



UPWEY HIGH NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dan Pritchard - Rookie of the Year

Daniel Pritchard of year 9 has been named as the Victorian Blind Cricket Associations Rookie of the year 2008-2009. Earlier in the season, in a social match between teams from the Victorian Blind Cricket Association and the Primary Club of Victoria, Daniel was named as the VBCA's Player of the Match for his all round performance during the game. The awarding of Rookie of the Year has capped off what has been a fantastic introductory year for Daniel into the sport of blind cricket. Well done Dan!

Victorian Representatives

Stefanie Ashmore (Girls U16) and Kelsey Currie (Boys U16) have both been selected in the Victorian teams to compete at the annual School Sport Australia competitions, this year in Cambelltown NSW. Congratulations Stephanie and Kelsey!

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

Arrangements for our Student/Parent/Teachers interviews will be different from recent years. Our previous arrangement was to not have classes on the day and to start the interviews at lunchtime and have two breaks before finishing at 8pm. We encouraged students to attend the interviews.

The new Agreement that was signed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and became effective in 2009 has brought about a number of changes. There are now three Professional Development Days for staff at the beginning of the school year before students return to school. There is one Report Writing Day which is on Friday 12 June. There are no other Professional Development Days during the year.

Another change is that schools are no longer permitted to cancel classes during the day even for Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews. This means that we will need to operate normal classes throughout the day.

- All interim reports will be posted home to families
- You will be able to make bookings for interviews with teachers via our website
- Final arrangements will be communicated at the end of the break

Community Expectations

A community cannot operate effectively without a set of commonly held and understood expectations.

These are ours:

1. Mutual respect
 - actively listening to others
 - being courteous and acting appropriately
 - Supporting the learning of others
2. Be prepared for learning
3. No put downs
4. Follow *reasonable instructions* from teachers
5. Care for school property and the grounds

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IMPORTANT DATES

03/04 End of Term 1
20/04 Term 2 Begins

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

8:00am to 4:30pm
Monday to Thursday

8:00am to 4:00pm
Friday

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesdays 10:30am to 2:00pm
Thursdays 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Please Note: Cheque payments are to be made out to KLAD Sports.

2009 SCHOOL DATES

Term 1: 02/02/09 - 03/04/09
Term 2: 20/04/09 - 26/06/09
Term 3: 13/07/09 - 18/09/09
Term 4: 05/10/09 - 18/12/09

BELL TIMES - 2009

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| Entry to Locker areas | 8.30 |
| Warning Bell | 8.45 |
| Period 1 | 8.50 |
| Period 2 | 9.40 |
| Recess | 10.30 |
| Period 3 | 10.50 |
| Period 4 | 11.40 |
| Lunch | 12.30 |
| Period 5 | 1.30 |
| Period 6 | 2.20 |
| Finish | 3.10 |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Cont'd)

In particular:

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| Fighting and Bullying are not tolerated under any circumstances. |
| Offensive Language (eg use of vulgar, sexist or racist language in non-threatening contexts) is not tolerated within our school community. |
| Late arrivals to school - Students who arrive late to school (at any time during the day) should obtain a Late Pass before joining their class. Late passes are obtained from the General Office (years 7-9) or the Senior School Office (years 10-12). |
| Absenteeism from school must be supported by the written permission of a guardian or parent. |
| Uniform is expected to be worn by students. Those out of uniform should have a uniform pass. |
| Shoes The only acceptable footwear is plain, black, sturdy shoes. The shoes must be lace ups (black laces only) or T-Bars. Shoes must have a solid heel and sole (ie not ballet type shoes). For health and safety reasons students are NOT permitted to wear thongs, sandals or open-toed shoes to school. |
| Jewellery Students with piercings will be permitted to wear small plain or clear sleepers or studs, with consideration to student safety. Apart from watches, no visible jewellery is permitted including rings, necklaces and bracelets, with the exception of Council approved fundraising items. Makeup and coloured nail polish must not be worn to school. |
| Lockers: No student is permitted at their lockers during class time or between classes. Disruption to classes and interference with personal property occurs when students are allowed at lockers at these times. Lockers may only be used before school, at the beginning and end of recess, lunch times and at the end of the day. |
| Corridors are to be moved through quietly and briskly. Students must not run, push, dawdle or waste time. People should keep to the left where possible. Staff should be alert to the dangers of silly, irresponsible behaviour of students in the school buildings. |
| Areas Out of Bounds to Students include all car parks and gardens, Upwey Primary School grounds and oval, Upwey Football oval and Chosen Avenue. Students are not to leave the school site during the day without an early leaver's pass. There are no 'pass-outs'! |
| Lateness to class. Students are expected to be at class by the bell. |
| Classrooms are not to be entered by students without the permission and supervision of a teacher. Certain rooms are designated wet-weather rooms and are supervised by duty teachers. |
| Littering – Students should take pride in their school environment. |
| School Bags: Students are not permitted to take bags to class or carry them around the school at recess or lunchtime. |
| Smoking: Students are forbidden to either smoke or carry cigarettes, matches, lighters etc. both at school and while travelling between home and school, or to be in the company of smokers. |
| Phones and electronic devices Teachers have the right to decide whether any electronic devices (CD player, iPods, mobile phones etc) are to be used in their learning space. |

