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### From the Principal's Desk

#### 2016 - A Big Year

As another big year draws to a close it gives us time to pause and reflect on the remarkable achievements of our school community in 2016. The year 12 students have now moved from students to alumni and our year 11 students are in the process of becoming wonderful leaders like those before them. Last week year 10 students, Olivia Pert and Caitlyn Muir spoke beautifully at the official launch of Marrung, DET's Koori Education Plan. I received correspondence from a number of people reinforcing how proud we should be of Upper Yarra students!

#### Thank You!

I wish to offer everyone thanks for their support of the College over the past 12 months. I also wish to offer my sincere thanks to the UYSC staff for the unwavering dedication and commitment they have shown to our students.

#### Farewell

Congratulations to Patricia Broom and Michael Schultz who have been successful in gaining Principal positions in 2017. Trish leaves us for a Principal position in Beechworth, whilst Michael will remain connected to the school as the Principal of Gladysdale PS. We also farewell a number of other staff including: Mr Shaun Ferris, Ms Kate Feagan, Ms Melissa Martin, Ms Terese Crea, Ms Kaylene Jarvis, Mr Angus Norwood, Mr Rhys Edwards, Ms Tarsha Edwards, Ms Melissa Jones, Ms Alexis Deed, Ms Sally Nettleship, Ms Rose Draffin, Mr Andrew Darling, and Ms Gail Donohue.

#### Important Dates

The last day of school is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Please note that school will conclude at 12.20pm

We wish you all a very safe and enjoyable holiday period. We look forward to seeing the year 7, 11 and 12 students on **Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**, and the entire school ready for learning on **Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**.

The Main Office will be open on **Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9.00am to 12.00pm** for the collection of school textbooks and stationery, and will re-open on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Another date to remember is **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, School Photo Day.

Scott Tully | Principal



### KEY DATES

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Evening of Excellence  
UYSC Theatre 7.00pm

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Cambodia Celebration Evening  
UYSC Theatre 6.30pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day Term Four  
12.20pm Finish

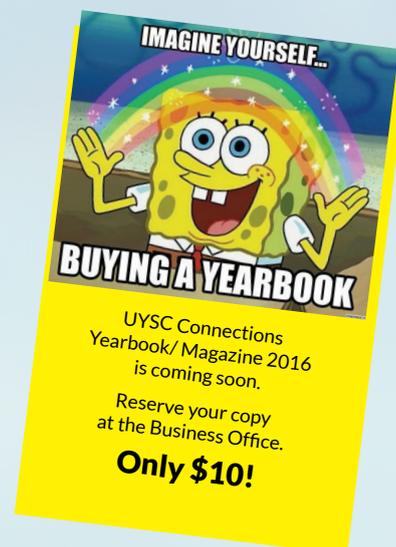
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Textbook and Stationery Collection  
UYSC Library  
9.00am -12.00pm

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
College Office re-opens

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**  
Year 7, Year 11, Year 12 Return

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
All Students Return

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
School Photo Day



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

...recognising excellence.



For always being willing to cheerfully assist others:

**CHRISTINE ROGERS**  
**Year 7**



For his positive attitude in all aspects of UYSC:

**DANIEL ROWE**  
**Year 8**



For 65 runs and a Hat Trick at Interschool Cricket Comp and Leadership at the Primary School Athletics Day:

**ANGUS NELSON**  
**Year 9**



For their outstanding presentation at the launch of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan: Karen Harvey

**OLIVIA PERT & CAITLYN MUIR**  
**Year 10**



For her proactive approach to year 12 2017:

**CLARE KANDYBKO**

**Year 11**



## VCAL Excursion to Rayner's Orchard

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, VCAL students went on an excursion to Rayner's Orchard at Woori Yallock. Students were given a tour of the farm by Farmer Len and introduced to a variety of fruits, which they were able to try.

Len discussed with the students how the farm is run, what it is like to own and run a business and how his business has transformed over the years to be the success that it now is. Students were also able to experience bottling their own fruit, where they peeled and cut pears, placed them in a jar with syrup and 'cooked'.

**Karen Harvey | VCAL**



## Best Youth Exhibit

Year 10 student, Natalie Ball created an amazing piece of art for the Lilydale Show, the theme of which was Up, Up and Away. Natalie used hundreds of metres of cotton to make an amazing design of hot air balloons floating across a tapestry. Natalie was awarded the Best Youth Exhibit across all the displays at the show. Congratulations to Natalie on her amazing work.

# World Of Difference Cambodia Humanitarian Tour



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UYSC CAMBODIAN TOUR  
CELEBRATION EVENING

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AND SHARE  
OUR JOURNEY  
WITH US!

