



UPWEY HIGH NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Upwey High! I trust that we all had a restful break. Staff and students have moved into premises which are at the 95% completion stage. (three classrooms to go!) There will also be some exterior building works over the next term or so, but these are comparatively minor in nature.

New Staff: We welcome the following new staff to our school:

Amanda Baldasso (Food Technology)
Rachael Pickersgill (Learning Support)
Julie Marshall (Integration Aide).

Welcome Back from Leave: We also welcome back from leave: Michael Cooper, John Graham and Henry Gordon.

Top Arts: Year 12 students from last year, Kaila Jenkin and James Nelson, have had their portfolios selected for display at Top Arts. This is an honour bestowed to only about 25 students across the state, so this is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to these two young people and thanks to their Year 12 teacher Deidre Cross.

School Organisation Issues

8:30am - School access to lockers bell
8:50am - Period 1 starts
3:10pm - end of school bell

All year levels will have common start and finish times in 2009. Every day will have the same bell times.

Late passes, uniform passes, attendance issues

Years 7-9 students report from 8:30am at the General Office to Middle Years Officer Ros McCrory.

Years 10-12 students report at the Senior School centre to the Later Years Officer Julie Pack.

Early Leaver's Passes: These can be supplied on the day (or permanently for Year 11/12 students). A written note must be supplied to either Ros or Julie at 8:30am.

Pass-outs during the day: There are NO pass-outs for any reason. Students are not permitted to leave the school site and return unaccompanied during the day for any reason.

Homerooms: These year levels are based in these rooms for Mathematics, English and Humanities.

Year 7 - portables next to the primary school
Year 8 - top of B Block
Year 9 - Aurora Centre (new building)

Daymap: We have installed a new learning management system called 'Daymap'. Students all have a login to this new system, which has links to class information and resources. It is a web based system that can be accessed from any place with web access.

Address: <http://intranet.upweyhs.vic.edu.au/>
Use name: Student ID number (as previously)
Password: Pwd77/88/1999 (where 77/88/1999 is the student birthday).

Tom Daly

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

10/02	Year 11 Orientation Day
10/02	Year 12 Photos
17/02	Year 7 Instrumental Music Information Night -7.30pm
18/02	Swimming Sports
20/02	Immunisations Years 7 & 10
23-27/02	Year 11 PE Camp
23-27/02	Year 7 Camp (2 groups)
04/03	Year 7 Family Evening
09/04	Labour Day
11-12/02	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Camp
17/03	Athletic Sports
18/03	School Council
Mar 27	Yr 10 Central Camp commences
02/04	Parent / Teacher interviews
03/04	End of Term

Year 11 ORIENTATION DAY

Tuesday 10 February
Monash University - Clayton

Consent forms have been distributed to all students and money and forms are due back to the general office by Monday 9 February.

If there are any queries regarding this school activity please contact me in the Senior School Office on 9757 0454.

Dani Colaneri Year 11 Coordinator

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

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

8:00am to 4:00pm
Friday

BELL TIMES - 2009

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

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

General office hours

The general office is open from 8:00am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and from 8:00am to 4:00pm on Fridays.

Newsletter distribution

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, we will only be posting the first newsletter of each term home. Newsletters will be available on our website each fortnight. If you do not have internet access or prefer a hard copy, please call or email if you still want the newsletter posted home.

Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **27 February 2009** for the first payment and **7 August 2009** for the second payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$221 for primary students and \$443 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments.

Parents with continuing eligibility who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28 February 2009 and prior to 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment. Application forms are available from the general office.

School Injuries and Insurance

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Is other insurance cover available? Yes.

The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd, that provide accident insurance policies for students.

These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so. Contact details are as follows:

JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd: www.studenthealth.com.au
Willis Australia Ltd: baileyw@willis

Collection of receipts

Receipts for payment of monies may be collected by students from the general office before or after school, at recess or lunchtime.

Stacey Kerr

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Lockers

All students should now have been allocated a locker. Students must have a padlock on their locker. 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.

Photos

Most Year 7-11 students had their photo taken on Wednesday 4 February. Year 12 students and others who missed the first session will have their photo taken on Tuesday 10 February. The reason for the early times for the photos is to enable students to be identified and to obtain their ID card. (Note every student gets the ID card free of charge). Parents are able to purchase photos at any stage during the year but need to go through National School Photography on 9428 9420 for orders and payment. Photos will continue to run in the first week of the year - apologies for not being able to convey this information any earlier.

Buses

Only students who are eligible for government buses will be allowed on the bus. Students will be issued a bus pass on their ID photo. The school day finishes at 3:10 and buses leave at 3.20.

Digital Citizenship - A Presentation for Families incorporating 'Cybersafety'

Upwey High School has teamed up with Monbulk College and Emerald Secondary College to organise a special event for families on the important issue of *Digital Citizenship*. The presentation will include information relating to 'Cybersafety', and it will be delivered by an expert in this field, Ms Robyn Treyuvaud, founder of *CyberSafeWorld*. Robyn is an engaging speaker who will deliver a thought provoking and timely presentation on what it is to be a responsible 'digital citizen'. The presentation will be held on:

Monday 16 March 2009, 7.00pm at Monbulk Secondary College (Performing Arts Centre).

The presentation is pitched at parents of secondary school students in Years 7 to 9. Parents of Grade 6 students in surrounding primary schools in the Dandenong Ranges are also warmly invited to attend. There is no cost to parents although families are welcome to make a gold coin donation on arrival.

