FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school year is well under way and many teachers have reported to me on how smooth the start was and on how positive the atmosphere in the classroom is. As always, there is lots going on at Muirfield but we are all engaged in our core business of teaching and learning.

A warm welcome for Year 7
The start of high school can be a time of excitement and anxiety. Year 7 students spent the first two days of the school year, and several periods in the weeks following, engaged in Peer Support activities, aided by our wonderful Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. These activities help Year 7 students familiarise themselves with the school environment, find their feet and develop new friendships. I thank Ms King and Ms Frame for their work training the leaders and organising the activities. And, of course, I thank our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders for the caring way they have helped out.

Last week, the P&C held its annual Meet and Greet. Over a drink and nibbles, parents got to know the other parents, made connections with people and became part of the broader community. I enjoyed meeting many new parents and thank the P&C who work behind the scene to ensure such an evening functions well. If you were unable to attend, look out for next year’s evening. The night is very casual and a great introduction to the Muirfield family.

This week, Year 7 are on camp where I know they will have a great deal of fun but also develop team work skills and amaze themselves with the challenge activities. Our team of intrepid teachers will be led by Ms Bligh. I thank Ms Bligh for organising the camp and for all the teachers who give up their nights to take the students away.

Open Evening for prospective students
Thursday 7th March, 5pm—7.30pm

- Meet with our dedicated teachers and student leaders
- Tour the excellent facilities & grounds

For a more information about our school please take a look at our website

To arrange a tour on another date please call Sonja Anderson—Year 7 Deputy Principal 2014

We offer:
- A high achievers class
- Broad cultural, sporting and extra-curricula activities
- Strong enrichment programs

Enquiries: Wendie Bolsdon 9872 2244
Web: www.muirfield-h.school.nsw.edu.au
Barclay Road, North Rocks NSW 2151
Communicating With Parents – parent portal, email and newsletters

Last year we started using “Communicator”, an email system, to communicate with parents. We believe this helped overcome the “black hole” in the school bag where newsletters and notes from school (and often the ones parents ask their children hand in to school) disappear. We will try to strike a balance between sending important information by email and not overloading your email account. Parents have asked if we can email attachments such as permission notes and fees. We have had difficulties with attachments as we are sending emails in bulk, and as the Department of Education and Communities data base system does not talk directly with any email system, we cannot routinely attach documents. We are investigating having a section on the parent portal where we will be able to store documents for parents to download. I will let you know when it is up and working.

We have 4 newsletters a term. In Weeks 2 and 7 of each term the smaller Muirfield News is published, and in Weeks 5 and 10 the larger Muirfield Matters. Both newsletters are placed on the school’s website and an email is sent via our communicator system alerting parents to its availability.

Parents are also able to log onto the parent portal and view the daily notices for their child’s year group and the whole school. Some families have asked if we can have separate log-in details for families that are estranged. Unfortunately our system does not allow that level of complexity. As our newsletters are published on the public site, all families can view the newsletters. New parents will receive their log on details this term.

Year 12 HSC Success

In the Week 2 Muirfield News I highlighted some of the success of last year’s HSC students. We have now received the university offers made to our students. 60% of our students have been offered places for study at universities in NSW or the ACT. The breadth of study is astounding. Engineering, Science, nursing, teaching, construction management, psychology, journalism, commerce, law, medical science, nanotechnology, business management, paramedics, graphic design, Mathematics and computing. Our students will be at UWS, Macquarie, Sydney, UTS, UNSW, CSU Bathurst, University of Newcastle and the Australian Catholic University. Well done and thank you to their teachers for their commitment to academic excellence. To our current students I say, set goals, apply yourself and do your best. You can achieve great things too.

Open Day

If you have neighbours or friends who are looking at high schools for their child, please let them know our Open Day is Thursday March 7th, 5pm to 7.30pm. I am very proud of this school and love showcasing our fabulous students and teachers to prospective families.

New Teachers

We are fortunate to have a number of enthusiastic teachers join our teaching team at Muirfield.

