

The Summit Times

A World Class School

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Principal's End-of-Year Message – 2024

As we approach the end of another remarkable year at Ulladulla High School, I want to express my gratitude to our incredible community. This year has been filled with achievements, challenges, and growth, and it's important to reflect on our journey together.



To our dedicated staff: Your unwavering commitment to creating a world-class learning environment has been inspiring. Your efforts – whether through engaging lessons, new initiatives, or focusing on student well-being – have shaped the academic and personal growth of our students. Thank you for your dedication and for fostering a dynamic, supportive school culture.

To our amazing students: Thank you for your energy, resilience, and determination. You are the heartbeat of Ulladulla High School, and it has been a joy to witness your growth and achievements. Whether through academic success, extracurricular activities, or community service, you've made a positive impact. I'm particularly proud of how you supported each other through challenges, demonstrating the strong sense of community we value.

To our supportive parents and carers: Your partnership in guiding our students is invaluable. We deeply appreciate your involvement in school events, volunteering, and your engagement in your child's education. Your feedback has helped us create an environment where every student can thrive. We look forward to continuing to strengthen this important relationship.

To our wider community: Thank you for your ongoing support – through partnerships, sponsorships, and cheering us on at events. Your contributions have enhanced our programs and provided valuable opportunities for our students.

As the festive season approaches, I encourage everyone to take this well-deserved break to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time with loved ones. Use this time to reflect on the year past and set goals for the year ahead. May your Christmas be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments that you will carry into the new year.

I eagerly look forward to welcoming you all back in 2025, ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities with renewed purpose and excitement. Together, let's continue to strive for the summit and make Ulladulla High School an even better place for our students.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and restful holiday season.

Warm regards,

Glen Kingsley
Relieving Principal

Jindabyne Adventure Camp: A Memorable Journey

Last week, students set off on an unforgettable adventure to Jindabyne for an action-packed camp filled with excitement, laughter, and camaraderie. Over several days, students immersed themselves in a variety of outdoor activities designed to challenge, entertain, and build lasting memories. From gathering around the campfire to cook delicious damper on a stick, to testing their aim in archery, and diving into the high-energy fun of dodge frisbee, there was something for everyone. The camp provided a unique blend of adventure and skill-building, offering students the opportunity to try new things, develop their outdoor expertise, and enjoy the stunning natural surroundings. Highlights of the trip included thrilling moments during archery tag, where students used their newly honed skills to target both their peers and the staff. There was also plenty of fun testing their balance and coordination during bike riding challenges through the rugged terrain. Beyond the activities, the camp was a chance for everyone to connect. Students and staff bonded over shared experiences, whether they were laughing, cheering each other on during a competitive game, or simply enjoying a quiet moment by the fire. The days were filled with exhilarating highs, light-hearted moments, and a few breathless adventures – each one creating a memory that will be cherished. As the camp drew to a close, it was clear that Jindabyne had provided not just a backdrop for adventure but a meaningful opportunity for building lasting friendships and creating stories that will be shared for years. The experiences and lessons learned will stay with everyone long after returning home. A big thank you goes out to the amazing students and staff who attended, as well as to the dedicated team behind the scenes who worked tirelessly to make the camp a reality. Without your hard work and enthusiasm, this unforgettable journey would not have been possible!



Careers

HSC RESULTS and ATARs

2024 NSW HSC students will be able to access their ATARs on the UAC ATAR login page at 9am on Wednesday 18 December (after HSC results are released at 6am). Mrs Ingold will be available all day on Wednesday at school, then via email after that karyn.ingold@det.nsw.edu.au if students or parents have questions or need assistance to access results.



Job Opportunities

Cabinet Making Apprenticeships: Local opportunity for School Leavers 16+. Register your Interest by emailing karyn.ingold@det.nsw.edu.au

Funland: are hiring- drop in to register your interest for these holiday positions.

FRESH FACE at MILKHAUS!

Congratulations to Chenwei Li (Class of '24) who has commenced an Apprenticeship in the busy kitchen at MilkHaus Milton.



Who we are Photo *What we value...*
What we believe... *What we think...*

Year 8 enjoy the day at Jamberoo



Beach Volleyball

UHS had 7 teams play in the interschools CHS Beach Volleyball day earlier this month. With some hot and windy conditions 4 of the teams managed to make it through to the next round. It was a fantastic day at North Mollmook Beach which featured some amazing team work and epic comebacks from all UHS teams. Special congratulations to the 9/10 boys and girls team who both secured first place! A fun tournament to see out 2024.



RPM Day MVP

Some Year 8 students finished off the year with an amazing day exploring the pristine waters of Booderee National Park. We ventured around the rock platforms of Murray's Beach, had a BBQ lunch at Green Patch and reminded ourselves how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful place.



