It is incredible to think that we are already in Term 4. This term is probably the busiest term of the year with 5 groups of Yearly Reports to be completed and distributed, Yearly Examinations to be set and marked, HSC Examinations to be conducted, determination of the 4 students to attend and participate in the Dawn Service at Gallipoli in 2015 as representatives of Muirfield High School, as well as School Camps and Work Experience - just to highlight some of the many things on the Muirfield Calendar for Term 4.

The final week of Term 3 was about farewelling Year 12, and then completing the regular last week activities that included the ‘Hire a Helper Day’, Graduation and Formal. Also, the Concert Band along with Ms Reeves, left for the Band Tour on the last day of school at 5am, giving up some of their holidays, to tour and perform at numerous regional venues. A big thank you to Mr Steve Lavis, the Concert Band Conductor, for organising the tour and Ms Reeves for going along with our students. Ms Reeves was extremely impressed with all our students and the manner in which they conducted themselves as representatives of the school and the incredible level of all of their performances.

Year 12 Graduation

Term 3 finished with our Year 12 Graduation Assembly on Wednesday 17 September. The assembly was so well attended that it was standing room only, with many of the guests having to stand at the rear of the hall and outside the doors. The Year 12 Graduation class conducted themselves with distinction while acknowledging and greatly appreciating the enormous contribution that their parents, teachers and Year Adviser – Ms King, had contributed to their education and lives over the last 6 years. All Year 12 were presented with their portfolios and last ever school report. A former Muirfield High School Captain – Mitchell Blue and brother of Year 12 student Campbell Blue, gave a moving speech about the contribution that Muirfield had made to the lives of all his family members, and that the memories of school will be something to share with others for many years to come.

There were some tears and also many cheers, as they celebrated their long awaited and much anticipated graduation from Muirfield High School. After the assembly all
students, parents and guests, enjoyed a light morning tea, with many students taking the opportunity to have photographs with friends and teachers, before racing off to prepare for their formal at Dalton House that evening.

Once again, all of Year 12 and their partners were on their very best behavior at Dalton House as they enjoyed a wonderful meal before dancing long into the evening in the beautifully located venue, right on the water in Pyrmont. It was very pleasing to see all of the Year 12 students enjoying themselves in such a positive manner. The venue and its staff were highly impressed by the manner in which our students conducted themselves. Credit goes to the organising committee for their effort and outstanding work to organise the function. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the enormous contribution that their Year Adviser, Ms King has made over the past 6 years. Initially she took on the role as Girls Year Adviser, however, with the departure of the Boys Adviser, she willingly and without hesitation stepped in to fulfil both roles. This was a significant undertaking when you consider that this graduating class is the largest year group at Muirfield High School with over 180 students at one point throughout the 6 year journey.

Congratulations to all of our Graduation Class, I hope that your experience at Muirfield High School was the experience that you all wished for and then some. I hope that you have enjoyed the experience, and have been given memories, friends and knowledge that will stay with you for a life time.

To all the Year 12 parents and guardians on behalf of the staff at Muirfield, we would like to thank you for your support, involvement and most importantly your trust – with your most precious gift – your child, and allowing us to teach, educate and guide them over the past 6 years.

**Student Executive and Student Representative Council Induction**

On Monday 13 October, Ms Pasternatsky inducted our newly elected Student Executive Team of Captains and Prefects into their positions for the next 12 months, along with the largest group of SRC students ever nominated and inducted at Muirfield High School.

The Student Executive were extremely proud to receive their badge in front of their family and the school. I was lucky enough to attend the Mitchell Youth Forum with them on the Saturday morning before the induction, and I know how proud and enthusiastic they are, not only about being elected to the position, but about upholding the values and service record of those who have gone before them in these positions.
After the assembly all Student Executive and SRC students, along with their parents and guests, were invited to attend a light morning tea in the Senior Courtyard.

**School Captains**  
Aaron Ramjan and Amelia Napier

**School Vice-Captains**  
Ben Taylor and Carly Vanden Dool

**Prefects**  
Tim Bain, Emily Gardiner, Daniel Selmes and Ragini Sood

**Sports Captain**  
Emma Longworth

**SRC students:**

**Year 10**
Tara Arrow  
Lachlan Blackett  
Alex Borja-Villadolid  
Lily Chester  
Madison Cotton  
Abbie Fowler  
Jordan-Leigh Hartland  
Seodin Hevey  
Hayden Holt  
Emma Moran  
Jake Mountford  
Lara Newman  
Courtney Painter  
Emma Rogers  
Makeyla Roseworn  
Mardi Swadling

**Year 9**
Isabella Blow  
Lauryn Brown  
Harry Fowler  
Sean Lowry  
Kate Milne  
Ben Stollery  
Meg Stummer  
Edward Townshend  
Elise Williams  
Rhiannon Wilcock  
Catlin Wiltby  
Bailie-Rae Woods  
Bradley Wright  
Rebecca Wright

**Year 8**
Reegan Bain  
Erin Burt  
Timothy McNee  
Nathan O’Shea  
Lily Simpson  
Matthew Swain  
Lily Tomlin

**Year 7**
Mitchell Archer  
Phoebe Copland  
Mitchell Cotton  
Breanna Fowler  
Aideen Keane  
Ashleigh McNee  
Lachlan Napier  
Anuka Rahman  
Sofina Saldanha  
Kaia Sinanovic  
Holly Turner
Whilst Term 4 will be somewhat of a trial period for the newly elected SRC students, I know that they will all endeavor to excel in their new roles and I challenge them to fulfil their duties to the very best of their ability and contribute positively to all areas of the school.

