Wow what a year! and I have got to say.... Its been great! Thank you to all students who have achieved beyond their best. And more!

This time of the year a great deal is still happening. We have Presentation Night to recognise excellence in every arena; Year assemblies to honour students achievements; Year 11/12 have just returned from Greenpatch; Year 10 trip to Wet’n’Wild; Year 7 went to the movies and Year 8 to Jamberoo. It is all these trips that bond each group of students beyond the classroom. I take my hat off to the wonderful group of Year Advisers that we have. They truly care about each and every one of the students that come under their care.

Measuring UP!
In reflection, Year 11 Greenpatch and Year 8 ‘String Movement’ presentations reminded me of how important it is to listen to the voice of students and that student integrity prevails over all circumstances. Honesty, kindness and courage are very important in the way students should conduct themselves. This is evident in our students.

Seasons Greetings
Have fun in the holidays - Return safe in 2014

Nelson Mandela 1918-2013

Sport for 2014 will look different - Same Same but Different
Behind the changes...what is all this sport and house captain business?
The school has gathered data over the last few months on what has been happening at sport. The school conducted a SWOT analysis - strengths, weaknesses, opportunity and threats. We discovered that things could be a lot better. Some of the negative issues that needed to be addressed;

⇒ Unprecedented condoned student leave passes. Students preferring to sign out from sport, parents writing leave passes. Particularly Year 10.
⇒ Student truancy due to disengagement with sport activity.
⇒ Sports too widely spread, great deal of time spent travelling to venue.
⇒ Students forgetting money, students not paying consistently. Local business suffering.
⇒ Student behaviour at times not acceptable often due to disengagement and no real purpose.
⇒ No student leadership opportunity in the pattern of sport.

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Inconsistent level of participation by students at venues that cost money, often venue and/or instructor not paid as students forgot to bring their money.

Sport venues limited because two year groups at once. Younger years miss out.

Students seeing Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon as a free afternoon.

There were a few others, however this was a starting point for adaption and change for improvement.

The new look Sport 2014

New invigorated houses with Aboriginal Local Names:

- Bara - Sea Bream - red
- Gawura - Whale Blue
- Gurruwin - Shark Yellow
- Daringyan - Stingray Green

1. Launch will happen next year in Excellence Sports Assembly, led by newly voted sports captains
2. Focus is on fun, participation, competition, belonging, sportsmanship, team building, team skills of cooperation and support.
3. Sport runs across the timetable. One year group at a time. Different timeslots. Frees up venues, and school facilities. eg. Year 7 may be Week A Pd 3&4 Tuesday and Week B Friday Pd 1&2.
4. Sport will be run as a house competition. Houses will compete against each other, each week their will be awards for Most Valuable Player and each house will have a designated staff leader.
5. Sports office in Q block will have a running score board of all house points across the year groups.
6. At the end of term there will be presentation at a sports assembly for the winning houses, medals and most valuable players, encouragement of effort will be rewarded. Student run assembly.
7. Opportunity for house captains to be leaders and lead their team each week. Leadership opportunity created not available in the current sport system.
8. Opportunity to improve participation at swimming and athletics carnivals, as a flow on from weekly sport.
9. Leadership opportunity to lead the Sports Excellence Assemblies.
10. Mid term, will be free choice. Students will have opportunity to select an activity eg surfing. Year 10 2014, may have more opportunity to have extra free choice days.
11. Sports Uniform: Students wear normal school uniform to school and change into house t-shirts sports uniform. (Same as PE). More Hygienic than wearing sweaty sports clothes around all day.
12. Dedicated group of interested teachers to run the sport, staff want this to be a roaring success.
13. Sport will be more structured, more time playing sport, tighter organization.
14. Opportunity to use our local venues for curriculum based activities to suit the area of study. Sport and Rec studies and PASS will be able to embed more varied activities into their lessons, due to freeing up overburden of cost to parents.
15. Businesses have opportunity across the timetable to be used by the school, as opposed on only Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.
16. Opportunity to run sport intense workshops eg: Year 7 lifesaving week, or ‘Girls learn to surf’, golf workshops etc which could be accessed by all year groups across a week, as they would be scheduled at different times.

