Our Presentation Evening was on Tuesday December 10. We celebrated the wonderful achievements of our students and their significant contribution to the school in the areas of academic prowess, sporting achievements and community service in 2013. I would like to thank Mr Chandra and the Mathematics faculty for their work in making the night possible. I would also like to thank the front office staff for their work in producing all the awards, programs and invitations.

I believe that with our final newsletter of the school year it is an excellent opportunity to reflect on some of the wonderful accomplishments of our students, not just in recent weeks, but over the course of the year. Obviously, in endeavouring to cover most areas, I will most likely fail to cover everything, so my apologies if you feel I have left something out that you think was one of the most significant things.

Our Creative and Performing Arts have gone from strength to strength this year. Mrs Walker organised MADD for the second year on a professional stage at Riverside Theatre. It was a sell out and the standard of student performance was truly impressive. Only last week, our SummerArts festival had another large audience with a full house.

The Concert Band under Mr Lavis’ direction and tuition, performed at numerous event including Year 6 Orientation Day and on Presentation Night, providing exceptional entertainment as always. Under Mr Lavis our Concert Band has grown and the quality of performance has become increasingly professional.

In June, the Concert Band performed at the ‘Cracker Carnival’ at Murray Farm Public School. They finished a very close second in the Ryde Eisteddfod in August and in September they again performed excellently at the Orange Blossom Festival. Their final performances of the year were at the Orientation Day to welcome our new Year 7 students and their parents and Presentation Night.

Ms Miller’s Year 11 Drama class’s production of “The Importance of Being Earnest” received a standing ovation on closing night. And the whole school junior production ‘As You Like It!’ was sold out on all 3 night performances, leaving the audiences in awe.

Ms Miller Senior TheatreSports team was regional finalists, finishing 4th in the State Grand Finals in an outstanding performance.
Our Visual Artists and Agricultural students and teachers have made winning combinations again this year. Ms Heap organised a team effort and a lot of community support to finish in a contentious second place at the Royal Easter Show School Exhibit.

I wish to thank the teachers for all their work in making these events possible. If there is a field where perseverance is clearly evident, it is in the creative and performing arts. All these successes are the result of long processes.

**Sport**

We have had great individual and team sporting performances. Students have excelled in a range of sports in competitions where they represent Muirfield and in sporting competitions outside of the Department of Education. Sports include (among others) water polo, trampolining, diving, hockey and go-karting. We have had team sports do well at our Grade and knockout competitions, including the recent win in the Summer Comp by the U15 Girls Netball team who defeated Greystanes High School. Our students continued to achieve in athletics, cross country and swimming. Baylee Forbes qualified for CHS in Swimming. The 17 years girls relay team of Baylee Forbes, Louise Smalley, Lauren Brown and Bridget Lowry also qualified for CHS. In Athletics Rebecca and Bradley Wright achieved All Schools Representation, along with Kieran Briggs, Tom Hunt and Lauren Brown. Our 14 years Girls 100 metre Relay team of Venus Parfait, Kate Milne, Lauryn Brown and Rebecca Wright also reached the finals at CHS Athletics. Finally in Cross-Country our 14 years girls excelled at Regional finishing second and then third overall at CHS. Our CHS Cross-country runners were Rebecca Wright, Bradley Wright, Nic Thomas, Sabrina Trohidis, Lauryn Brown and Phoebe Gray.

**Community Activities**

One of the things that make Muirfield unique is the strong community spirit. Our students help out in the community in many volunteering roles and in primary partnership initiatives. These include the reciprocal classrooms with Stage 3 teachers from Baulkham Hills North Public School with our English teachers, Ms Bootes, Ms Adams and Ms Dykes. As well the continuation of our reading program and the implementation of a sporting program run by Ms Naidoo with North Rocks Public School. Also at North Rocks, Ms Pasternatsky has...
worked with the Student Executive of Muirfield to present the Resilence Donut program. Our student leaders are articulate, well-mannered and principled young people, who always impress on these visits and excel themselves when called upon to represent the school, themselves, and lead younger students. Mrs Pasternatsky and the Student Executive have also successfully communicated the new Anti-Bullying Policy to the school community on a variety of year based assemblies.

School Development Days
The last two days of Term 4, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December, are designated School Development Days for staff to engage in professional learning activities to assist them with their teaching. Students are not required to attend on these days. Professional development sessions will be conducted on strategies to improve student writing through the use of learning logs, implementing quality feedback and CPR and Emergency Care update. Consequently, the last day of the school year for students is Wednesday 18 December 2013.

Teachers and SASS will resume school on the first School Development Day for 2013, Tuesday 28 January 2013. On this day we will begin analysis of our 2013 HSC results; consider avenues for more professional dialogue on improving teaching, learning, assessment and quality feedback; review our school and faculty targets; and undergo training in WHS, Code of Conduct and Child Protection. Year 7, 11 and 12 return on Wednesday 29 January and all other years return on Thursday 30 January. I know all students will return refreshed and prepared for a new year of learning.

