Newsletter Week 4 Term 3 2024



Principal's Report



Dear UCHSK Families,

Three weeks in my position and three highlights:

• A warm, supportive and inclusive culture at all levels of the organisation

- High levels of consistency of practice in the areas of our school priorities
- A diversity of offerings and ways for students to positively engage in learning at their point of need

Three areas for focus over the coming three weeks:

- Student Voice and Empowerment What current processes are in place for students to have their voice heard and influence change?
- Infrastructure and Capital works for project commitments resurfacing of netball courts, library upgrades, outdoor rejuvenation
- Organisational Structure understanding the roles and responsibilities of all staff members and the structures and systems that support communication up and down within the organisation

I enjoyed attending the P&C meeting last week and meeting with all the position holders and family members who attend these sessions twice a term. We will send out the minutes to all families once they are prepared. It is a great opportunity to hear what families and volunteers are doing to support the school that your child attends to be the best school that it can be.

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 9 and sat the NAPLAN assessment, they will be receiving their NAPLAN results during Pastoral Care lessons this week. If you haven't seen it by Friday, check their school bags in case it hasn't made it onto the kitchen bench yet!

Quick Reminders:

- All visitors to our school must check in with the administration staff before entering school
 grounds. This keeps our staff and students safe, and enables us to locate all people on site in
 the event of an emergency
- School Uniform is required to be worn by all students at UCHSK. Please support your child to
 wear the right clothing each day and proudly represent our school while travelling to and
 from school as well as for school identification and belonging
- Athletics Carnival notes need to be returned ASAP. This is a whole school relocation and alternative programs will not be available back at the school on the day

Have a wonderful week,

Kate



Need to know

P&C Committee

This term has been a successful one for the P&C Committee - the Annual Train Expo raised an impressive \$2200.

The P&C wants to recognize the big push for funding over the past 2.5 years for the resurfacing and all those who helped. Our community is better that this has come through.

Additionally, the P&C Committee is in the process of registering for charity status. This move will not only benefit the school community but also demonstrates the committee's dedication to making the school the best in the ACT.

The committee encourages parents, carers, and students to attend meetings and get involved in shaping the school's future.

Parent Teacher Interviews

As we approach the midpoint of the semester, we would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews in week 9 of this term. These interviews provide an invaluable opportunity for us to discuss your student's progress and development. This term they will be booked through the Parent Poral. To enable you to access this, please ensure you have access to the Parent Portal UC High School Kaleen.

The staff will be creating their availability timelines and booking for the Parent/Teacher Interviews will open on **Thursday, September 5th.**

The interviews run **Tuesday, September 17th.**

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach to front office team. We are here to support you every step of the way.

Register now for Parent Portal



What's Happening at UC High School

Book Week

Greetings all! Get ready to unleash your creativity during our Book Week celebration! On Friday 23rd August (Week 5), students are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters or embrace this year's theme, "Reading is Magic." Join us for a lively assembly where costumed students will be judged in an exciting competition! Individual winners in the dress up competition will receive a \$20 Dymocks book voucher (1 per year level), and group winners will earn each member a \$5 canteen voucher (1 group across all year levels).

If you are choosing to dress up, please bring a gold coin donation on the day to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

If you are not attending assembly that week, as you are attending an incursion within the school, you may not be able to participate in the dress up competition - but we still encourage you to dress up and join in the fun!

Let your imagination soar and celebrate the magic of reading!



Sports

Upcoming sport

UCHS Kaleen Athletics Carnival - AIS Thursday August 22nd week 5

Football (soccer) 7/8 compete in week 4 and 9/10 compete in week 5

Netball Girls compete in week 6 and Boys compete in week 8

ACT Mountain bike Championships in week 6

Regional athletics in week 8

Please keep an eye out for emails and information for those students that have been selected in those teams.

Student excelling in representative sport

WATERPOLO

At the end of last term and over the holidays we had some ACT representative sport happening with Kaleen high students travelling interstate to compete. Skyla travelled to Melbourne with the ACT 15&U waterpolo team to compete in the East Coast Challenge. She scored several goals and the team came away with a respectable 4th place, losing the bronze medal game to Queensland.

Bayden competed as part of the ACT 17&U waterpolo team at the AIS 13-15 July in the Interstate Challenge. He will also compete at Nationals on the Gold Coast in September.



VOLLEYBALL

A big congratulations to Skyla W, Marisa F and Blanaid IM have all been named in the ACT U14 volleyball team travelling to Bendigo for Nationals in September. Volleyball ACT have organised a fundraising event to support ACT youth players to attend the Australian Youth Volleyball Championship in Bendigo. Money raised will be used to assist with travel and uniform cost.

