



UPWEY HIGH NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Here we are, already halfway through the year. Have a safe and restful winter break!

Exams and Work Experience

Senior school have all been involved with exams over the last few weeks. Year 11 and 12 students have commenced Semester 2 studies and Year 10 students have started their two week Work Experience block. This is a very important experience for them at this stage as the first half of Term 3 is the time for determining pathways for next year.

Year 9 - Night of the Notables in the Aurora Centre - 15 and 16 June

Families enjoyed the opportunity of meeting over 200 notable people on these nights. Our Year 9 students had selected, researched and prepared for their evening as a notable. They answered questions, told their notable's story and shared their learnings.



Congratulations to all students and thanks to the Year 9 team and other staff and families who have supported them in completing this integrated project.

Music Soiree on 17 June in the Presentation Space

The Presentation space was also in use the following night for our highly successful, inaugural music soiree.

Our new piano (donated by Music Parents Association) was put to good use and the acoustics in the new centre are excellent.

Congratulations to all students who participated and thanks to the instrumental music staff, led by Kal Stavropoulos, who have supported the students in their preparation and in the organisation of the evening.

Swine Flu

As families would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases

Specific concerns from parents about Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) can be referred to any of the following:

- The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007
- Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024 - for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
- Your doctor (GP) - if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico, California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

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IMPORTANT DATES

15/06 - 26/06	Year 10 Work Experience
26/06	Last day of Term 2
13/07	First day of Term 3

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Absences and notes

If your child is absent from school could you please send a note with him/her on return to school or, alternatively, phone and leave a message on voicemail prior to 10.00am on the morning of your child's absence. Your message or note should state your name, your child's name, her/his homegroup and the reason for the absence.

Email addresses

We are trying to collect parent email addresses so that we can use this method of communication to notify parents of upcoming events and for newsletter distribution. Please send your email address with your child's and your name to upweyhs@edumail.vic.gov.au so that we can update our records.

Newsletter distribution

In an effort to be kinder to our environment, we are only 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.

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.

Change of Details

In order for us to keep our information up-to-date, please notify staff in the General Office regarding any change of details to your child's enrolment information, eg. change of address, phone number, mobile phone number, etc.

Stacey Kerr

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday
8.00 am to 4.30 pm

Friday
8.00 am to 4.00 pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Cont'd)

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

Report Distribution

Reports will be distributed at 3pm on the last day of term.

Tom Daly

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

Exams and Semester 2 (Years 10-12)

Congratulations to all students who have completed exams over the last couple of weeks. Year 11 and 12 students have now commenced Units 2 & 4. Year 12 students please make sure that they use the holidays wisely and catch up on work from Semester 1. Please note that any student requiring a course change needs to see Ms Karen Davey in the Senior School Centre.

Well Being Issues

onPsych - service offered in your school

Step One: If you feel that your child would benefit from working with a psychologist, in either individual or small group sessions, you need to talk with the Student Welfare Coordinator at your school. They will help you document your concerns and goals for your child.

Step Two: Take this documentation with your child to your GP, Paediatrician or Psychiatrist and request a referral to an onPsych psychologist. It is important to inform the receptionist that you are seeking a referral to a psychologist. This allows them to set aside enough time to complete this.

Step Three: Notify your school that you have a referral. Post, email or fax the referral to onPsych; Phone: 0418 171 873, Fax: 59897331, P.O. Box 394 Mornington 3931, Email: referral@onpsych.com.au

Mick Sheehy

FIRST AID NEWS

Immunisation Program 2009

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Netball Umpire Wanted** for our two senior netball teams. Saturday games (Olinda) and Away games. 11:25 am and/or 12:40pm. Pays \$35.00 per game. Contact Helen on 0418 314 745

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesdays: 10.30 am to 2.00 pm

Thursdays: 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Please Note:

Cheque payments are to be made payable to
KLAD Sports

CERAMICS CLUB

The Ceramics Club commences on
26 May at lunch time.

\$5 membership fee, includes clay, glazes and
firing.

All year levels welcome.

