From the Deputy Principal: Mrs Anderson

I have had a lot of friends and parents ask me if the school is winding down for the end of the year, and I think my frazzled expressions answers their question. Term 4 has been, and always is, a busy term for us all. This term we have had not only the normal day to day activities, but SummerArts, Year 10 Drama Production, Year 10 Camp, Get Real Week, Peer Support Training, Orientation Day, Student Leadership Team working on SRC Leadership workshop, Transition programs, Presentation Night, External Validation and many other activities as well as our focus on classroom learning. These programs are integral, and at times, unique to Muirfield and would not succeed without the goodwill of many staff members and the dedication of our students. I would like to thank all of our teaching staff for their work this year particularly those teachers who have taken an active role in major school events. At the end of the day staff commit to these programs because of their belief in the benefit of a holistic and well-rounded education for our young people.

Farewell to Staff members

Farwell to John Sommerlad and Ken Byrne who are retiring at the end of this year. We also farewell Ruth Nettle who leaves us at the end of this year.

Year 10 Camp

Year 10 camp was held in Week 8 and was an extremely successful (and very hot) experience for all of the Year 10 students that attended. Students participated in numerous activities and seminars over the 3 days of camp. In groups, they completed a number of outdoor challenges that would only be able to be held in a particular environment like The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Students were able to come out of their comfort zone and try activities that not only tested their limits but also provided...
opportunity for the year group to be supportive of each other. Students experienced a range of activities such as leap of faith, rock climbing, commando, raft building, giant swing, canoeing and my favorite the high ropes. They also completed specialised seminars on sexual and drug education, areas of the mandatory Crossroads program. All of the activities are designed to develop positive relationships, fostering the right kind of attitudes about themselves while learning about safe risk taking in a supportive environment.

All students, despite returning on the Friday very tired, with mud still deep in their pores, clearly had a terrific couple of days away at the ‘Great Aussie Bush Camp’ at Kincumber. I am sure that they will share these experiences with each other for many years to come. All of the staff (myself, Mr Nettle, Ms Bligh, Ms James, Mr Edmonstone, Mr Campbell, Mr Brooks and Stu) who attended were very impressed with the behaviour of all the Year 10 students. Throughout the three days a number of the Aussie Bush Camp leaders told us how impressed they were with our students.

On the last night, after a very funny Battle of the Sexes, we thanked Ms Nettle for the four years that she has been working with this cohort. We all wish her the best of luck in her new job. On a personal and professional level it has been a privilege and a delight to work with Ms Nettle. She has worked tirelessly to support her year group.

A big thank you goes to Ms Nettle for organising the camp and to those teachers that gave up their time away from their families. Without their support there would be no camp.

**SummerArts - Tuesday 1 December**

SummerArts definitely lived up to its name. It was an extremely hot night but the show went on and the evening was a huge success. Students’ works from Visual Arts, Visual Design, Textiles and Photography were on display prior to the performances by students from all year groups. The night was very entertaining and was the culmination of a lot of staff coming together for the benefit of our students. A huge thank you to Ms Frame, Ms Miller, Ms Lau, Mr Contreras, Ms Dykes, Ms King, and Ms Smith,
Year 7 Orientation

Just under 150 Year 6 students joined us for Orientation Day. The day 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 sizzle. Many parents reported that their children were a little nervous in the morning but were all much more confident and happier by the afternoon.

A big thank you to the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders who, under the leadership of Ms Adams, spent a lot of time to ensure the delivery a high quality product that engaged all the students on the day. The Peer Support Program not only allows our new members of the Muirfield community to get to know some friendly faces, but it allows our students to build their leadership abilities. It is amazing how some of our quiet and unassuming students are able to shine during these programs.

I would also like to thank the 2015 Year 7 students who helped out in the Orientation Assembly. Lucy Castelletti gave a very impressive speech on what it is like to come to high school. Caitlin Carpenter led a Muirfield uniform parade with the assistance of Megan Swain, Mitchell Cashmore and Amanda Dyball.

Save Your Child’s Back

The P&C in conjunction with the Principal, have decided to provide families with the option of purchasing school backpacks that will carry student equipment and help protect their backs. See the P&C news in this newsletter for more details.

Equipment Lists

Equipment lists for all years are contained in this newsletter. Help your child be ready for the new school year.

Uniform Reminder for 2016

The P&C and the wider Muirfield community strongly support the wearing of the school uniform. Before parents purchase any uniform items I urge parents to use the uniform shop to ensure that the purchased items will definitely be approved by the school. The Department of Education has very clear guidelines on what is appropriate footwear. To help parents avoid any confusion I have included images of what is approved footwear in this newsletter. Also to further help
parents, information about uniform and footwear is also available on the school website. To avoid students getting into unnecessary trouble next year please support the school when purchasing uniform for 2016. I thank you all in advance for your support.

