



UPWEY HIGH NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Emergency Management – Bushfire Threat

The entire community is thankful that the bushfire threat has passed for this season. The school was closed by the Education Department on two occasions (which has never happened before) and we thank all members of the community in ensuring that our young people were safe.

Our Emergency Management Committee are continuing to review our processes and responses over the last five weeks. Many families have already alerted us to particular issues: please feel free to contribute to the discussion via email shm@upweyhs.vic.edu.au

New staff

We welcome a new English teacher, Virginia Danahay, to Upwey High School. Virginia has previously worked at Berwick SC, and will be involved in the English program at years 7 and 10.

Departing staff – Australia's loss is Scotland's gain

Next Thursday is the last day in class for Malcolm Anderson and Nat Toma. They will be on the Year 10 Central Australia trip and then won't be back at Upwey High School until 2011. Both are Leading Teachers, members of the school's leadership team and their expertise and contributions around the school in a wide variety of ways will be greatly missed. On behalf of the school community, I wish them well over the next couple of years and we look forward to their return.

Year 9 Information Evening Reminder

The Information Evening for year 9 is next Thursday 26 March at 7 pm in the Presentation Space.

Parent/student/teacher interviews

These will be postponed until Thursday 7 May in the third week of term 2. We had a disjointed start to the school year and want to give staff extra time to make assessments of student progress.

Newly elected school council members

Parent members	Elizabeth Bromham Russell Oldham Sue Robinson
DEECD employee members	Karen Davey Stacey Kerr

School Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the main staffroom at 7pm. Guests are welcome.

Year 10 Outdoor education camp

A very successful 2 day outdoor education camp was held last week down on the west coast. Students experienced good conditions for their watercraft activities.

Athletics sport carnival

Tuesday 17 March was the House athletics carnival. The weather was a bit dodgy, but students dressed up in house colours and costumes and we all had an enjoyable day. Congratulations to all students who were involved on the day – you were all winners!

Year 10 Central Australia Camp

Year 10 Central camp leaves next Friday under the leadership of Mal Anderson. 161 students are involved – this is always a sensational experience for students and staff and we wish the group all the best.

IMPORTANT DATES

26/03	Yr 9 Information Night
27/03	Yr 10 Central Camp commences
03/04	End of Term 1
20/04	Term 2 Begins
07/05	Parent/student/teacher interviews

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.

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Student Free Days

UNIFORM SHOP

Still in stock ...

VCE Windcheater - sizes 12, 14, 16 & small.
VCE Jumpers - sizes 10 (2), 12 (2) & 22 (1).
VCE Polos - sizes 10, Large 2XL & 3XL.

2009 SCHOOL TERMS

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

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

Working bee – thank you for a job well done!

Our working bee on Saturday 14 March was a most successful day. We had 48 people helping out on the morning. The team created a new garden in the year 7 area. They laid lilydale toppings in front of the locker room. They cleaned around the year 7 classrooms and under the admin building in preparation for further works later in the year. And then (in very heavy rain) they mulched the new garden beds in front of the refurbished art building.

We would like to thank: Shane Van Hoorn, Mick Sheehy, Dot and Paul Bluett, Glenn Kirby, Tim, Becca, Bethany and Josh Allchin, Dani Colaneri, Ian Lewis, Evan Thomson, Julie Davies, David and Jo Porter, Mark Watson, Jenny Smith, Emma Kirby, Stacey Kerr, Andrew Wright, Wrenna, Elkanah and Mitchell Hubbard, Peter Rechner, Bronte, Sandy and Bill Darvidis, Jenny and Lliam Staff, Heidi, Melissa, Chloe, Samantha and Darren Sharam, Karen Davey, Lindi and Steve Holder, Daniel and Bruce Blyth, Peter and Flynn Cole, Rodney and Roslyn Bedford, Jemma Vandersluys, Samantha and Juliana de Graaf.