Congratulations and I look forward to seeing the efforts of both the Student Executive and SRC over the next 12 months. I hope that this experience is one that you find rewarding and enjoyable, and empowers you to work for and with others to improve the Muirfield High School learning environment. It is important to remember that as good leaders you are expected to support the views and needs of those you represent.

A big thank you to Ms Pasternatsky for her work with the Student Executive and organisation of a successful assembly for the leadership groups and their families. I would also like to acknowledge the enormous role that Ms Adams plays in the ongoing development of the future leaders of the Muirfield High School.

2014 Mitchell Youth Forum
Our newly elected Senior Leadership team of Aaron Ramjam, Amelia Napier, Carly Vanden Dool, Ben Taylor, Tim Bain, Emma Longworth, Daniel Selmes and Ragini Sood attended the 3 day Mitchell Youth Forum at Vision Valley Conference Centre. They were mixed in with almost 40 other school leadership teams, undertaking numerous activities on how to be good leaders and attending guest speaker presentations on a range of topics on goal setting, team building and perseverance.

I was lucky enough to share the Saturday morning workshop session with the team as they discussed their goals, ambitions and desires to lead, role model and make a positive overall contribution to the school. I was inspired by their many ideas and visions for Muirfield, and I look forward to seeing the implementation and success of these ideas throughout the year.

Despite coming home late Saturday evening exhausted and tired by the 3 days, they were all energised by the overall experience and their desires to make a positive contribution to Muirfield High School.

HSC Commences
By the time that you read this newsletter the Year 12 students will have completed 2 weeks of their HSC examinations, which commenced on Monday 13 October, with the first English paper. Many of the students may be lucky enough to have even finished all of their examinations, however, most will still have one or two remaining. I know that as a community you will join with us at Muirfield in wishing them the very best for their examinations and future endeavours. For the many that may have finished we congratulate you and hope that you are satisfied with your efforts, on top of being relieved that your examinations are completed. For those that still have some examinations remaining we wish you the best.

For all of you, I hope at the end of this HSC examination period that you take some time to reflect on the overall experience and that you can definitely say that you did all that you could to achieve these results. Well done to you all and the very best for your future career and academic endeavours. I hope that you all find a rewarding and enjoyable pursuit to undertake in 2015.

Mr Bryce Grant
Hello fellow Muirfieldians!

Recently, our school had its SRC and Student Executive Induction Ceremony in which we were able to accept our new roles as your student leaders for the 2014/15 term of office. Before we say much more, however, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tireless work of our outgoing leaders and sincerely thank them for the contributions they have made to our school community. We wish them all the very best for their HSC examinations, and every success in their future endeavours.

As your incoming student leaders, we feel extremely privileged to follow in their footsteps - knowing that there are big shoes to fill! However, we are confident in the knowledge that our executive team, with the guidance of Ms. Pasternatsky, will be able to fulfil the requirements and responsibilities that fall squarely on our shoulders. We have many new ideas that encourage participation and school spirit - in the hope we will be able to leave our own imprint behind at the end of 2015.

Earlier this month, we had our first Executive Meeting in which we laid the foundations for the next 12 months. We have already discussed many fantastic ideas that we hope will be implemented within the coming weeks. We are especially eager to hear any and all the suggestions from the students, in the hope we will be able to work as a collaborative body; as it is of the utmost importance to us that we listen to those we represent and cooperate together as one.

We also had the honour of attending the two and a half day Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum. This camp at Vision Valley is the work of our local Federal Member Alex Hawke - and was an opportunity for us, to share thoughts and ideas on how to become effective student leaders with the core values of service, integrity and courage. There were over 150 students from government and non-government schools who participated in the incredible array of team building workshops and lectures from motivational speakers. The eight of us who attended found the camp to be an extremely affirming and inspirational experience! A big thank you, also, to Mr Grant, who took time out of his weekend to come and visit us. Top job Sir!

So once more, on behalf of the Student Executive and the SRC, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for this opportunity - knowing it will be a year of hard work and continual learning. However, we have no doubt that it will be an extremely humbling experience that will hopefully make our school, teachers and wider community proud!

Aaron Ramjan and Amelia Napier
Gallipoli 2015

It has been nothing but an extraordinary journey that Muirfield High School students have embarked on leading to Gallipoli 2015.

More than seventy students collected an entry to this event and we received thirty projects back. The more astonishing aspect was that every single project was of such high quality, so moving in its portrayal of the Anzac Spirit that the process to cull down to a smaller interview group was one of the most difficult things we have had to do. Both I and Ms. James agonised over this process for days, we had long discussions and arguments about who should move forward knowing that every entrant was deserving.

The students who are to be interviewed by the panel, consisting of the Principal, the State Member of Parliament, the President of the Castle Hill RSL, a representative of the P&C and myself have now been chosen.

While these students are excited and thrilled it was with a heavy heart that those who are not selected were notified. But as I said in my correspondence with these students, is that each and every one of them can hold their head up proudly as they have truly captured the Anzac Spirit and represented Muirfield High School to an extraordinary level. All students will receive recognition at our presentation assembly for this effort.