There are automatic consequences for some actions:

Community Service - 1pm at lunchtimes

Subschool Detentions - Thursday after school

Saturday Morning Detentions

Term 1 has been a busy time and an emotionally draining one. Enjoy the autumn break, recharge the batteries and stay safe.

Tom Daly

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Photos

ID photos are now available from Homegroup teachers. The cards should include Bus Number and early leavers pass for some senior students. Portraits and class photos will be available at the start of Term 2. If parents wish to purchase photos at any stage during the year they need to phone National School Photography on 9428 9420 for orders and payment.

Lockers

Please check with your child that they have a lock for their locker. If necessary, please organise one over the term break. It is not an option for students to carry bags into classes. There are occupational health & safety issues as well as security issues. Students need to look after their locker and report any damage to the relevant year level coordinator.

Holiday Break

I hope that everyone has a very safe and enjoyable break from school. Special mention to all the year 12 people who should use the time for catching up and then preparing for the mid year exams.

Mick Sheehy - Assistant Principal

WELFARE NEWS

Parents & teens growing together

This seminar is for parents of teens and pre-teens. It's about growing together and building your relationship with your teenager.

The presenter is Zoe Broomhead. Zoe is married with two adult children and one teen. Zoe and her husband have spent over ten years providing Foster and Emergency Care for teens in their local community, in addition to working in Youth & Youth Adult Ministries at Syndal Baptist Church. For twelve years Zoe has worked in community based counselling centres. Think about some questions you would like answered at this interactive seminar for parents. Gold coin donation.

Wednesday 29 April

7:45pm - 9:00pm at Rowville Baptist Church

Cnr Wellington Road & Le John Street, Rowville

RSVP by 22 April to Catherine on 9764 4242.

Email: offie@rowvillebaptist.org.au

FIRST AID NEWS

Immunisation Program 2009

22 APRIL 2009

Year 7 Girls

Gardasil 2nd dose

Chicken Pox

26 AUGUST 2009

Year 7 Girls

Gardasil 3rd dose

Hepatitis B 2nd dose

Year 7 Boys

Hepatitis B 2nd dose

If you have any queries regarding immunisation, contact Rose Thompson via e-mail at: r.thompson@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Pauline Cram

First Aid Officer



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP APPLE BOBBING 2009 DREAMS DO & DON'T COME TRUE"

Apple bobbing is both an exhilarating and cruel sport. The World Championship of Apple bobbing held at the Athletics Sports saw the heights of rapture and the depths of depression, family dynasties were continued and families were torn apart, past champions fell over and future champions emerged.

A massive crowd gathered at the Appledome to witness the spectacle. Although the Championship was held much earlier in the year than usual, we still had traditional Apple bobbing weather - cold and wet, just the way we like it! The enthusiasm from the year 7 students was outstanding and year 7 students filled in eagerly when there were spaces in later rounds. I have no doubt we saw some future champions in action.

The first shock was the elimination of top seed, Liam O'Brien. Liam was Champion in year 7 and made the Grand Final last year but was knocked out in the sixth round in controversial circumstances - he claimed his bucket was too small (but maybe you're too bigheaded, eh Liam). Year 12 participation was very high and Cass Matthews gatecrashed the year 11 round and won! After the year 12 boys' round enthusiasm boiled over and Tim Whitelaw, Brad Chambers, Ryan Wassink and Ash Walshe threw buckets of water over each other - the year 7s in the front row scattered in all directions, a valuable lesson learnt.

