



Term 2 Week 8 Newsletter 2023

## Principal's Report



Dear Parents & Carers

As the end of semester one draws closer, students will be putting the finishing touches on many different assessment items. This may be work that is conducted in class or items that students are completing at home. There is no better time for students to check with their teachers about any outstanding work or areas they need to improve upon. Our assessment calendars are a great place to start and can be found on our [website here](#). However, good communication is also critical if students are to achieve the best results possible. If parents/carers or students are concerned about anything, please speak to the teacher at break time, ring or email the teacher to get more information. We are determined to ensure all students achieve success, and the most effective way to do that is collaboratively.

As I have communicated in the past, one of our school priorities in 2023 is to **strengthen student wellbeing through connection to learning and increased engagement in all areas of school life**. Semester 1 2023 has seen a significant enhancement of the house system at UCHSK, with a substantial emphasis on students identifying with their school houses. Each house has a new mascot, and the PBL program and all different extracurricular areas of school life have been aligned to

houses. Put short, every positive contribution a student makes to UCHSK earns points towards their school house. This term the Freeman Frill Necks have come out on top, and their achievements will be celebrated at a house BBQ before the end of term. Congratulations to the Freeman house, and in particular their captains and house patron for all their hard work this term.



Another measure to grow connection and engagement this year has been the introduction of **Beyond** program. Beyond provides structure and opportunities for enrichment for all students across the school, both within and outside of the classroom. This term has seen the first in a series of Beyond ethics lectures and enrichment excursions. All participants have been highly engaged, resulting in a very successful start to this unique offering. If you are interested to know more about enrichment and gifted and talented opportunities at UCHSK, please visit the relevant page of the UCHSK website [here](#), or reach out our Beyond teacher, Conor Laenen.



### *1 - Beyond, War in the Cities Excursion*

On the evening of May 24th, we hosted our annual Information Night, where we were visited by many prospective students and their families from our local primary schools as well as nearby NSW. The evening was a great success with a great turnout from our community. UCHSK teachers and support staff showcased all the amazing opportunities on offer here and the positive culture that exists. It was great to chat to many of the families who attended, and we received some really wonderful feedback on how positively UCHSK is being viewed in our community. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed to this great event, in particular teachers Mark Scarano and Ian Lanham for their leadership in organising Information Night in 2023.

Enrolments for the 2024 school year are now open. Families looking to enrol their child can do so at the Education Directorate's enrolments page on their website: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>. All in area families yet to enrol their child are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, to support school planning for 2024. If anyone is having difficulty enrolling, please contact the school for additional support. We have staff available to sit with families and work through the online form if required. First offers for the 2024 school year will be sent out via email after the 24th of July.

From the start of term 3, parents and carers will receive notification of Subject & General Contributions for 2023. We have been very grateful for all the Library Trust contributions families have made thus far this year, with many of these funds already put towards great resources for our students. Subject & General contributions play a critical role in how our school resources many programs and facilities. In 2023, using these contributions we hope to subsidise engaging guest speakers to enrich our curriculum, upgrade resources for elective programs, and further improve playground facilities. Please keep an eye out for information about Subject & General contributions, early in the new term.