I look forward to the opportunity for students to be authentically involved with improved sport participation for all students. Essentially making sport more meaningful and fun, so students experience being part of a team - some may never have had this opportunity.

Principal’s last word for 2013

Sometimes...you just have to be “concentrated laundry detergent” Very Strong! That has been my week.

Have a wonderful break... recharge the batteries, read lots of books and don’t forget to use the sunblock! See you next year.

Denise Lofts, Principal

App of the week

Hey Day – Automated Diary. Perfect for recording your holidays.

WordPress

Blogging for Android and Mac

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AT CHRISTMAS

Mend a quarrel
Seek out a forgotten friend.
Dismiss suspicion
And replace it with trust. Write a love letter.
Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer
Encourage youth
Show your loyalty in word and deed.
Keep a promise. Forget a grudge.
Forgive an enemy. Listen
Apologise if you were wrong.
Try to understand. Don’t envy.
Examine your demands on others
Think first of someone else
Appreciate. Be kind, be gentle
Laugh a little, laugh a little more.
Deserve confidence . Do not be complacent. Scorn malice.
Express your gratitude. Go to church.
Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love
Speak it again. Speak it still once more.
Christmas is celebration and there is no celebration that compares with the realisation of its true meaning—with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself towards the core of life. Then only then is it possible to grasp the significance of that first Christmas.

My wishes for you all, Denise Lofts, Principal
Uniform Shop
OPEN Monday Tuesday Wednesday only this week 8.00-10.00am
Entry available through lower St Vincent Street gates
(Dial 152 on intercom to request gates to be opened)
Last day Wednesday 18th December (closing at 10am)
Uniform Shop Opens again Thursday 16th January
Please check UHS website for dates in January

Options of Payment:
- Cash or Eftpos or Credit card, Mastercard, Visa (parent/ guardian to make purchase in person)
- No Layby and NO PERSONAL CHEQUES accepted
- Retain receipts for exchanges and tax purposes
- Online ordering and payment - go to www.daylightsportswear.com/ ullamulla and set up your account profile to place your order

Research shows ‘Wearing uniform reduces peer pressure, raises a school’s pride, assists in discipline problems, gears focus more to learning, creates a more work-like atmosphere and leads to less distractions.’

Uniform price list can be found on our website
http://www.ulladulla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

From Canteen
◊ Best Wishes to staff, students and our wonderful Canteen volunteers for the holiday season
◊ Thank you students and staff for your patronage in 2013
◊ All the best Year 12 leavers - thank you and good luck…
◊ We look forward to welcoming students back in 2014
◊ We will need new volunteers in Canteen in 2014 - please phone Lynda or Kim on 4454 1758 if you can assist.

Check on http://www.ulladulla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au for the Canteen menu & pricelist
Canteen phone number is 4454 1758

Mr Dave Rutherford, local Dairy Farmers distributor, presented Ben H with a $200 voucher for the UHS canteen as the winner of the Term 4 ‘Buy a Dare & Go’ promotion.

We thank Dairy Farmers for their support.

Uniform Swap Shop
Last Day for 2013 Tuesday 8.30am-9am
Location: J7 demountable
entry via South Street gates nearest to Camden St

Changes in 2014
Uniform SWAP SHOP will open FRIDAYS 8.30-9.00am and will be located behind Canteen
Swap Shop will also open
17th, 23rd and 28th January 9-11am

Thank you to all the businesses who took on Work Experience students in 2013 - we look forward to your involvement in 2014.
To all the volunteers and community members who have contributed their part this year to help make Ulladulla High a wonderful school for all —THANK YOU!
Best wishes: Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to ALL!

