UNGARIE SHOW 2014

Staff and students put a lot of work into the school display and competitive sections at the show, and the pavilion looked very colourful once again! Louise Hunter (below) performed a number of songs in the undercover area, as did the Community Band (as well as marching in the Grand Parade), and a number of students performed music in the pavilion throughout the day. Congratulations to the Show committee on putting on a fantastic family show at short notice, and we look forward to 2015!
CLAIMING THE DATE: ART EXHIBITION 2014

The UCS Art Exhibition will be held on Thursday the 30th of October (T4W4) and students are busy preparing items for display. Year 7/8 LOTE are currently working on Batik designs (above) and Year 5/6 are trying their hand at some pottery!
The Year 12 Farewell was held last night with staff and family helping Louise Hunter and Mitchell Thompson celebrate the end of their schooling at UCS. Mrs Wason and the Year 11 girls (above) did a fantastic job of decorating, organising and running the night, and the Central Hotel once again provided a delicious meal. Bridie McCubbin spoke on behalf of Year 11, and Mrs Wason enjoyed sharing one of Louise and Mitchell’s early literary efforts. Louise responded, and Year 12 Advisor Mrs Ward included an inspirational Dr Seuss poem in her address. Principal Mr Davies congratulated the pair on their achievements, and presented the students with gifts and their last UCS report card. Along with Mrs Ward he urged the students to never stop learning, quoting an extract by Seth Godin. The evening finished with a short video and the cutting of the cake (made by Roz Bennett). Congratulations and all the best for the future, Louise and Mitchell!
YEAR 9/10 AG TECH

Last Monday, our school ewes were shorn. Year 9/10 students helped Jason with the first four, catching the ewes and picking up the fleeces. Mr Cattle brought his Yr 5/6 class down to help and have a look during period 4, and was assisted in shearing the remaining two ewes by some of his students as well. Thanks to Jason and Mr Cattle for their help with this job, it’s much appreciated!

This week has also seen the completion of our participation in Dairy Australia’s ‘Cows Create Careers’ project. Our submission, composed of a funny photo of the calves when they were here at school, a thank you letter to the CEO of Dairy Australia, a scientific report detailing our monitoring of the calves and their weight gain during the three weeks they were with us, and a model of a calf pen with information about careers and some factors directly related to calf rearing, was put in the post on Wednesday, to be received by the project coordinators on Monday (15/9).

Above: Jason and Sean Bradley shear the sheep; Cloe Hood, David Clarke and Sean with the model calf pen.

YEAR 7/8 SCIENCE

We’ve been learning about cells in science for the last month or so, and our latest activities have been to create a tactile or 3D model of either a plant or an animal cell, and we’ve also had a go at making some ‘shrinky dinks’, which involved drawing a diagram of a plant/animal cell onto special material which shrinks when heated in the oven.

Above: Jared Robb, Colby Crofts, Isabelle Archibald, Holly Hesselman and Seth McCubbin

YEAR 5/6 SCIENCE

We’re coming to the end of our unit, ‘Staying Afloat’. During weeks 8 and 9, students have been learning about how hot air balloons fly, and have had a go at making their own using thin plastic bags, straws and birthday candles. Most of the hot air balloons were successful in being able to be filled with hot air, but getting the weight: hot air ratio correct was certainly a challenge!

Right: Angus Williams, Josh Roscarel, Ryan Crofts, Tom Roscarel and Kadee Gerhard-Scali
WOW ASPIRE EXCURSION
Beverley Clarke, Breanna Roser (Year 10) and Matt Murrells (Year 9) spent a week in Sydney last week as part of the UNSW Aspire program’s work experience placements. Beverley went to the Black Dog Institute (right), Breanna spent time at Google, Citibank and the Kingsford Legal Centre, and Matt went to the Creative Metal Fabrication company and spent time welding, drilling and working on a very big, expensive house construction site!

The students also joined with other schools in a variety of activities, including a visit to Luna Park, the La Perouse Black Markets and Cultural Walk with local elders, and a visit to the Coogee Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

This program provides our students with the opportunity to experience city life, the opportunities of tertiary education, develop independence and gain an understanding of the pathway to gaining employment in a field of their interest, and Mr Davies expressed our school’s gratitude with an address and presentation at the dinner he attended whilst in Sydney with the students.
YEAR 2-6 BATHURST GOLD EXCURSION 16/17 SEPTEMBER
K/1 MUSEUM EXCURSION
K/1 students went on an excursion yesterday morning to the Museum with Miss Whiley as part of their study of artefacts in HSIE. They were enthralled with the experience, and learned many things: what they thought was a cupcake maker was actually a milk separator, for one thing! They were fascinated by the porcelain bed pans and rather concerned about what happens to fingers when people use the mangle or washing machine wringer! Many thanks to Nicky Lewis for showing the students around and making it such an interesting experience.

Above: Adelaide Langham and Lara Bryant; Ethan Robb, Deakin Ross and Patrick Whiley. Right: Zoe McRae, Allora Vinecombe and Dylan Carroll

BELOW: K/1 have been playing tennis for sport and having lots of fun working on their skills!
L-R: Lara Bryant, Lewis Henley and Dakota Williams in action!