Due to our increasing numbers we have been able to appoint a new Head Teacher. Mr Mathew Finlay joins the Executive as the Head Teacher Senior Studies. Mr Finlay will have two main areas of responsibilities, both with a focus on continuing to improve our students’ HSC performance. Firstly he will work with teachers to assist them in developing their teaching programs and practices to engage and challenge students. Secondly he will mentor and guide our HSC students, particularly our high achieving students, in areas such as exam and study techniques. Mr Finlay will join the English faculty but also has an office in the library so he can help students with their study.

Mrs Manpreet Mutreja joins our Mathematics faculty. Joining the English and LOTE faculty are Mrs Anne Doumani, who will be teaching French in 2013, and Mr Kevin Wong who will be teaching English and Japanese. In HSIE we have Ms Jovana Bardek, teaching History and Geography and Mr Bruce Jacob who will teach Economics.

Two more vacancies (in Mathematics and Learning and Support) will be filled in the next few weeks.
School Uniform
It was very pleasing to see our students so well attired for the beginning of the academic year. Students looked very smart in their new crisp uniforms and the appropriate black leather shoes. I ask that parents support us in maintaining this wonderful standard throughout the year.

School Photos
School photos were taken in Week 3 and students will soon receive their new or updated ID cards for use in the school and as a source of identification in the community. Thank you to Mrs Scott for her coordination of photo day. As is tradition at Muirfield, Year 12 students were able to have a moment of light-heartedness for their “fun foto”, where they take 30 minutes out of the school day to dress up and have a group photo taken. The ingenuity of students’ costumes always brings a smile to everyone’s faces. I do hope that students spend equal focus on their studies as they did on their costumes.

School Contributions
All parents should have received a full costing of electives and school contributions. Funds are necessary for student electives to continue in their current format, while the general contribution supports a variety of student programs and needs, including purchasing the most appropriate resources to support student learning.

A P&C levy is included on the invoices as a way for all families to support the work that our active P&C undertakes around the school. This work includes provision of resources that the Department does not provide, such as sound mixing desks, the COLA, and support for the beautification of the school grounds. I thank those parents who have already paid and ask that if you have not yet paid, you do so, and consider using the online payment system. The online system allows parents to track their payments, providing an immediate receipt.

It is most fortunate that our parents and community do so strongly support the school and value the education their sons and daughters receive - we need this support to continue in 2013.

Valentine’s Day
Year 12 once again sold roses as a fundraising activity. Ms Frame had great helpers in packaging the roses beautifully and bringing great joy to their recipients.

Swimming Carnival
What a fantastic day we had for our annual Swimming Carnival! Ms Nettle did an outstanding job organising the day. The continual running all day of events in the smaller pool allowed every child the opportunity to get wet or to have a moment where they could shine. The champion swimmers in the 50 metre pool will be holding their own as you read this. I wish them good luck in the Zone Carnival!
KIDS AND CARS DON’T MIX

For the safety of our students, we make every effort to minimise vehicular traffic in the school grounds. The following rules apply on all school days.

- Only staff and delivery/trade vehicles are permitted to drive or park within school grounds.
- Parents/caregivers are not to drive into the school grounds unless they are coming to collect a sick or injured child.
- Parking is available in Tiernan Ave. If you have an appointment or need to visit the school, please allow sufficient time to find a parking space and walk.
- Please respect our neighbours. Do not block their driveways.

To ensure the safest possible environment for all of our students, we ask that drivers do not disregard these rules under any circumstances. This is especially important during wet weather.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: MR GRANT

Year 7, 9 and 11

As Deputy in charge of Year 7, 9 and 11 the first 5 weeks of the new school year have been very busy. I have been most impressed with the way Year 7 have transitioned into their new learning environment; Year 9 into their first year of elective subjects and Year 11 into the senior school, with nearly every student in these year groups appearing to be settled and on task.

Students are coming well prepared to classes and I challenge them to continue to manage their homework, work books and equipment at this high standard throughout the entire year.

The Year 7s look terrific in the new uniforms with the new shirt for both boys and girls. The Year 11s also are looking very respectable in their new white shirts as senior students. I would like to thank parents for the supportive manner in which they have assisted the school in ensuring that their child is wearing the uniform. The students all look terrific when they wear the uniform correctly and it sends out a positive message to the community at large.