Event: 12 hours Volleython

Date: Sunday 25 Aug 2024

Time: 8am-8pm inclusive

Venue: Brindabella Christian College, 136 Brigalow St, Lyneham ACT 2602

POC: Peter McCurdy 0408188195

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL SPORTS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bayden and Skyla Wells competed at the School Sport Australia games for swimming on the Gold Coast during the second week of term 3. Both competitors came away with some valuable experience of competing on the national stage - results are below.

Skyla

21st in 50m 13 years Breaststroke

15th in 100m 13 years Breaststroke

14th in the 13-14 years girls medley relay

15th in the 13-14 years girls freestyle relay.

8th in the mixed 13-19 years 500m relay with 5x boys and 5x girls.

Bayden

15th in 50 16 years Backstroke

11th in the 15-16 years boys medley relay

13th in the 15-16 years boys freestyle relay

8th in the 13-19 years boys handicap relay



Teaching and Learning

Year 8 Art

Throughout term 2, year 8 visual arts students started a ceramics unit. The student's goal was to design and create a small bobblehead figure – based on an original or existing character of their choice. The focus of this task was to try as many basic shapes and techniques in clay as possible – these figures use the forms of 'pinch pot' (the head) and 'coil' (the neck). The hardest part of this task was the jump from 2d designs to 3d forms – for many students this was their first time working with clay for an assessment, or working in a 3d art space and they certainly rose to the challenge! This project took a little over six week to complete, from analysis of examples, designing their project, making their artwork, review, and painting, students worked with a great deal of focus and effort and their effort has paid of with some pretty impressive results.









Year 9/10 Art

In term 2 the year 9/10 sculpture and 3d arts class started a ceramics unit focusing on creative 'hidden boxes' – the goal of this task was for students to create a functional box or jar in two pieces, a lid and a base, but with a distinct topic or inspiration that 'hides' the box. Examples include a monster energy can, a Fujifilm camera and a Narwhal. Students came into this unit with a range of background knowledge in clay, from complete beginner to having done a few projects previously, but all students were new to the focus technique 'slab construction' – one that can throw even advanced potters. As such, we went from basic safety instructions and skills and even a few mock-ups in cardboard and clay before designing, testing and constructing the final clay piece(s). Each artwork is unique and original, and shows the effort put into them over the 10 week unit, persevering in such a difficult topic. Great work Sculpture class!

















Activities Day

On the last day of semester 1 students and staff celebrated with a day of activities. This was a great opportunity for students to strengthen their relationships and make new connections with people with similar interests and foster an increased sense of belonging. Teachers offered a broad range of activities including physical games, board games, movies and even Karaoke so there was something for everyone! A popular new choice was appliance dismantling where students disassembled a range of items to their most basic parts including laptops, a TV, a hard drive, an Apple monitor, an iPhone, bread maker, iron and toaster. Many students showed an impressive knowledge about electronics and it was great to see everyone collaborating and cooperating with each other and enjoying themselves. A special thank you to Dan Q for helping to collect all the batteries for recycling, and to staff for donating their unwanted items.

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1 - Dan. Q, Ashley. S, Harry D-G

CAT - Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition

Last term 70 students participated in the 2024 Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition (CAT). The CAT competition is an is a one-hour problem-solving competition designed to encourage

student curiosity and promote multiple modes of thinking that helps identify students' computer programming potential. 15707 students participated across Australia. We are proud of all participants, and are excited to announce that 25 students earned a credit, 4 earning a distinction and 2 earning a High Distinction – our best results yet!

Special congratulations to Connor B (9) and Samuel (9) who received High Distinctions, and Mackie T (7), Arlo F (8), Joe W L (9) and Jack H (9) who all received distinctions! Connor also placed first in the A.C.T. for his grade.

The top results in each year group go to:

7 – Mackie T

8 – Arlo F

9 – Certificate of Best in School and Perfect Score, Rank 1 in the ACT.

Connor B

10 - Estelle H

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2 - Year 7 Credit Recipients



3 - Year 9 Credit Recipients



4 - (left to right): Arlo F (8), Mackie T (7), Jack H (9) and Joe W L (9)

Beyond News

Extra-curricular

The beginning of Semester 2 brings many more opportunities for our Beyond students, as well as any other students who are interested in extending and enriching their learning at UC Kaleen. A number of extra-curricular activities will be running through Beyond in the coming months. These include:

- Tournament of Minds
- Legislative Assembly Committee Challenge
- Debating
- · Ethics Olympiad

All of these activities will provide students with the chance to work with other students from across the school to apply their classroom learning in a new and challenging environment. While the teams for these extra-curricular activities have already been chosen, there will always be new opportunities coming up. We encourage all students to listen carefully to the morning announcements and to put their hands up for any extracurricular activities that they are interested in.