You can see some samples of the entries in these pages of our newsletter and I know that you will be just as impressed and excited by the depth of talent we have at our school.

I know also that you will join with me by wishing those students now facing the daunting task of an interview the very best of luck.

It is an honour to teach at Muirfield High School when we see, and share the amazing things our students produce.

Robyn Anderson.
Head Teacher HSIE.
A Selection of Gallipoli Applications
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Band Tour

Late on Tuesday night in the first week of the school holidays, a tired group of students and supporters returned from five days touring the Upper Hunter and North-west region of NSW. While all were tired, they were definitely fulfilled and happy.

Mr Lavis booked a full itinerary with many opportunities to polish the band’s program. On the first day, there were three performances. At the first two, in public schools in the Upper Hunter, the band was received with warmth and a bubbling, wiggling, toe-tapping hall of very cute Kindergarten to Year 2 students. After the Hunter, we had a loooong trip to Baradine. (No, I’d never heard of it either. It is beyond Coonabarabran and the Warumbungs.) Travelling vast distances with several performances a day involved long hours on the bus and quick unloading and setting up of all band equipment; the band became a precision team by the end of Day 1.

As well as several performances each day, due to Mr Lavis’s planning connections, we were able to participate in some amazing experiences – a visit to a sheep station; lunch in a country pub in a town that has a wheat silo, the pub and not much else; visit to Siding Springs Observatory; participation in Moorambilla Voices, a creative and performing arts festival for students from half of the state; visit to a significant Aboriginal site with rock drawings and carvings. We also saw the darkest night sky ablaze with the Milky Way; a prime reason why the observatory is placed so far way from the light pollution of urban areas.

The last two days were spent in tuition with the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. The trip culminated in a concert with small ensembles and a full symphony performance. After 5 days of non-stop playing and two days of tuition, the sound was unbelievable. I have always thought our Concert Band produces music of the highest quality. This tour took them to the next level.

As well as developing and refining their performance skills, students developed their communication, problem solving and organisational skills. It was also an opportunity for personal growth with students activating their flexibility, creativity and self-confidence. One thing students did not want me to share with their parents: our students were tidy! The cleaner of the motel in which we spent two nights commented on how clean the students kept their rooms. I know this will blow most parents of teenagers away.
Five days on a coach with 29 young people may not be everyone’s idea of a great start to the school holidays but I had a ball. If we are able to offer this opportunity again, I would be first in line to go. I was so proud of our students! The band members are a particularly warm, friendly, well-mannered and caring group of young people. And musically talented too.

A very big thank you to Mr Steve Lavis, our band conductor, for organising such a wonderful tour. Thank you to the parents who assisted on the tour, Kathryn Rieger and Narelle Williams and to the P&C CAPA Committee for their financial assistance of the tour. Without the sponsorship of the Dural Music Centre and Home Hardware at Muswellbrook, the tour could not have taken place. Thank you also to the two ex-students on tour who helped enormously: Tom McCracken and Tom Curran.

Ms Reeves

To Hills Schools,

Please be aware that there has been an increase in theft of computer related products from schools recently, particularly Apple brand products.

Ensure all IPADS and laptops are secure, encoded, with the 'Find My IPAD' app activated (see link). Products could also be engraved, and serial numbers should be recorded (so information can be provided to police if required).

Band Tour

On Friday, 26 September we arrived bright and early (5:30 type early) at the gates of Muirfield High School. After many tearful moments we finished packing the bus (the first time of many) before giving our parents a quick kiss and hug. With words of goodbyes ringing in our ear we boarded the bus which would become our temporary home for the next five days. We drove to Aberdeen Public School where we gave our first concert to small group of wrapt school children. After 45 minutes of a rousing concert filled with Disney movie medleys (a horrific foreshadowing of our movie choices for the longer bus trips) and other crowd favourites we ate a quick recess before repacking the bus. The novelty of this had already worn off in case you were wondering. We then had another long bus trip to Scone Public School. This concert followed much the same pattern except all of us were more than happy to play How To Train Your Dragon as our first movie choice.

We were able to keep to our rather hectic schedule and arrived in Baradine Town Hall with time to spare. We arrived as a group of students were having their final practice before the big concert the next day. We performed some of our pieces after watching their final rehearsals. After two hours of rousing dancing, singing and some awesome drums we were exhausted. While some napped, others did all they could to ensure no sleep was to be had. However, as we reached our hotel, an early morning and a big day caught up with us and we went to bed at midnight rather than 3am. Just kidding, more like 11:00pm.

On Saturday we only had two performances so we cruised our way through some beautiful scenery and an amazing Observatory, before having lunch at the wonderful Armatree Hotel. We then headed to a Red Cross fundraiser market where we provided musical accompaniment to Bingo and market stalls. The residents and stall owners were all very friendly and appreciative of our music (perhaps life in the country had turned them deaf. Just kidding we were pretty good by this stage.) We were then allowed to wander through the markets, doing our bit to give to the Red Cross. With all of us very happy with our purchases we re-boarded the bus and made our way to the Moorambilla Concert Festival. We provided some light entertainment to those who were waiting to enter the big concert hall in the evening before getting back row seats to the concert. It was wonderful to see it all come together again, this time in full costume and with no major
mistakes. After a quick campfire story we were all in bed again, tucked in and asleep like the angels we are.