Year 7 - Orientation Day
Wednesday 4th December was Orientation Day for our incoming Year 7 students. It proved to be a terrific day for all, as they explored the school, met their Peer Support Leaders for the first time and finished their visit with a sausage sandwich cooked by Mr Turner. Despite many of the students being a little nervous about their new surroundings and school, they were all much more confident and happier for the experience. The new students and their parents were warmly greeted at the entrance to the hall while our school band played, creating a friendly and warm atmosphere that is specific to Muirfield High School. Ms Miller and I were overwhelmed by the large number of older students who wanted to be involved in the initial welcoming of the new students and their parents, and their participation was greatly appreciated.

Our new Year 7s were given an outline of what to expect high school. Ms Reeves informed the incoming class of 2014 that they would be the finishing class of 2019, and despite how far away this date appeared at the moment, that time would come and go very quickly. She highlighted the safe and caring learning environment that exists at Muirfield High School, and highly recommended that all students embrace as many of the opportunities that are available for all students. Mrs Bartlett, the current P & C President, passionately expressed how Muirfield High School had excelled at catering to the needs of her daughter and son’s educational, emotional, and social development, and reinforced the fact that Year 7 will very quickly, over the next few years, develop into young men and women. The 2014 Year 7 Adviser Ms Miller presented a moving address where she called on her year group to embrace and enjoy all the experiences that Muirfield High School has to offer. Mrs Miller also spoke about how they would come together as a united group to support and care for each other over the next 6 years. All students enjoyed the time they spent with their Peer Support Leaders until 12.30pm, when they were introduced to Mr Turner - Muirfield High School Agriculture teacher, who cooked up the BBQ and gave them all one of his world famous sausage sandwiches. A big thank you to Mr Turner and his Primary Industries class for cooking the BBQ.
I am sure that when the parents returned at 1.30pm to collect their children, they found them far more relaxed and happy, also looking forward to 2014. Thank you to Ms Miller for her organisation of the assembly and students into their Peer Support Groups.

Peer support
Ms Frame and Ms King again proved that they are the experts in producing quality peer support leaders through their impressive peer support training program. An extensive number of our peer support leaders received glowing references from the students in their groups, who in turn went home and expressed their level of excitement to their parents. As a result many of these parents called the school to register their appreciation of the enthusiastic approach of the peer support leaders, and how it made the experience of Orientation Day that much more enjoyable and relaxing for their son or daughter. Not only is this a credit to the Peer Support Leaders, but also to their trainers – Ms Frame and Ms King. Thank you again to these two terrific contributors to Muirfield High School who have been extremely busy over the past few weeks as Year Advisers with their own year groups, and then supporting the Year 10 Peer Leaders in their training and delivery of the Peer Support program. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Ms Frame as the out-going Year 12 Adviser for dedication and enthusiasm for the role, and regularly going well above expectation to address the learning and emotional needs of her year group.

Year 10 Camp
Year 10 camp was from Wednesday 27th to Friday 28th November and was an extremely successful experience for all of the Year 10 students that attended. Students were required to undertake and participate in numerous activities and seminars over the 3 days of camp. In groups, they completed high ropes, leap of faith, rock climbing, commando circuit in the mud, and canoeing, along with the completion of specialised seminars on sexual and drug education areas of the mandatory Crossroads program. All students, despite returning on the Friday very tired and with mud still deep in their pores, clearly had a terrific couple of days away at the ‘Great Aussie Bush Camp’ site at Kincumber, and I am sure that they will share these experiences with each other for many years to come.

A big thank you goes to Ms Fleet for organising the camp and to Mr Wilcox, Mr Phelps, Ms Anderson, Mr Campbell and Stuart Brownscombe who supported them by participating and attending the camp with the Year 10 students. Without their support there would be no camp.

Reports and Timetables
With the year drawing to a close all the staff have been completing their class reports in preparation for their distribution next week. All staff have worked tirelessly to provide information in a constructive manner, with reference to actions that will support your son and daughter with their future learning, highlighting what your child is able to do and how they are progressing, along with practical suggestions provided, so as a parent you can support their learning. As a school community we invest a great deal of personal and professional time to produce an insightful quality report. 

For the first time Year 7, 8 and 9 reports will be emailed out to parents.

Uniform Requirements
The upcoming Christmas vacation period is a perfect opportunity for families to purchase the correct uniform items which are required for the 2014 school year. I urge parents to consult the sec-
tion about uniform requirements on our school website so that only approved items are purchased.

