



UPWEY HIGH NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How good is this - two senior students achieve selection in 'Barnum'!

'Joining the chorus' is the premier performing arts unit of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The group will be performing the musical 'Barnum' at the Comedy Theatre in Melbourne from 11 September to 19 September.

Belinda Smith (Year 11) and Bryce Turcato (Year 10) have auditioned for and have been selected to be part of this production. Congratulations to both Belinda and Bryce on their achievement.

Bookings: Ticketek 132 849 or ticketek.com.au

Cost: Adults \$39.50 students \$24 concession \$30

Netball success

Leah Reilly (Year 10) was captain of the Victorian Under 15s Schoolgirls Netball team in the National Championships last week. The Victorian team are now National Champions, not having lost a single game. Leah had an excellent tournament; named Most Valuable Player for the Victorian team and is now in the National squad. Well done Leah!

General assembly and Love 146

In the first week of this term we held our General Assembly in the stadium - the whole school community meeting together. The assemblies are hosted by the School Captains and there are a range of speakers and acknowledgements. Britt Westaway (Year 8) presented a thoroughly engaging talk and slide show on Love 146 on behalf of the SRC. (Love 146 was the focus for the SRC out of uniform day fundraiser this term - see story over the page). Everyone present was moved by the information that she presented. Congratulations Britt on your commitment to this cause; it was an excellent presentation and a great example of how a young person can be effectively involved in student leadership.

Arts Festival

I would like to commend the Arts Learning Area on the Arts festival. A roaring success, this was a wonderful opportunity to showcase student work in both the Visual and Performing Arts spheres. Wednesday 29 July also saw the formal opening of the new building works in Visual Arts. Congratulations and thanks to Paul Scrivener, Arts Learning Area Coordinator and all teachers and students who contributed to making this a very worthwhile event.

Emergency Management at Upwey High School - Bushfire season

We are currently being audited by the government in terms of our physical requirements to manage and ensure the safety of our school community if there is a bushfire threat. This process is linked to the wider reviews currently being undertaken across the broader community. There will most likely be some modifications to our Emergency Management procedures and these will be communicated before the start of the fire season.

Dandenong Ranges Community Bushfire Group

Welcomes School Parents to a Community Meeting. Be informed regarding the 2009/2010 bushfire season - Come and see what our group has been up to.

Monday 10 August the Mt Dandenong Hotel at 7.30pm - Gold Coin Donations appreciated <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/drcbg/> Dandenong Ranges Community Bushfire Group -Communities working together for a safer place to live. RSVP: Julie Howard elvira@netspace.net.au or 0425 776 115.

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IMPORTANT DATES

12/08	Year 12 VTAC Night
13/08	Year 11 to 12 Course Counselling
14/08	Year 11 to 12 Course Counselling
26/08	All Year 7 Hep B/Gardasil injections
26/08	School Council meeting
27/08	Year 8 Sports Day
27/08	Year 9 to 10 Course Counselling
28/08	Year 9 to 10 Course Counselling

EMA

Application forms for the second instalment of Education Maintenance Allowance are available from the office. EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of children. The application with a copy of a valid Health Care Card must be submitted to the school no later than **Friday 7 August. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment are NOT required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

Parents who transfer from another school must reapply for the second instalment by the due date.

WANTED

Knitting wool and needles. I am planning to start a lunchtime group for students to knit things for the Salvation Army Guardian Angel appeal. I would also love a needle gauge if anyone has one to determine the size of the needles that no longer have sizes on them.

Helen Rossenberg

FIRST AID NEWS

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 email at: r.thompson@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday:
8.00 am to 4.30 pm

Friday
8.00 am to 4.00 pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Exchange Australia, a not-for-profit organisation which is registered with all state and territory departments of education, is pleased to extend an invitation for Upwey High School students to attend an information evening in Melbourne on Thursday 13 August at the Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William St, Melbourne. The session starts at 7:30pm. Further details are available in the newsletter notice which can be downloaded at: www.studentexchange.org.au in either Word format or in PDF format.

The evening gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.

Working Bee

We would like to immediately start some clean up and beautification work on the embankment area. School Council's Facilities and Resource Management Committee (FARM) has resolved to have a working bee on Saturday 15 August from 8am to midday.

We will concentrate on three areas:

- cleanup of the embankment
- walkway down from Arts area and
- Visual Arts building retaining wall

Any help on the day would be welcome. If you would like to help us, then please return the slip below to Steve Morris, Facilities Manager (office in the Admin Building) or email mor@upweyhs.vic.edu.au.

Tom Daly

SRC - LOVE146 - END CHILD SEX SLAVERY FUNDRAISER

Back on the 2nd of January I was listening (well, watching a DVD) of one of my favourite bands Paramore play. The lead singer was dedicating the next song to Love146. I was so fascinated by the name I HAD to go on the site. So I did. And I was shocked. I hadn't been exposed to all of the issues around the world. I NEVER knew that child sex slavery and exploitation was going on. I thought 'I NEED to do SOMETHING!' so I told Rhiannon and she agreed.

The next step was to go to SRC and tell them. We spoke to a whole school assembly with a power point presentation. Then we held a Free Dress Day and made calico LOVE146 Badges and raised \$1400.

Now I am an SRC member. Looking back at it I'm amazed. What seemed like such a weird nearly impossible vision of speaking to my school about it, I have now indeed done. And I feel great!
Britt Westaway - Year 8



PARENT SUPPORT

Parenting isn't always easy, so it's good to know that help is available! For free, confidential, 24 hour, parent and carer support call CAPS on 1800 688 009. CAPS support workers can help:

- If you are finding it hard to cope with your children.
- If you are having issues with the behaviour of your children.
- If you would like information about communicating with or disciplining your children.
- If you have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child you know.
- If you think you might harm a child.
- If you need clarification about what child abuse actually is.
- If you want to report abuse but don't know how.
- If you have any questions or need any information about child abuse.
- If you need help but don't know where to get it.
- Or if you just need someone to talk to!