Limited spaces available.

Please see Ms Vranjes in the Art department
for more information.

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

GET SOME WINTER CHILLS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Ice skating, indoor rock climbing, go-karting, make-up and hip-hop workshops are just a few of the things on offer as part of the action packed Youth Services' *Winter Chills* school holiday program.

Winter Chills provides a range of activities and workshops to keep young people aged 12-25 who live, work or study in the shire entertained these June/July holidays.

Winter Chills will kick off on Monday 29 June and activities will be held at various locations. Transport will be available to some activities and can be arranged by contacting Youth Services. For more information or bookings contact Youth Services on 9294 6716 or visit www.yrys.com

YEAR 9 and 10 DRAMA

The past few weeks have been a busy time for Year 9 and 10 Drama students. Both classes have performed very successful shows in front of a total of about 500 students. The classes did everything themselves - wrote the scripts, self-directed, got costumes and props, worked out lighting, did their own makeup, etc.



Year 10

The class took as their theme "Horror Stories". There was a classic horror story about a florist, a court case between Scream and Dracula, misadventures in a haunted house and a superhero up against the ferocious Man-Bear-Pig. All the acts were cleverly written and competently acted. The costumes and make up were first rate. The audiences were thoroughly entertained.



Year 9

The class was divided into four groups and told to produce an act which involved some music. There were stories about a dysfunctional news show and tensions in a household, a whodunit about a murder and stolen cookies and a tale of teenage relationships going wrong. All acts were very entertaining and performed well.

Congratulations to the students in both classes on a job well done.
Grant Nichol-Year 9 & 10 Drama teacher

AURORA NEWS

Night of the Notables

This week was a big week for Year 9 students. On Monday and Tuesday night the students completed their Night of the Notables project. Both evenings were a complete success. Students put an enormous effort into their presentations and costumes. They spoke well when addressing other parents and members of the public. The teachers are currently deliberating about which students will receive awards for certain aspects of their projects, however, we would like to invite parents to also contribute ideas and suggestions in order to reward students. It could be for best display, best banner, most creative costume, anything that you feel stood out on the evening. Please email suggestions to: zuidland.bonnie.b@edumail.vic.gov.au or cherry.pauline.n@edumail.vic.gov.au



Thankyou to all the members of our community who came to support our students. It was a great turn out and we hope to see you all again at future events like this.

Aurora Centre and Year 9 Team





* Soirée At Upwey High *

A teamed culmination of efforts and talents from the Music department's sensational Instrumental Teachers, Support Council and students staged an end of term Soirée where our talented musicians relished in the opportunity to perform for their peers, family, friends and teachers.

INSTRUMENTAL TEACHERS FACILITATE THE BEST

Ian Forward lead the Junior Rookie Band to open the event with exceptional confidence and standard.

DRMC. Julian Langdon's rock band, 'The Escapades' wound the audience up for the second set improvising through songs of the Beatles.

Jenny Royle shared her enthusiasm for our new concert piano with soloists who performed a selection of ragtime, musicals & contemporary music.



Janette Patton presented a flute solo and duet with clarinet.

Dana Zeimer lead her choir as Bonnie our VCE

pianist accompanied with soul & tradition.

The evening closed with an excellent combined concert & intermediate band performance.

Dan Nilson featured his Guitar ensemble that inspired an impromptu scholarship for an aspiring guitar student from



VCE play & play

Although our VCE students have completed a demanding unit, many chose to contribute to the soiree. Their involvement inspired the school's younger musicians.

Our VCE students have risen toward a standard of excellence through hard work and dedication.

A full list of student performances will be available for download next week.

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Music Scholarships

Bev McAlister from the Dandenong Ranges Music Council announced 6 Music Scholarships to be awarded to Upwey students.

- Year 11 / 12 VET Music
- Voice
- Woodwind
- Brass
- Percussion
- Guitar

The sixth scholarship for Guitar tuition was spontaneously prompted as our guitar ensembles shone.



Note of apology for not including Glen Oldham in the names who performed at Hamer Hall ATGB