Kind Regards,

Daniel Mowbray

Principal

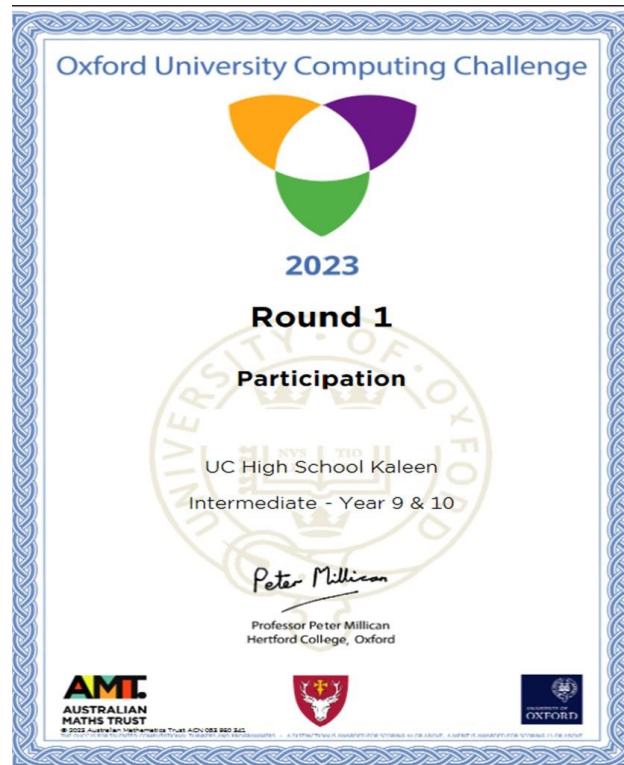
## ***What's happening at UC High School***

### **Celebrating Our Students' Success in the Oxford University Computing Challenge**

We are excited to share some great news from our students who recently competed in the esteemed Oxford University Computing Challenge. This competition was an excellent platform for our young scholars to showcase their computer science skills. The challenge is divided into four levels: Upper Primary (Years 5-6), Junior (Years 7-8), Intermediate (Years 9-10), and Senior (Years 11-12). It covers various topics, including coding concepts, algorithmic thinking, problem decomposition, pattern identification, and more.

Our school is just starting its journey in this competition, and we are proud of the four exceptional students who excelled in the Intermediate division - **Baydon W** , **Thomas Y** , **Hayden S R** , and one anonymous student. They have shown a commitment to excellence and innovative thinking in computer science, setting them apart. We heartily congratulate them on their success! We would like to express

our appreciation to our supportive teachers and the Math department for their generous funding. They have played a critical role in nurturing the skills and confidence of our participating students. As we celebrate these accomplishments, we aim to encourage more of our students to participate in similar competitions. We inspire our students to view each challenge as an opportunity for growth and innovation, as every challenge overcome is a step forward in computer science innovation.



## Sports Update

### Combined region swimming carnival-

We had the combined region swimming carnival back in week 2, I finally have got the ribbons for those with outstanding results.

**Luka K-C:** 13yrs - 2nd 100m Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Breaststroke

**Isabelle G:** 15yrs - 3rd 50m Butterfly

**Emily W:-Strong:**14yrs 3rd 100m Backstroke

**Arlo H :** 14yrs 1st 100m Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Breaststroke

**Bayden W :** 15yrs 3rd 100m Backstroke, 3rd 50 Backstroke, 3rd 100m Breaststroke.

**Finn J :** 12yrs 1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 100m breaststroke, 1st 50m Backstroke, and 1st 50m Freestyle.

Bayden W also placed 3rd at the ACT 13&O swimming championships in 50m Backstroke, the other students that attended had a number of top 10 finishes and PB's recorded, congratulations to our sensational swimmers. A big congratulations to Bayden and Skyla as it was confirmed that they both are

a part of the ACT Swim team heading off to School Sport Australia Championships in Sydney from 21 August -26 August.

### **Regional Cross country**

Wednesday last week 28 students competed in the regional cross country carnival. Although there was some tough competition and a cold windy day, everyone gave it their all. Firstly a big congratulations to Aubrey W who came 3rd in his age group. And congratulations to Eliza W who came 5th in her run.



### **Girls volleyball:**

We sent a team to the secondary north girls Volleyball gala day last Wednesday. Even with some vertical challenges and some injuries, everyone had an awesome day. Although we didn't win a game there were a couple of close games with lots of team spirit! The girls had lots of fun referring and playing against friends. Great effort girls!



### **Boys Volleyball:**

UCHSK sent out one year 8 team and two 9/10 teams to the secondary north Boys Volleyball day, Wednesday 24 May (week 5). We had some great success with the year 8 team getting third in the comp fighting hard all day only narrowly losing to the top two teams. The two 9/10 teams finished second in their pools narrowly missing out on the semi's with the year 10 team missing out on the semi's by one point. All teams played courageously, pushing past their own limits to play some exceptional volleyball. Super proud of all the boys.