There are however, a few students in Years 9 and 11, who are finding it difficult to adhere to the school’s uniform policy by wearing incorrect footwear. I would like to remind everyone that the wearing of black leather shoes is for the safety of your children and a DET requirement under WH&S rules.

Year 7 - 2013

The Year 7 students seem to have made the transition into their new environment extremely well, with their first few weeks at Muirfield High School causing very few issues or concerns. A great deal of credit for this smooth transition, must also go to Ms Bligh as Year 7 Adviser, who has been tireless in her efforts to ensure that all students are happy, safe and feel confident. Many of the Year 7 teachers have commented on how impressed they have been with the level of maturity of the Year 7 and their refreshing friendly nature.

I have visited all of the Year 7 students, either in class or in roll call, and have stressed the importance of using their Student Planners in all lessons. Regular checking of their Student Planners, by myself or their Roll Call teachers, currently shows a near perfect record. All Year 7 students are expected to have their Student Planners with them every day and on their tables in every lesson. Parents are welcome, and encouraged, to read through their child’s planner and also use it as a communication tool between themselves and their child’s teachers or Year Adviser.

Another strong driving force behind the successful transition of Year 7 to Muirfield High School is the excellent Peer Support Program. The program was conducted by Ms Frame, Ms King, and the Year 11 Peer Support Mentors during the first weeks of the term. I know that Ms Bligh, myself and the Year 7 students are grateful for their efforts and implementation of the program.
School Swimming Carnival – Thursday 7th February
The Muirfield High School Swimming Carnival held at Granville Pool on Thursday, 7th February was a most successful carnival with respect to participation and attendance. Nearly every student who attended entered into at least one swimming event - either a competition or novelty event. The additional 15 metre pool at the venue enabled the students to compete in numerous novelty events and get in the water. Congratulations to Thorpe (Blue), the victorious house on the day, and to their captains for maintaining the highest student participation rate of all the houses.

The performances of our competitive swimmers were very impressive, with a number of long standing school records being broken on the day. Sabrina Trohidis broke the record in the 14 years Girls 50M Breaststroke, with Baylee Forbes and Louise Smalley swimming so well that they both broke 3 school records. Louise Smalley broke records in the 17+ years Girls 50M Freestyle, 50M Backstroke and 100M Freestyle, with Baylee Forbes breaking her records in the 16 years Girls 50M Freestyle, 50 M Butterfly, and the 100M Freestyle. In the boys divisions Alessio Nogarotto went very close to breaking some of the 17+ years boys records, missing out only by the narrowest of margins.

The individual age champions for the 2013 Muirfield High School Swimming Carnival are:

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These students are to be congratulated for their individual efforts at the carnival, but also credit must be given to those students who swim and participate in all their age group events to ensure that their house secures points.

A great deal of preparation goes into the coordination and running of a successful carnival and Ms Nettle’s efforts were rewarded with a wonderful day of swimming. We wish the Muirfield High School swim team every success at the Zone Carnival at Parramatta Pool on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th February.

In other exciting Muirfield High School sports news, Chloe Holman of Year 9 and Rose Eldred of Year 11 have been selected into the Sydney West Softball team.

Computer Markets

The Computer markets on a Sunday are always interested in having students from Muirfield High School nominate to assist with the running and operation. Students are particularly needed to assist with the setting up and packing away of the market tables and with the Coffee Kart. Any students interested in nominating to undertake these responsibilities on a regular basis please see Mr Grant for an application.

Mr Grant
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: MRS ANDERSON

ROSE Morning Teas

At the start of this Term Mr Grant and I held our ROSE morning teas for our relevant year groups. These morning teas recognise student excellence and/or effort by students in each year group following their 2012 Yearly reports and recommendations made by the Year Advisers. Students were invited to a morning tea with their Deputy, Year Adviser and the Principal. It was a great opportunity to recognise the excellence and effort in an informal setting over some cake and cordial. Mr Grant and I decided that instead of celebrating the Yearly Reports at the end of the year that we would move the celebrations to the beginning of the year. The end of Term 4 is always very busy time of the year, with a lot of extra curricula activities on the school calendar that we did not want to have a morning tea where students would not be able to attend due to other school commitments.