P&C News
We look forward to seeing everyone at Presentation Night tonight and we hope you enjoy the supper that P&C have organised, thanks to Mrs Sayers, Mrs Payne and her band of volunteers.

We hope that the school staff enjoy the luncheon this Thursday, compliments of the P&C, as our way of saying thank you for their exemplary work in 2013.
Have a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing, fun holiday. See you all next year at our first meeting next year Monday 10th February 7pm

Students of the Week
Madison P, Year 10, whose happiness and friendly attitude are always a bonus. Maddison is also hard working and a true quiet achiever who we are proud to have at UHS.

Lachlan P, Year 7, always tries his best in class and works hard and gets all of his work done. Lachlan’s attitude is motivational and infectious to those around him.

Congratulations Madi and Lachlan

We look forward to bringing you Students of the Week in 2014
Promotion Roll Call
Year 8 helping to ‘String it Along’!
Mrs Kirby’s Year 8 Green and 8 Violet and Mrs Taplin’s 8 Orange worked last week to develop a new promotion for Ulladulla High School’s **String Movement** with impressive results. These were put on display in the MPC for other students, teachers and Ms Lofts to appreciate and give feedback. There were also movies, created by the students, showing on the big screen why we need to all come on board and ‘tie the knot’ so that everyone knows that bullying is not acceptable! Join the String Movement for a better Ulladulla High School.

**Australian Surfing Titles for Tess**
Last week the Soundwave Australian Junior surfing titles were held in the Kiama region. The contest was held the majority of the days at Bombo beach in Kiama, which produced some good waves to compete in.
All states nationwide came to compete in the competition, which combined the schools event with non-schools event.
I competed in the schools ‘Allstars’ event in the Under 19 Girls, surfing with my teammate, also from NSW.
We made it to the semi-final where we got knocked out by the South Australian team who moved through to the final. All in all it was a good week of surfing competing with lots of good waves and nice weather.

Tess M, Year 10

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**Back2Basics Day**
This is the 9th year that we have been involved in this initiative and it was once again a great success. Our aim is to raise awareness of our energy consumption and our impact on the environment. On the day there were NO lights, fans, data projectors and other electronic devices being used. We were all encouraged to think about our own environmental impact.

**A darker today for a brighter tomorrow.**
Student Environment Council

**Cricket Star in the Making**
Congratulations to Matthew G, Year 8, who has made it through to the final selection trial for the NSW All Schools Cricket Team.
This final trial will take place in January and UHS wish him Good Luck!

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Photo Left: Year 8 Indigo posted their ‘r’ words online to show respect for disabled people. Well done!
Rainforest restoration right on track at UHS

Congratulations to Alison M who is one of 36 Year 11 students from across the Illawarra and South East presented with a Victor Chang School Science Award for their outstanding achievement in scientific studies throughout the year. Alison was nominated by Ulladulla High School because she has excelled in her scientific studies.

Alison was presented with a framed certificate, and the opportunity to tour the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute with leading researchers. Congratulations Alison!

On the right path...

Congratulations to Dylan W on his school based traineeship in construction pathways.

L-R Dylan W, Matt Williams (employer), Lisa Cassin (My Gateway Apprenticeship Centre)

Congratulations to Kaitlyn T and Molly S on your school based traineeships in educational support.

L-R Kaitlyn with Victor (Kaitlyn’s Dad), Tracy Beasley State Training, Alan Bunker from Real Community and Molly

Milton Ulladulla Lions Club presented the school with a Certificate of Appreciation for our support of their recent Annual Regional Conference. The school is appreciative of the $1,500 cheque given by the Lions Club. Students to be congratulated for their involvement in the event are Maggie P, Joe R, Rosie H and Ben M. Thank you.

Sydney Conquered!

Last Monday a group of our students went on an excursion to Sydney to learn about public transport and managing money. Our intrepid group of nine, which was led by Mr Murdoch and Mrs Paton, caught trains, buses and ferries to beautiful locations such as The Rocks, Darling Harbour, Haymarket, Manly, Bondi and Coogee.