### UCHSK Cross country

We got very lucky with the weather during the running festival on Friday 12 May (week 3) as it was a cracking day. Congratulations to all those that gave it a go and well done to those that made the top 10 in their age group. We had some very fast times posted. A big thank you to everyone who facilitated the day either cheering at the checkpoints or helping encourage other students during their run and competing in the novelty events. It was a very successful day because of you.





As always the favourite event of the day was the T20 with an awesome effort from everyone to get as many laps as they could!

The final results, but firstly we need to congratulate the age champions:

After some initial attempts to ensure that Freeman weren't going to do the clean sweep of UCHSK Carnivals (as Queensland will do in the State of Origin), I can announce that Freeman are the winners of the UCHSK Cross Country carnival. Congratulations to Freeman house you were just far superior in all aspects of the carnivals this year.

Age	Girls	Boys
12	W Eliza	R Marko
13	D Aimee	V Lucas
14	K Umi	D Thinley
15	R Hikari	H Corey
16	M Lavinia	W Aubrey
17	V Thanh	G Caleb
AWD	F Lily	J Lars
		H William
		G Jasper

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1	Freeman		632
2	Meninga		541
3	Goolagong		456
4	Bradman		273







**Squash:**

Congratulations to Grady O who represented ACT in Squash at the Green Shield competition held in Coffs Harbour on 2-4 June 2023.

**AFL:**

Congratulations to Hikari R who was recently named a shadow player for the ACT 15&U Aussie Rules team. Hopefully you will get the chance to represent ACT at the Australian Championships in Ballarat in July.

### **Push up challenge**

Some of our staff members and students are participating in the Push up challenge this month to raise money and awareness for those that have lost their life to suicide. The team has currently done over 20000 push ups since the start of June. It is a great conversation starter when you see your classmate or teacher randomly start doing push ups - all working towards the common goal of mental health awareness and suicide prevention. If you wish to support us in the fight against mental health you can donate here: <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/uchskpushers>

## **Teaching and Learning**

### **DIGITAL ARTS**

Year 8 Digital Arts class are partway through a unit exploring the digital artworks of renowned artist David Hockney, and developing their own skills. This unit involves two different digital techniques, painting and collage. Students have first created a digital still life collage showcasing a particular emotion, in most cases this is happiness. Students have chosen objects that represent this emotion to them (such as favourite food, hobbies or activities). They have then digitally 'painted' these collages using Kleki, a basic digital paint tool.

Student work attached – Joe, Jonah, Oliver and Sarah.





### UC High School hosts!

We were privileged to host 3 other schools with their IMP bands for a big combined rehearsal at Kaleen. Our students got a boost by realising how their hard work pays off, and they played very confidently to support students from the other schools. Our school is growing into music being one of our strengths, and we hope to build on that even further.



## Year 9/10 Textiles

Students have been working on several projects this semester so far. Beginning with patchwork coasters. It was a great way for students to practise matching fabrics, sewing straight, small seams and creating a useful item out of small pieces of fabric. The next project was a personalised pillowcase, choosing fabric from a pile of donated sheets, doona covers and quilting offcuts. In Textiles we have a big focus on sustainability and making sure as little fabric as possible goes to landfill. Once pillowcases are finished, students can choose from a large selection of projects to complete something that interests them. We already have some soft toys and wall hangings underway!









## Club Roster

Get involved in one of or several of the school clubs running during breaks, before and after school.

School clubs are a great way to have fun and build a connection to the school.