On Sunday we had a relaxed start with a concert for the nursing home residents in Baradine. They were a very lovely group of people and we enjoyed our time there. After this concert we made our way to the Pilliga Discovery Centre where we learnt more about the area in which our conductor, Mr Lavis, grew up. After some more tourism we made our way down a long dusty road eventually ending up in Scone. (We did get a pit stop at the local Woolies to stock up on lollies and chips- I mean grapes, apples and books on how to get to bed at the right time). We had a fairly relaxed night and an early bed time, an early start followed again in the morning.

Over the last two days we were part of the Workshop run by the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. We were split into two groups, concert band and orchestra and worked on these groups pieces. We had 8 hour days of music, with some brass players, including myself, suffering. However, it was with a refreshed feeling we departed to our hotel for the last night. We all took advantage of this opportunity to talk as much of the night away as possible. We made our way one last time to breakfast, before packing the bus with our suitcases for the last time. We again practised our pieces for another 8 hours, before giving it all in one final effort in a one and half hour concert.

With mixed feelings of sadness and relief we made our way on the bus for the final time, ready to make the 4 hour journey back to Sydney. With a half hour stop at McDonalds (which resulted in many stuffing their faces to avoid being left behind) we settled into a lull of familiarity, surrounded by people we had been forced to endure, I mean, happily hung out with, for one last time. When we arrived at 11:00pm, goodbyes were kept short and I’m sure we all went home and fell asleep at once (after checking up on what we missed on Facebook of course.) Many thanks to Mr Lavis, Ms Reeves, the parent helpers, music teachers, our bus driver and the parents who stayed behind for a wonderful time and amazing journey. Our deep gratitude cannot be expressed in words and we are so thankful for the time and money you all put into this tour. And finally thank you to all my fellow band members for making this a very enjoyable tour and I hope we may have many more together as a band. Oh do stop groaning. You know you enjoyed it.

Kate Milne
Day 1: Aberdeen PS, Scone PS & Baradine Town Hall

Day 2: Warrimbungles & Armartree, Red Cross Fundraising & Moorambilla Voices
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**Day 3: Piligara Forest Discovery Centre, Sandstone Caves & BBQ Dinner**
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From the P&C President

Fundraising BBQ

Thank you to all the wonderful families who helped out with the fundraising BBQ at North Parramatta Bunnings! Our combined efforts netted the P&C just over $1700!!

- Thank you to Katrina Duffell for donating homemade cards to sell. Thank you also to the card making team of Wendy Bowman, Cheryl Wilson and Naomi Wrigley. Card sales raised over $130!
- Thank you to Cheryl Worthy for the toffees, Jane Napier for more yummy jams, Anne and Casey Houghton for making up lolly bags from donations primarily from Casey’s friends and Sharon Murray for spending hours on her only just healed broken leg to bake cup cakes! Of course our thanks also go to everyone else who donated cakes and biscuits. In total the cake stall raised over $530!
- A huge thank you to Janine and Andrew Millington for donating 20 kg of chopped onions! Our volunteer peeler and chopper was extremely grateful
- Finally, but by no means least, thank you to Cooper Ollerenshaw, Adam McAllister, Edward Townshend, Oliver Townshend, Tom McNamara, Jack Crameri, Amelia Napier, Lachlan Napier, Claire Cuskelly, Dominique Duncan-Gouws, Michael Grima, and Liam Nelson-Bastow for helping out on the day and supporting our fundraising efforts to support your school! Your help was much appreciated and we look forward to working with you all again next time.
Muirfield High P&C Parent Social - Hawaiian Luau!

This P&C social function is a chance for Muirfield High School parents to get together and raise money for the school. You are invited to enjoy a night of Hawaiian themed fun with other Muirfield parents, with music, games, dancing and prizes! There will be a silent auction on the night, with any profits from the evening going directly to Muirfield High P&C.

Bring some friends, come along and enjoy the fun, some cocktail finger food and a welcome drink! Let’s make this a successful P&C social event, supporting the school in the process.

DATE:
Friday 7 November at 6.30pm

VENUE:
Muirfield Golf Club
Barclay Rd
(entrance via Perry St)
North Rocks, NSW 2151

DRESS: Hawaiian shirts, skirts and hula!

BOOKINGS: by 24 October at www.trybooking.com - BUY TICKETS using keyword “Muirfield” (30 cent fee per ticket booking applies).

CONTACT DETAILS: If you have any queries or would like to donate any items for our fundraising, please contact Narelle Williams on 0414579120 or email narellecwilliams@gmail.com

P&C Meeting
Thank you to David Highman for attending our September meeting and discussing with us some of the issues facing the teaching of the senior maths syllabus. It was interesting to hear the possible directions and concerns currently facing mathematics educators.

Thank you to Robyn Anderson for attending a second P&C meeting to share with us the applications received from students wishing to participate in the trip to Gallipoli for the 100th Anniversary next year. I believe that they were outstanding and don’t envy the panel who are to chose the 4 lucky attendees!

Our next meeting in November will include elections for the P&C executive. Please see nomination forms later in the newsletter or collect a copy from the front office if you would like to nominate (or nominate someone else) for a position on the executive.

Next Meeting
Wednesday 12 November 7.30pm
Muirfield High School Staff Common Room
Election of P&C Executive
If you have been to any P&C gatherings over the last year, you may well have heard me or others talking about the fact that we need some new volunteers on the P&C executive. There are a number of us on the executive whose youngest children are currently working hard for their HSC exams which means that we will be leaving the school and P&C at the end of our term of office. This includes myself and the 2 vice presidents.