Ethics seminars

Ethics seminars continue to run approximately every 2 weeks throughout the term. All Beyond students have been given a schedule of the seminars and reminders are posted in the morning announcements. We remind students that attendance at the ethics seminars is an important part of the Beyond program and that they should see Mr Laenen in advance if they cannot attend.

Extension

All students in Beyond are encouraged to review their extension subject for semester two. They are more than welcome to continue with their chosen subject from semester one, or they can explore extension in another subject. If your child decides they would like to change their extension subject, they should speak to Mr Laenen so that he can communicate this with classroom teachers. Extension work will look different in each subject. If students are unsure what the extension work in their chosen subject is, we encourage them to talk to their classroom teacher about the expectations in that subject.

AMC - Australian Mathematics Competition

In week 3 66 enthusiastic UCHSK students participated in the 2024 Australian Mathematics Competition. It was the second of two events offered by the Mathematics Faculty and is Australia's most well-known and longest running mathematics competition for school students. The competition is designed each year by leading educators and academics. Containing 30 questions, including 25 multiple-choice and 5 integer-based questions, the AMC is a fun and engaging way for students in years 3 to 12 to test their mathematical problem-solving skills that demonstrates the importance and relevance of Mathematics in students' everyday lives. Thank you to families for support their child's participation – we are proud of all participants and are looking forward to celebrating their results.

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English Creative Writing Excursions

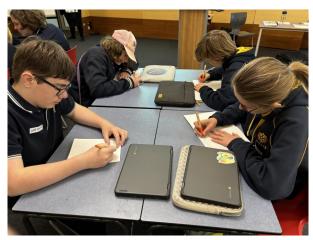
Term 3 has started with lots of exciting writing opportunities for our students.

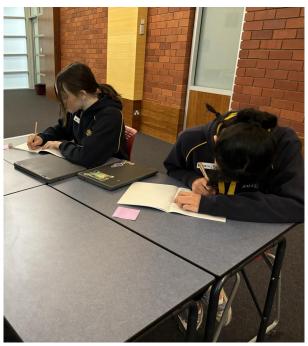
During the first week of term, a select group of students were invited to a writing workshop: <code>UWrite@UC!</code> conducted by the University of Canberra. The workshop was run over two separate days with twelve of our Year 7 and 8 students attending Day 1 and nine of our Year 9 and 10 students attending Day 2. This workshop was presented by a published author, Anthony Eaton, who took students through writing activities for finding inspiration, building character voice and creating stories that connect to readers, or keep readers asking questions. All students and teachers had a wonderful time, spending a whole day doing something they really love - writing!

In the second week of the term, seventeen of our Year 7 and 8 students attended a creative writing excursion facilitated by ACTATE, the association behind the annual *LitLinks* creative writing competition. This day was held at Daramalan College, and UCHSK students worked alongside other creative writers to review and give feedback on their previous writing and to try out new ways of phrasing to better grab the reader's attention from the very start. They also read and analysed previous entries from the *LitLinks* competition. The staff presenting the workshop, as well as staff from the host school, were very impressed with the KARE values displayed by all participants, as well as the high level of creativity shown throughout the day.

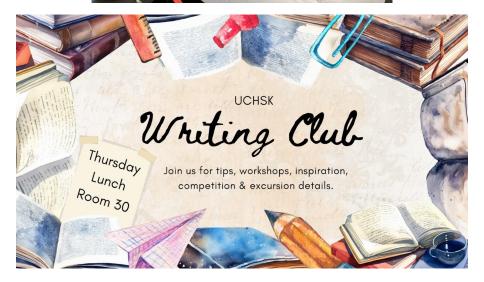
We still have a number of upcoming creative writing opportunities taking place later in the term including another *UWrite@UC!* excursion in Week 9 and a Crime Writing incursion in Week 5. We look forward to sharing about these in the next newsletter.











Stitches Club

Over the last 12 months, some of the Stitches Club regulars have been working on knitting squares to create a blanket to be donated. We have had a number of students involved, some of whom have since left the school, and we were also helped by the lovely Librarian extraordinaire Tracey Belin.

