FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear UCHSK community

Welcome to our last newsletter for the year. Staff are busy marking final assessment pieces and writing reports so we can share the progress and accomplishments of your children with you.

As I look back on the 2016 school year, it gives me great pleasure to see the results of our hard work being reflected across the school, physically, socially and academically. Our focus on building a professional learning community for staff and on raising expectations of all students academically and behaviourally, is definitely paying off. We are now in the process of carefully analysing evidence and data we’ve collected to formalise our 2017 Operating Plan in order to continue the school improvement journey and work towards achieving the goals in our 2016-2020 strategic plan. This plan is available on our school website if you are keen to understand our direction and have not yet had a chance to read it.

This week we welcomed two new staff members, Mr Jay Bellchambers, who joins our executive team to lead Maths, Arts and Technology teams, along with driving our school ICT plan. The other new member is Mr Jeffrey Emerson, who will teach Japanese for first semester while Ms O’Rourke takes maternity leave. On that note, please join me in wishing Kara the best of luck for the impending birth of her first child.

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, we are well underway with the implementation of our positive behaviours for learning model, with scores of students being recognised and acknowledged for displaying our school values through the agreed set of positive behaviours, on a daily basis. I’d like to congratulate the students who are working so hard to meet these high expectations.
To finish up today, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all of the staff for their hard work this year and all of our families and carers for your support and engagement. A special thank you goes out to our wonderful P&C members and our School Board members, who have been extremely supportive of myself and the executive team as we drive transformational change across the school.

We hope to see many of you at our end of year awards ceremonies and as we farewell our graduating year tens. On behalf of our staff, I wish you all a safe and happy break over December and a very happy new year.

Yours in Education,

Lana
Principal
UC High School Kaleen

Thursday December 1st:
Year 10 Formal at Versatile 6.15pm

Friday December 2nd:
Year 10 Breakfast 8am
Year 10 Last Day Excursion

Tuesday December 6th, 9.30—11am
Year 10 Graduation and Awards Ceremony

Tuesday December 13th
Yr7—9 End of Semester Awards Ceremony

CONTACTING STUDENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Occasionally parents/carers need to contact young people at school. The school will make every effort to facilitate immediate contact in an emergency or otherwise urgent situation.

However, we ask that parents/carers be patient with the school in the case of non-urgent situations. School staff will endeavour to get messages to students in a way that minimises disruption to student learning.

The school minimises the use of the PA system for this reason. The PA system will generally not be used to contact individual students. In non-urgent situations students will be asked to make contact with parents during recess or lunch breaks.

UCHS Kaleen newsletters are completed in weeks 4 and 7 every term. They are sent home via email and displayed on our webpage each month for viewing by our school community.

Parents are often advised of school activities and events in the newsletters so it is very important that you advise us of any changes to your email address.

If you would like your newsletter sent electronically, please email: uchskaleen.information@ed.act.edu.au with your current email address.
We have had a few sporting teams go out this term; congratulations and well done to:

- Boys and Girls 7/8 and 9/10 Badminton teams that played in the 1 day competition held at ANU in week 3.
- Boy’s Rugby 7’s team that also played in week 3.
- Girls Rugby 7’s team that played in week 5: the girls made it to the semi-finals.
- 11 athletes competed at the ACT Athletics championships on Thursday 3rd November at the AIS.
- Special mention to Xavier Nader – yr 8 who came 3rd in shot put.

And another Special mention and congratulations to Hayden Lindsay – yr 10 who came 2nd in Javelin and has been selected into the ACT Athletics team to compete in the National competition against the other states and NT in Canberra at the AIS in December.

Hayden and Xavier will receive their ribbons at assembly in week 7

A big thank you to Leeann Topp for coming on the day as our school official to record at the finish line. Thank you also to Jayden and Adam (yr 10) who volunteered to come along as our student officials, assisting Leeann.

Thank you to all students and staff that have participated in our teams and events this year. Thank you also to any student, staff member and parent that have helped as a coach or official at an event.

**Upcoming trials**

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SPORT NEWS

The School Sport ACT Excellence Awards will be held next year – 8th March 2017

The Excellence in School Sport Awards are presented in recognition of sporting excellence by ACT school students who have competed at a Regional, State, National or International level in 2016. The awards are the highest school sporting honour presented to ACT school students, with the recipients invited to attend an awards ceremony and are presented with an award and memento of the occasion.

