Welcome to a new year of learning

Can't wait to be back From the NSW Premiers Scholarship Research Tour to see the excellent students of UHS
So I can have some good conversations with our students, to hear and listen so we can start fostering some deep conversations and a strong focus on critique and revising to build works of excellence. Welcome to the new Year 7.

Building a culture of Excellence through deeper learning.

One would think that travelling 3 continents (Indonesia, China and the U.S.) I would have discovered all the answers and be able to succinctly write a clever little post every second day or so, noting all things, in a little check list of the "do's and don'ts" of successful school leadership to build successful future creative young people.
Simple? Not so. Excellence in thought takes time and many drafts, As I have learnt and observed at High Tech High Schools in Point Loma and Chula Vista, Southern California, that highly successful exhibitions of learning come from an ongoing process of critique, drafts and redrafts.

Mrs Mel Clare (above) and Mr Drew Hicks have started the year with a burst of energy as the new Year 7 Adviser and Year Adviser Assistant respectively

Ms. Lofts with professor Chang from the New Shanghia University Teaching School.

Bastol Middle School Indonesia, where tradition meets contemporary contexts.

Principal's Last word

Have a great week, remember your first draft will never be what you are truly capable of. Refine, critique and revise with your teacher and class mates.
Denise Lofts … Principal Ulladulla High

App of the week

Check out the smog count in Beijing with this App. It is frightening!
**Outstanding HSC results in 2013**

Ulladulla High School had a wide range of achievers in the 2013 Higher School Certificate. These results were highlighted by our Dux Kento C with an ATAR of 93.7. Kento has been accepted into the University of NSW to complete a Bachelor of Advanced Science.

Other notable ATARs are:
- Lily R 93.45 (Bachelor of Arts, Sydney University)
- Lyndsay S 89.5 (Deans Scholar, International Studies UOW)
- Zac S 87.15 (Defence Forces, Officer Training)
- Andrew S 87 (Bachelor of Engineering/Arts UNSW)
- Caitlin M 86.5 (Bachelor of Veterinary Science, Charles Sturt University)
- Aidan M 84.5 (Bachelor of Creative Arts, UOW)

There were 9 results that made the list of distinguished achievers. They were led by Lily R who achieved a band 6 or equivalent in three subjects, English (Advanced), English (Extension 1) and Music 1. Lyndsay S made the list twice for English (Advanced) and for PDHPE while Zac S was the third English Advanced student on the list. Congratulations to Mrs Williams and Mr Ramsden on these results.

Ben C and Brett I achieved outstanding results making the distinguished students list for Industrial Technology. Special mention must be made of the results in this subject where the average mark at UHS was a massive 8.16 marks above state average. Well done to Mr Ring on these results.

To top off a great year for the TAS faculty the results in Engineering Science were an average 2.67 marks above the average for the state and an above average result was also obtained in the Construction Examination.

UHS continues to excel in the delivery of Vocational Education with the results in the Business Services Examination being 3.16 marks above state average. Well done to Ms Bulbert for all the work that you have done achieving outstanding results year in year out, in this subject.

Caitlyn M achieved a band 6 result in Biology and we wish Caitlyn well as she heads off to Charles Sturt University to complete her Veterinary Science degree.

We now look forward to the class of 2014 and seeing what results they will achieve at the end of this year. Good luck to all.

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**Young Citizen of the Year**

Morrison L was the recipient of this prestigious acknowledgment which was announced on Australia Day.

Morrison was described as “a lovely warm young man, genuine, honest, very caring and an all round good bloke”.

He was instrumental in introducing the world wide String Movement, an anti-bullying campaign to our school.

Congratulations Morrison.

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**Talent Targeted**

Congratulations Rachel T and Jai-Leigh H, both Year 9 and both successful applicants for the 2014 ISER Performing Ensemble - Rachel in vocals and Jai-Leigh in dance. This band, dance and vocal ensemble is the premier performing ensemble, representing excellence in performing arts, throughout the Illawarra and South Western region of NSW and we look forward to hearing more as they tour.

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School is back in full swing—a photo of students enjoying their recess last Thursday
Uniform Swap Shop
Open Fridays 8.30am-9am
New Location: behind the Canteen
entry via South Street gates
We urgently need your donations of clean preloved uniform items - please leave at Reception or Student Services, or the Uniform Shop. Thank you.

Who we are - Where we live...

We invite all our talented students to put forward their interpretation of "Who we are Where we live", what we love, admire, believe and do, with a photo. Each week we will publish a new photo and an exhibition will be held at the end of the year to recognise everyones work.