Our blanket construction is not over yet. As well as the squares that we knitted, we had a lot donated by Rosie Green's family. They were knitted by her Great Grandmother and there were over 200 of them to add to ours! As I was sorting through those squares, I found a note handwritten by Rosie's Great Grandmother that I was able to hand back to the family. It was a special moment indeed.

So far we have made an adult size blanket and a smaller lap blanket. We've also used some of the squares to create a scarf. You can see these expertly modelled by Tamara and Rosie. They are a mix of knitted squares and crocheted borders. Ms PJ took on the job of joining all the squares and then crocheting the borders and enjoyed many cups of tea while doing it. There are still enough squares to make another blanket and probably another scarf or two.

Whilst we had an original donation idea in mind, we've since decided that we would like to donate our blankets to a charity that supports youth homelessness in the ACT. Now we'll do some research and locate a group we can pass our blankets on to.

Thank you to those people who have donated wool to our cause and to all of the teachers and students who have popped in occasionally to lend a hand or even some moral support.

We're not sure yet what our next project will be, but whatever it is, we might leave the knitting needles alone for a while!

Ms PJ





Limelight Art Exhibition





Step Into the Limelight's 2024 Art Exhibition features 25 students from UCHSK across all 4 year groups. Student works represented Visual Arts, Sculpture and 30 Arts, Textlies and Jewellery classes, with projects on display from assessment in semester 1.



These works were on display from the 24th of July to the 4th of August at the M16 art gallery in Griffith.



On Friday 2nd of August, 19 students went to the gallery to see their artworks on display for the first time. Students were able to see themselves as officially 'displayed' artists in a professional gallery, explore different mediums and topics from around Canberra and gain inspiration for their future artworks.

this is the largest cohort of represented artists from UCHSK in a long while, and we are very proud of this achievement!





Need to Know



2024 Public Education Awards Nominations open now!

The ACT Public Education Awards celebrate excellence and recognise high performing school leaders, teachers, school support staff, allied health professionals and volunteers in our public schools and the Education Support Office.

We encourage all members of the school community to take the time to acknowledge the incredible work happening in our schools.

To learn more visit www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/act-public-education-awards

Family Contributions 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

General Contributions and Subject Contributions are now due.

These contributions will support learning opportunities through the purchase of:

- Essential learning materials for Core Classes
- Subject Consumables across all Faculties

The requested **General Contributions** for 2024 are:

\$170 for the first child

\$110 for the second child

The requested Subject Contributions for 2024 are:

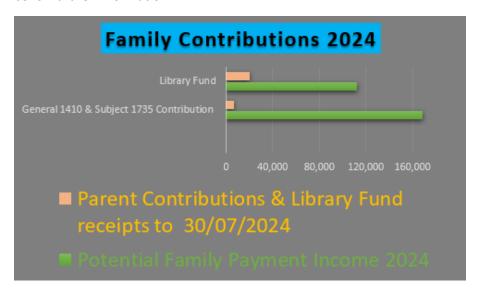
\$130 for the first child

\$100 for the second child

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.

Payment options are detailed on the school website and are attached to the original email. Contact the front office for further information.



In the above graph, the **green** bar graph 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 2024 from parent/carer contributions.

Community News



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Men's suits Men's shirts

Men's shoes Ties/Bowties

Vests Clutches



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7 Weeks, Term 3, 2024
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Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching
and Learning
Fremantle Dr, Stirling

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Parenting Program

- TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO INCREASE YOUR CHILD'S ABILITY TO COPE WITH ANXIETY
- LEARN SKILLS TO
 ADDRESS YOUR CHILD'S
 ANXIOUS AVOIDANCE
- LEARN ABOUT THE ESCALATION CYCLE AND HOW TO AVOID ENGAGING WITH IT





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2024 ACT SCALING TEST

- BSSS TEST FOR ATAR ELIGIBILITY
- CASUAL PAID WORK
- 12 HRS OVER 1.5 DAYS
- TARGETED TRAINING
- EXAM DATES 3 & 4 SEPTEMBER 2024



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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A PRESENTATION FROM AL MCGLASHAN, TALKING ABOUT HIS PASSION FOR FISHING AND THE OUTDOORS.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE RSVP FOR MORE DETAILS

FEEL FREE TO INVITE A FRIEND

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 25TH

RSVP by 16th August to info@kidsfish2.com.au





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Monday September 16" - Friday September 20"
Derserker Street State School
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Mackay

Monday September 16" - Friday September 20"
Pavillon Street, Mackay

Canberra / Queanbeyan

Monday September 30" - Friday Cotober 4"
24 Milton Street, Mackay

Canberra / Queanbeyan NSW

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