



UPWEY HIGH NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Eastern Metropolitan Region Education Week breakfast

This was held last Wednesday morning at the Karralyka Centre in Ringwood. There were 300 guests present and the morning started with a superb performance from Upwey High School students:

The Escapades - Piano:
Sam Shineberg, Guitar: Nick
Somerville, Bass: Dan
Watson and
Drums: Josh Bennett



At the breakfast a number of our staff were also acknowledged:

Service Recognition
35 plus years of service: Val
Doyle and Henry Gordon
45 plus years of service:
Robert Morley

Outstanding Student Support Services Officer (SSSO) Award - Christine Muscat (Guidance Officer)

Staff Changes

We welcome the following new staff:
Catherine Taranto – English/Humanities
Susy Tiltman – Office Manager Principals Team PA

Retirement

Noela Smith (Assistant Business Manager) retired at the end of last week. We wish her well. Deb Henning has been appointed to the position of Assistant Business Manager.

Assistant Principal (Years 7-9)

Sandrine Prosser is in the role of Assistant Principal replacing Val Doyle who is on leave for the last 6 weeks of term 2 and the whole of term 4.

Cross Country

15 May was the annual cross country run in two sessions. Congratulations to all student competitors.

Parent-student-teacher Interviews

We are inviting feedback from families regarding possible enhancements for our new parent-student-teacher interview structure. Please mark feedback as *PST Feedback* and email to dal@upweyhs.vic.edu.au

Correction and Report Writing Day

Friday 12 June – no student attendance on this day.

Year 12 VCE Revision Sessions

The Dandenong Ranges schools network is organising specific VCE revision sessions for year 12 students, for both the middle and end of year exams. This is a great initiative and we are sure that our students will find these sessions very helpful. More information is inside.

IMPORTANT DATES

27/05	Keys Please Information Evening for Parents
01/06 to 11/06	Year 11 exams
08/06	Queen's Birthday holiday
09/06 to 11/06	Year 12 exams
09/06 to 11/06	Year 10 exams and career info
12/06	Correction & report writing day
15/06 to 26/06	Year 10 work experience

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

2009 SCHOOL DATES

Term 2: 20/04/09 to 26/06/09
Term 3: 13/07/09 to 18/09/09
Term 4: 15/10/09 to 18/12/09

GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday
8.00 am to 4.30 pm

Friday
8.00 am to 4.00 pm

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 out to KLAD Sports

Japanese School Visit

Last week we had a visit from a delegation of school leaders from Mito Eiko Junior High School in Japan. Their master teacher delivered a lesson to our senior Japanese students and we negotiated a sister school agreement. Our first visits will be during term 3 this year!

Tom Daly

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

This term is a very busy one, with Year 11 exams commencing on Monday June 1 and Year 12 exams for Unit 3 Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Psychology commencing on June 9.

Year 10 students will have an exam in English and Maths in the week beginning June 9. Assessment tasks for their other subjects will be conducted in the week beginning June 1 and will be scheduled during normal class times. Sessions in examining their Career interests are also planned this week prior to their Work Experience program beginning on June 15.

Upwey High School in conjunction with other network schools have organised revision sessions for Unit 3 subjects with a mid-year exam.

- Mon 1 June Biology 1:30-3:00pm and Psychology 4:00-5:30pm at Monbulk SC
- Wed 3 June Physics 1:30-3:00pm, and Chemistry 4:00-5:30pm at Upwey HS
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Details about transportation and permission forms will be distributed to the students in the next few days.

All students who are undertaking a unit 3 subject must also sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Thursday 11 June.

The VCAA website on www.vcaa.vic.edu.au has copies of past exams and examiners reports on past exams. This is an important revision tool for exams. The website also has examples of previous GAT papers.

Assessment timetables for Year 12 students and any Year 11 student completing a Unit 3 subject were available at Homegroup on Tuesday. Next week at homegroup and assemblies, important information about coping with exams and further study strategies will be covered.

There are also a large number of SAC's due over the next few weeks.

Special Provision

If there are any reasons why your son or daughter may have difficulty completing school work on time please let the Senior School Office know immediately. Special provision may be able to be granted if there are health or family concerns and it usually takes the form of an extension of time. It is important that we know immediately about any issues which may impact your child's welfare.

Karen Davey

Senior School Coordinator

SCIENCE AT UPWEY

Dear Parents and students,

It is with great pleasure that I inform the school community that we have been successful in our applications for the Science In Schools (SIS) / CSIRO program of Scientists in schools. We have been lucky enough to have been assigned two scientists who have recently returned from overseas. Karla and Oliver Hutt, who are currently working for Prince Henry's Hospital and CSIRO respectively, will be visiting the school regularly for the remainder of the year. The purpose of this Government funded program is to boost the profile of science in schools and to educate our students as to the many possibilities that a career in science might hold for them.

Karla and Oliver will initially speak to our senior science students about what they do and the pathway that led them to their respective positions but it is hoped that through the coming months they will be visitors to all of our science classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity for all of our students to interact with "real scientists" and perhaps motivate them to consider futures in the scientific community. I take this opportunity to welcome Karla and Oliver to the Upwey community, I am sure it will be a beneficial relationship for all involved.

Introducing our scientists

Karla is a biologist who has just moved back to Australia after spending the last few years working at the University of Kansas and the University of Minnesota, USA. While overseas, she investigated the effects of environmental pollution on early pregnancy. She now works at Prince Henry's Institute, where her research is focused on helping infertile couples to have children. Karla is looking forward to interacting with staff and students at Upwey High School, as part of the Scientists in Schools program run by CSIRO.

Ollie is a chemist who works for CSIRO Molecular and Health Technologies. He works with new biotech start-up companies and provides them with chemistry skills. This generally involves synthetic organic and medicinal chemistry. Organic chemistry is about making small-molecules, while medicinal chemistry is about knowing how these small molecules interact with processes in the body. This work forms the foundation of new drug therapies for some of our most crippling afflictions.

Jeff McMaster - Science Learning Area Co-ordinator

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.**

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

PARENTING TIP # 27

Keep up with your child's interests - listen to their music, watch their television shows with them and turn up to their sports practice sessions. Continue to take an active interest in their life.

FREE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

from Knox Council @ Knox Civic Centre
511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152
Thursday 4 June 7.00-9.00pm

Developing Teens: You are invited to join us for this FREE Parent information session as we look at the various stages of adolescent development and what that means for you as parents. Featuring guest speakers, Psychologist Stephen Gray and Dr Wendy Bissinger, this evening is sure to answer all your questions about living and dealing with your developing teenager. All attendees will also receive a FREE show bag.

Steve Barrington Upwey High School Chaplain

PARENTS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Keys Please Learner Driver Information Evening
Wednesday 27 May
7:30 pm in the Presentation Space.

Your child should have brought an envelope home with an invitation to the evening last week. If not they can pick up an invitation at the Senior School Office. This is a valuable night for parents and students in regard to information about logging hours of Learner driver experience and the safe driving message.

Also in the envelope was a Tax File Number application form; an easy and hassle free way to get the Tax File Number for your child. Just complete form and return to the school and I'll do the rest. Many thanks.

Chris Hatfield Year 10 Coordinator

CHANGE OF DETAILS

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

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: THE ESCAPADES



