyle
- Harry Pontifex - 2nd in 50m backstroke, 3rd in 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle
- Heath McLeod - 1st in 50m backstroke, and freestyle relay, 2nd in 50m freestyle and freestyle relay, 3rd in medley relay
- Jasmine Dowd - 2nd in 50m breaststroke, 3rd in 50m backstroke and freestyle relay
- Jordan Papageorgiou - 1st in 50m breaststroke, 50m freestyle and freestyle relay, 3rd in 50m backstroke
- Lachlan Fear - 1st in freestyle relay, 2nd in 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle
- Lachlan Pfitzner - 3rd in freestyle relay
- Liam Facci - 1st in 50m freestyle and freestyle relay, 2nd in 50m breaststroke and medley relay
- Mabel Farrell - 2nd in 50m freestyle, 3rd in 50m backstroke
- Nate Lessue - 1st in 50m freestyle and freestyle relay
- Scarlett Shanks - 3rd in 50m freestyle and freestyle relay
- Sebastian Varela - 2nd in 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m freestyle, 3rd in freestyle relay
- Thomas Moyle-Croft - 1st in 50m breaststroke, 50m freestyle and freestyle relay, 2nd in 50m backstroke

Sophie Jelsman





UHS Harmony Day Assembly Week 9 Term 1 2021

The Unley High School Social Justice Committee (SJC) was tasked with the role of organising the Week 9 Harmony Day Assembly.

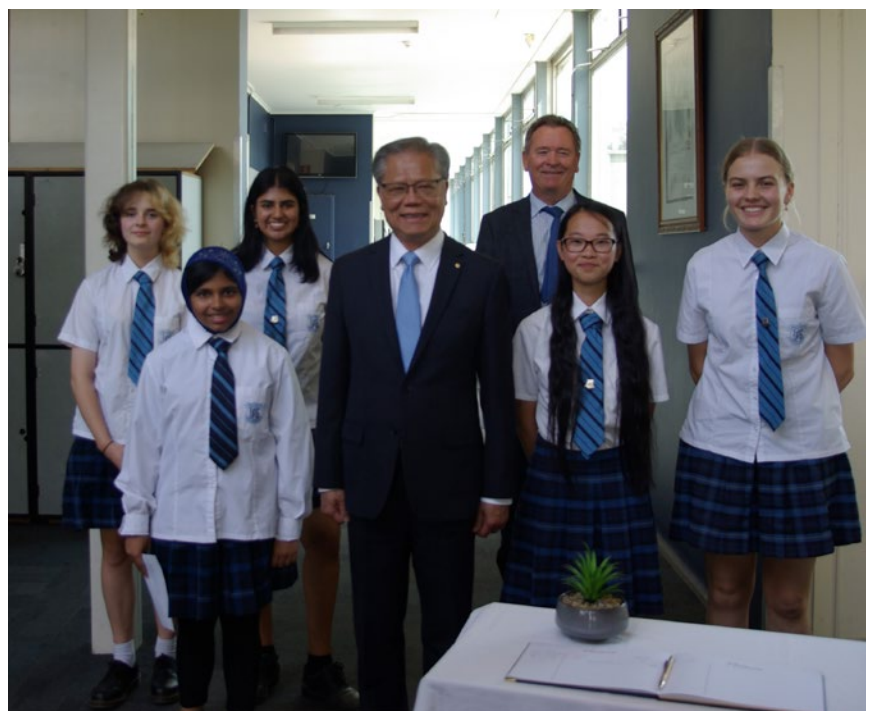
Led by student co-chairs Thuy Nguyen and Jordan Stevens, the SJC planned an Assembly which had a central theme of recognising both Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

A further exciting addition to the Assembly was that Unley High School hosted the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency, Hieu Van Le. The Governor addressed the school and reflected on his time as a child in war-torn Vietnam and making a frightful trip by boat to Australia. Further, the Governor reflected on the importance in recognising diversity of culture, perspective and being supportive of each other as global citizens. The challenge of being a global citizen and positive role-model comes with the responsibility that we have to others in being caring, compassionate and supportive. The Assembly also recognised two other key aspects of Unley High School.

There was a stirring Music Performance by the UHS Drumline performing "Ruleta" by Troy Simm and David Hopgood. We also recognised the individual and team efforts of Unley's sporting stars over late last year and Term 1 2021.

Well done to all involved in creating a great Assembly.

Matt Jamieson





Head of the River

The South Australian Schools Head of the River Regatta was held on Saturday March 20 at West Lakes. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this was the first regatta at which spectators were allowed, which meant that the atmosphere and volume was far greater than at any other regatta for the season.