Student Absences

If your child is absent from school please ensure that, on their return, a note stating the reason for the absence and signed by a parent/guardian is deposited in the year level boxes outside the General Office.

Tom Daly

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

World's Greatest Shave

Check out the great new look of our School Captain Alice Watson and of Rob Lewis (also Yr 12), who bravely underwent the "Big Shave" last week. They have already raised about \$2000 but

this is only pledged money so far. If you have promised money, please make certain that you have paid up by the end of the week. It can be brought to the General Office if you can't find Alice or Rob.



CAREER NEWS

REMINDERS>>>>>COMING SOON

Careers & Employment Expo: **27-28 Mar**, Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre; Free;

www.eocexpo.com.au

Monash Uni: 'At Monash' series; Tues 31 Mar – **Science**; Wed 1 April – **Arts/Humanities**; see

www.monash.edu.au/study/events

Forensic Medicine: Career info. session at Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; 12.30-4pm, **6 April**; www.vifm.org.

HAVE YOU ORGANISED YOUR YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE? If not it is important that all students begin the process immediately. Our program runs from June 15 – 26 and one or two placements are possible during this time. Students and parents are reminded that this program is an important part of the Year 10 curriculum so it is mandatory for all Year 10 students to participate. We realise that the economic situation has changed the nature of finding a placement for the two weeks, so we do expect that students will seek further guidance from us in the Careers Room. We are available to help regarding work placements before school Mon – Wed, recess and lunch all days, and after school all days. We have books of previous student placements which can help for this year. If you require any further information, don't hesitate to contact us.

THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO – Just a reminder to all Year 11 students and parents about the planned excursion to this very helpful seminar. The excursion will take place on Friday 24 April, from recess until the end of the day. The cost is \$15 which includes admission and bus fare. Letters and permission forms have been given to students and the permission form and payment must be returned by Tuesday 31 March. Any questions regarding this important excursion can be directed to me in the Careers Room.

YEAR 12 MIPS INTERVIEWS – Year 12 students who have not signed up for their personal interview should do so on the Careers Room window as soon as possible. If none of the times suit, see us for an alternative arrangement.

WANT TO STUDY A MEDICAL-RELATED COURSE IN 2010? If so, you **may** need to sit the **Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)**.

This is used in the selection of students for certain Australian degrees; eg., selection of students to study **medicine at Monash Uni**. involves a combination of ENTER, UMAT and interview; **pharmacy and physiotherapy at Monash** use the ENTER and UMAT. The UMAT test date for 2009 is **29 July**; **registrations open in April**. The **UMAT Information Booklet** will be available **ONLY** on line in **late March**. In the meantime, the UMAT 2008 Information Booklet and other information are at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. **NOTE:** Some **University of Melbourne** courses which required the UMAT no longer do so as they are post-graduate entry under the 'Melbourne Model' (dentistry, medicine optometry, physiotherapy). The Bachelor of Oral Health still uses the UMAT. Consider applying **interstate** to increase your chances of securing a place in these competitive courses.

GOT A PASSION FOR ART AND DESIGN OR FILM AND TV? Want to know how to combine imagination, innovation and a creative mind with smart business sense as a career? Then go to **Swinburne** in the holidays and meet with teachers from their Art and Design/Film & TV courses.

When: 9.30am - 3.30pm, Thurs 7 April; **Where:** Swinburne (Prahran), 144 High St; **Cost:** free, incl. lunch; **Register:** www.future.swinburne.edu.au/artanddesign; **Contact:** Stephanie Yeoh for details, 9214 8298, spyeoh@swinburne.edu.au. Places limited.

INTERESTED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE? Melbourne University is holding the 'Access All Areas' program, offering a personal look at the university. The day-long program includes the **Melbourne Model**, sessions covering how to get **into Melbourne, transition, and campus tours**. **When:** Fri 17 April; **Who:** Year 10-12 students/parents; **Cost:** Free; **Registration** (essential) from 16 March at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/.

WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MONASH UNI?