Places are limited so please register your interest at the general office for this important community event by Monday 23 February. Any queries, please contact Mick Sheehy preferably via email on:
sheehy.michael.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

VET NEWS

All VET courses start the week of 16 February (except for Acting which starts on the 9 February). Information on course fees and location of courses will be distributed next week.

Sophie Kanofski - VET Coordinator

COLLECTION OF BOOKS AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Money for books sold at the Book Sale has been processed although not all money has been collected from the General Office. There is still some money to be finalised from late sales made this year. Any unsold books can be collected from Mrs Doyle's office. Those not collected by the end of February will be donated to the Student Wellbeing team or the relevant faculty.

If you applied for a School Council Scholarship last year, your applications can also be collected from Mrs Doyle's office.

Concept Books reminds parents that there are still some new books (paid for) to be collected at the General Office.

YEAR 9 AURORA CENTRE NEWS

Welcome back to our Year 9 students and parents and a very warm welcome to our new families. We are very proud to announce the successful opening of our new Year 9 Aurora Centre and we are looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable year for our students.

In the coming weeks we will be organising an Open Night so please keep an eye out for your invitation. I am pleased to report that the students have settled in beautifully. Our first two days were very productive with all students working in groups to establish their good strong work ethics for the year ahead.

I would like to congratulate the students on their uniforms. Most students have the correct uniform and they look very smart. If, for some reason, your child does not have the correct uniform they are required to obtain a 'uniform pass' from the general office **before** school commences for the day.

I have had many requests for home group changes and elective swaps and I understand this is of concern for students and parents. At present I am working hard to accommodate all students but it is taking some time so I ask for your understanding and patience. If you have any further concerns please feel free to contact me.

I would like to collect all parent email addresses as a way of immediate communication. If you could please email me with the name of your child and current home group, I can begin to create a database. This is a very effective way of communicating with all Year 9 parents throughout the year. I thank you in advance.

Finally, I am delighted to have been appointed to the role of Year 9 Coordinator this year and I look forward to supporting all Year 9 students and their families.

Pauline Cherry

Year 9 Coordinator

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Nicole Pennings from Year 9 who came 5th in the Victorian Little Athletics Multi-Event at Warrnambool last weekend. Nicole competed in the Under 14 age group and participated in five events which were: 100m sprint, 80m hurdles, 800m run, long jump and discus. The athletes are given points and ranked. This is a fantastic effort and as a school we would like to congratulate her on this wonderful achievement.

IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2009

In 2009, Upwey High School and the Shire of Yarra Ranges will be offering the following immunisation programs for students:

20 FEBRUARY, 2009

Year 7 Girls

Gardasil 1st dose
Hepatitis B 1st dose

Year 7 Boys

Hepatitis B 1st dose
Chicken Pox

Year 10 Girls & Boys

Tetanus

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

Consent cards will be sent home for confirmation and the cards will be retained by the Shire of Yarra Ranges. 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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Olinda Ferny Creek Football Club:** Kick Off & Registration Day. Date: 15 February - Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm. Place: Olinda Hall (outside footy ground). Come along and meet the coaches. Teams will be entered in U10's, U11's, U12's, U14's, & U16's.
- **Upwey Tecoma Junior Football Club:** Looking for both male and female players for all age groups from U10 through 16. Registration Day - Sunday 22 February from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Contact Richard Clifford on 9754 3318.

YEAR 7 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITMENT NIGHT

The Instrumental Music program at Upwey High School provides students with the opportunity to learn an instrument from Year 7 to VCE levels. We have many specialist instrumental staff who teach individually or in small groups.

You are invited to come along and find out how the Instrumental Music program operates. See the Symphonic Band in action and hear the sounds of many different instruments. A representative from Billy Hyde Music will be present to discuss instrument sales and hire options. There will also be opportunities for students to 'try out' some of the instruments. See you there!

When: Tuesday 17 February, 7: 30pm
Where: Upwey High School Presentation Centre (Aurora Building)

Val Becker

Instrumental Music Coordinator



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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As part of your child's Physical Education/Sport, the opportunity to participate in the following activity has been provided. As such it involves some cost along with leaving the school grounds and therefore your written consent is required. Could you please read the given information carefully and sign the attached permission form, clearly showing if you **do** or **do not** allow your child to participate in the program.

If you have any queries, please contact the Physical Education department on 9754 2838.

TEACHER IN CHARGE: LAUREN BENNETT

DATE/S: Wednesday 18th Feb 2009

TOTAL COST: NO CHARGE

Activity: UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Location: Croydon Memorial pool (Mel 51 A3)

Transport: BUS

TIME OF DEPARTURE: **8:45AM**

Time Event:

Meeting point: Yr 7 & 8's lower stadium, Yr 9 & 10's upper stadium, Yr 11's drama room & Yr 12's P9 & P10

Time of arrival back at school: 3pm

Consent form due back no later than: Wed 11th Feb (return to box outside LOWER PE OFFICE OR AT THE MAIN OFFICE)

Other: WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS, BRING BATHERS, TOWEL, HAT & SUNSCREEN, CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN

TEAR OFF HERE â

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Name of student: Homegroup:

I do / do not give permission for my child to travel with the school part to the following excursion: UHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 18th Feb 2009

I authorise the teacher in charge, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to consent to my child receiving such medical / surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER

Medicare No: Ambulance Cover: YES NO

Private Health Fund: Cover No:

Signature: Date:

Address for contact in emergency:

Phone No/s: