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Dear Parents and Students

All too quickly, the business end of the year has arrived and our Year 12 students are about to enter the all important examination period.

As there are only five weeks to go until the commencement of the SACE exams it is vital that schoolwork is given top priority. Well planned, steady and effective study throughout this time is crucial if students are to fulfil their potential in the final exams. Lisa Temple and all Year 12 subject teachers have provided clear guidance as to how one can manage the revision process, but ultimately the responsibility for putting these suggestions into action lies with individual students.

Year 11 students received detailed reports on their progress from their mentors on the last day of term. For parents, a summary statement of your son or daughter's grades is included with this newsletter. I encourage parents and students to discuss the reports carefully as they contain important indicators regarding an appropriate study pathway for 2010. Students should speak to their mentors to confirm the suitability of their chosen pathway.

I am delighted to inform all members of the school community that Michael Jacobsen will take on the role of International Dean at the beginning of 2010. We wish Michael every success and acknowledge the strong legacy that has been left by Inger Schmidt as she leaves this leadership role after six years at the helm. Inger has built this part of the school into the largest and most cohesive group of international students in South Australia. Her professionalism and expertise are well recognised by her peers and Inger has established high standards in every aspect of care and support provided for overseas students. Inger will be taking leave during the first semester in 2010.

I congratulate all students involved with the recent Year 11 Drama Production. They put on a brilliant performance of William Shakespeare's *'A Mid-Summer Night's Dream'* during the last week of term to packed houses every night. Once again we are indebted to Martin Gray, with the support of Emma Thompson, for the guidance and support given to all cast members throughout the production.

I take this opportunity to draw your attention to the following:

During the school vacation the USC main building will be open each day between 8.30am and 4.30pm and available for computer access and a place for quiet study. A number of Year 12 subject teachers will be available during the holiday period and special arrangements have been put in place with individual classes. Computing and study areas in Charles Street will not be available during the holiday period unless a member of the teaching staff is present.

The **Year 12 Art Exhibition** begins on **Friday 6 November**. The official opening will take place at 7.00pm in the Ira Raymond Room of the Barr Smith Library. Following the opening, refreshments will be available in the Charles Street complex where additional student work will be exhibited. Further details will be circulated nearer the opening, and all members of the USC community are encouraged to attend and view the outstanding work of our Year 12 Visual Arts students.

The **USC Graduation** will be held in Elder Hall on **Thursday 3 December** commencing at 7.00pm. Graduation is a particularly important event in the school calendar and we know that Year 12 students and their families will want to take the

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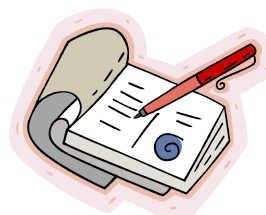
opportunity to attend. I am delighted to let you know that Duncan Chessell (geologist, mountaineer, adventurer), has accepted an invitation to be our Guest Speaker. An invitation for each family has been included with this newsletter and it is important that you respond to secure allocated seating.

I wish all members of the school community a relaxing and productive break.

Bob Holloway

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon	12	Oct	Term 4 commences
Thu	15	Oct	Year 12 Nationally Assessed Language exams 1.30pm
Sun	18	Oct	Information Day
Wed	21	Oct	Year 11 Mentoring — Individual interviews
Fri	23	Oct	Year 12 Final Assembly
Mon	26	Oct	Subject Selection Evening for incoming Yr 11 2010 — 6.00pm Napier 102
Tue	27	Oct	Year 12 Maths Applications exam
Wed	28	Oct	Year 12 Auslan exam 1.30pm
Thu	29	Oct	International Students' Graduation Dinner
Mon	2	Nov	Year 12 SACE exams commence
Wed	4	Nov	Year 11 Mentoring — 9.00am Kerr Grant Lecture Theatre
Fri	6	Nov	Year 12 Art Exhibition Opening — Barr Smith Library 7.00pm
Wed	18	Nov	Year 11 Final Assembly
Thu	19	Nov	Year 11 exams commence
Fri	20	Nov	Year 12 exams conclude
Thu	26	Nov	Year 11 exams conclude
Tue	1	Dec	Year 11 Transition Lectures commence
Wed	2	Dec	Year 11 Transition Lectures conclude
Thu	3	Dec	Year 11 Exit Interviews. Reports distributed
	3	Dec	Graduation rehearsal 11.00 — 12.30pm Elder Hall
	3	Dec	Graduation Ceremony — 7.00pm Elder Hall (students arrive by 6.15pm)



FROM THE YEAR 11 DEAN OF STUDIES

Term 3 reports for Year 11 students were distributed on Friday 25 September by mentors. A copy is enclosed with this Newsletter.