Even better, all participation earns points for your house.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club
Recess	Ag Club	Basketball (Gym) Book Club (English Open Area)		Rainbow Connection 9/10 (Room 30)	Futsal (Gym)
Lunch	Rainbow Connection 9/10 (Room 30) Ladies Yoga (Room 29) Game Development (Room 2)	Volleyball (Gym) Dungeons & Dragons (English Open Area) Stitches (Textiles Room)	Volleyball (Gym) Prayer Group (Room 29)	Art Club (Art Room) Gridiron (oval)	Tabletop & Card Games (Room 22)
After School	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club	Ag Club

## Need to Know

### 2024 school year enrolments are open!!



Enrolments for the 2024 school year for students transitioning schools or starting at a school are open. Visit [education.act.gov.au](https://education.act.gov.au) for the online application link and information about the school in your child's Priority Enrolment Area. School information sessions for prospective students are being held throughout May. Alternately, visit school websites to find out more or contact the school directly. Apply by 2 June to receive an offer by 24 July 2023.

### Family Contributions

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year UC High School Kaleen Board 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

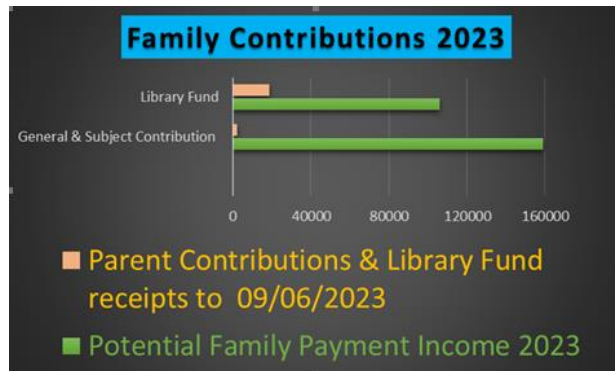
\$100 for subsequent children



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
- General Contribution & Subject Contribution

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



The graph below explains the investment in your child's education from the above 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 bunnies)	Proposed Future Investment
\$60 000			
\$50 000			
\$40 000		Necessary resourcing upgrades for new and existing elective classes (Music, Robotics & Mechatronics, Sculpture)	
\$30 000			
\$25 000	Guest speakers and presentations enriching core curriculum (Tomorrow Man, Courage to Care, Trouble)		
\$20 000	Library Trust Fund Contributions	Online subscriptions to support student learning (Mathspace, Stile & Education Perfect)	Investment to date
\$15 000			
\$10 000			
\$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.*

## Lost property



## Australian Government School Student Broadband Initiative

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The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home Internet for one year for unconnected families with school students in the ACT.

To be eligible, families must:

- have a school student at home
- not have an NBN connection
- live at an address with access to a standard NBN connection.

For more information see [www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI)

To nominate, please fill in this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/kHUg92YZaR>

## Covid Smart Reminder



As you may be aware, there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases across ACT public schools in recent weeks.

To help stop the further spread of COVID-19 in our school, we are encouraging and implementing the following measures:

- Students who are COVID-19 positive or displaying symptoms (including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever) should test and **must not attend school while unwell.**
- Parents and carers must **inform schools** if their child is COVID-positive.
- Keep up to date with vaccinations.
- Families can access a **free rapid antigen test (RAT)** from the front office of their school. Nasal and saliva tests are available. **Test when symptomatic or as a precaution.**
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Distance where possible.

For the latest COVID-19 advice please visit the [ACT's COVID-19 website](https://www.act.gov.au/covid-19).

## *Advertising*

### 50 Years of Instrumental Music Program



To celebrate 50 years of IMP 1973-2023

the program will be holding a reunion band event and concert on Sunday June 18  
at Llewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music

Reunion band rehearsal 10.00-11.30am and concert 2.00-4.30pm

Former SCB – Senior Concert Band – students and staff are invited to join the band for the day

Families, friends and colleagues of the program are invited to attend the free concert

Follow our facebook page – “50 years of IMP”

Link to register for reunion band as a player [here](#).

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Are you passionate about Gender Equality,  
Social Inclusion and Cost-of-Living pressures  
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Register now for the 2023 ACT Youth Assembly

 Friday 23 June  
9:00am - 4:00pm

 At the Australian National University,  
Marie Rey Teaching Centre

 Registrations close  
10pm Friday 16 June 2023.