The following students were selected by their Year Adviser for having an Excellent Yearly Report or for making a huge Effort last semester.

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Students are encouraged to take their ROSE Certificates to their Year Adviser for recording purposes. Each ROSE Certificate is equal to 5 Muirfield Merits.

**International Women’s Day Breakfast**

All students have received an invitation for a significant female in their life to attend Muirfield HS Annual Women’s Day Breakfast. This event is being held to celebrate the 102 years of what women have achieved together to make the world a better place, and the brighter future our girls have because of those who fought (and continue to fight) for equality.
The light breakfast is an opportunity for students to bring along a significant female in their life that they would like to celebrate the morning with; this could include one’s mother, sister, aunty or female guardian. Please note that it essential for students to return the acceptance slips along with the name of the guest who will be attending, so we can appropriately cater for this event.

**MHS Sports - Facebook Page**

I think most of our students are well aware of my personal view on how Facebook can be a very negative influence in the lives of our students. Both Mr Grant and myself spend hours following up on incidents that started on Facebook, so majority of students will all be gob smacked to find out that I’m supporting the use of our MHS Sport page on Facebook. I do believe in this case, that Facebook CAN be used for good (instead of evil) and we will try to do this to the best of our ability.

The aim of this page is not to replace the school’s website or newsletters but rather to assist in the more immediate types of communication regarding sport. Ms Nettle will be posting information regarding sport updates, Wednesday afternoon sport, grade results and sporting success stories etc. If you have any stories or photos that you would like to share, please email Ms Nettle via the Facebook site. She will endeavour to get it up as soon as possible and as long as it fits into the Department of Education & Communities (DEC) Social Media Policy.

Please be patient with us as we attempt to get this right. We would like you to take this opportunity to discuss with your child the appropriate way to use the site, because anything that breaches the DECs Social and Media Policy or School Disciplinary Code could result in disciplinary action at school. This is a great learning opportunity for us all to ensure we teach our children about appropriate use of social media.

Please look for us at MHS Sport on Facebook and “like” us to follow the page.

**NSW School-Based Immunisation Program**

The following information has been provided by the NSW Health


NSW Health work in partnership with school to offer the vaccines recommended by the National health and Medical research Council (NHMRC) in a school based vaccination program.

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If you have ever considered giving back to the community, we are looking for caring volunteers at Wesley Mission’s Rayward Carlingford. Our new ageing-in-place facility is in immediate need of caring, compassionate and committed volunteers for Wesley Rayward Café (during school hours), and assist with the following: reading, piano playing, gentle exercise, games, for relationships and art and crafts. You’ll be able to enrich and empower the lives of our elderly and lonely residents. Please share with anyone who may be interested. For information please call (02) 9857 2521 or email wesley.volunteers@wesleymission.org.au

**Muirfield High School Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule**

**THURSDAY 2 MAY 2013**
Year 7 Girls Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Dose 1
Year 7 Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Dose 1
Year 7 Girls and Boys Hepatitis B - Dose 1
Year 9 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Dose 1

**THURSDAY 18 JULY 2013**
Year 7 Girls Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Dose 2
Year 7 Boys Human Papillomavirus - Dose 2
Year 7 Girls and Boys Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)
Year 9 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Dose 2

**FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 2013**
Year 7 Girls and Boys Varicella (chicken pox)

**FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2013**
Year 7 Girls Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Dose 3
Year 7 Boys Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Dose 3
Year 7 Girls and Boys Hepatitis B - Dose 2
Year 9 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) - Dose 3

- Free vaccine is only available to students who have a signed consent form and who commence eth vaccine course while they are in Year 7 or (s described in the table above) Year 9.
- Students who miss vaccine doses due to absence on the day of the nurses’ visit will be offered catch-up vaccination at subsequent school clinics. Where it is not possible, parents will be advised that free-catching vaccination is available at their local GO during the school year only.
- Parent who choose to wait for their child to be older before consenting to vaccination will be required to pay for the vaccines privately
- Parents can withdraw consent at any time before the vaccination takes place. The process for withdrawing consent cab be found at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx
All of Year 10 went out on work experience in the second last week of Term 4 2012. Students enjoyed the opportunity to try out a future career and teachers enjoyed visiting students and seeing them in a new environment. The feedback from both employers, students and the teachers was incredibly positive with many students being offered work and the chance to come back!