As we have had little interest shown in parents volunteering for any of the positions, it was suggested that I should outline what is involved with each position. Please bare in mind that all positions are voluntary and, as such, are as big or small as you wish to make them. In addition, it is up to each executive, along with the principal, to set the direction they wish to follow in supporting the school the best that they can. Fortunately, the current secretary and treasurer are willing to nominate for their positions again which will provide knowledge of where the executive has come from and where we were heading for any newcomers to the team. May I say at this point that both Liz and Jo-Ann have been wonderful to work with and I know that we will leave the new team in very good hands.

President - chairs all meetings, including executive meetings, and liaises with the Principal
Official duties requested by the school:
* Speak at Year 12 Graduation and present a small gift on behalf of the P&C
* Speak at Year 7 Orientation
* Present awards at Presentation Evening

Vice President - is available to chair meetings should the president be unavailable

Extra Duties currently performed by the Executive, but which are optional depending on the importance placed on them, and which may be delegated

President
* Prepare items for the newsletter for weeks 3, 6 and 9
* Organise and chair executive meetings currently held 1 week prior to P&C meetings
* Developing and maintaining a database of parents and carers interested in P&C

Vice President
* Responsible for seeking out suitable grants for which the school may wish to apply
* Responsible for grounds maintenance and working bee

Whole Executive
* Organise and run Meet and Greet evening for families new to the school
* Review policy and procedures for P&C executive and its subcommittees
P&C Subcommittees

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All subcommittees meet in the staff common room and only during school terms.

Muirfield High School P & C Association Incorporated
2014 Annual General Meeting
Election of Office Bearers

Position: _____________________________  Nominee: _____________________________

Nominated by: _______________________________________________________________
                 Name                                           Signature

Seconded by: ________________________________________________________________
              Name                                           Signature

Nomination Accepted: _________________________________________________________
                      Signature of Nominee

Position Vacant:
Part-time casual wanted to work with the current uniform shop manager in a job-share capacity. Shop hours are Monday and Thursday during lunch time and the first Monday evening of every month 5 – 7pm. Some out of hours work required to complete stocktakes, take delivery of stock and so on. Attendance at the monthly committee meeting at the conclusion of Monday evening trading is expected. Training will be provided. Award wages paid. For all enquiries, please contact Cheryl Smalley or Amanda Bartlett or email muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com.au

Contact List Update
P&C is currently updating its email distribution list. If you would like to be included so that you stay up-to-date with what is happening, please email Muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com and we will be very happy to add your name. If you would like to help out on any of our subcommittees, or simply be informed of what is happening, please let us know in your email and you will be added to the relevant list.

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!
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Monty is School’s Top Dog

The article below featured in the Parramatta Advertiser Wednesday October 2014

**MONTY the Wonder Dog is working miracles with special education students at Muirfield High School in North Rocks.**

**RETRIEVER WORKS WONDERS**

One day I got really angry in class and Monty followed me outside and he kicked back with me. He calms kids down and makes you chill out. It makes school worth coming to.
CHARNCE APETERA, Year 9
He just knows when you are feeling a bit upset.
JENNY TOTINO, Year 10

*Pictures: CARMELA ROCHE Monty the Wonder Dog with (top) Breanne Dyde, 16, and Trent Edward Brandon, 12, and (above) Jenny Totino, 16, at the Barclay Learning Centre at Muirfield High.*

When a student at the school started talking to Monty, the teachers were shocked on two fronts. The teenager is a selective mute and they had never heard her speak before, while Monty is a golden retriever dubbed the Wonder Dog for his astounding impact on students.

The Barclay Learning Centre is a special education unit attached to Muirfield High catering for students with autism spectrum disorder, mental health issues and behavioural difficulties.

Three-year-old Monty belongs to head teacher Catherine Coates, who knew her dog was special but could not have predicted the breakthroughs that came with Monty attending class.

Ms Coates said selective mutism was an anxiety disorder where a child felt unable to speak and was usually associated with some kind of trauma.

"I had never heard this student speak but then she started to read to Monty," Ms Coates said. “She eventually felt confident enough to initiate conversation with staff and now she carries herself differently – she has more self-esteem.”

Ms Coates said Monty brought a soothing, calming and relaxed demeanour.
“He hasn’t been trained to do this work but I just knew he had the right personality,” she said. “Recent literature suggests that dogs in the classroom have been known to relieve student anxiety. Since Monty’s arrival we have noticed similar results with a significant number of students impacted by his gentle, friendly nature.

We have also seen improved empathy among students now working together to look after Monty.”
Work Experience - University of New South Wales

At the end of Term 2 I attended a week’s Work Experience run by the UNSW Engineering Department for Year 10 and 11 students across NSW. Its main focus was on Civil and Environmental Engineering, involving visiting multiple engineering related sites around Sydney and going on tours and having lectures related to these various forms of engineering to where their research takes place. Over the course of the 5 days we visited 6 different locations and then on the final day we were pitted against each other in a bridge building activity.

The first day consisted of a trip to a Hydro Engineering Research facility in which we were shown how desalination plants are constructed and used, as well as why they are important. We then viewed a scaled model of a town being flooded in action, how damaging floods can be and how important it is that dam walls not break.