'At Monash' seminar series on Monash courses; www.monash.edu.au/study/events.

Students who subscribe to **Monash eNews** receive updates via email and SMS about courses, careers, admissions, scholarships and events in their specific area of interest. Go to www.monash.edu.au/study/eNews to register.

Monash on Show - showcases Monash in pictures, with links to campus tours, research videos and more - go to www.monash.edu/on-show

Uni Student for a Day (Gippsland campus), Tues 7 or Wed 8 April; see www.gippsland.monash.edu.au or phone Giuseppe on, 9902 6987.

CAN I BE PAID TO STUDY ACCOUNTING? Some accounting firms offer **cadet/trainee programs**, where students study and work while gaining a university degree - a great way for ambitious students to get a head-start. Some examples:

Ernst & Young offers cadetships to those who may be studying Yr 12 accounting and other business subjects; **applications open:** 4 May; **close:** 17 June; **See:** www.ey.com.au/careers - go to Careers then students, for info/applications.

PricewaterhouseCoopers offers a similar program; applications **open** on 4 May and **close** on 19 June (www.pwc.com/au/careers - go to Students, Traineeship program).

WANT TO WORK IN THE MOVIES? Like 'Lord of the Rings' or 'Happy Feet'? Then, new major sequences in the **B. Arts at Deakin** are just the ticket. **Animation** sequence: develop a moving image, graphic and animation practice within the expanding digital domain. Explore digital animation production/publication options including the web, CD and DVD; develop skills to work with technologies. **Web media** sequence: introduction to communication technologies through application in web design, web journalism, web public relations, photography, advertising. An **Internship** is possible. **PLANNING AND DESIGNING FOR A CHANGING URBAN WORLD** - The Melbourne Uni **Bachelor of Environments** degree now offers a major in **Urban Design and Planning** consolidating its diverse range of environment-related studies. Students will explore two related fields of environmental practice: **urban design** as the shaping of urban space and **urban planning** as the strategic and regulatory mediation of urban change. Urban planners manage the development of cities/regions and **anticipate the impact** of development of cities and regions and use this knowledge to develop and implement urban and regional management

strategies. **Info:** www.benvs.unimelb.edu.au.

TELL ME ABOUT THE TAFE OPTION - TAFE is **Technical and Further Education**, offering **certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas**, a number of **degrees** and **apprenticeships/pre-apprenticeships**. Courses are vocationally based, leading to employment or further education. Requirements for entry are generally less demanding than university. Some **advantages** of studying at TAFE are: small classes, usually low cost, courses are generally quite short, a broad range of programs, and TAFE Institutes are geographically accessible in most areas. **Courses** cover a huge range of options from **animal care, building, business, childcare, conservation, design, engineering, event management, fashion, horticulture, hospitality, IT, music, nursing, tourism, trades, visual merchandising to youth work** to name a few. For more information about courses call the TAFE Course Line on 13 18 23 or see www.tafe.vic.gov.au.

ALTERNATIVE CAREERS EXPO - Do naturopathy, massage, kinesiology or homeopathy interest you? What about circus, tattooing & piercing, martial arts, fitness, golf, costume making? This Expo is for you! **When:** 1pm-7pm, Tues 31 Mar; **Where:** EV's Youth Centre, Mt Dandenong Rd, Croydon (Mel 50 J4); **Info:** Hayley.wallace@eiep.org. More information is also available from the Careers Room.

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.)

STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

ROK

Reach Out for Kids offer youth and family services covering a range of issues.

Time 4 You

For women who have experienced Post Natal Depression.

Reach Out 4 Dads

For dad's interested in enhancing their parenting skills.

Our Space

For young men in years 7-10 who are missing a father figure in their life.

In the Know

For young women in years 7-10 who feel isolated, bullied, have low self-esteem or want to learn more about themselves.

ROK are based in Nunawading, near the train station. For more information or to book, please contact 98941866.