The most common items that our students wear that are NOT uniform are:
- Black cardigans and tights/leggings on girls
- Sports shorts and track pants on non-sport days on boys
- Non-leather shoes on both boys and girls
- Tight black elasticised skirts

Sometimes our young people tell their parents that, “It doesn’t matter” or “That everyone is wearing these.” It does matter and most students do not breach the uniform requirements. Please support us in maintaining our positive public image and strong school spirit that wearing correct uniform engenders. Your cooperation in this important matter will be appreciated.

The uniform shop opening hours in January 2014 are:
- 28 Jan 2014: 9-12pm and 5.30-7pm
- 29 Jan 2014: 8-10am
- 30 Jan 2014: 7.30-9am and 12.30-1.30pm

Excursions
Throughout Term 4 Muirfield High School students have been involved in an extensive number of excursions.

Maritime Museum
The Year 9 Elective History and Barclay Learning Centre students visited the Maritime Museum to see the Viking Exhibition. The group was complimented on their behaviour with the attending teachers informed that the Muirfield High School students were the best group that had visited the Maritime Museum in a long time. They explored the Vikings and their ancestry from the ships they sailed to the clothing that they wore.

Japanese
On Friday 15th November, the Year 9 and 11 Japanese classes went on an excursion to the Annual Japanese Film Festival at Event Cinemas on George Street and watched the film "Tug of War". The film is a tale of how seven ordinary housewives bonded together to revitalise their local community, forming firm friendships along the way through a tug of war competition. Not only were students able to listen to authentic language used throughout the film, they were also able to get an understanding of the lifestyles of everyday Japanese people. All students enjoyed the film thoroughly, and they also had the opportunity to speak with students studying Japanese from other schools. After the film, students enjoyed a Japanese lunch box, called ‘Onto’, consisting of a sushi roll, salmon sashimi, teriyaki chicken, rice & miso soup. For some of them, it was their first experience tasting Japanese dishes. This excursion was an enjoyable experience for all, and enhanced the students’ interest in the Japanese language and culture.

English
The Year 11 English classes were recently treated to an incursion with Peter Skrynecki the author of ‘Immigrant Chronicles’. His
book is one of the texts that Year 11 are required to cover for their HSC, in the topic area of ‘belonging’. He had the Year 11s captivated as he highlighted in detail his insights into being an immigrant in Australia. Then on Wednesday 27th, the Extension 1 English students and a number of selected drama students attended the performance of “Waiting for Godot” at the Sydney Theatre company, also as part of there preparation for the HSC. All students in Year 11 valued these opportunities highly, and were extremely grateful to the English staff for organising these wonderful experiences.

Year 5 Taster Visits
In Week 7, Year 5 students from North Rocks, Baulkham Hills North and Murray Farm Public Schools came to ‘taste’ life at Muirfield for our annual Year 5 Taster Visits. Despite dreadful weather leading up to the 2 days of visits, we were blessed with beautiful sunshine on both Wednesday and Thursday. The stunning weather, combined with some exemplary student helpers, produced some thoroughly engaging workshops. Whilst the student helpers were all a big hit with our primary school guests, it is the creativity and passionate way in which our teachers present their various subjects that truly make the Taster Visits a success.

Surf School
Years 9, 10 PASS and 11 SLR students went to Surf School, and in spite the terrible weather conditions that faced them on that day, they were able to find a sheltered area of Long Reef beach to conduct their training as potential life guards of the future. The Paddle board activity seemed to be the most popular, with all students able to cope with the large swell and rough conditions. All the students received instructions on riding waves correctly, how to identify a rip in the surf and how to avoid becoming caught in one so they can swim safely at all times at the beach.

MindMatters
Year 9 undertook the Mind Matters program on Tuesday 26th November conducted by KYDS – Kuring-gai Youth Counselling Services. They completed a Young Women’s and Young Men’s program, where they were divided by gender into groups of roughly 20, 3 groups of girls and 3 groups of boys, with the 6 professional counsellors leading the presentations.

All KYDS Counsellors are specialists in dealing with adolescent issues, and hold tertiary qualifications in relevant fields such as psychology and education. They have also undertaken specialist post-graduate studies in areas such as youth work and drug and alcohol counselling. In these extended session counsellors discussed issues concerning mental health including depression, self-esteem and body image issues. The overall feedback from the students at the end of the sessions was that they were extremely informative and increased their awareness of these areas. They also now had further information on how to access support if they, or someone they know, requires it now or in the future.

Thank you to staff
The value of education is more than skills learned and employability. Great teaching changes lives. Teachers see the potential in students, respects their ability, inspires a passion for learning, and provides the young with a trustworthy setting in which to set aside personal fears.

I thank all our staff, teachers and non-teaching staff, for their work this year.

Merry Christmas
On behalf of the staff of Muirfield High School, I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing you at the start of the 2014 school year.
Year 5 Taster Visits

Welcome to Mathematics
Year 5 Taster Visits
EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

2014 - EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 7

ALL SUBJECTS
2 blue or black pens
2 red pens
2 lead pencils and a set of coloured pencils
Eraser
Ruler – preferably plastic
Box of Geometric Instruments (including a protractor)
Calculator (advisable to be purchased through the school)
Glue sticks and scissors
Highlighters
USB Flash Drive

Students are not to bring permanent marker pens eg. Artline textas, graffiti pens or liquid paper to school.