Day 2 started off with a lecture about surveying and the instruments used by surveyors to map and measure distances. We were taken to the Sydney Opera House and were given a brief description of the history as well as being told about how it was designed and created and how it’s not only a structure in which people can go but it’s also an artwork. We were given the construction viewpoint of a surveyor and how they had to monitor all progress and measure that each part was put into its exact position.

On Day 3 we visited Seacliff Bridge with a Geotechnical Engineer who described how the job of a geotechnical engineer works and what they work on. Seacliff Bridge has to be constructed after the road became way too dangerous to remain in place. It was a Geotechnical Engineers job to ensure that the newly constructed bridge would be safe and unaffected by rock falls or landslides or even the water below with sea spray over time affecting a lot of building materials, this had to be taken into account.

Day 4 began with a trip to Sydney Harbour Bridge in which we learnt about how the bridge was constructed and how it is supported, we went to the new building site at Barangaroo and were taken on a tour of the construction site, given an overview on how this will benefit the City of Sydney and its gross income. Our final visit for the day was ANZAC Bridge (the longest suspension bridge in Australia) and we were given an overview of the construction of the bridge and its history.

Our final day was spent at the university, firstly in a lecture about the different structural elements and how different forces impact on different materials and how to counteract these forces, then different materials and their pros and cons. After the lecture we had to create a bridge to span a gap of 80cm and hold a certain amount of weight moving across it. Although my group was unsuccessful in supporting the weight, other designs were able to do it with ease.
This concluded my work experience at the UNSW’s School of civil Engineering. It was an enjoyable experience that I would recommend to any student who is interested in this field of work.

Jake Mountford

Orange Blossom Festival

On the 14 September our combined school concert band was invited to William Clarke College to perform at the Orange Blossom Festival, an annual event. Dozens of other schools also attend this prestigious festival. Our band performed the best of our repertoire for 20 minutes before combining with Castle Hill High School and Crestwood Public School in one large ensemble to perform a beautiful rendition of the magnificent Fantasia. This was very worthwhile as it not only let us continue to show off our talent to the public, but it also let us become more acquainted with a larger community audience, as well as giving the opportunity to broaden our relationships musically.

Many thanks to our conductor, Mr Steve Lavis, for giving us this wonderful opportunity as well as giving up his time on the weekend.

Kate Milne
Year 10 RYDA Excursion

On the 22 August 2014, Muirfield High School’s Year 10 attended a Ryda excursion. Throughout the day we learnt and were touched by the stories about driving. We were firstly split into groups which were then separated into different areas to attend different activities. We rotated throughout the day so each group had the same amount of time at every activity.

The first activity my group attended involved a police officer who came to teach us how easy it is to crash, and told us a story of two young 18 year old girls who lost their lives due to a simple mistake. The video he showed us was an interview with one of the girl’s parents who told us the cause of the accident. She was driving and was going to pick up another one of her friends. As she overtook another vehicle she came in too early, hitting the front of the vehicle and causing her car to spin onto the other side of the road. A four wheel drive was coming in the other direction and killed them almost instantly. This moving story touched every one of us and truly opened our eyes on how easy it is to crash and the effects it can have on not only you but a lot of other people. This is known as the ripple effect. The police officer also educated us on the statistics that P Platers are the most common victims of crashes and learners are the least common.

The next activity we attended educated us on the safety features you can get on a car. Of course, we all love the luxury features of cars such as heated seats and iPod connectivity, but the lady running this activity mentioned that these features are only bonuses on a car, and that the real feature we should be looking for on a car are safety features such as the amount of air bags. A video was shown of a comparison of two cars being tested for safety. A dummy was placed in the driver’s seat of either car and the car was driven into a wall. On one car there was an air bag but the seat belt didn’t hold the driver down and the seat rocked uncontrollably causing the drivers head to go straight through the window. The other car, however, was stable with an airbag and little movement made by the seat. This showed us the dangers of having a car with few safety features and opened our eyes on what we should look for when buying a car.

The third activity we attended was all about risks and hazards when driving. Though there are hazards on the roads, there are also numerous hazards on the side of the roads. This activity was teaching us about broadening our peripheral vision. A video was presented from the perspective of a car driving down a road. The car got to a set of lights where there was a car coming in the other direction wanting to turn in the same direction as our car. As both cars went through the intersection it was clear that there could be a crash. The man running this activity also asked if we had seen anything else that may have been a hazard. Only one person in our group had seen a young girl on the pathway coming up to the intersection as we were driving along the road. While we were so focused on the oncoming car, we mistakenly missed the girl on the bike, and had...
this happened in real life the car, would have run her over as she crossed the road. This taught us that our vision should not only be tunnelled on the road, but should be broadened to see every hazard both on the road and on the sides of the road.

The next activity we attended was by far the most moving activity we attended. We were all seated in the room when a young boy in a wheelchair came in and was introduced as Blake. He told us his story of how he became a quadriplegic. He was in the car with one of his good mates, who told him to go faster and faster. He got to the point where he was going 120km/h in a 60 zone. He lost control and crashed into a tree. The car was split into two and Blake had to be cut out of his seat. He was sent to hospital and was there for six months and then he attended rehabilitation for another 5 months. Now he can’t do anything by himself, he needs someone to help him with everything he does including showering and getting into bed. The passenger, however, only had a broken leg and was in hospital for three days. To this day his passenger continues to speed and break the road rules. Blake came to give one clear message, “don’t speed, don’t break the road rules, be careful whilst driving.” I believe that no matter how many times you are told by someone, the message is more powerful from someone who has experienced it. This was clearly evident from Blake’s story and his emotional story touched everyone in the room. I believe that every single person who attended this excursion took away his message.