Yarra Ranges Youth Services

Youth Services offer a range of support groups for young people who live in or attend school in the Yarra Ranges shire.

Free 2 Be Me

A support program for 14-18 year olds who identify as same-sex attracted, bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender, or unsure. Contact Kate at Knox Youth Services on 9298 8868.

Traction

A support program for 14-18 year olds who struggle with mental health issues. Contact Youth Services on 9294 6716 or visit www.yrys.com for more info.

Pay Attention to Self (PATS)

A support program for 14-18 year olds who care for a parent with mental health issues.

Contact Youth Services on 9294 6716 or visit www.yrys.com for more info.

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

DANDENONG RANGES COMMUNITY BUSHFIRE GROUP INITIATIVE

Welcome, and thank-you for your interest in bushfire community safety, it really does need to involve everyone! We are a group that at the moment consists of concerned residents with a responsibility of protecting our children's future of growing up in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges.

The Dandenong Ranges Community Bushfire Group (DRCBG) is aiming to obtain information about what matters to the residents of the Dandenong Ranges concerning Bushfire safety. We hope to assist emergency services, engage community for better awareness of bushfire safety issues, assemble and process relevant information, be functional and a facilitator for addressing community concerns. Our only aim is to assist the emergency services and relevant government departments in working together for a common goal (bushfire safety).

Phase 1. At this stage our goal is to objectively gather community information on every level in survey form (reflecting the views of every household) concerning specifically the 5 most important and relevant issues to them in regards to bushfire safety. This will take a few months, perhaps much less with your support, in addition to the full support and resources of Cr Noel Cliff and James Merlino MP.

Phase 2. We hope to bring the 5 most important issues, possible answers and solutions to the relevant emergency service groups and community representatives to then "work toward a common goal" which is bushfire safety, in a very positive and constructive manner. This will be a simple presentation, and there is, (at a later date to be announced) a proven result orientated process we will follow to find solutions for that community concern and do with the conclusions what we can.

Avenues to be considered will be:

1. Forwarding a mass petition into Royal Commission based on solutions achieved.

2. Using information to educate community in accordance with CFA policy

Providing answers to the communities concerns

Regardless of our own personal views, we hope to keep through our website, an open line of communication with the Hills community satisfying your need to be involved in bushfire issues relevant to you.

Please complete the survey now!

The survey can be completed by clicking link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=fVRomoU7rY4al3fmdIjkw_3d_3d

or it can be accessed via our website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/drcbg>

We look forward to working with you. For further information, please become a member of group in website

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/drcbg to email us on:

drcbg@yahoogleroups.com or alternatively email

melgajdek@y7mail.com

BLOOD BANK: UPWEY MOBILE DONOR UNIT

Community Hall, 1433 Burwood Highway, Upwey

Monday, 13 April: 9.30 am to 2.30 pm

Tuesday, 14 April: 1.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Wednesday, 15 April: 1.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Thursday, 16 April: 2.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Friday, 17 April: 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Appointments essential: to book phone 13 14 95 or email dpallen@arcbs.redcross.org.au.

SINGING OUT FOR HILLTOP SOUNDS MEMBERS

If you are aged 14 to 21, interested in learning new skills, making new friends and having a say in the types of events held for young people in your area, the Hilltop Sounds Youth Events Committee could be for you.

Youth Services is currently recruiting young people aged 14 to 21, who live in the Belgrave, Upwey and Monbulk areas, to be part of the hills based youth events committee, Hilltop Sounds.

Program and Events Co-ordinator Belinda Chalmers said Hilltop Sounds members would be involved in planning and organising regular events for other young people. Ms Chalmers said as well as making new friends, committee members would gain valuable skills in event management and the music and entertainment industries.

An information session for anyone interested in becoming a Hilltop Sounds committee members will be held on Tuesday 24 March at Belgrave Youth Services, 1616 Burwood Highway, from 4.00 pm. For more information contact Youth Services on 9294 6716 or visit www.yrys.com.