ENGLISH
2 x A4 exercise books (128 pages and 64 pages)
Pamphlet and Display Folder
Dictionary

MATHEMATICS
Exercise books (128 pages and 64 pages)
Text book
Calculator

SCIENCE
A4 Exercise Book (128 pages)
Homework Exercise Book (64 pages)
Scrapbook

HSIE
A4 Exercise Books (128 pages and 64 pages)

VISUAL ARTS
A4 Visual Arts Diary and drawing pencils 2B, 4B and 6B

MUSIC
Exercise Book with manuscript (96 pages)
A4 Display Folder

PDHPE
MHS sport Shirt
MHS Black Sport Shorts
MHS Sports Cap
Sports Footwear

LOTE
Exercise Book (96 pages)
A4 Display Folder

2014 - EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 8

ALL SUBJECTS
2 blue or black pens
2 red pens
2 lead pencils and a set of coloured pencils
Eraser
Ruler – preferably plastic
Box of Geometric Instruments (including a protractor)
Calculator (advisable to be purchased through the school)
Glue sticks and scissors
Highlighters
USB Flash Drive

Students are not to bring permanent marker pens eg. Artline textas, graffiti pens or liquid paper to school.

ENGLISH
2 x A4 exercise books (128 pages and 64 pages)
Pamphlet and Display Folder
Dictionary

MATHEMATICS
Exercise books (128 pages and 64 pages)

SCIENCE
A4 Exercise Book (128 pages)
Homework Exercise Book (64 pages)

HSIE
A4 Exercise Books (128 pages and 64 pages)

VISUAL ARTS
A4 Visual Arts Diary and drawing pencils 2B, 4B and 6B

MUSIC
Exercise Book with manuscript (96 pages)
A4 Display Folder

PDHPE
MHS sport Shirt
MHS Black Sport Shorts
MHS Sports Cap
Sports Footwear
## Equipment Requirements for Year 9 & 10

### All Subjects
- 2 blue or black pens
- 2 red pens
- 2 lead pencils and a set of coloured pencils
- Eraser
- Highlighters
- Ruler – preferably plastic
- Calculator (advisable to be purchased through the school)
- Box of Geometric Instruments
- Glue sticks and scissors
- USB Flash Drive

Students are not to bring permanent marker pens eg. Artline textas, graffiti pens or liquid paper to school.

### English
- A4 exercise books (2 x 128 pages)
- Pamphlet Folder x 2
- A4 Display folder

### Mathematics
- Exercise books (128 pages and 64 pages)

### Science
- A4 Exercise Book (128 pages)
- Homework Exercise Book (64 pages)

### HSIE – includes Australian Geography and History, as well as elective Commerce and History
require you to have
the following for each subject you are studying:
- A4 Exercise Books (128 pages), for each subject that your child will be studying

### Visual Arts
- A4 Visual Arts Diary 11” x 14” and drawing pencils 2B, 4B and 6B
- USB Flash Drive

### Music
- Exercise Book with manuscript (96 pages)
- Display Folder

### PDHPE and PASS
- Exercise Book (96 pages), for each subject that your child will be studying
- MHS Sport Shirt, Black Sport Shorts and Sports Cap
- Sports Footwear

### Dance
- USB Flash Drive
- Black tights and MHS Dance shirt
- Black hairband
- Dance shoes (optional)

### Drama
- Black Shirt and Tracksuit pants or shorts
- A4 Visual Arts Diary (Logbook)

### Japanese
- Exercise Book (96 pages)
- A4 Display Folder
**2014 - EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR YEAR 11 & 12**

**ALL SUBJECTS**
- 2 blue or black pens
- 2 red pens
- 2 lead pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler – preferably plastic
- Highlighters
- Calculator
- Glue sticks and scissors
- USB Flash Drive

**Students are not to bring permanent marker pens eg. Artline textas, graffiti pens or liquid paper to school.**

**ENGLISH**
- A4 exercise books (128 pages)
- Pamphlet Folder X 6
- A4 Display Folder

**MATHEMATICS**
- Exercise books (128 pages and 64 pages)
- Box of Geometric Instruments (including a protractor and compass)
- Calculator

**SCiences**
- A4 Exercise Book (128 pages)
- Homework Exercise Book (64 pages)
- Calculator

**HSIE SUBJECTS – Business Studies, Legal Studies, Society and Culture, Modern and Ancient History,**
require you to have the following for each subject you are studying:
- A4 Exercise Books (240 pages)
- Plastic document folder