Finally the preliminary rounds were completed and we were down to the final three - all Apple bobbing royalty. The star studded line-up was James Gray - 2008 Grand Finalist (and brother of 2008 Champion Tegan Gray), Ginger Tadebois - 2007 and 2008 Grand Finalist, and Eden Tadebois in her first Grand Final. This was sibling rivalry at its most intense. It was Ginger's last chance to grab the title and she was in stunning form in the early rounds - greased lightning!!!

The Appledome shook as the crowd screamed the 10 to 1 chant and 3 heads dived into the buckets. Ginger looked to have it won but couldn't get the apple to stick in the gob. In an instant Eden pounced and emerged from the torrent, apple in situ. The crowd was momentarily stunned then broke into thunderous applause, having witnessed history.

Eden was ecstatic - 2 years of training vindicated and a dream come true, Ginger was utterly devastated, her last chance for eternal glory snatched from her by her own flesh and blood. As for James, he was already planning his campaign to come back stronger and faster than ever in 2010. But as James knows, the only certainty in Apple bobbing is that nothing is certain! Until next year, keep bobbing!

Grant Nichol Apple Bobbing CEO
Postscript: Maddie Nelson has been given a life ban from apple bobbing for pouring a bucket of water over the CEO (me) after the tournament.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

Term 1 is fast drawing to a close and with it many feelings of relief, excitement and apprehension. For many this term has been your first term at Upwey High, for some it is one of your last as you continue with your VCE studies. Term 1 is always hectic here at Upwey, there are many camps (Year 10 Central is still on now), new transitions, this term we also had to cope with building works around our school and the bushfires were a very present reality.

These holidays we also celebrate Easter. Easter has different meanings for many people, for some it is a long weekend, for others Easter eggs, hot cross buns, giving and receiving. For many throughout the world it is the time to reflect and remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. With that is also the idea of dying or sacrificing in order to bring new life. I reckon this is an important life principle that real growth often comes through the hard times. It is worth remembering that as life gets hard that is often in those times that bring the opportunity for new life. I hope you have a great holiday.

Stephen Barrington - Chaplain

UPWEY HIGH SHUFFLER SHUFFLE 100 KM'S FOR OXFAM

Last weekend saw Upwey High enter a team in the annual Oxfam Trailwalker event. The aim was for a team of four to walk 100km inside 48 hours, commencing on Friday morning in Jells Park and finishing in Wesburn Park, up near Warburton. The team called the Upwey High Shufflers, was made up of Emily Sheppard (Wellbeing Coordinator) Anna Wood (Social Worker) Mick Sheehy (Assistant Principal) and Stephen Barrington (Chaplain). Funds raised went to Oxfam Australia, who work in 28 countries around the world including Indigenous Australia and go towards making a tremendous difference to people's lives around the world.

At 6.15 on Saturday afternoon, March 28, after 33 hours on the track the Upwey High Shufflers ALL crossed the line together to the cheers and hugs of many family and friends. They were greeted with the words from the announcer, "All at Upwey High School are extremely proud of you". It was an amazing experience that challenged them all deeply, physically, emotionally and mentally. The walk certainly brought out the best of their teamwork as they all had to work together to get through.

A special thanks to all the amazing supporters who texted, rang, emailed and dropped in to support them along the way. Thanks to their support crew who looked after them along the way and a special thank you to the Upwey High School community for your outstanding support and donations either via our free dress day or directly through our website.

Stephen Barrington Chaplain

THANK YOU FROM YEAR 9 TEAM

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Year 9 Information Night. It was great to meet you all. We have collated all your questions and are preparing a document to answer many of them. Thank you so much for all your constructive feedback and for all the positive statements of support. Any parents who did not attend will find the information on the school website by the end of this week; there are a few hard copies of the presentation and information available on request.