This is a free and capped event.  
Scan the QR code to register or go to:  
[www.communityservices.act.gov.au/youth/consultation](http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/youth/consultation)

Organised by the ACT Youth Advisory Council, in collaboration with the Office for Youth Engagement, Children and Young People Commissioner, ACT Council of Social Service and the ACT Government.





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*(8:30am drop off, pick no later than 3:15pm)*

CAMP 1	CAMP 2	CAMP 3
26TH - 30TH JUNE	3RD - 7TH JULY	10TH - 14TH JULY
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**\$295 for 3 Days**  
**\$110 per Day**




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## 2023 Winter School Holiday Junior Fishing Competition



Come and join us for the **FREE** Merimbula Winter school holiday Fishing Competition & Workshops.

Fish caught must be photographed on a DPI brag mat, with an event token. They are then recorded on a fish record slip and submitted to one of the Merimbula tackle shops.

Workshops are free and held from 10am till noon on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at MBGLAC Clubrooms, Spencer Park. Bookings essential through [juniorfishing.mbglac@gmail.com](mailto:juniorfishing.mbglac@gmail.com)

All rules and information can be found at [www.mbglac.com.au](http://www.mbglac.com.au)

An adult must be present

1. when registering at the Merimbula tackle shops to pick up a show bag,
2. when attending the workshops and
3. when attending the Presentation.

The competition is open to Small Fry (under 11yrs) & Junior (under 16yrs) as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023. The competition runs from 6am Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July to 4pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The eligible species are:

**Flathead, Bream, Trevally, Tailor and Australian Salmon.**

### OVER \$5,000 PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

Competitors are invited to a FREE sausage sizzle at the Presentation event at Noon Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at MBGLAC clubrooms.

**Competitors do not need to be present to win as prizes will be forwarded.**

We'd love to see what you've caught so tag us @MBGLAC on Facebook or Instagram.



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# Helping Your Teenager with Career Planning

**PARENTS AND CARERS CAN HAVE AN ENORMOUS INFLUENCE ON THEIR CHILD'S CAREER DECISIONS AND PATHWAY PLANNING, BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO KNOW WHERE TO START.**

The ACT Education Directorate will present workshops for parents and carers to support National Skills Weeks in August, as part of the Canberra CareersXpo. During this workshop, experienced career practitioners will present useful career information, resources and strategies to start career conversations with your young person including:

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT PATHWAYS	COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES
LEADING BY EXAMPLE	SEEKING SUPPORT

It is free to attend this session.

**CANBERRA CAREERSXPO**  
**WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST 2023**  
 BUDAWANG AND COORONG BUILDINGS  
 5:30-7PM

To register go to our [Eventbrite page](#).

For more information please contact [careers@act.gov.au](mailto:careers@act.gov.au)

**Covid-19 Smart Behaviours while attending the Canberra Careers Expo workshop**

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations
- Stay home if you're unwell and get tested
- Wear a mask
- Practise good hygiene
- Physically distance

Visit the ACT Government COVID website for the latest information. [COVID Smart behaviours - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](#)



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**JULY PROGRAM:**  
**2-day workshop:** Thurs, July 13+ Fri, July 14 @ Canberra University, Faculty of Arts and Design, Bruce. 9.30am - 4pm (both days).  
**Market Day:** Old Bus Depot Markets, Kingston on Sunday, July 23 from 9.00am - 2.30pm.

**BOOK: [www.edii.com.au](http://www.edii.com.au)**



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## **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S STRONG EMOTIONS**

- **TAKE POSITIVE ACTION  
TO ADDRESS YOUR  
CHILD'S CHALLENGING  
BEHAVIOURS**
- **LEARN SKILLS TO DE-  
ESCALATE CONFLICT**
- **MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES  
IN YOUR FAMILY'S  
INTERACTIONS**



**Wednesday, August 23, 2023**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**  
**1pm - 2pm**  
For parents of students in Years 4 to 12



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