Avoid the 'Summer Slide' with regular reading these school holidays

The 'summer slide' is the loss of academic skills that occurs over the summer holidays when school is not in session. The loss of these skills is largely attributed to the lack of reading. Recent research has found that children who do not read at all over summer can experience a significant loss of reading skills. The good news is that students who read regularly during the summer can maintain and improve on important literacy skills. See below for seven helpful ways you can support your child to read more these school holidays.

7 WAYS TO BOOST SUMMER READING

- By Ms McCabe

YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AVOID THE 'SUMMER SLIDE' THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BY TRYING THESE RESEARCH-BACKED RECOMMENDATIONS

BORROW UP BIG!!!

Before the year is up, encourage your child to visit the UHS library and borrow holiday reading material.



BE A READING ROLE MODEL

Teens who see reading modelled in their home read more regularly than teens who don't. Model a love of reading and encourage and expect your child to devote regular time to reading for pleasure.

GIVE BOOKS AS GIFTS

Books make the perfect Christmas present. Visit Harbour Bookshop, our local bookstore. Go online, or talk to Mrs Wheatley or Ms McCabe in library for recommendations.



LISTEN TO AUDIOBOOKS

If you're going on a road trip these holidays, consider signing up to Audible to listen to an audiobook on the journey.

JOIN ONLINE PLATFORMS

Joining Goodreads, especially with your friends, is a fantastic way to make holiday reading more fun and collaborative!

JOIN A PUBLIC LIBRARY

Parents play a huge role in facilitating access to books over the summer months. Schedule regular trips to our local library. For those travelling, many Australian libraries offer visitor memberships for a small fee.

TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Book recommendations and motivating discussions about books and reading helps to sustain positive reading habits. Ask your child what they are reading and discuss what you are reading with them.

NRL Mixed Beach Touch Football Gala Day

Ulladulla High School students hit the sand at South Mollmook Beach on

Thursday 28 November for an action-packed day at the NRL Mixed Beach Touch Football Gala day. The event brought together eight teams representing four local schools in a showcase of skill, teamwork, and determination. Despite a few last-minute absences, our 12 committed players stepped



up to form two teams, demonstrating incredible resilience and adaptability. A special shout-out goes to the girls who powered through all nine games - over two hours of intense game time - in sweltering conditions. Their effort and tenacity were truly inspiring. After a day of exciting matches, Ulladulla High emerged victorious in the final against Shoalhaven High, capping off a fantastic day of sport. A huge thank you to all the students who participated, as well as the NRL for organising such a memorable event. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Koori Korner

As we wrap up for 2024, we celebrate the achievements, milestones, and community connections of our First Nation students and their families at Ulladulla High School. This year has been one of learning, growth, and celebration of culture.

We kicked off the year with a focus on cultural engagement and community collaboration, with our students participating in significant events such as Ulladulla Reconciliation Week, local Ngulla NAIDOC Festival, our NAIDOC Week and many other community events throughout the year. These moments of connection and reflection reminded us of the importance of coming together to honor our shared history and look toward a brighter future.

This year, our First Nations students have been deadly across so many areas, whether it's been smashing academic goals, diving into creative projects, or excelling in sports. Additionally, we're so proud to have two First Nations school captains leading the way, inspiring others and representing their culture with pride. Many of our students have also stepped up into leadership roles, acting as role models and cultural ambassadors for the school. What an incredible year it's been!

A huge thank you to our UHS Ochre team, staff, and community members for their unwavering support and dedication to our students. Together, we are fostering a school culture that celebrates identity, builds confidence, and provides pathways for success for our kids. We look forward to another fantastic year in 2025, full of new opportunities to learn, connect, and grow.

Financial Literacy Day Success

Bendigo Bank Youth Ambassador Eva Wolinski organised a Financial Literacy Day for Year 9 and 10 students at the Dunn Lewis Centre on Thursday 28

28 November. Despite the extreme heat on the day, the students were very grateful to hear from local business leaders.

Presentations covered: Scams, Car Insurance and banking basics - Caroline (Bendigo Bank), Starting a Small Business - Brooke (Juggernaut Advisory), Saving for Success - Ed (Tailor Made Financial Services), Employment and workers rights - Ms Vogelnest and the basics of Renting (Chris and Katie from MUMM real estate). Thanks to the Bendigo Bank and the Dunn Lewis Centre who covered all the costs for the day.



What has happened to Princess Bob?

In weeks 8 and 9 the Year 10 Drama students entering the Primary Schools with their Theatre In Education performance. This year students scripted, costumed and performed a piece that explored the importance of believing in yourself. With



belief in princesses waning (no one remembers Princess Bob!) Bell, Merida, Rapunzel and Cinderella must solve the riddles, work together, believe in themselves, be creative, intelligent and resourceful. Audiences were sensational in true pantomime style; laughing, engaging with the performers, following the plot and helping solve the clues. Congratulations to both performers and audiences for bringing Princess Bob back!