**VISUAL ARTS**
- A4 Visual Arts Diary 11”x14”
- A4 Exercise Book (128 pages)
- USB Flash Drive

**MUSIC**
- Exercise Book with manuscript (96 pages)
- Display Folder

**DRAMA**
- Black Shirt
- Black Tracksuit pants or shorts

**DANCE**
- USB Flash Drive
- Black tights and MHS Dance shirt
- Dance shoes (optional)

**PHOTOGRAPHY**
- USB flash Drive 8GB or larger
- Digital Camera
- A4 Visual Arts Diary 11”x14”

*It is recommended that all students use a folder system to store all work documents together to ensure the organisation of their resources.*
FROM THE PRINCIPAL: MS REEVES

Presentation Day & Awards Assemblies
One of the highlights of the year for the school is the annual Presentation Night which was held this week. It is always lovely to be able to acknowledge students for their achievements in the full range of fields: academic, sporting, leadership, citizenship and performing arts. Congratulations to all those involved, and many thanks to Mr Kumar and his team from the Mathematics faculty for their organisation of the evening. Unfortunately as the newsletter was produced prior to the evening we have no photographs.

Students who did not achieve first in a course, but still deserved recognition for their efforts and achievements in course work this year, will be recognised at Year Assemblies. These will be held at the end of Week 10.

Millennium Marching Band
Last week Muirfield hosted the Millennium Marching Band. Made up of students from DEC secondary schools, the band combines drills with contemporary and traditional music. They provided a rousing performance for Year 7, some of whom got to join in with the flag drill. We have several students in the band – Emma Katen, Nicole Lewis, Chloe von Brandis-Martini, Anna Wilmshurst and Scott Dundas. Our school captain of 2012, Tom McCracken, returned to play. Tom was in the band as a student and now is a tutor for the band.
English Faculty

This term a review was undertaken of the English faculty. As part of our relentless focus on improving our teaching and learning, I have implemented a cycle of faculty reviews. We started last year with the Technology and Applied Studies faculty. The focus of the English review was curriculum implementation and student engagement. Data was collected from student, parent and teacher interviews, document analysis including programs and assessment tasks, and lesson observation. The overwhelming response from parents and students was positive. The message received was that the English faculty are a caring and dedicated group of teachers. One of the strengths identified was that the teachers deliver structured lessons that challenge and engage students for the whole of the lesson. A challenge for the School Improvement Team is sharing this expertise with other faculties. The ongoing challenge for the English faculty is developing the skills to address the different concepts in the new syllabus, such as multi-modal texts.

I thank parents and students who willingly gave of their time and offered considered opinions. A big thank you to the English faculty. It can be quite confronting to have a team review and evaluate one’s practice. The English faculty took on this challenge in a professional and positive manner.

In November, Mrs Ansoul opened the door to her Year 8 English class. Students invited the Senior Executive, their Year Adviser and other English teachers and provided a review of their year’s learning. Students had set up displays of work and, in pairs, manned a station and presented a mini-speech highlighting the work and skills learnt. Mrs Ansoul’s welcoming manner is indicative of how the whole English faculty faced the faculty review. I was impressed by the quality and quantity of student work. I know the students were too; I had a couple of requests from students to be placed in Mrs Ansoul’s class next year. The students were rightly proud of their work and ran down to invite a parent who was volunteering in the canteen.

It is not often I share compliments about individual teachers, but given the review of the English faculty I believe it is pertinent to share part of an email I received this week.

I would just like to take a few minutes of your time to thank a special English teacher who has mentored and motivated my son this year. English is often a subject, where boys in particular, have very little interest or patience to be creative. Having three sons, I have often heard the mantra ‘why write a narrative with many paragraphs when it can all be said in a few lines’!

But I must commend Ms Ansoul as she has been able to tap into my son’s personal interests and convert that passion into his English tasks this year. She has gone the extra mile to find out what inspires students in order to get the most out of them. Whilst we all don’t have the ability to win an award on presentation day, or receive merit certificates at the end of each term, she has encouraged her students to do
School Formals
You may have read an article recently published in the Daily Telegraph about a student from southern Sydney who was excluded from a “school formal”. It is unfortunate that the reputation and image of the school in the Daily Telegraph article has been damaged due to actions that are beyond the school’s control. However, the organisers have confirmed that students in the school’s support unit were actually invited to the event. This story does highlight some of the issues around private functions purporting to be school events and the impact of social media.

At Muirfield, as at most schools, we organise a graduation assembly and formal for students who graduate from secondary school, that is for students in Year 12. Some families organise events for other year groups. As is the case with any private function, the school does not collect money, issue notes nor provide supervision. If your child is attending one of these, I urge you to find out what level of adult supervision will be provided.

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

P&C Elections
Thank you to Janice Pavey who is stepping down from her role as treasurer. You have been a very important part of the executive team for the last 2 years and in the background for several years prior to that.