The awards presented will include:
- School Sport ACT Leadership Award
- School Sport ACT Sportsmanship Award
- School Sport ACT All Rounder Award and,
- School Sport ACT School Participation Award

Only Principals, School Sport Coordinators, School Sport Management Committee members or Regional or State Team Officials may submit nominations. If you feel somebody you know should be nominated for one of these awards please let me know.

Nominations are to be submitted by Friday 10 February 2017. No late submissions will be considered.

Rugby League Coaches and Managers
2017 Season

The ACT Schools Rugby League Council is calling for nominations for the positions of Coach and Manager for the ACT Schools Rugby League 18 Years and 15 Years teams. Nominations will close on Friday 2nd December. No late nominations will be accepted. Email Mrs Gooch for more information and the selection criteria.

Upcoming community events and information

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Free 4 week introduction to cycling program for males and females aged 14-16yrs old. At the culmination of the program, interested participants will have the opportunity to pursue cycling further through the local cycling club community or for those with demonstrated talent for cycling may progress into the elite pathways. Tuesday mornings 6am-7.15am

Females and males in yr 9 & 10, taller than average, good at sport, strong, with very good endurance and willing to make training part of your life so you can row at the highest level.

Apart from measuring your height, weight and arm span, we will test your endurance on a stationary bike and your arm and leg strength

Combination of the School Sport Australia Triathlon Championships and Australian Open School triathlon. For further information  
www.australiantriathlonfestival.com.au

Yours in Sport,
Kelly Gooch
kelly.gooch@ed.act.edu.au
YRS 9/10 MULTICULTURAL FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

This term, students have been learning about the foods and culture from other countries that have been introduced to Australia over the years. As part of their assignment, students researched about the culture of a country of interest, selected a recipe to cook and serve a guest, and ran cultural activities/games with peers in class for their oral presentations.

The UCHSK Café was launched on the day of catering. In the next few weeks, students will be voting a café name for UCHSK 2017. We look forward to catering for staff lunches once a fortnight in 2017. Students will also continue to run the coffee club once a week.
Apprenticeship Network Providers (ANP)

Apprenticeship Network Providers are contracted by the Australian Government to provide one-stop shops for those seeking to hire Australian Apprentices or to take up an Australian Apprenticeship as a career path. There are a range of Apprenticeship Network Providers in each state and territory across Australia that provide essential administrative support, payment processing and regular contact with employers and apprentices.

From 1 July 2015 the introduction of new targeted services will deliver advice and support to Australian Apprentices and employers who need additional assistance prior to sign-up and in-training. Employers, schools, registered training organisations, trainees and apprentices will receive more assistance in navigating the apprenticeships system while individuals will be assisted to complete their training.

To find your Apprenticeship Network provider, visit
www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/

ACT Apprenticeship Network Providers

MEGT
28-36 Ainslie Avenue
Canberra City ACT 2601
Phone 02 6274 0000
Email aasnninfo@megt.com.au
Website www.megt.com.au

Sarina Russo Apprenticeships
79 Constitution Avenue
Campbell ACT 2612
Phone 1300 178 776
Email apprenticeships@sarinarusso.com
Website www.sarinarusso.com

Apprenticeship Support Australia
Nouvelle House
Ground Floor; 216 Northbourne Avenue
Braddon ACT 2612
Phone 1300 363 831
Email info@apprenticeshipsupport.com.au
Website www.apprenticeshipsupport.com.au

Contact the ACT Education and Training Directorate:
skills@act.gov.au
02 6205 8555
MODEL RAILWAY MENTORING PROGRAM

Over the weekend of Saturday 12th November and Sunday 13th November, our mentoring program students and their Canberra Model Railway Club mentors exhibited their HO scale model train layout at the 2016 Queanbeyan Show.

The layout shows the Queanbeyan railway station and rail yard in three sections or modules. Trains are stored at the back in a “fiddle yard” from which they can be despatched towards Canberra or Cooma/Bombala or in the opposite direction towards Goulburn.

This is the fourth model layout to be constructed by the program and the first to depict an actual location. Carpentry, track laying, electrics and scenery have largely been carried out by students in the program.

The most impressive advance this time has been the use of digital technology. Model locomotives have a small computer chip (called a “decoder”) inserted in them and some even have speakers for sound effects. Trains are driven using hand-held controllers that send signals to the locomotives through the nickel-silver rail track.

Points that change track direction are controlled by electric motors mounted under the track and they have a digital interface that allows the electronic signals from the track to instruct the motors when to change track direction. Students soldered 2-colour (red/green) LED lights into the system so that when the track changes direction the train operator can see if their desired track is clear for use.

Students were rostered to operate the layout over the weekend according to their interest and family commitments.

Students could answer questions about the layout and what their input had been, and visitors were impressed with their achievements and with what the UCHSK Mentoring Program has achieved.

Congratulations to all the students who were involved over the weekend exhibition and thanks to the adult mentors who volunteered to assist and supervise.

The success of the weekend’s exhibit is probably well summarised by the woman who watched the students operating trains so very capably and who stated as she left “this is awesome!”

Ron Geeves
Mentor Program Team Leader
RUGBY 7’S

Students from all grades competed in the Rugby League High School Sevens Tournament on Thursday of week 3. A clear spring day allowed players to throw the ball around and display some excellent skills. The 7/8’s played four games with Rhys Sangston, Sam Tulikaki-Kirby and Xavier Nader all managing to bag tries. The 9/10’s played five games with Kendall Barber, Tony Siueva and Tom Douglass all crossing for tries. Keenan Shorey-Collins played well for the 7/8’s and Tyler Cocker was a standout for the 9/10’s team. Sam Tulikaki-Kirby was outstanding on the day with encouraging his team mates and displayed excellent leadership skills both on and off the field.

BOOKPACKS

2017 school bookpack lists are available from the ‘School Notes Archive’ on the UCHSK website, these can be used to order from OfficeMax, (see link on website) or to shop independently at your leisure.
MOVEMBER

This Movember I've committed to cutting my hair to help change the face of men's health. I'm cutting my hair at the end of Movember, and I need your support: [http://mobro.co/locstevens](http://mobro.co/locstevens)

I'm supporting the Movember Foundation because around the world, 510,000 men die from suicide each year. That's one every minute. The Movember Foundation is funding research and services to help men and boys stay mentally healthy.

**There are two ways you can contribute to my MoBro haircutting effort:**

- Donate online at [http://mobro.co/locstevens](http://mobro.co/locstevens)
- Or, write a cheque to 'Movember' referencing my registration ID (13531940) and mail it to: Movember, PO Box 60, East Melbourne, VIC 8002, Australia

Learn about the important work Movember is funding and the impact your donation will have: [https://au.movember.com/programs/cause](https://au.movember.com/programs/cause)

Together we can change the way the world looks at mental health.
Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Yr 8 Mo Bro, Loc Stevens**

THE UNIFORM SHOP!

We are pleased to announce that all UCHSK uniforms will be available for purchase on the 1st December from The Uniform Shop located at 2 Luke Street Holt (near Kippax Fair).

The Uniform Shop is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 5pm, and Saturdays from 9am – 4pm (with plans to include a couple of Sunday trading days over the busy school holiday period!).

As well as stocking our uniforms, the store also has a range of navy tracksuits, bootleg ‘Jazz’ pants and shorts! The Uniform Shop will offer direct sales, layby and will soon provide the option of a convenient online shopping facility for families for a small delivery fee. Their website is currently under review, so please keep an eye on it for further updates for when the online option will be available. The link to The Uniform Shop’s website is [http://theuniformshop-canberra.com.au/](http://theuniformshop-canberra.com.au/) and the contact number for the store is 6255 3876.

**We do have a small amount of left over stock at the school for immediate purchase,** and we will fill all current orders for which payments have been processed by the school.

Please be aware, however, that **UCHSK is no longer accepting new uniform orders for processing.**

As per usual, if any families are experiencing financial hardship please don’t hesitate to contact the school on 62055811 for assistance.

**Preloved Uniforms**

Our school supply of second hand stock has dwindled considerably.

As we approach the end of the year, if you have any uniforms (in reasonable condition!) that your child has grown out of (or, in the case of our departing Year 10’s, no longer need their UCHSK tops!) we would greatly appreciate it if you would consider donating them to the school. All donations can be left with the Front Office.
DONATIONS NEEDED!

We will be studying ‘Behind the Scenes’ in the Circus electives during first semester next year. As part of our studies we will be building a range of juggling equipment. We need your help with donations to make the following resources:

**Juggling clubs:** 60x 2L and 60x 600ml empty, clean soft drink bottles

**Juggling balls:** Tough material (can be old clothing) e.g. velvet, denim, corduroy.

**Poi:** Stretchy material e.g. Lycra

**Juggling cigar boxes:** Old DVD containers (DVDs not required)

We also require old tennis balls, tennis ball containers and old bike inner tubes.

Please deliver to Pip in the PE office or to the friendly staff at the front office. Looking forward to turning your old junk into amazing circus equipment. Many thanks in advance!

ADVERTISING

*CCHSK does not necessarily endorse the products or services advertised*
CHANGES TO CANBERRA PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The ACT Government Education Directorate has recently updated its Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools policy. The new policy, procedures and guideline provide direction and advice to schools in developing and implementing school based student dress standards policy and procedures.

The policy requires that:

- All Canberra public schools develop and implement a student dress standards policy and procedure in conjunction with their school board and school community.
- All primary schools and high schools have a uniform.
- All high schools have a formal style uniform option (which may either be the sole uniform option, or offered alongside less formal uniform options).
- Schools expect students to abide by the dress standard while attending school or official school activities.

The new policy has been introduced in response to a 2014 survey that found Canberra parents are overwhelmingly in favour of seeing school uniforms in high schools. School uniforms have a number of benefits, including promoting a sense of belonging among students, reducing perceived pressure for students to wear particular fashions and promoting the safety of students through easier identification. The new policy will help promote a positive image of Canberra public schools.

High schools who do not have a formal style option will be required to develop a new uniform option in partnership with school communities. Schools must ensure that uniforms are affordable for families and are suitable for all students regardless of gender identity, preferred presentation, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, pregnancy or body shape. Principals will also be able to make changes to uniform requirements for individual students to ensure students’ health and wellbeing.

Changes to uniforms will be phased in over time, to allow schools time to engage with their school community and where necessary, develop new uniform options.


The emerging technologies of electronic devices are a part of everyday life and can add value to a student’s educational experience if appropriately incorporated into the learning program. However, some use is inappropriate in the school environment and can be disruptive to student learning.

The major issues relating to the use of electronic devices in the school environment include:
- Disruption to educational programs through the receipt and transmission of messages
- Privacy concerns related to the ability of many devices to take photographs or record conversations without the knowledge or consent of those being recorded
- Access and interface with inappropriate materials via the internet
- Potential for cyber bullying including the sender’s view that they have anonymity
- Loss and/or theft
- Potential for breach of copyright
- Duty of care to take reasonable steps to prevent persons being harmed by access to inappropriate materials, by cyber bullying, by defamation and/or threats of violence etc.

**UC High School does not take responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of a student’s electronic device.**

Unless otherwise directed by a staff member; any electronic device that is carried onto the school premises, and/or into school environments by a student must be switched off and kept out of sight between the hours of 8.55am and 3.00pm, except during recess and lunch.

**Parents/Carers:**
It is the responsibility of parents/carers to support and reinforce the school policy regarding the acceptable use of electronic devices at UC High School Kaleen and to ensure that their child is complying with the policy.

*In the event that emergency phone communication between students and families is necessary, communication should take place through the Front Office by phoning 62055811.*

Any misuse of mobile phones will result in confiscation of the phone by the Principal.
FOR THE FRIDGE DOOR

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please note the new number to call if your child is going to be absent from school is now **62055831**.

We would appreciate contact with the school before 9.30am. A message can be left on the school answering machine prior to 8.30am or email to: **UCHSKAleen.Rolls@ed.act.edu.au**

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**Japan Club**

Every Friday lunch in the Japanese room.

Watch anime, TV shows and game shows, listen to music, or just relax!

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**2017 UCHSK Return:**

- **All new students**
  - Mon. 30th Jan. 2017

- **Returning students**
  - Tues. 31st Jan. 2017

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**Wednesday November 30th**

UCAN Excel 9/10 Exhibitions
Yr 7 Body Image Workshop 9—11am

*Last P&C Meeting for 2016, 6.15pm*

**Thursday December 1st**

7/8 SOSE Excursion
Yr 10 Formal at Versatile

**Friday December 2nd**

Yr 10 Farewell Assembly
Yr 10 Last Day Excursion
Inclusive Ed. Transition Visit

**Tuesday December 6th**

VET Community Service 11—1pm
Yr 10 Graduation and Awards

**Tuesday December 13th**

Yr7—9 End of Semester Awards Ceremony

**Friday December 16th**

Last day of school 2016