Unley is one of only 15 schools in the state which compete in the sport of rowing and one of only three public schools – along with Adelaide High and Norwood-Morialta High. Unley had 95 students take part in 20 different crews and once again competed strongly, ending the day with three 4th place finishes, four 5th placings and seven 6th placings.

Head of the River marks the conclusion to the most interrupted rowing season on record. A huge congratulations must go to all the students, parents and coaches for their hard work, patience and time in making the 2020-2021 season run as (relatively) smoothly as it did.

Nick Lohmeyer
Rowing Manager





Head of the River - Student's View

Head of River is the annual rowing regatta, similar to a grand final rowing competition where everyone gets a chance to row and race. The event was held on March 20 at West Lakes. Over 24 schools including Adelaide High, Scotch College, St Ignatius and Unley High School met to race.

The energy at the event was bustling, crowds full of chanting, laughter and cheering for each other. There was an abundance of races including 1000m, 1500m and 2000m races. Students from Years 7 to 10 participated in the 1000m, Years 9 and 10 did the 1500m whilst the Seniors did the 2000m.

The first race began at 8.30 am and the event finished at 1pm. Unfortunately, Unley didn't win but we had 20 crew complete, over 90 students participating, in which 3 came 4th position, 4 came 4th and 7 came 6th out of the 15 schools that took part. Each school had its own food stall where each person received a sandwich, cookie and drinks. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 guidelines, no barbeques were held this year. Head of River is an amazing opportunity for rowers to go head-to-head against other schools and have fun.

Tessa John



Greek Independence Day

1821-2021: 200 Years Bicentennial Greek Independence Day Celebrations at Unley High School. Wednesday 24 March 2021.

This year is a special year for the Greek people globally as we celebrate our freedom from 400 years of slavery and suffering by the Ottoman Empire, a history lesson for all. Ζήτω το 21.

The Greek Parent Committee in collaboration with the students and staff organised an amazing event to give the Unley High School community an opportunity to come together to celebrate the 200 year Bicentennial Greek Independence Day with food, music, dance and various activities. The Unley High school Greek dancing group of students showcased their dance and music at recess. Delighted parents and staff members sipped their Greek coffee and ate their sweet baklava as they enjoyed the students' performance.

During lunchtime the Year 9/10 Greek class in collaboration with SVC and Greek Parents Committee set up a variety of activities in the rose garden. The activities included face painting, dancing, music, backgammon, quizzes, puzzles, art drawing and chalk drawing. Picnic rugs were spread out on the lawn and everyone enjoyed some mouth-watering souvlaki and soft drink.

It was a fabulous opportunity for all the school to socially interact and come together as one. The students who performed Greek dancing during lunch entertained the crowd of students and staff who had gathered at the school yard.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved for making this day a success.

Kathy Xanthis and Eliana Mappouridou-Hockley (Greek Teachers)





Stories from the Archive

Welcome to this new column, Stories from the Archive. In each issue of the Newsletter we'll dive into our school Archive and take a peek into the past of Unley High School.

In the school's early years, the girls uniform included hat and gloves, while the boys' included a cap in the style of the era. During the 1920's, on greeting any staff member, male or female, a boy had to raise his cap as a gesture of respect.

The school Archive for some time has held one of these boys' caps. But last month, another walked in the door! The new acquisition is in remarkably good condition.

It had belonged to Chris Buchanan, a student in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Thank you to Mr Les Rowe, also an Unley High Old Scholar, for the wonderful donation.

The cap is from the time when Unley High School was located at Kyre Avenue, Kingswood, where Mitcham Girls High School stands today.

Kyre Avenue was not even Unley High's first home. The school opened in 1910 as an extension of what was then Unley Public School, now Unley Primary School, at Cremorne Avenue, Unley. The school operated at Cremorne Avenue until 1915, when it moved to Kyre Avenue.

At that time, a change of name to "Mitcham High School" was a possibility. But in its first five years the school had already developed an identity as the *Unley* high school. The move south, out of Unley, was not accompanied by such a change.

From 1957 and finally in 1965, the school moved east to Kitchener Street, Netherby - still outside the City of Unley.

This is why, despite the school being within the City of Mitcham, we are Unley High School. The school's origins more than 100 years ago are three important kilometres away, in Unley!

(For these columns I will be drawing much on the two school histories by Craig Campbell, *State High School Unley: 1910-1985* and *Unley High School: One hundred years of public education, 1910-2010*.)

Stephen Murphy
Archivist and Old Scholar



The wonderful new acquisition is
on the right.



Stage 2 Chemistry

The Stage 2 Chemistry class took part in an excursion to Flinders University to develop their skills for the topic on analytical chemistry. The students participated in a multitude of practical activities related to the subtopics of chromatography and atomic absorption spectroscopy.