Thank you also to the following people who volunteered to take on an executive role for 2014. I know that we have a good team to work for the benefit of all students at Muirfield.

- President—Amanda Bartlett
- Vice President—Sharon Murray, Mark Hutchison
- Secretary—Liz Von Brandis Martini
- Treasurer—Jo-Ann Xegas

Vale Chris Cunliffe-Jones
It is with great sadness that I report the passing of a past president of Muirfield High School P&C. Chris was a generous man who completed more than the normal three year term as president. He was a capable leader in whom many were very happy to place their trust and the Muirfield community owes him a great deal.

His wife, Jane, provided the following account of his last months.

My husband Chris Cunliffe-Jones and I went on an overseas holiday in April of this year. Chris had been researching it and planning it for some time. On April 4, we flew to Ireland via Dubai. We then headed to England where we walked a difficult walk for 4 days between Bude and Padstow, along the cliffs of the Cornwall Coast. It was a beautiful time with wonderful scenery.

After a few days rest and a couple of shows in London, on April 17th we moved on to Istanbul, Turkey where we intended to catch up with my Turkish cousin for 5 days. About 4 hours after we had arrived, Chris and I went for a stroll after dinner along the river. Soon after we crossed the road to start our walk, Chris collapsed in my arms experiencing the first of 3 heart attacks in the next 1 1/2 hours.

Three university students and a passing ambulance came to our aid. Chris was treated in...
2 hospitals in Istanbul over the next 7 weeks. One of the students took me to stay in her unit as well as Simon and Larissa who came across to Istanbul to help me out. The hospitality and care in Istanbul was excellent.

Chris and I returned via a commercial airflight, but with a medical team of a doctor and nurse to Sydney on June 5 where he was admitted to Westmead Hospital.

We had hoped that Chris would recover enough from the heart attacks and be able to have some rehabilitation and come home. However, he suffered nerve damage from lack of oxygen and was never able to properly swallow. He was unable to eat, stand, talk or write and required 24 hour care and supervision.

Due to complications as a result of the heart attacks Chris died peacefully in Westmead Hospital on October 17th.

My family and I are very grateful for the wonderful support we have received from North Rocks Community Church and our friends in the North Rocks wider community during the last 6 months.

Jane Cunliffe-Jones

Chris could not have had better company in his moment of crises for Jane is a practising nurse and saw to it that anything and everything that could be done to maximise his chances was indeed done. This good fortune followed on during his time in Istanbul and when he returned to Australia for Jane was by his side giving wonderful love and encouragement almost 24/7.

Ken McCracken

Last P&C Meeting of the Year was held on Wednesday 11 December at 7.30pm in the staff common room. At the conclusion of a brief meeting we had an opportunity to socialise and celebrate the end of another very busy year at Muirfield. It was wonderful to see those who could come along and join us!

Ezicover - Look for the advertisement elsewhere in the newsletter for recyclable, reusable book covers available in a variety of sizes and colours. These covers are much easier to use than plastic or contact, taking less than a minute to put on. They are made from some recycled materials and can be used over and over again. Order online and make sure you use the code given on the info sheet to ensure Muirfield receives 10c per book cover!

Thank you to DF Johnson Real Estate for their generous donation that has been used to purchase the medals for Presentation Evening.
Uniform Shop Opening hours in January 2014

28 Jan 9-12pm and 5.30-7pm
29 Jan 8-10am
30 Jan 7.30-9am and 12.30-1.30pm

Leaving Muirfield at the End of 2013?

If your child is leaving Muirfield at the end of 2013 please contact the office for the sign out process.
SPORTS REPORT

Grade Sport Grand Final results:
Hills Zone Netball Champions: Congratulations to 15 A Netball team who played Greystanes in the Grand Final and won.

Runners-up: Both the Open Girls OzTag A and Girls 15B Volleyball were runners up after their Grand final game last week.

Congratulations to Luke Jobson who competed over the weekend in the 2013 Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships in the U18 5000m Walk where he came 4th.

Congratulations to Bryce Roach who came second in a recent golf tournament- Sydney West Gold Gala Day

Sporting updates can be found on:
- Muirfield High facebook page: MHS Facebook.
- Hills Zone website http://hillszonechssa.asn.au/

When you’ve got time!
Again, the TAS department urges all to “have a clean out”. Get rid of all those “not used” buttons, beads, threads, zippers, fabric pieces, batting, stuffing etc etc etc......

In other words we would WELCOME any donations of textiles/sewing items.
Please feel free to drop off at the front office or give directly to Mrs Burton in the Textiles room C32.
You know you want the space back!
As part of our Geography course, we have learnt about global inequalities and being global citizens. We also learnt about civics (community participation) and decided to act at a local level to help those who don’t have all that they need at a global level. We decided to run a cake stall to raise money to donate to Oxfam, a NGO (non-government organisation) charity. With the recent events in the Phillipines, we decided to donate the whole amount raised to Oxfam’s Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. This gave us a sense that we were helping people who needed emergency aid.