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. All inconsistent breaches of school uniform are reported on all school reports from Year 7 -12. 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.
Please note that as far as we are aware the only change that will effect Muirfield students will be Epping Route 752 which changes to 731 in 2016

The uniform shop opening hours in January 2016 are:
Monday 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Thursday 12.30pm to 1.30pm
1st Monday night of the month 5.30pm to 7pm (except where it falls during school holidays)

I would like to take this opportunity, again, to thank all the staff at Muirfield for all their hard work over this very busy year. I would also like to wish everyone in the Muirfield community a Happy and safe Christmas.
Presentation Evening Award Recipients

Our annual Presentation Evening was held on Tuesday Evening this week. Academic, sporting, leadership, citizenship and creative awards were presented. Here are the names of our successful students.

**LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

**Hills Shire Council School Citizenship Cup**
Awarded to: Carly Vanden Dool

**Year 7 Carlingford Apex Club Service Trophy**
Awarded to: Genevieve Grant

**Year 8 Andrew Jefferies Service Trophy**
Awarded to: Mitchell Cotton

**Year 9 Jill Reardon Service Trophy**
Awarded to: Violetta Mucerino

**Year 10 Peggy Womersley Service Trophy**
Awarded to: Caitlin Wilby

**Year 11 David Elliott MP Service Trophy**
Awarded to: Abbie Fowler

**Year 12 Service Trophy**
Awarded to: Benjamin Taylor

**The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards for Year 10 & 12**
Awarded for Year 10 to: Kate Milne  
Awarded for Year 12 to: Aaron Ramjan

**The Rotary Club of North Rocks Citizenship Shield**
Awarded to: Harry Fowler

**The North Rocks Lions Club Community Service Shield**
Awarded to: Rhianon Wilcock

**SPORTS AWARDS**

**Sports Team of the Year**
Awarded to: 15 Girls Knockout Soccer

**Junior Sports Girl of the Year**
Awarded to: Lily Tomlin

**Junior Sports Boy of the Year**
Awarded to: Joshua Zann

**Sportswoman of the Year**
Awarded to: Lauryn Brown

**Sportsman of the Year**
Awarded to: Nathan Bicerrrs

**Most Outstanding Individual Performance**
Awarded to: Rebecca Wright
Presentation Evening Award Recipients

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

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**The Reuben F. Scarf Award for the Most Outstanding Academic Commitment in Year 7**

Awarded to: Megan Swain

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**The Shield for the Most Outstanding Academic Achievement**

Awarded to: Loretta Duffy
# Presentation Evening Award Recipients

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Awarded to: Tara Arrow

Hills School Industry Partnership Award for Outstanding Achievement in Vocational Learning
Awarded to: Seodin Hevey

CAPA AWARDS
Junior Performing Arts Shield
Awarded to: Kate Milne

Senior Creative & Performing Arts Shield
Awarded to: Bronwyn Craig

Lesley Walker Performing Arts Encouragement Shield
Awarded to: Mitchell Sinden

Performing Arts Behind the Scenes Trophy
Awarded to: Seodin Hevey

Senior Band Trophy
Awarded to: David Nelson

Junior Band Trophy
Awarded to: Mark Arblaster

Most Improved Band Member Trophy
Awarded to: Hartley Duggan

Most Talented Actor Trophy
Awarded to: Stephanie Vorreiter

Muirfield Dance Shield
Awarded to: Deborah Hanslow, Erin Carpenter, Petria Welsby, Taryn Muehlbacher

SPECIAL AWARDS
Kerrie Funnell Shield for Persistence and Tenacity
Awarded to: Jesse Bolt

Integral Energy Excellence in Mathematics Shield
Awarded to: Zhuoqun (Calvin) Huang

English Shield for Outstanding Achievement
Awarded to: Brandon Lampinen

Senior Technology and Applied Studies Trophy
Awarded to: Sophie Warren
Presentation Evening Award Recipients

SPECIAL AWARDS continued

Junior Technology and Applied Studies Award
Awarded to: Sophie Winter

Society and Culture Trophy for Most Outstanding Personal Interest Project
Awarded to: Georgia Pederson

Heazelwood’s Legal Studies Award Shield
Awarded to: Amelia Napier

David Bolton Agricultural Achievement Award
Awarded to: Emily Wilmshurst

Junior Geography Shield for Interest and Achievement
Awarded to: Jin Woo Kim

Junior History Shield for Interest and Achievement
Awarded to: Caitlin Pollitt

History Shield for Interest and Achievement
Awarded to: Carly Vanden Dool

Dr. John Brodie Shield for Excellence in Year 10 Mathematics
Awarded to: Jessica McKinnon

Inspire IT Trophy for Excellence in Information Technology
Awarded to: Lachlan Gabb

Siemens Plessy Electronic Senior Science & Technology Trophy
Awarded to: Brandon Lampinen

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Muirfield High School Gold Award
Awarded to: Rhianon Wilcock

Student Council Shield for Leadership
Awarded to: Nathan O’Shea

Muirfield High School Junior All Rounder Cup
Awarded to: Lauryn Brown

Caltex All Rounder Trophy for Excellence
Awarded to: Amelia Napier

All Round Contribution To The School
Awarded to: Lily Tomlin

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Sports House Captains 2016

Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains.