Employers said:

- Displayed good ability to multi task
- Dependable and helpful
- Can come back any time in the future
- Always had a ready smile
- A great asset to any work place
- Work ethic was outstanding
- Was empathetic and showed compassion
- Better than some of my junior staff
- Employed a positive attitude to all tasks
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- Well mannered, polite and very able
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YEAR 12 VALENTINE’S DAY CELEBRATION

Love was in the air this Valentine’s Day when the Year 12 students held a fundraiser for their school formal. The students spread the love by delivering over 200 roses to both teachers and students that helped to raise not only money, but school spirit for Muirfield! The students involved would like to say a big thank you to everyone that supported our fundraiser and helped make our formal with Muirfield as great as it can be! Stay tuned for our Easter fundraiser!

YEAR 12 DRESS UP DAY

In a true tradition of Year 12 at Muirfield, the class of 2013 went all out for their dress up photos. With the Bananas in Pyjamas, a McDonald’s meal and Where’s Wally, it was a day of fun and excitement raising school spirit and enjoying our last photo day at Muirfield High.
Muirfield Fundraising BBQ

Sunday 24th March
Bunnings North Parramatta
Student and Parent volunteers needed. Click on the link below to add your name to the roster.

http://www.editgrid.com/user/mhspandc/MHSBunningsBBQ24March2013

For more information

call Cheryl Wilson on 0421 885 093

OR

e-mail Beth Mitchell on bethels4@tpg.com.au
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi my name is Stu Brownscombe. I am here at the school to support the students and staff through my role as chaplain. I do this by being available to talk to any student, parent or staff member at any time, about any issue affecting them and to provide support where possible. When needed I will help link students and families into appropriate support services. I am happy to pray with or for people if you wish and I am available to answer questions of faith if you have any.

This year I will also have another person working alongside me, Susanna, who is volunteering for one and a half days each week.

As chaplain, my role is to assist the school community through the provision of help and support the personal, social and spiritual wellbeing of students and the school community. Services may include but are not limited to:

- Working with the school counsellors and welfare team.
- Providing students, their families and staff with emotional support and/or appropriate referrals in difficult situations.
- Supporting students who desire to explore their spirituality, values and/or ethical matters through discussion or referring to appropriate services to do so.
- Being approachable to all school community members regardless of culture, faith background, age or gender.
- Provide services with a spiritual content including facilitation of discussion groups and lunchtime programs with the consent of the Principal.
- Participate in school activities and projects, such as camps.
- Contribute to school newsletters.
- Facilitate activities connecting students with other community groups.

Participation in any program or service I conduct is voluntary. Families may opt out by contacting the School Principal: Jennifer Reeves. Parents can refer their child to see me for one on one discussion regarding a specific concern. These referrals can be made by phoning the school office or by downloading the referral form from the school website.

I will usually be present at the school Monday to Wednesday. 400 hours per year of this service is funded by the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP). The additional hours are funded by local churches and local community members. The P & C also contributes towards maintaining this support service for students and families in the school.

You are welcome to contact me at any time,
Stu
Mobile: 0405 041 339 or by email stu-art.brownscombe@ccca.org.au

For more information about chaplaincy at Muirfield High School, please refer to the school website.

For more information about the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program, please visit the DEEWR website: www.deewr.gov.au/schoolchaplaincy

The Core

The Core is the Christian lunchtime group at Muirfield High where students can come and discuss passages from the Bible, hear from guest speakers and play games together. Throughout the year The Core also runs camps and other activities.

We meet every Tuesday lunch in B1.

Participation in this program is voluntary.
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

About the Schoolkids Bonus

What is the Schoolkids Bonus?

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.

When does the Schoolkids Bonus start?

The Schoolkids Bonus starts from January 2013.

Who is eligible?