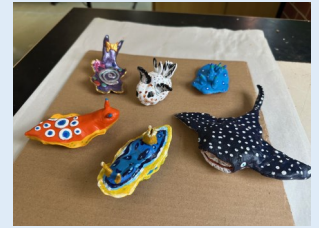
Long Term Loan Laptop Reminder

Reminding students that Long Term Loan Laptops are to be returned to the Library before students finish for the year - they are not to be taken home over the holidays.



End of Year Yr10 Marine Activities

Students have been making their own lures using clear casting resin, with great concentration required to pour it in the moulds. Other students researched the beautiful and colourful creature the Nudibranch. They made clay models of different species. The 2024 Fishing competition winners were awarded at the Yr10 Assembly.



1st Place Boys (10MAR2) Aimon Goodison with 11 Fish

1st Place Boys (10MAR1) Cody Elford-Shea 7 Fish

1st Place Girls (10MAR2) Micki Boone 5 Fish and the biggest fish of the whole year a 35cm Bream.



Year 8 English Students Advocate for Change

This term, my Year 8 English students have been putting their persuasive writing skills to a meaningful use by participating in Amnesty International's letter-writing campaign. Students have written heartfelt and compelling letters advocating for human rights, aiming to raise awareness and inspire change on global issues. Through this activity, they have not only honed their writing skills but also learned the power of using their voices to make a difference. It's been inspiring to see their passion and dedication to such an important cause. Check out some images of our students hard at work, showcasing their letters and the incredible effort they've put into making a positive impact.



- Ms. McCabe

Year 10 Students of the Week



Lily Todd - Lily's talent and passion for all sports are clear, and her commitment to her schoolwork is inspiring for those around her. She is a valuable member of the Mollymook Surf Club community. Well done, Lily.



Ryan Tull - Ryan consistently shows an excellent work ethic at school and at work. He approaches every task with responsibility and determination, always giving his best effort. Well done, Ryan.

Congratulations - We are very proud of you!

UHS Canteen

EFTPOS AVAILABLE
Orders can be made via Flexischools or at the canteen window before school.

OPEN before school, Recess, Lunch 1 and Lunch 2



DECEMBER 2024 TRADING HOURS

OPEN HOURS FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN WEEK 10 2024

LAST TRADING DAY TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024

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| 16 NORMAL TRADING HOURS 8AM - 11AM | 17 NORMAL TRADING HOURS 8AM - 11AM LAST TRADING DAY | 18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL CLOSED |
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ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE
<https://daylightschoolwear.au/ulladulla/>

Ruby Bolard and Courtney Fry Alumni Event
...return to UHS!
Come along and learn about Career journeys, Music, Photography and life after school!
Tuesday, December 17th
Session 2 MPC
Year 9 and 10

Dates to remember

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| Tues 17 Dec | Term 4 Alumni Event Pres. by Triple J |
| Wed 18 Dec | Yr 10 Dance Performance N1 Session 3 Last day for students |
| Fri 31 Jan - Wed 5 Feb | Term 1, 2025 Pupil Free Days |
| Thurs 6 Feb | All students return for Term 1 |
| Mon 10 Feb | P&C Meeting 6:30pm |
| Tue 11 Feb | UHS Swimming Carnival |
| Tues 18 Feb | UOW Discovery Day |
| Wed 19 Feb - Fri 21 Feb | Year 12 Geo Kosciuszko National Park Excursion |
| Mon 24 Feb | Year 7 Welcome BBQ |
| Fri 28 Feb | UHS Clean Up Australia Day |
| Fri 7 Mar | Milton Show |

Upcoming Camps

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| Wed 2 Apr - Fri 4 Apr | Term 1, 2025 Year 7 Camp |
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Community News

GROWING TOGETHER
- SOUTH COAST -
Wild Creations
Summer holiday workshops
FREE WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT JAN 2025!
OPEN TO ANYONE AGED 12-24
Nature Photography, BUSHWALKS, Outdoor painting, SAND SCULPTURES, FARM TASTERS & SEED RAISING!
Find out more or register



www.growingtogether.org.au/pages/growing-together-holiday-program

SOUTHERN SHOALHAVEN YOUTH SERVICES
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
For Young People aged 12-18 years, parent / carers permission required.
For More Info: 02 4454 6600
Thank you to the office of regional youth, Regional Development & Programs for funding this project

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| 20TH JANUARY Monday | PAINT AND PARTY WORKSHOP 11:00AM - 2:00PM @ Ulladulla youth service |
| 22ND JANUARY Wednesday | GOING TO THE CINEMA Details TBA meet at the Youth service |
| 27TH JANUARY Monday | WAYAPA WORKSHOP 11:00AM-2:00PM Location: Burrill Lions Park connect to earth wellbeing session |
| 29TH JANUARY Wednesday | SEWING AND TEXTILES WORKSHOP 11:00AM-3:00PM @Ulladulla youth service |
| DROP IN SESSIONS @ YOUTH SERVICE 14th-21st-28th January 4th February 1:00PM-4:00PM | YOUTH BEAT VAN @ SKATE PARK 15th January 5th February 1:00-3:00pm |

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