Some of the highlights of the four day excursion included dinner at China Town, walking across the Harbour Bridge at dusk, swimming at Bondi Beach and the harbour cruise to Manly.

The students were often commended for their perfect manners as they purchased their own tickets and meals and were a pleasure to take away. Our group would to thank again the ladies from the CWA for their kind donation towards cost of the excursion.

‘Hairspray’ our school musical DVDs available- Only $5 each. Students can see Mr Grace, Budjan Staffroom, or they can be purchased at Reception.
Holiday Learn to Swim Program

CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR: Parent and Baby, Pre-school and School age, + Squads

HOLIDAY PROGRAM DATES:
- 6th January – 10th January (5 days)
- 13th January – 17th January (5 days)
- 20th January – 24th January (5 days)

+ 2014 Learn to swim programs for Parent & Baby, Pre-school children, School age children, Squads and Adults are: 28th January-12th April (11 weeks)

DON’T DELAY – BOOK NOW! Ph 4444 8811

Shoalhaven through my Lens
Photographic Competition 1st January-30th April 2014
For all details and rules to enter go to http://www.facebook.com/shoalhaventhroughmynlens

Milton Follies are getting ready for:
Rocky Monster Show
Auditions Tuesday 28th January 2014
Thursday 30th January 2014
5pm in CWA Hall, Wason Street, Milton

Free Skateboard Clinics - Hubs South Coast Summer 2013/14 come and check out some awesome skateboarding events
Skateboards and helmet provided if you don’t have one!
Wednesday 8th Jan Batemans Bay Skatepark 10am-12
Sunday 12th January at Ulladulla Skatepark 1-3pm
Saturday 11th Jan Sth Durras Skatepark 1-3pm
Registrations require parent/guardian signature
For further info/event updates visit SBA.ORG.AU/HUBS

NEW Junior Tennis Competition Starts Soon
The next Saturday Morning Junior Tennis Comp will start Saturday 31/1/14, the 1st Saturday after the school holidays. It will run for the whole of Term 1. In our junior comp we have 4 divisions, so there is room for all abilities of player. On the club noticeboard now, there is a sheet requesting names of those who wish to play. We are always looking for more reserves as well, so if you want to have a go & can’t commit to playing every week, why not think about being a reserve? You must be able to have a small rally & serve 50% of balls into the court to play in the comp. Anyone with any junior enquiries should phone Kerrie on 4455 5064

U14 Girls League Tag Team
If you would like to be part of this new concept in 2014 and play for the Milton Ulladulla Bulldogs we would love to see you on the 6/2/14 at our West Ulladulla Club House at 4.30pm to register, the cost is $10 (Admin fee) and your uniform will be provided. For further info contact Kevin Whitford 44555925

Dates to Remember
Mon 16/12 Presentation Night 7pm in mpc
Tues 17/12 Report Assemblies for Y7,8,9,10
Wed 18/12 Y10 Wet ‘n’ Wild, Sydney
Last day for Uniform Shop (opens January)
Last day of school for students
Thurs & Fri 19-20/12 School Development Days

2014 Important Dates
Uniform Shop Open Thurs 16th and 17th Jan 8-4pm
Tues 21st-Fri 24th Jan 8am-4pm
Uniform Swap Shop Open Friday 17th Jan 9-11am
Thurs 23rd Jan 9-11am

Tues 28/1 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
Uniform Shop Open 8am-12 noon
Uniform Swap Shop Open 9-11am
Wed 29/1 Y7, Y11, Y12 First Day of Term 1
Uniform Shop Open 8am-12noon
Thurs 30/1 Y8, Y9 and Y10 First Day of Term 1
Uniform Shop Open 8am-12 noon
Fri 31/1 Uniform Shop Open 8am-12 noon
Thurs 6/2 School Photos
Thurs 6/2 School Photos Back Up Day
P&C Meeting 7pm Library
Tues 11/2 Swimming Carnival

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