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a primary or secondary student, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Youth Allowance
- Disability Support Pension
- AUSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Education allowances under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible.

How much will I receive?

If you are eligible, you will receive:

- $410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205)
- $820 for each child in secondary school (paid in two instalments of $410).

If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A or an education allowance, you will receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.
MUIRFIELD’S MASSIVE CAR BOOT SALE

Bookings are now open for our 2013 Car Boot Sale, to be held on Saturday 25th May. Cost of a standard space is $35 + $5 per table. Early Bird discount $30 before 20th April. Throughout the day Muirfield will operate a number of food stalls, displays and entertainment to promote our great school and raise funds to maintain our programs and services.

Right now Muirfield Families and Staff can support us in the following ways:

Spread the word
Book a Stall
Assist on a Muirfield Stall (click on link below and add your name to the Roster)

CONTACT LIST

Committee: muirfieldhspandcfundraising@gmail.com
Beth Mitchell: 0402 254 222, bethels4@tpg.com.au

- Bookings: Karin Grant, 0425 354 924
- Publicity and Signage: Committee
- Aussie BBQ/Sausage sizzle:
- Cakes: Sue Dyer 0407 110 578
- Lollies: Cheryl Wilson 0421 885 093
- Other Foods:
- Drinks: Mark Hutchison 9871 4146
- Hot drinks/Cappuccino: Tracey Bain 0410 511 694
- History Display: Cheryl Gabb 0410 365 402
- Farm Display: Beth Mitchell 0402 254 222
- Potted Colour:
- Entertainment: CAPA committee, North Rocks Scouts
- Car/ Motor Cycle Clubs Display: Jo-Ann Xegas 0418 671 525

Roster: http://www.editgrid.com/user/mhspandc/CarBoot_Stall_Helpers_Register
### NSW School Planner

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Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.
Drama Classes

Baulkham Hills, Pennant Hills, Penrith
Students have appeared in Home & Away, Neighbours, Blue Water High, Underbelly, Wolverine, The Great Gatsby, other movies, TV series, TV ads & much more...

Tel: 02 9211 6366  www.sydneytalentco.com.au
email: sydneytalentco@tpg.com.au

** DANCE CLASSES **
at Muirfield High School!!!!!

Kirstar Dance & Talent Factory

provides affordable dance classes in a nurturing environment in Jazz, Funk, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Lyrical, Ballet Technique and Musical Theatre Dance for all ages and levels in North Rocks (including Adults) and at Rosehill Public School.

If you do not wish for your child to get lost in the mass of dancers in their class, and are after a more personal experience for your child, then Kirstar is for you!

No uniforms, no expensive costumes… just quality and affordable classes with discount rates available.

We are currently taking enrolments for 2013 and would love to hear from you!

Please contact Kirsty Botfield at kirstardance@hotmail.com or 0432 663 884 for more information.

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Script Work for Film, TV & Stage
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Join A PIPE BAND

Castle Hill RSL
Pipe Band

Information Night
Thursday
14th of March

8pm at Epping Creative Centre
26 Stanley Rd Epping

For All Ages
Structured Learning Programs
With Experienced Tutors
Learn to Read & Write Music
Bagpipes, Drums & Uniform

Provided
Contact: chrslpb@bigpond.com
PHONE: 0418 169 723
Play Hockey in 2013

Try something different — play Hockey in 2013 with Baulkham Hills Hockey Club.

We are a growing, family-focused club, with mixed teams for Boys and Girls of all skill levels from U11 (boys+) to U17. We are looking for new and experienced players for all teams for the 2013 season.

We play on Friday nights and Saturday mornings from March until August. Training for all teams for 2013 commences at Ted Howcroft Reserve in Baulkham Hills on Tuesday, February 12 from 6.00pm (B dark).

Training for U9’s switches to Monday nights from 10 March and on 9 March training moves to Pennant Hills Park for U11-U17.

Registration for the 2013 season will cost $95.00 for players in the U11-U17 squads (each new player will receive a basic stick and ball at registration). Registration will cost $70.00 for new U10’s players, with each new U10’s player receiving a basic stick, ball, and shin guards at registration. The fee for returning U10’s players will be $40.00. Registration costs for families are capped at $250.00 for 2013. All registration fees are GST inclusive.