This fortnight the Year 9 team was able to hold a Celebration Assembly to announce student nominations (both peer and staff) for excellent contributions to class, team work, improvements and thinking. Over 60 students were nominated. Each time a student is nominated their name goes into the draw to win a Wii at the end of the year. Good luck!!
Thank you from the Year 9 Team

CAREER NEWS

Reminders - Coming Soon

- Monash Uni: 'At Monash' series; Tues 31 Mar – Science; Wed 1 April: Arts/Humanities; see www.monash.edu.au/study/events; both at Clayton campus
- Forensic Medicine: Career info. session at Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; 12.30-4pm, Mon 6 April; www.vifm.org.
- Uni Student for a Day (Monash Uni, Gippsland); 7 – 8 April; see www.gippsland.monash.edu.au
- Art/Design/Film/TV: Swinburne, Prahran; 7 April; www.future.swinburne.edu.au/artsanddesign
- La Trobe University: 'Talk and Tour'; 7 April; www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/talk-and-tour-2009
- Careers at the Zoo: Werribee Open Range Zoo; 8, 9, 16, 17, 23 & 24 April; www.zoo.org.au/learning
- Melbourne Uni: 'Access all Areas'; 17 April; www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/
- 'The Age' VCE & Careers Expo: 24-26 April; Caulfield Racecourse; www.education.theage.com.au

Year 10 Work Experience: 15 June 15 - 26 June. Just a reminder that all students should be finalising their placement arrangements for this year. The deadline for all paperwork regarding our work experience program is Friday 15 May. Please make a note of this deadline in your diaries.

'At Monash' Seminar Series Continues: Coming seminars - all commence 6.30pm: For info call 9903 4758, or Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au)

- Tues 5 May: Education, Sport & Outdoor Recreation, Peninsula campus, Frankston
- Thur 7 May: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Health Sciences, Peninsula
- Tues 12 May: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Parkville campus, 381 Royal Pde
- Wed 13 May: Architecture, Caulfield campus
- Mon 18 May: Psychology, Clayton campus
- Tues 19 May: Drama & Theatre Studies, Clayton campus
- Wed 20 May: Business & Economics, Caulfield campus
- Thur 21 May: Engineering, Clayton campus

See www.monash.edu.au/study/events for details, and for seminars later in the series or check the poster on the Careers noticeboard.

UMAT News: UMAT is the undergraduate medicine and

health sciences admission test. It is a test specifically designed to assist with the selection of students into medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level. The UMAT 2009 Information booklet is NOW available at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. The Faculty of Health Sciences at La Trobe University has confirmed that the UMAT will only be a requirement for NON Year 12 applicants applying for Dentistry and Oral Health Science in 2010 and NOT current Year 12 applicants (see page 3 of the 2009 Information Booklet). Note: Selection for Monash Uni physiotherapy requires an interview in addition to the UMAT and ENTER. It is important for all Year 12 students to determine whether they require the UMAT for admission into their preferred course of study. They then must apply to sit the UMAT exam to be held Wednesday, 29 July. The test is mandatory for many of these health science courses.

VCE and Careers Expo: A chance to collect info. at one location from a range of sources - Universities, TAFE's, student exchange, defence forces, independent colleges, professional bodies, VCE resource providers. What: 'Age' VCE & Careers Expo When: 10am-5pm, 24-26 April; Where: Caulfield Racecourse; Cost: \$10 (incl. 'Age'). All Year 11 students will be attending this as an excursion on Friday, 24 April.

Into Design? The International Design Week (4 – 7 May) program includes 'AGIDEAS 2009 Futures'. Hear insights from design leaders; meet tertiary college staff with design course info. Gain insights into pathways and explore possibilities of a career in film & TV, graphics, industrial & product design, illustration, motion graphics, architecture, urban design, photography, interactive media and advertising. Cost (\$30) includes presentations from international and Australian speakers. When: Course Expo: 4.00-6.30pm, Speakers: 6.30-8.30pm, Tues 5 May; Where: Hamer Hall; Info: www.agideas.net, contact@agideas.net, ph 9416 2966.

Interested in Engineering? Engineers Australia invites you to attend their Careers Expo. When: 1-7pm, Wed 29 April; Where: Melbourne Town Hall (cnr Swanston & Collins St). Cost: Free; Find out about making a choice regarding the education and career opportunities available in engineering.

Considering the Defence Force GAP Year after Year 12? Applications for this program open on 1 May 2009. Gaining a position is very competitive, so apply early. Info: www.defencejobs.com.au OR call 13 19 01.

Michael Hilt **Careers Coordinator**
(All information included in Career News is taken from information received in the Careers Room from universities, TAFE institutes, employer groups, Careers in-service activities, and a Careers newsletter prepared by Martin Walker. All effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this information.)

PAYMENTS MADE TO THE SCHOOL

Student payment times:
Before school: 8.15am - 8.35am
Recess: 10.30am - 10.45am
& at lunch time/s.

Students - these times must be strictly adhered to.
Parents - may pay at any time during office hours.