The second last activity we attended taught us about random breath tests and things that can be a risk to us while driving, other than alcohol. This included fatigue and medicine. We sat in a circle and discussed various things that we would have never guessed would have an effect on us, and cause us to fail a random breath test and cost us our license. This really opened our minds to the little things that we would never have guessed could effect us.

The final activity we attended was a fun, exciting and a mind opening experience. We went outside and stood in a group behind a fence. There was a car sat still in front of us and four people from the group were asked to go and sit in it. The driver of the car then turned around and went a couple of metres up the road. The rest of us then had to guess where we think the car would come to a stop after making a sudden break while going 40km/h. We put a road sign of 40 in our estimated position and watched as the car drove up the road and squeaked to a sudden stop at our estimated position, about three metres away from the line. Another four were asked to go into the car and we were then asked to guess where the car would stop if it was going 60km/h. The car was then driven up the road at 60km/h and braked suddenly at the line, stopping a further couple of metres up. Lastly, three other people and I swapped positions in the car. He turned around and told us that they were going to put a dummy in the middle of the road a bit up from the line. The driver then drove up the road at 60km/h and made a break at the line. The car hit the dummy straight on at an alarming speed causing the dummy to flip onto the windscreen. This was to teach us that without concentration and taking caution while driving, we could miss a pedestrian crossing the street, and even making a sudden the stop the car can continue and hit pedestrians. This educated us on how long it takes for a car to come to a sudden stop, and showed us that we need to stay a fair distance away from
the car in front of us and be cautious of hazards such as crossing pedestrians.

Overall, this excursion taught us a lot about driving and the dangers that can occur. It really opened our minds and I believe we all went home with a message, “don’t speed, don’t break the road rules and be cautious while driving, taking in every hazard and risk.” The emotional stories and activities I believe really helped with getting their message across and I believe it educated everybody that attended this excursion.

**Courtney Painter**

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**Sports Update**

**Grade Sport Results**

Round 1 Winners (vs Cumberland):


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**NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships results:**

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Congratulations to Alex Treglown and Georgina Harris who have been selected to compete in the NSW Combined High Schools HS Waterpolo in November.
The Shakespeare Room—State Library

Last term, the Enrichment Classes of Years 8 and 9 were privileged to go to the NSW State Library for a Shakespeare workshop, where we could learn more about Shakespeare's amazing plays and stories.

During the workshop we were taken to visit the library's Shakespeare Room; a room which commemorates Shakespeare's work. A replica of a room from the Tudor times, this room has hand carved wooden panels and shelves, lead light windows with glass frames depicting the "Seven Ages of Man" from Shakespeare's play "As You Like it", and decorative plaster ceilings carved to replicate room from Hampton Court Palace. An interesting part of this room was the antique wooden chair sitting in the corner of the room. The shelves were lined with age old books of Shakespeare's pieces and we could almost imagine Shakespeare himself comfortably in the room on a late afternoon with the sun on his back as he drafted his next play.

We were also able to re-enact in groups our own version of an Act “The Seven Ages of Man” from Shakespeare’s play “As You Like It”. We had a wonderful time creating our own unique ways of presenting the Act using props provided.

The Mitchell Library building holds some of the original copies of the works of Shakespeare. When wearing gloves, we were able to look at these 100 year old books containing some of Shakespeare's various plays, comedies and stories.

It was a truly wonderful experience for us to visit the Shakespeare Room at the Mitchell Library and see many Shakespeare articles and original copies. We were able to learn a lot in the time we were there and we were very lucky to have gone. Thank you to the Mitchell Library for having us, we will remember it forever.

Taryn Muehlbacher and April Calyton
The Millennium Marching Band

The Millennium Marching Band (MMB for short) is composed of ninety students from public schools across NSW. Eight out of these ninety students are from Muirfield High School. We do drills, choreography and marching.

Every month we meet up at Cumberland High School to do rehearsals which are six hours each day on both Saturday and Sunday totalling 12 hours of our weekend.

We have performed in front of 40,000 spectators at the Waratahs vs. Brumbies game and were televised live marching at The Anzac Parade on Anzac Day. Our other performances included the Eels vs. Knights NRL game in June, Operation Art and recently at the Opera house. Upcoming performances include a NSW Principals Association, the Wanderers A league game in October and the Schools Spectacular in November.

The Millennium Marching Band is expected to tour in the US next year. We will be touring Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco and will be performing at the Huskies American Football Grand Final.

Muirfield High School is proudly represented by:
- Jack Cherry- Year 7- Trumpet
- Izaak De Padua- Year 8- Flute
- Connor Wilson- Year 8- Colour Guard (flags)
- Emma Katen- Year 9- Flute/Alto Saxophone
- Mitchell Sinden - Year 9- Tenor Saxophone
- Chloe Von Martini- Year 9- Bass Clarinet/ Alto Saxophone
- Nicole Lewis- Year 12 (HSC)- Flute
- Tom McCraken- Ex student of Muirfield- Drum Major (Helper)

If you would like to be a part of this band, please refer to the website for more information: https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-ensembles/millennium-marching-band

Izaak De Padua
Ms Deb Fleet is the Anti-Racism Contact Officer at Muirfield High School

The role of the Anti-Racism Contact Officer
Information for parents and carers

The NSW Department of Education and Communities rejects all forms of racism and is committed to the elimination of racial discrimination.