You can register by completing the form on our website: http://www.baulkhamhillshockey.org.au or by coming to our free Hockey clinic and registration day at Ted Howcroft Reserve on Saturday, February 9 from 2:00pm-4:00pm, or at training.

If you need more information, please feel free to send a note to our Communications Officer at communications@baulkhamhillshockey.org.au

NORTHERN DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Pennant Hills Park, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

Further information:
Adrian Wilson 0419 299 808
Robert Nicoll 0438 119 729

Rego forms & information at www.ndhockey.com.au

PLAY HOCKEY IN 2013

• Great non-contact mixed girls & boys team sport
• Small field “Minkey” games for U5 - U9
• Mixed junior comps U11, U13, U15
• Play on world class artificial turf facility at Pennant Hills Park
• Great for fitness as well as maintaining cricket & baseball skills

CARLINGFORD COUGARS

J.R.L.F.C.

If you love "Rugby League" you’ll love playing for the Carlingford Cougars Junior Rugby League Football Club.

We play on Sundays and our teams start at U6 all the way up to U15.

U6 play FREE, U7 – U15 $120 per child or $200 per family.
This fee includes all gear (except footy boots).

We train on Friday nights just at Roselea Oval.

Registration Details
North Rocks Shopping Centre
(near Kmart)
Saturday 9th February
11am to 3pm

Come and Try Night
Roselea Oval
Friday 15th February
5 - 7pm
Free BBQ

For further information please contact Warren Brooks 0423 361 944

ROSELEA FOOTBALL CLUB

Come and play soccer with Roselea FC

Ages from Under 6 to seniors catered for. Boys and girls competitions available. Come and join a great family orientated club. Free socks for all new players. Contact Stuart Harvey 0412 990 531 or Mark Germano 0419274129 for more information
Are you interested in playing netball?

Carlingford Netball Club have vacancies in some of the following teams:

- Under 8’s – playing on Friday night
- Under 11’s – playing on Saturday
- Under 14’s
- Our Senior B Grade teams

If you are interested in playing or know someone who is interested, please contact our Registrar, Fiona Briggs on 0411 201 835.

West Pennant Hills Netball Club requires a small number of players in the U8’s, U9’s & U10 year age group.

Please contact Jacquie (Netta) on 0400 777 780 or Ashley (Junior Convenor) on 0421 558 009 for further information.

WINSTON HILLS NETBALL CLUB

Under 13 Player Required

If your daughter is turning 13 this year and would like to play netball please contact us

- Have fun
- Improve Fitness
- Make New Friends

• All ages
• All levels

Contact: 0418 484 779

www.winstonhillsnetball.com.au

Northmead Uniting Netball Club

Northmead Uniting Netball Club is a member of the Gooden Reserve Netball Association. This is a local community competition held on Saturday afternoons at Gooden Reserve in Baulkham Hills. We are committed to maintaining a low cost competition that is a friendly, safe and welcoming environment where girls of all skill levels can participate.

2013 REGISTRATION COSTS

These fees are a one-off payment which covers the entire season.

Fun Net: $40
Under 16’s: $65
Over 16’s: $70

Season starting 6 April 2013

Registration day will be held on Saturday 16th February at Winston Hills shopping centre from 8am-12pm near the food court. Come along to register or ask any questions!

Or register now at: www.goodenreservenetball.com

or call 0423 126 278

REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!

Registration closes end of February

Fun Net
For ages 5 – 7 we have Fun Net, which teaches ball skills, the rules of the game and teamwork. Fun Net is held every Saturday at 12:30.

Junior Competition
Our junior competition is open to everyone, including those who have not played previously. Games are held every Saturday at 12:40pm or 2:00pm.

Adults Competition
Our adult division is a social competition with a fun, friendly atmosphere. We have players who join after not having played for years and even those who have never played. This is the perfect competition to join with a group of friends for some exercise and fun! We are also happy to receive individual registrations to join existing teams. Games are held every Saturday at 12:40pm or 2:00pm.