The cake stall was run at recess on Friday 5 November at recess. It was big success, quickly selling out and raising $382.50.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the cake stall. Thanks to the students and teachers who bought cakes and donated money. A special thanks goes to the parents and carers who helped make cakes for the stall.

Charlotte Davies Year 10
Staff vs Student Softball match
Muirfield Matters

The P&C Book Cover Fundraising Initiative

Purchase book covers from Ezcover.net.au, select Muirfield High School and quote ZFA186 and the school gets 10c per book cover.

Each book cover costs $1.20 and there is a flat postage rate of $3.00. There is a wide range of designs which would appeal to a broad age range. There are also plain colours and clear.

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

The Department of Education and Communities has recently changed the method of recording student medical details. The Department now requires schools to collect more detailed information to ensure the safety and well-being of students.

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We recently sent out the new form to all Parents/Carers and we have also included the form in this newsletter. Thank you to those families who have returned the form. A reminder to return these forms as soon as possible.
H. Student medical details and health conditions

It is essential you inform the school before your child is enrolled if he or she has any medical conditions. This must include any known allergies. You should also contact the school as soon as you are aware of any newly diagnosed allergies/other medical conditions or changes to an existing condition. This will assist the school to support the safety and wellbeing of your child and allow planning to occur to determine the best way to meet the individual health and support needs of your child. This is important information for your child’s safe participation at the school.

Note: Where the words ‘your child’ are used, they should be taken as a reference to the student seeking enrolment.

Student’s Medicare number

Doctor’s name/medical centre

Doctor’s address (eg 1 High Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000)

Doctor’s phone number (work)

Please provide the name, address and phone number of any other doctor or medical specialist who may currently be treating your child for any allergy or other medical condition you may list when completing Section H. Attach an additional page if required.

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If your child has a documented plan to support any health or medical needs from a previous school or organisation (e.g., preschool, occasional care, etc.) please provide it to the school as an attachment to this form.

ALLERGIES – THESE CAN INCLUDE ALLERGIES TO INSECT STINGS, DRUGS, LATEX, FOOD (E.G. NUTS, EGGS, PEANUTS) OR OTHER.

If your child has an allergy, please specify in the box below. For this allergy, answer the 11 questions that follow (where applicable). If there is insufficient space, please attach additional pages clearly marked ‘Section H’.

For any additional allergies your child has, please answer each of the 11 questions (where applicable) on a separate page for each allergy. Attach this additional information (clearly marked ‘Section H’) to the back of this form.

Allergy to: ____________________________________________

1. Has a doctor diagnosed this allergy? [ ] Yes [ ] No

2. Is this a severe allergy (anaphylaxis)? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life-threatening, allergic reaction.

3. Has your child been hospitalised with a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) or any other allergy? [ ] Yes [ ] No

4. If yes, which hospital? ____________________________________________

5. Does your child have an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis? [ ] Yes [ ] No

6. If yes, is this plan attached? [ ] Yes [ ] No

7. Has your child been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector (e.g., EpiPen®/Anapen®)? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If your child has been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector, you will need to provide the school with one (and renew prior to expiry date).
Student details – additional information

8. What is the expiry date of the adrenaline autoinjector that will be provided to the school? [ ] month [ ] year

If not known at the time of completing this form, the school will require this information on enrolment.

9. Does your child have an ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions? [ ] Yes [ ] No

10. If yes, is this plan attached? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Each time your child is prescribed a new adrenaline autoinjector the doctor should issue an updated ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis. It is important that a copy of any updated plan is provided to the school.

11. Please list any other medication prescribed for this allergy.

The school will require further details in relation to prescribed medication on enrolment.

Parents of children who require their child to be administered prescribed medication at school must complete a written request. The school can provide you with a copy of a request form. Information is also available on the Department’s website.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS OTHER THAN ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS (EG ASTHMA, SEVERE ASThma, DIABETES, EPILEPSY)

Please identify and provide details below of any other medical condition for which your child is being treated. (If more than one condition or insufficient space, please attach additional pages and include answers to all 7 questions that follow).

Medical condition: ________________________________

1. Has a doctor diagnosed this condition? [ ] Yes [ ] No

2. Has your child been hospitalised with this condition? [ ] Yes [ ] No

3. If yes, which hospital?

4. Does your child have a documented action plan from a doctor (eg asthma action plan)? [ ] Yes [ ] No

5. If yes, is this plan attached? [ ] Yes [ ] No

6. Is your child taking prescribed medication for this condition? [ ] Yes [ ] No

7. If yes, what is the prescribed medication?

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- **Staff Development Day**
- **Uniform Shop**
  - Open 9-12pm & 5.30-7pm
- **Trials for grade sport**
- **School swimming carnival**
- **Yr 12 Drama Excursion**
- **School Photos**
- **Yr 7 Peer Support Camp**
- **Yr 7, 11, 12 return**
- **Yr 8, 9, 10 return**
  - Uniform shop open 7.30-9am & 12.30-1.30pm
- **Yr 8, 9, 10 return**
  - Uniform shop open 7.30-9am & 12.30-1.30pm
- **Yr 11 Ag Excursion**
- **CHS Swimming Carnival**
- **Grade Sport Grand Finals**
2014 WINTER COMP REGISTRATION

Do you want to play netball? Did you know that you can play netball if you are turning 7 in 2014? Plus, did you know boys aged between 7 and 12 are also eligible to play? We are looking for players of all ages. Why not give it a try?