Term 3 reports are a very good indication of progress towards Year 12 for most students. We consider this semester to be a lead in to Year 12 studies in that students should be managing their time in class and independent study very effectively, be well organised and meeting deadlines and, of course, be more confident with the material and assessments within their chosen subject areas.

We encourage all students to make a conscious effort to use teacher availability time wisely next term. One of the consistent hallmarks of successful students is their willingness to follow up small problem areas at this time, so that they don't snowball into bigger problems later.

After Term 4 exams, students will attend a series of Transition Lectures to give them a taste of what is to come in Year 12 and perhaps to learn what preparation can be done in the summer holidays.

A reminder that the last day of school for Year 11 students is Thursday 3 December and that subject award winners will be invited to receive their awards at Year 12 Graduation on Thursday 3 December.



SECOND HAND BOOKS

Please read through the enclosed flyer regarding the re-sale of text books. A form for the re-sale is enclosed and we would appreciate it if this could be returned, together with the books for sale by middle December.

RACI NATIONAL TITRATION COMPETITION 2009



L-R: Han Hoang, Angela Li and Josefa Hochman



Brittany Burgess

In Term 2 this year, 48 Year 11 & Year 12 Chemistry students from USC, in sixteen teams of three, competed in the first round of the National Titration Competition. Titration is an important analytical skill in Chemistry and assessed at both year levels. One hundred teams state-wide competed. Six USC teams, three from Year 11 and three from Year 12 made it to the State finals held at the UniSA Mawson Lakes Campus on 1 August.

Three of these teams have made it to the National Finals, which will be held early in Term 4. Our State winners were: **Brittany Burgess** (substituting for Miyako Kato), **Einas Ibrahim** and **Karen Dickinson**; **Han Hoang**, **Angela Li** and **Josefa Hochman**; and **Philip Kuhn**, **Matthew Makestas** and **Victor Zhang**.

These are wonderful results, particularly since the state finals were held early in the morning after the USC Formal.

We wish our students all the very best for the National finals.

Sandra, Magda, Vicky and Carolyn — Chem Dept

SATAC APPLICATIONS — URGENT

Deadline 30 September (to avoid the late fee of \$100+)

Remember, students can always change their preferences online right through to the end of the year.

YEAR 12 REMINDERS

- USC main building is open for quiet study 8.30am — 4.30pm during the holiday break
- Last day of lectures and tutorials for Year 12 students is Friday 23 October
- Lectures and tutorials during Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4 will be focussed on revision and exam techniques
- Graduation rehearsal (for students only) on Thursday 3 December 11.00am—12.30pm at Elder Hall

Graduation Ceremony

Thursday 3 December—6.15—9.00pm. Neat casual dress.



BRAIN AND BEHAVIOUR

Year 11 Psychology classes have been learning about Brain & Behaviour. **Brianna Jacobsen** is shown here making brain and neuron models with student teacher, **Hayley Cundy**.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

We had outstanding results in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition. Congratulations to all who participated. Special congratulations to **Wang Zhongnan** who has won a prize.



High Distinction

Zhao Yue (Victor)	Lin Han	Seok-Hee Jang
Yan Zhiwei (Tony)	Wang Yaqin (Violin)	Mao Qiwei (Alan)

Distinction

Philip Kuhn	William Gale	Kelio Guan
Matthew Makestas	Daniel Pham	David Baulis
Guo Gengdong (Alston)	Daniel Henderson	

There were also 16 students who received a Credit and 14 who received Proficiency or Participation awards. All students involved will receive their certificates from their Maths teacher.

Lisa Lanchester



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SECOND-HAND BOOKS

You are invited to submit your Year 11 & 12 text-books for sale to 2010 students.

Complete this form and deliver with your books

TO: HELEN

AT: FRONT OFFICE, USC MAIN BUILDING

Bank details are required on the form for payment when books are sold

Please include BSB (6 digits); Account no. (up to 9 digits); Account holder's name

We will endeavour to sell the books for you in January 2010.

Proceeds of the sale of your books will be remitted to you in March 2010.

Remittance Advice will be emailed to you when funds are deposited in your account.