Thank You from Kiarn’s Family
“All the students and teachers at Ulladulla High, you guys have been amazing for my boy Kiarn. I feel so honoured to be his mum, everyone’s support and warm wishes to him shows me just how special he is loved by his school. Even the cup cake making and those beautiful guys and girls that shaved their heads its just unbelievable how cancer can touch someone in their own way. He is lucky to have so much support and so many friends. You guys are what helps him through. Words cannot say thank you enough. But please know we are forever grateful.
His loving Mum, Shannon”

Leave Passes
Occasionally an appointment during school time is unavoidable. It is advisable to make appointments prior to the day and send a note with the student requesting a leave pass. The student brings the leave pass request to Student Services before 9am on the day.

From Canteen
Specials every day including hot cooked
$3 meals + vegetarian slice $2.20
Fresh fruit $1.30
Free Vegemite Toast available Tuesday and Thursday mornings thanks to the SRC volunteers and Ulladulla Anglican Church

Canteen Volunteers Required—please phone 44541758

Check on http://www.ulladulla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au for the Canteen menu & pricelist and get your lunch orders in before 9am
Canteen phone number is 44541758

P&C News
Barry Jaffrey receives a retirement gift from Lynda Sayers on behalf of P&C in acknowledgement of his contribution to education at UHS. We wish him all the best for a happy, healthy and long retirement.

Uniform Shop
OPEN WEEKDAYS
Monday–Friday 8.00-10.00am
Entry available through lower St Vincent Street gates (Dial 152 on intercom to request gates to be opened)

The holidays were busy and it was terrific to see so many taking advantage of the long hours in the holidays to purchase uniform. Unfortunately this has left us a little low on stock. Please check this site for updates.

Options of Payment:
- Cash or Effpos 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/ulladulla 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 UHS website

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Career Paths Forged

Congratulations to Jackson Rutter and Sarah Desborough on their success in gaining a school based traineeship in Conservation and Land Management Certificate II at the end of last year. We wish Jackson and Sarah success in their endeavours in 2014.


School vaccinations

All Year 7 and Year 9 boys should now have received their vaccination cards. Vaccinations will take place on Thursday 13th February 2014.

It is very important that parent/guardian complete all 4 fields of the single Year 7 consent card.

Field 1: Students details – surname /given name /date of birth /gender/school grade.

Field 2: Indigenous Status - indicate with a ‘√’ students status.

Field 3: Parent /Guardian’s details – full name/home address/ best contact phone number.

Field 4: Consent: a coloured box for each vaccine on offer. Please indicate with a ‘√’ not a ‘X’ which vaccine they wish their child to receive, then sign and date consent and return to school by 12th February 2014.

Free Tutoring at UHS in 2014

The secret to the success of many of our most successful HSC students over the past six years has been the extensive tutoring program that is conducted.

The program is FREE and because it is conducted by teachers who are teaching the subjects at school it works in harmony with the class programs because:

- The teaching methods that are used are the same as the classrooms at school.
- The teacher is aware of what the student needs help with.
- Tuition does not jump ahead of what has been taught in class.

The program has greatly expanded over the years and the timeframes are largely negotiated between the teachers and the students.

**Tuesday 3:30 – 5:30**
Norta Norta tutoring of Koori students. Subjects negotiated

**Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30**
Years 7 – 10. There is always a Maths tutor present however other subjects are available. For Maths tuition just be in the ‘Q’ block foyer straight after school and a teacher will be there to work with you. For a subject other than maths you need to see Mr Rowland in the Mara staffroom no later than Monday at lunchtime to make arrangements.

**Thursday 3:30 – 5:30**
Year 11 and 12 tutoring. Most subjects are negotiated in class however if unsure see Mr Rowland in the Mara staffroom about what tutoring you would like and how it can be arranged.

**Getting the best out of tutoring**

It is important to understand tutoring is not teaching. In the classroom the teacher generally sets the agenda of what needs to be done.

For effective tutoring the student needs to set the agenda.

That means some preparation should be done for the tuition session and come prepared with questions to be covered. One hour tuition is very ineffective if the tutor needs to spend much of the time working out where the student needs help. The whole time at tutoring is spent working on areas identified by the students themselves as problem areas.

It is equally important that the student follow up the tuition session by doing private study and practicing the areas that have been worked on.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mr Robert Rowland, Head Teacher Teaching & Learning 10 – 12

Careers 2014

Mr De Giovanni is on leave for the year and we wish him a fantastic break! In his role we welcome Ms Trish Karaboikis who is looking forward to taking up the reins in 2014. The Careers Office is located at the back of the Library (below G Block). Please check the school website for the new Careers page where Ms Karaboikis will setup a page/site dedicated to careers information which will be updated weekly for all to view. Students should continue to view the Careers board for posters with new opportunities. Many students will know Ms Karaboikis who has taught at Ulladulla High School for a number of years but she is looking forward to catching up with students in her new role - for an appointment please use the booking sheet located on the Careers Office door.
Congratulations Matt!
Matt G, Year 9, continues to follow his passion and talent in cricket by being selected for the 15 Years Boys' All Schools Cricket Team. Matt displayed his great talent as Wicketkeeper and also scored runs in the selection trials. The team play in February at the Australian All Schools Titles in Canberra.
This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of Matt.
We wish the team good luck!

