



Term 4 Week 4 Newsletter 2023

Principal's Report



Dear UCHSK Community

Welcome to Term 4 2023. It is a very busy and important time of the year and at our recent assembly I emphasised to our students, that we are now at the business end of semester two. In every classroom, this is the time of the semester when students are attempting assessments, receiving and responding to feedback, in an effort to demonstrate all that they have learnt over the last 14 weeks. The partnerships between UCHSK and all parents and carers are critically important to your child's learning. If you were unable to attend our online week 4 Parent Teacher Interviews to discuss their progress, I encourage you reach out to your child's teachers via email, and they will arrange a suitable time for a follow up conversation. You are also encouraged to take a look at your child's Term 4 Assessment Calendar, available on our website [here](#). This will inform you of all the assessment items coming up this term for your child.

Another way of ensuring a strong partnership between home and school is knowing who to speak to, should you have a question or concern that you would like to discuss. Your child's Pastoral Care (PC) teacher is always the first point of contact in these instances. This person sees your child every morning, and over time, will be the person who knows them best, here at school. Regardless of your question or concern, your child's PC teacher will either know the answer, or know who to direct you to for additional follow up.

Our last newsletter outlined the series of transition visits taking place this term. Both for our incoming year seven students, and our outgoing year tens. In addition to this, on the evening of the 7th of November, we will hold an information session for the parents of the 2024 incoming year

seven students. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to hear a little bit of information about what the curriculum will look like for their children, across the core and elective subjects. There will also be a brief discussion about year seven camp, Chromebooks and devices, and other important school policies and procedures. Further information about his session will be distributed in the coming weeks.

While term 4 is only four weeks old, there is already so much happening at UCHSK. The IMP band put on a wonderful performance in the final days of Floriade, there have been school sports teams competing in Beach Volleyball and Basketball is just around the corner. We have seen amazing enrichment opportunities with the Flight Simulator excursion and Academy for Enterprising Girls all day incursion, and in the weeks ahead a number of our students are competing in a creative writing competition. All of these amazing student achievements and extracurricular activities are examples of the benefits for students when they take the opportunity to participate in high school life. The UCHSK team will continue to seek out these opportunities and I encourage all our young people to consider how participating might strengthen their connection to our school.

One area student participation that has had a specific focus in 2023, has been our Girls Empowerment program. Led by amazing teachers Wendy Chen and Amelia Whymark, interested girls have heard from engaging guest speakers, participated in empowerment days at the end of terms two and three, and used their student voice to make improvements to break time opportunities, class structures and key spaces around our school. Plans are already afoot to grow the Girls Empowerment program in 2024 and we have already had a number of UCHSK community members put their hand up to offer exciting opportunities for our girls. A big thank you to the to those parents and carers and the teachers mentioned above, and we look forward to more exciting opportunities!

Kind Regards,

Daniel Mowbray



What's happening at UC High School

Limelight!

In Week 8 Term 3, students and staff from UCHSK participated in 'Step into the Limelight' Gala shows at Llewellyn Hall, ANU. This year marked 50 years of the ACT school system, which was celebrated by over 2000 students from 65 ACT Public Schools performing in the shows.

Our year 7/8 Circus Extension class was featured on both performance nights, wowing a sold out crowd with their amazing circus feats. With the support of our circus teacher, Ms Kordas, as well as the dedication of our Warehouse Circus trainers, the class worked incredibly hard in the months

leading up to the show. This was the first time many of our students had participated in a performance of this magnitude, and even with nerves, they executed themselves flawlessly.

We are so incredibly proud of our students for the hard work they put into their performance, and we want to extend our gratitude to families for enabling them to participate in this opportunity.

The week also saw nine students across years 9 and 10 participate in work experience, acting as backstage crew. The students were thrown straight into the fold, learning how to stage manage, drive follow spots, cue sound and visual effects, manage the 2000 students performing, and set and strike equipment and props to create quick and seamless changeovers between performances. The students worked as hard as the staff, to make Limelight a memorable event for everyone, whilst gaining invaluable skills and forming new professional relationships. The event staff commented that our back stage students were some of the most respectful and hard working students that have ever come through the space, and they would be delighted to be able to work with them again in the future.







IMP Floriade

On Thursday the 12th of October the UC High School Kaleen concert band had their first every performance on the main stage at Floriade. The students performed for 45 minutes and had a variety of pieces. All students performed amazingly and were very well received by the audience. It was a perfect day and everyone had a great time, many believed the highlight was Naida shouting honey donuts to all students who attended. We'd like to say a massive thankyou to Naida Blackley who helped organise the trip and conducted on the day!



UCHSK Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club
Recess	Ag Club Badminton	Book Club (English Open Area)	Volleyball (Gym) Rugby (Oval)	Rainbow Connection 9/10 (Room 30)	Futsal (Gym)
Lunch	Rainbow Connection 9/10 (Room 30) Math Club	Volleyball (Gym) Stitches (Textiles Room)	Girls Group	Girls Group	Art Club
After School	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club

Interschool Sports

Beach Volleyball Pairs Gala Day

On Thursday week 2 we had 26 students participate in the ACT beach volleyball day. We played against teams from St Clares, Calwell and Namadgii. We had a mix of experienced and beginning volleyball players. All participants enjoyed the day and achieved success. We had 6 teams make the semi finals with four progressing to the Grand Final. We had Lachlan and Sam come first in the boys' competition with Corey and Kane coming second. In the 7/8 girls' competition Skyla and Marissa came first with Adele and Ruby taking out second place.



13&O Track and Field

In Week 10 of Term 3 we had a number of students go and compete at the ACT 13&O Track and Field championships. We had a number of fantastic results with:

Aubrey W - 1st place- 16 years old- 1500m

Caspian B - 2nd place - 13 years old - triple jump

Charlotte F - 1st place - 16 years old - triple jump

- 2nd Place - 16 years old - long jump

Also a very special mention to Charlotte F who finished up as the 16 years girls Age Champion. Charlotte has also made the ACT athletics team that will head off to All Australian Track and Field Championships in Perth in December, she will be representing ACT in the 100m sprint, Long jump and Triple jump events.

With such amazing results from the entire team that attended, UCHS Kaleen ended up the school with the highest combined points for the 13&O championships (northside school). With this title came a large shield which is on display up in the front office foyer. Congratulations to all the students that attended.

Representative sports

National Rugby League

Will D and Luca B represented ACT over the holidays at the National Rugby league titles. With being placed in Pool A they faced some tough competition with many of the teams having a large height and weight advantage. They came away with one win and a few close losses, with the eventual top two teams coming from pool A.

Water Polo

Bayden W was a part of the ACT Water Polo team competing at the Water Polo Nationals. The team just missed the cut off for the top 5 playoff, but then ended up dropping to 8th out of 10 teams.

Volleyball

Skyla W competed at the Australian junior volleyball championship with the U14 ACT girls team. The whole team performed fantastically across the 5 days of competition coming away with the silver medal.

Football (Soccer)

Ingrid L travelled with the u15 ACT Football (soccer) National Youth Championships that were held in Wollongong and greater Sydney region. After a long week of games Ingrid and the u15 ACT team came out on top, winning the final 3-2 against Qld.

Moto Trails

One of our amazing teachers has recently taken a bit of time off to pursue her sporting career. Ms Coleman has been away competing in Moto Trials in South Australia. She won the AMX Superstores 2023 South Australian Trial Championships in the Females open division. Then went on to win second place by only 3 points at the Vine Inn Barossa 2023 Australian Trial Championships Women's class.

Teaching and Learning

Jet Flight Simulator

During Week 2, 32 enthusiastic year 9 and 10 UCHSK students went on an excursion to Jet Flight Simulator in Lyneham to get a sense of what it's like to fly the world's most popular commercial jet, the Boeing 737. The school board generously covered the cost for participation. Students needed to apply and meet at least one of a number of criteria to attend this excursion. This included being in the Beyond program, demonstrating an interest in aviation, or achievement in a variety of subjects including Mathematics, Science or another related elective.

On arrival students were met by their First Officer (experienced Load Master) where they were taken through their pre-flight briefing involving primary controls, instruments, and procedures necessary

for take-off. They picked an airport from which to take-off and land, including locations such as London, Sydney, Honolulu, New York, San Francisco, and Bhutan in the Himalayas – scary! During flight they managed airspeed, the plane's altitude, monitored for other air traffic and completed all real-life aircraft checklists. They also had a choice of flying under a bridge, attempting an aircraft carrier touch-and-go, or performing a barrel roll – lucky passengers!

Students were also able to experience simulated free-flight using Virtual Reality on the Icaros. They picked from a range of agility, battle and exploration games where they had to fend off an alien attack, improve their high score by racing through hoops, or navigate through winding paths and tunnel.

Thank you to Jen Comans for leading this enrichment activity, and Conor Laenen and Bradley Robertson for helping deliver the experience to students.

The Mathematics Faculty







Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)



On the 2nd of August, 58 enthusiastic UCHSK students participated in the 2023 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). It was the second of two events offered by the Mathematics Faculty and the school board generously covered the cost for participation. The AMC is an engaging 30-problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of Mathematics in students' everyday lives and is open to students in years 3 to 12. We are proud of all participants, and are excited to announce that 18 students earned a Credit and 12 earned a Distinction, our most awarded certificates yet!

Special congratulations to Selena T (7), Oliver B (8), Philip C (8), Sofia D (8), Jack H(8), Ingrid L (8), Isabel M (8), Samuel T (8), Tamara W (8), Daniel R (10), Jonas T (10), Matisse V (10) who all received Distinctions!

The top results in each year group go to:

7 – Selena T

8 – **Certificate of Best in School**

Samuel T and Tamara W

9 – Kale W

10 – Daniel R

PBL Update

This term UCHSK students have continued to display positive behaviours for learning.

The current focus is:

'We take care of our Chromebooks'

This can look like:

Ensuring that Chromebooks are charged before classes

Reporting small damages before they become larger issues

Restarting and checking for updates regularly

Closing Chromebooks gently (eg. when teachers are giving instructions)

Using a case to protect the Chromebook

Keep working hard, and let's reach the KARE card target of 4000 before the end of the year!

Trevor Horrell | PBL Team Leader



Need to Know

Carpark



The UCHSK Carpark can be very congested and often dangerous each morning and afternoon. We are requesting the support of parents and carers to ensure our carpark is as safe as possible for all students and community members.

When dropping off or picking up students (those ready and waiting), please use the designated area shown on the diagram in green.

We are very grateful to once again have access to our overflow carpark. All parents and carers waiting to pick up their child are asked to use the overflow carpark at the south-eastern end of the school driveway, marked in blue on the diagram.

Cars should not be double parked while waiting for students. This increases congestion and reduces the safety for all carpark users, in particular those students crossing the pedestrian crossing to access

the Baldwin Drive bus stop. Please avoid waiting to pick up students in the area marked in red on the diagram.

Thank you for your anticipated support on this issue.

Family Contributions

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year UC High School Kaleen requests voluntary contributions from families to help support and enrich learning throughout our school.

Contributions for Subject contributions and General contribution are now due.

These contributions support learning opportunities through the purchase of:

- Subject consumables across all faculties.
- Essential materials for core classes

The requested contributions for 2023 are:

General Contribution

\$170 for the first child

\$110 for subsequent children

Subject Contribution

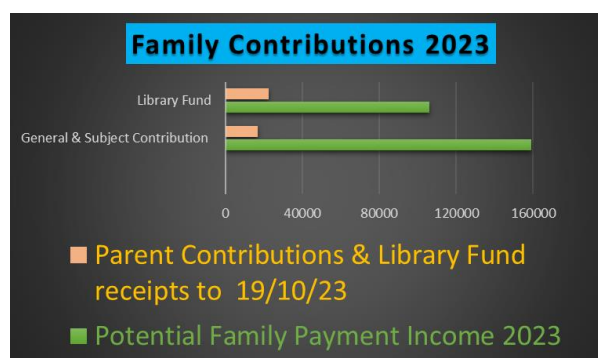
\$130 for the first child

\$100 for subsequent children

The **green bar** on the graph below shows the financial benefit to the school if every parent/carer paid the full amount for:

- Library Fund – Tax deductible
- Subject Contribution
- General Contribution

The **orange bar** on the graph below indicates the amount the school has received so far in 2023 from Parent / Carer contributions.