Registration day for 2014 will take place on Saturday February 1st, at West Pennant Hills Public School, Church Street. We will be in the school hall from 10.30am – 2.00pm so come along and find out more. If you are new to netball you will need to bring proof of birth and copy of the same on registration day so our JPs can certify. Our contact details can be found on our website if you want to find out more.


YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED FOOTBALL CLUB

- Semi-soft games (Non-Competitive) Under 6, 7, 8 & 9
- Competitive Teams – Under 10 (mixed age), Juniors Seniors A Super League
- Mixed competition played Saturdays
- “Girls only” competition from Under 8 (played Sundays)
- All games played in the local Gladstone-Hornsby district
- Local training grounds (Carlingford Oval and Harold West Reserve)

Registrations can be done on-line via www.roseleafb.com.au or come along to our Registration Day Sunday 2nd February

Carlingford Bowling Sports & Recreation Club
(cnr Pennant Hills Rd and Erina Rd, Carlingford)

CONTACTS

Mini’s (U1s-4s) Angie Anysz 0412 627 857
Juniors (5-10) Phil Anysz 0411 554 794
Women’s/Older Rob Law 0447 606 474
Seniors (16+) Shane Longhorn 0402 229 994
Registrar Kathy Lawton 0416 163 163

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Mini Market

Local Mums coming together to share some home made Christmas gifts as well as ladies and children’s Fashion.

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Time: 5.30pm-9pm
Where: 18 Glenshee Place
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Charity raffle, drinks and nibbles on arrival

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- Be a part of the club where stars were born: Kieren Jack & Jarrod McVeigh (Sydney Swans) Mark McVeigh (Essendon) Lenny Haynes (St Kilda)

Register NOW!
See Website or Ring
Noleene Flynn
0450 650 281

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St Matthew’s Uniting Church
BAULKHAM HILLS
Netball Club

The perfect competition for people wanting a fun, friendly game of netball.

Games are played at Gooden Reserve, Baulkham Hills. The 2014 season will begin on Saturday, 5th April with game times starting from 12:30pm.

Registration for the 2014 season will take place on Saturday, 15th February 2014, at St Matthew’s Uniting Church Baulkham Hills (Cnr Edgar and Rose St, Baulkham Hills) in the Lower Hall from 9am-2pm.

FunNet (ages 5-7 years): $50
Women’s Competition: 8-16 years $60, 16 and over $90
Mixed Competition (ages 16 and over): $90 (or $140 for both the Women’s and Mixed competition)

For any further enquiries, please email: stmathewsnetballclub@hotmail.com

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SATURDAY December 14 and SUNDAY December 15 8am-4pm

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Girls Football / Soccer Development Clinic

Come and learn some tricks from W-League players and work on your skills these school holidays.

Suitable for girls aged 8-15 years old, these clinics will boost your knowledge of football (soccer) and develop your ability. Goals are also encouraged to attend. Coaching focuses on the following areas:

- Passing
- Dribbling
- Ball control
- Shooting
- Defending
- Playing as a team

W-League players at clinic

Serena Zcura: Western Sydney Wanderers attacking defender has been a member of the Matildas since 2009. Serena played in the World Cup 2011 and Asian Cup 2014 and was voted PFA Footballer of the Year in 2012.


Details:

- North Parramatta
- Date: Week 3 & Week 4, 29 January 2014
- Time: 9am to 12pm, both days
- Venue: Old Footbally Reserve
- Cost: $45 per person

Note: All girls must bring their own hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

To enrol in the clinic, call Sport & Recreation on 13 13 02, fax (02) 9606 3653 or email Miguel.Antia@parkes.nsw.gov.au

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For the aspiring veterinarian in your child

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January 6-10 or 13-17, 2014

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Get up close & personal with not just dogs & cats but snakes, wildlife & farm animals too!
Plus, learn how to perform Pet First Aid & CPR!

Kookaburra program for 12-14 year olds
Blood draw & suturing workshops plus, go behind the scenes at SASH!

Junior Vet program for 14-16 year olds
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The camp operates out of Waverley College Junior School, 44 Henrietta St, Waverley, NSW

For more information, or to register online, please visit us at:

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