As part of the Department’s commitment to anti-racism each school has an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO).

The role of the ARCO is to:

1. receive the suggestion, complaint or allegation regarding racism
2. assist the complainant to write the complaint, if required
3. advise the complainant of their rights and the process to be followed in lodging a complaint
4. refer the complaint to a member of the school executive who will be responsible for resolving the complaint.

Further information
Learning and Leadership Directorate
Equity and Multicultural Education
Contact: Multicultural Adviser
Telephone: 9266 8238
www.racismnowway.com.au

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NSW Department of Education and Communities
The Principal
Muirfield High School
Barclay Road
North Rocks NSW 2151

15 September 2014

Dear Jennifer

Re Exodus Foundation Christmas food collection

Once again we are seeking the assistance of your School community to help us to collect cans of food on behalf of the Exodus Foundation for distribution to those most vulnerable in our society for the Christmas period.

Last year we have estimated that our local school donated approximately 1.5 tonnes of food, an outstanding result. This year we are seeking donations of a similar amount or better as the problem just does not go away.

It would hard to find a better project that involves every single member of the school community in the Christmas spirit.

If you are able to assist us, we would like to collect all the donations made from the school on the morning of Monday 15 December.

Please help us to help others.

Henry Jones
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Grandparents Day
25th October 2014

FREE
PROFESSIONAL FAMILY PORTRAITS

Bright Light Photography

Professional studio shots of Grandparents with Grandchildren or capture all the generations in a family portrait
- Two free photos per family
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FOR MORE INFORMATION 02 9639 8626 @ enq@hca.org.au  www.hca.org.au

Mental Health Month
October

Depression and Anxiety in Teens
Tuesday 28 October 6.30pm-7.30pm

A seminar to help parents and those who work with young people identify, understand and deal with the issue of teen depression.

Leesa Adlard has over eight years of experience as a registered psychologist. In her private practice she has worked extensively with children, adolescents, adults, couples and families presenting with a wide range of struggles such as depression, anxiety, eating disorders, bereavement, trauma, stress and relationship difficulties.

COST: $5.00pp BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ONLINE


jazz at the pines
21 September Mike Hallam’s Hot 6
12 October Bridge City Jazz Band
16 November Zenith Jazz Sextet
15 February Greg Poppleton & the Bakelite Broadcasters
15 March Mike Hallam’s Hot 6
19 April Zenith Jazz Sextet
17 May Bridge City Jazz Band

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Free Tours of historic Roughley House (circa 1856).
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Saturday, 8th November
Conie Ave, Baulkham Hills
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10am-3pm

Free shuttle bus service from Jasper Rd
Local live bands 11-2pm
Auction 1pm
including: autographed Sir Don Bradman cricket bat!

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Kebabs, Corinna, Crepes
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Prizes galore!

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Carlingford Netball Club
Do you want to play netball in 2015?
Come and play with Carlingford Netball Club
- Under 7-8yr Modified netball – Friday night
- Juniors and Seniors – Saturday competition
- Netset Go! Accredited 10 week program for 5-7 years
- Local Competitions at Pennant Hills Park
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- Club Training at North Rocks netball courts

Our Club “on-line” Registrations are now open.
Simply go to our website www.carlingfordnetball.com.au
to register and follow the prompts or contact our Registrar Fiona Briggs on 0411 201 835.

Join us for Registration Day on Saturday 15th November 2014
at Murray Farm Public School Hall 10-2pm.

* As the Club is moving to a new uniform next year all
  players will need to attend Registration Day to be fitted
  for this uniform. See website for details.
* Any new players will need to provide a certified copy of
t heir birth certificate.

Flames
2015 Netball Registration Day

If your daughter is interested in playing netball in 2015?
This is your invitation to come along to the Carlingford Flames player registration day.
On: Sunday, 2 November, 2014
From: 1pm-3pm
At: STORAGE KING - 1 North Rocks Road, North Parramatta
Carlingford Flames netball club strives to provide positive role models through netball to
girls from the age of 8. We encourage and support development of the player, the umpire
and administrators while achieving a strong sense of community.
As an established and large community club we have the experience and resources to
develop each player to their full potential whilst creating an environment where players
make friends within the wider local community, not just their school.

For further information please email Chris Kellevie
cheskellevie@hotmail.com
Or visit the club website: http://www.carlingfordflames.nsw.netball.com.au
Good afternoon,

The Hills Shire Council’s Events Services are looking for a team of volunteers to assist with the 2014 Sydney Country Music Festival on Saturday 8 November at Bella Vista Farm. In particular we are looking for students interested in gaining experience in events management and/or marketing and promotions.

An Event Volunteer Role description is attached and the specific tasks for this event include:

- Manning the information stall
- Scanning tickets and ushering patrons
- Conducting surveys
- Distributing marketing material and engaging with social media
- Supervising kids’ activities
- Back stage/Green room assistance

Volunteers are also invited to attend a welcome/induction on Wednesday 29 October, 6-7pm here at Council.

If you could pass this information to anyone you think might be interested it would be greatly appreciated.