YOU ARE INVITED...
To: The Ulladulla High School Swimming Carnival
When: Tuesday 11th February, 2014
Where: Ulladulla Leisure Centre
Time: 8:45am (for a 9:00am roll call)
What to bring: Yourself (to compete)
Your friends (to compete with/against)
Money (entry fee of $3)
Your parents (to cheer you on)
Swimmers (for obvious reasons)
Sunscreen (slip, slop, slap)
What to wear: Anything in your house colours.

HOUSE GROUPS
Bara Sea Bream – Red
Daringyan Stingrays – Green
Gawura Whales – Blue
Guruwin Sharks - Yellow

INTERNAL SPORT (YEARS 7 to 10)
The integrated sports competition rounds will kick off on Thursday with Year 8 being the first year group to earn points for their house team.
All other year groups will start in week 3 and will spend sport this week getting to know their team mates and competing with them in two sports.

INTERNAL SPORTS DAYS
Year 7 – Tuesday
Year 8 – Thursday
Year 9 – Wednesday
Year 10 - Monday

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**Community News**

**Calling on Community Generosity**
UHS Science Faculty are asking the community for the donation of an upright fridge/freezer to replace the fridge which was ruined in a power outage during the end of Term 4 last year. Please phone 4455 1799 and speak to Josh Westerway if you can assist us. THANK YOU!

**Canteen Volunteers Needed Now!**

We have the lovely new enlarged Canteen premises but we need more volunteers to help at recess/lunch time. Please phone Lynda on 4454 1758 if you can give a few hours once a term.

**Keeping Kids in Mind**
A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict after Separation
Dates: 15th May 2014 & 23rd October 2014
The course will be held over 5 weeks in Nowra and all participants must register their interest in attending the course by calling 1800 55 46 46.

**Milton Follies presents... ‘Badjelly the Witch’**
Auditions Tues 4th or Thurs 6th Feb 2014
5pm – children auditions  6.30pm – adult auditions for all ages, male and female actors, singers and dancers, for this mid-year production
Auditions at CWA Hall, Wason St, Milton
Contact is Daniel Costello 44544635 or 0417384225.

**The Caddyshack** visiting Ulladulla Beach
Friday 28th February 2014
...improving the sexual health of young people…
Come along for sexual health information, giveaways, or to get a free STI check ‘Share affection not infection’

**Manyana Wanderers**
Are looking for soccer players!!
Men, ladies, Juniors—all ages, all levels!
Come along to our friendly kick/rego
Thursday 13th February 6pm Yulunga Oval, Manyana
Contact person Rob:  0400709321 or Haley 0410817536
Wander down and have a go!

**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 this Thursday  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 information contact Kevin Whitford  44555925

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**Calling for young performers**
National Youth Week 4-13 April 2014
“OUR VOICE OUR IMPACT”
The Shoalhaven Youth Week Culmination Event is being held on the 12th April from 10am to 3pm at the Ulladulla Highway Christian Church grounds, Princes Highway Ulladulla. This event is being organised in conjunction with the Shoalhaven City Council and The Ulladulla Youth Centre. The event is free to the community, and will have youth service provider information stalls, and youth entertainment, including live bands. The events and activities will be drug and alcohol free and will be conducted in a safe manner and will be fully supervised by qualified youth workers and community service workers.
We are looking for expressions of interests from young performers and bands to entertain on the day. There is an almost fully equipped stage; you have to bring your own drum kit and amplifier. This is a great opportunity for you to promote yourself or your band, and to get some live music practice in front of an awesome audience. To express your interest or if you have any questions call Dean or Helen at the Youth Centre on 4454 1761, or drop in to the Youth Centre (Tuesday- Thursday) in St Vincent Street Ulladulla.

**2014 Milton Show**
Friday 28th February & Saturday 1st March 2014
Schedules are available at Milton Florist, Milton Post Office, Wool ’n Things Rowens Arcade Ulladulla and Ulladulla Discount Fabrics

**Dates to Remember**
Thurs 6/2  School Photos
Mon 10/2  School Photos Back Up Day
P&C Meeting 7pm Library
Tues 11/2 Swimming Carnival
Mon 17/2 Welcome to Y7 parents BBQ 5.30pm
http://www.ulladulla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Ulladulla High School focuses on personal growth, civic responsibility and learning