Monday 19th December 6.30pm-8.30pm  
UYSC THEATRE 81-89 LITTLE YARRA ROAD  
YARRA JUNCTION



## A Robot's Role

UYSC students enjoyed an engaging discovery and "taster" program at the new Yarra Ranges Tech School Box Hill Institute Lilydale Campus. Students were challenged with the task of programming a 60 second routine for their robots - designed to improve patient well being in a high tech hospital environment. <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/.../techs.../Pages/default.aspx...>



## QuickSmart

The QuickSmart students from Literacy and Numeracy celebrated successfully completing the program this year. The group received their certificates after working really hard and we are proud of their achievements. Student comments about the program are:

"The one thing I learnt was to always underline the important words so I could understand the story more."

"Doing QS numeracy has really improved my Pat Maths score."

"Learning my tables automatically has helped me in Maths classes."

"The thing I learnt the most was the suffix and prefix on words."

"In QuickSmart I learnt how to summarise stories."



## Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan Launch

Year 10 students, Olivia Pert and Caitlyn Muir spoke as part of a panel at the launch of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan. This is a strategic plan with an aim to improve the success of Koorie students and to close the gap in Koorie education outcomes where these exist.

They had the daunting task of speaking at the forum in front of leaders in Indigenous education and welfare, representatives from North East region, Principals, teachers and parents.

As part of the forum they were asked to reflect upon and comment on their educational experiences and what they felt was working well in the Indigenous programs within our school.

They also suggested areas in which Indigenous education may need to be refocused and made some amendments to the suggested wording within the document.

We are very proud of how confidently they spoke and the positive way in which they represented our school.

**Denise Muir | Indigenous Liaison 2017**



## "Humans of Upper Yarra Secondary College"



Mr Gray

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I've been teaching at Upper Yarra SC for four years after working for the previous 10 years at Lilydale Heights College.

I am the Junior School Leader which places me in charge of all matters concerning years 7, 8 and 9.

I love teaching at UYSC and I have enjoyed building strong relationships with students, families and our community.

I plan to stay at UYSC for the rest of my working life and ensure that we create and are recognised as one of the finest schools in Victoria.

### What are your passions?

My passion outside of teaching is keeping fish.

I have more than 40 species of tropical fish from Australia, Africa and Central America, many of which are successfully breeding.

I am currently running an Aquarium of approximately 20 tanks at school in the room between H2 and H3. I am expertly assisted by 12 eager students.

I hope that in future years UYSC is well known for its Aquarium Program. I imagine this to include tropical and saltwater, aquascaping (underwater gardens and landscaping) as well as a successful business making sales to the public, specialising in exotic fish. All this will eventually be run solely by the students involved.

## Alpine School Update



Dear parents, students and teachers of Upper Yarra Secondary College. Caleb, Cody

and I are at the School for Student Leadership and we are working on our CLP (Community Learning Project).

We have decided to do things involving the retirement village in Yarra Junction. We would like to play board games and talk with the elderly people for our project but we need your help.

If you have any board games that you would like to get rid of, please think about donating them to our project. There will be a box in the office for the board games to go so please put them in there.

We hope for this project to go ahead and make it an annual thing. Thank you.

Grace Bray Yr 9

**LOSE WEIGHT?**  
WHAT WILL YOU *gain*  
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Wednesdays 6.30pm

YARRA BURN CENTRE Yarra Junction (Next to the Footy Oval)

**\$5** per week

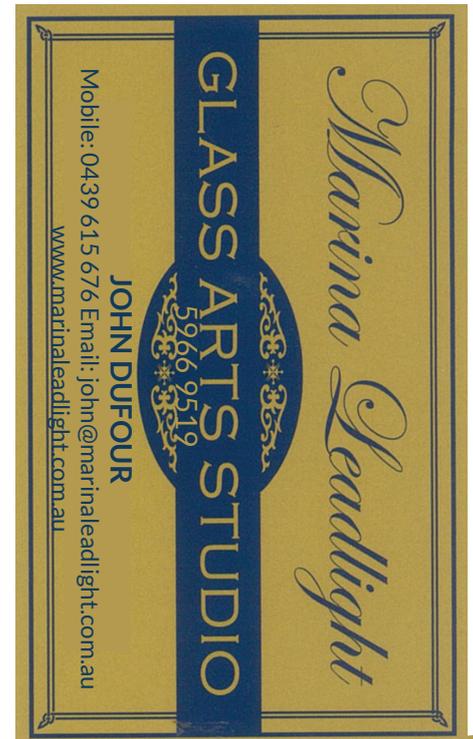
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