Cumulative Library Fund & Voluntary Contributions		Completed 2023 Learning Program Investment	
\$70 000	Subject & General Contributions	Playground enhancements (fitness equipment, student playground furniture, additional bubblers)	Proposed Future Investment
\$60 000			
\$50 000			
\$40 000	Subject & General Contributions	Necessary resourcing upgrades for new and existing elective classes (Music, Robotics & Mechatronics, Sculpture)	Investment to date
\$30 000			
\$25 000	Library Trust Fund Contributions	Guest speakers and presentations enriching core curriculum (Tomorrow Man, Courage to Care, Trouble)	
\$20 000			
\$15 000			
\$10 000	Library Trust Fund Contributions	Online subscriptions to support student learning (Mathspace, Stile & Education Perfect)	
\$5000			
		New textbooks & class novels	

Payment Details:

Our preferred payment method is QuickWeb, the Westpac secure online payment system.

QuickWeb can be accessed on our [website](#).

Fee code / payment description: For what is being paid, Eg Library fund, General Contribution, Subject Contribution

Alternatively, payment can be made to the front office.

General & Subject contributions (\$300) will be due in week 2 of term 3.

Your contribution is greatly valued and enables our school to deliver high quality educational programs for all

students. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please note: The payment of all contributions is voluntary. The Education Act 2004 states that your child will not be refused

benefits or services if you choose not to contribute. Individual records of contributions are confidential.

Mindfulness & Muffins

Have you heard about the P&C's Mindfulness and Muffins initiative?

Run entirely by volunteers, M&M operates three times a term on Friday mornings before school in the library.

Staff and students practice mindfulness techniques and are handed a freshly baked muffin on their way out the door. Organisers have been thrilled with the response which has seen up to 21 students showing up.

Just a few minutes practice of mindfulness each day can make a significant difference to the mental health and wellbeing of our students and staff. M&M runs in Week 3, 6 and 9.



Advertising

Scale ACT '23

Scale Model Competition and Exhibition

Sat 11th – Sun 12th Nov 2023

Thoroughbred Park Exhibition Pavilion
1 Randwick Road, Lyneham ACT

Come and see:

- model displays (incl. "50th anniversary of Matchbox models)
- presentations/workshops by some of Australia's best modellers
 - competitions
 - Swap 'n Sell stall for secondhand goods
- traders selling kits, books, modelling accessories throughout the weekend.

Plus we have special Juniors (12yrs & younger) and Young Guns (13-18yrs) competition categories with FREE entry for 18yrs & under competitors

All welcome, whether to enter the competition or just have a look!

For more details, please visit

<http://www.actsms.asn.au/scaleact-23>



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UNI-Norths OWLS Rugby Club

ACTJRU is going to start a "Summer 7's" competition starting in Term 1 of 2024 as a way to grow numbers in the sport. The Uni-Norths Owls are committed to rebuilding our Girls teams and this will be a great way to 'come and try' the game in a slightly modified sense. There are still plans to launch a U12's Girls Competition in 2024 so this is another great way to build up numbers for that also.

What we do know right now is the following:

- Term 1 starting Friday 2nd Feb and running for 8 weeks until Easter.
- Friday Nights at a common venue each week- most likely moving each week or a North Venue and a South venue if enough teams.
- Girls U12, U14, U16 (Possibly U18's)
- Boys U12, U14, U16
- Sevens only need approx. 10 to get a team off the ground.
- Games each Friday night
- Costs are TBA
- Sevens tackle laws

In order for the Owls to assess what teams we will be able to enter, we have setup a Google Form survey to gauge interest if you could please fill out ASAP as we will have to let ACTJRU know in the coming weeks.

[OWLS SUMMER 7'S INTEREST FORM](#)

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