You can find out more information at www.childabuseprevention.com.au or call 1800 688 009.

Working Bee - Saturday 15 August 8am to midday

Morning tea and sausage sizzle will be supplied

Names of those attending:.....

I can bring: *shovel* *wheelbarrow* *ute* *other tools* (please circle)

I have special skills in:

Or I can help with general cleanup and garden work

Contact phone number:.....

HELLO YEAR 9 PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS

The first three weeks of school have been busy in the Aurora Centre and at Year 9 in General.

We continue to have success with our Tribes program and have now started incorporating some of the activities with the content (see below for some more Tribes information).

We are currently working on an Australian History Project where students are working in groups researching and preparing a lesson to teach the rest of the classes. Themes and topics include Women's Suffrage, Crimes and Punishment, The Gold Rush, Inland Explorers and many more.

Students have been developing their understanding of different forms of Intelligences. We recently explored the 9 Multiple Intelligences and students presented their findings in different formats. 9F are to be congratulated with their presentation on Mutual Respect using musical intelligence (the photo below is of them performing their song in the centre). The song was so good that it will now be the Centre's Anthem.

On the topic of Music, '1F', the Year 9 band featuring Nick Somerville (keys/vocals/guitar), Michelle Sabin (vocals), Corey Rance (vocals), Daniel Watson (bass/vocals), Alex Jeffery (lead guitar/lead vocals) , Brodie Hayward (drums), Imogen Frost (vocals), Lachlan Bagally (guitar) and Sam Shineberg (vocals/guitar/piano) has successfully entered their song "Love 146" in the Triple J Unearth competition. To show your support and listen to their work please go to <http://triplejunearthed.com/Artists/View.aspx?artistid=29074> . Please rate and review their song. The School would like to thank their music teacher Kal Stavropoulos for helping them prepare and record the song.

Every few week, we try to honour the good work and attitude of our students through a Celebration Assembly. We ended last week with such an Assembly. The following students were recognised for their contributions to the school community:



Justice Johnson, Alex Jeffery, Jacqui Beovich, Maanii Cochrane, Alex Draper, Callum Butler, Sam Shineberg, Daniel Watson, Nick Somerville, Josh Bennett, Brodie Hayward, Drew Samanta, Caysi Keating, Mason Harvey, Mitchell Scholer, Jordene Davenport, and John Mitchell.

We would also like to recognise and congratulate Stephanie Ashmore, Bri Horne and Kelsey Currie for being selected to represent Victoria in Volleyball this month in Sydney. Good luck!!

Yours sincerely,
Bonnie Zuidland and the year 9 team

Tribes is a process that facilitates the creation of Learning Communities. It blends the development and practice of group skills and processes in an attempt to create a cooperative learning environment.

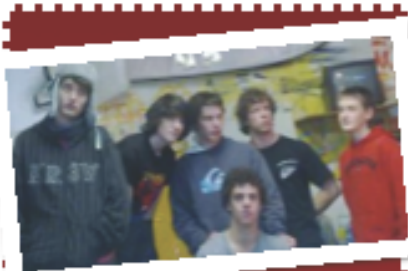
The variety of strategies and discourse mentor students in the prevention of negative outcomes and learning experiences while developing resiliency.

It is a theory and practice that engages students with their learning in an attempt to shift student attitudes towards positive outcomes.



Triple J Unearthed High

... go online & rate triple j ... go online & rate triple j ... go online & rate triple j



Rate or Review on line

Our Year 9 music elective class formed the band 'IF' - In collaboration with SRC, they composed & recorded the song 'Love 140'

<http://triplejuned.com/Artist/View.aspx?artistid=29074>

Our VCE students in the band 'Josh Hall Projekt' recorded 'Switchblade Smiles' http://triplejuned.com/Review/All_Reviews.aspx?ArtistID=27120

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*** Music fuelled Arts Week ***

Music filled the atr and the corridors during Arts Week with various complimenting music performances. Jenny Royle and Janette Patton opened rehearsal sessions with their keyboard and symphonic ensembles during lunch on opening day.

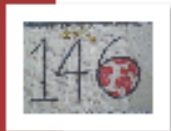
OPENING NIGHT, BIG DAY IN, OPEN REHEARSALS

In the early evening Janette Patton presented a series of woodwind students performing solo and duet pieces.

Jenny Royle followed with piano soloists in the foyer of the fine arts exhibition.



On the second day of the festival, Michael Flynn headed up our traditional 'Big Day In'. His VET students set up



and recorded a live outdoor concert of Upwey Bands - two of which are featured on Triple J's Unearthed High Competition [do go online & rate].

VCE Jazz ensemble rehearsals were open for spectators on the third and final day of the festival.



Student inspired perpetual participation, propelled 'Art Symphony' throughout the week.

Year 9 Music Awards

Bonnie Zuidland presented Year 9 achievement awards this week. The Music Department acknowledged the ongoing and positive music commitment from...

The Year 9 Group 'The Escapades' Sam Shineberg, Dan Watson, Nik Somerville & Josh Bennet for supporting the school with music performances at every opportunity.

Also last Semester Year 9 Music Elective students' excellent

participation and achievements...

Brodie Hayward,
Dhrew
Samantha,
Caysi Keating,
Sam Shineberg
& Mason
Harvey



Richard Gill, Music Director of the Victorian Opera and internationally respected music educator specialising in opera, musical theatre, vocal and choral training will be conducting a master-class workshop for our choir this Friday the 7th of August.