The chromatography component involved the separation of mixtures (Kool-aid and glowsticks) using column chromatography. They also used a gas chromatography machine to determine the components of an organic mixture. The students assisted with the use of an atomic absorption spectroscopy machine to determine the concentration of sodium in an unknown solution. The activities assisted students by providing a hands-on learning approach to the theoretical concepts learned in the classroom.

Alice Herrmann
Stage 2 Chemistry Teacher





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- Dungeons and Dragons
- Get Stoked BMX Ride day
- Free Crafts at libraries every day

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Blackwood Library

Mitcham Memorial Library

Blackwood Community Centre

St Marys Park Sporting Facility

Suffolk Road Reserve, Hawthorndene

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STEAM Spectacular

STEAM STORYTIME

Join us for themed stories, songs and a craft activity. Week 1 theme: Body. Week 2 theme: Music

Date: Monday 12 April
Thursday 15 April
Monday 19 April
Thursday 22 April
Where: Mitcham Memorial Library

Date: Tuesday 13 April
Tuesday 20 April
Where: Blackwood Library

Date: Wednesday 14 April
Wednesday 21 April
Where: St Marys Park
Time: 10.30am
Age: 3 Years plus
Cost: Free
Bookings: Not required

ANIMAL CAPERS

Get in touch with your wild side and meet some friendly wildlife with Animal Capers.

Date: Wednesday 14 April
Where: St Marys Park
Time: 12pm

Date: Thursday 15 April
Where: Mitcham Memorial Library
Time: 2pm

Date: Tuesday 20 April
Where: Blackwood Library
Time: 2pm
Age: 3+ years
Cost: \$5 (No refunds)
Bookings: Essential, with payment Ph 8372 8244

NITRO NAT CHEMISTRY

Exciting, amazing science for kids with Nitro Nat.

Date: Monday 12 April
Where: Blackwood Community Centre
Time: 2pm

Date: Wednesday 14 April
Where: Mitcham Memorial Library
Time: 2pm

Date: Wednesday 21 April
Where: St Marys Park
Time: 12pm
Age: School age
Cost: \$5 (No refunds)
Bookings: Essential, with payment. Phone 8372 8244

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Try Dungeons and Dragons in a safe and welcoming environment. D&D is a true STEAM game - creative and calculating, combining strategy with role play. Dungeon Masters Alby and Lucy will take you through the basics. Maximum 10 per game.

Date: Monday 12 April
Monday 19 April
Where: Mitcham Memorial Library
Time: 1pm-4pm
Cost: Free
Age: 8-15 years
Bookings: Essential.
<https://www.trybooking.com/BPFBR>

BEADED WINDCHIME

Make a beaded windchime hanging using new and repurposed beads and decorative wire.

Learn simple beading techniques.

Date: Friday 16 April
Where: Blackwood Library
Time: 11am-1pm
Age: 12-17 years
Cost: \$5 (No refunds)
Bookings: Essential, with payment Phone 8372 8255

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE SHOW

The one stop show which celebrates everything Science! You'll see explosions, rockets and amazing experiments you can try at home, with Sciworld.

Date: Wednesday 14 April
Wednesday 21 April
Where: St Marys Park

Date: Thursday 22 April
Where: Mitcham Memorial Library
Time: 2pm-3pm
Age: School Age
Cost: \$5 (No refunds)
Bookings: Essential, with payment Ph 8372 8244

GET STOKED BMX RIDE DAY

New and experienced riders welcome. BYO wheels and helmet or limited number of demo bikes and helmets available. With Lighthouse Youth Projects crew.

Date: Thursday 22 April
Where: Suffolk Rd Reserve
BMX Track,
Hawthorndene
Time: 10am-2pm
Cost: Free
Bookings: Essential.
<https://lighthouseyp.org/event/get-stoked-hawthorndene/>

COLLECT A CRAFT

Collect a "lucky dip" craft to take home.

Date: Monday 12 April to
Sunday 25 April
Where: Blackwood Library
Mitcham Memorial Library
Time: During opening hours
Cost: Free

COVID restrictions on numbers may apply to all events.



Diary Dates

Term 2

26 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	
27 April	First Day Term 2	
5 May	Parent Voice Meeting	6:30 pm
11-14 May	NAPLAN Testing	
18 May	Governing Council Meeting	7:00 pm
25 May	Parent Voice Meeting	6:30 pm
10 June	Year 10 Immunisations	
11 June	Staff Training / Student Free Day	
11 June	Year 12 Formal	
14 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	
15 June	Staff Training / Student Free Day	
16-18 June	Year 11 Exams	
21 June	Year 11 RAP Presentation	
22 June	Governing Council Meeting	7:00 pm
2 July	Last Day Term 2 Early Dismissal	2:15 pm

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