**Freeman:** Andrew Milne and Kate Milne  
Vice: Ezra Pederson and Joanna Selmes

**Eales:** Edward Townshend and Rebecca Wright  
Vice: Caleb Wood and Taryn Woods

**Beachley:** Patrick Hollins and Georgina Harris  
Vice: Brad Hartland and Debra Hanslow

**Thorpe:** Harry Fowler and Lauryn Brown  
Vice: Archie Fowler and Erin Burt
International Students; Global Links: Ms Reeves’ Travels

In early November I was extremely privileged to travel to South Korea and Japan as part of a delegation representing New South Wales government schools. The two weeks were a busy schedule of Austrade Education Fairs and appointments with boards of education and agents, aimed at promoting NSW government schools as a system of choice when families and schools consider education abroad.

In this global era, it is important our young people make connections beyond their national borders. Governments and institutions around the world offer scholarships to support study abroad. A major reason students study abroad is to learn to speak English fluently; English being the language of commerce around the world. While in Tokyo, I found many Japanese had excellent English. However, while they had great comprehension skills and grammatical knowledge, their oral fluency was not as strong.

Of course, there are many English-speaking countries that families can choose as the destination for their children to study. NSW government schools welcome students from many countries, including China, Korea, Japan, Germany and Brazil. Those from Germany can certainly travel much closer to home! Why do these young people come to NSW to attend high school? Why are families willing to pay over $12,000 a year in tuition fees to study at Muirfield?

Many families select schools in Australia so their children can experience our lifestyle...
and study in a safe environment. However, what stood out for me was it is the quality of our teaching that attracts families to NSW government schools. While Korea, China and Japan may do well in international standardised tests such as those assessed by latest Pisa by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), parents and school systems in many Asian countries look to our teaching and learning for the level of individual care we provide and the teaching strategies we use that promote dialogue between teachers and students.

Our curriculum and teaching strategies are recognised as world class in developing creative and critical thinking skills. Our 21st century teaching is seen as lighthouse. It seems unbelievable with Japan as the electronics powerhouse of the world that technology is not used in their classrooms. Nor do students question concepts put by teachers.

The Tokyo Board of Education is sponsoring contingents of experienced teachers to study our teaching strategies. They shadow teachers in NSW government schools and study at universities. I met with senior Board administrators who reported that the teachers return with new skills at engaging students in learning, and presenting a purpose for each lesson.

Our class sizes are significantly smaller than those of Korea and Japan. In Japan the average class size is 40. Class sizes vary in NSW public schools with some practical classes having a maximum of 20, while generally junior classes do not exceed 30 and senior classes 24. In Muirfield most of our classes are significantly below this. There are benefits for our school and our students too in opening our doors to international students. Our students are able to develop global connections, to see the things that unite different nationalities are larger than the things that divide us. International students also add to the school tone with their strong valuing of education.

Sometimes we need to step outside our situation to be able to see its strengths or weaknesses more clearly. Things we accept as “just the way it is”, I now realise are great strengths. Talking about our government school system and our school has given me a fresh perspective, an invigorated sense of pride in our teaching and our school.

Ms Jennifer Reeves

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

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

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

MATHEMATICS
Grid books (128 pages and 96 pages)
Text book

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

AGRICULTURE
Exercise Book (64 pages)

HSIE
2 x A4 Exercise Books (96 pages)

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

PERFORMANCE STUDIES
A4 exercise books (64 pages)

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

LIBRARY
A4 Display Folder

PDHPE
MHS sport shirt
MHS black sport shorts
A4 Exercise Book (64 pages)
MHS sports cap
Sports footwear
ALL SUBJECTS
2 blue or black pens  2 red pens  2 lead pencils & a set of coloured pencils
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SCIENCE
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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
ALL SUBJECTS

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

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ENGLISH
A4 exercise books (2 X 128 pages)  
Pamphlet Folder x 2  
A4 Display folder

MATHEMATICS
2 x Exercise books (128 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

VISUAL DESIGN
A4 Visual Arts Diary 11” x 14”  
A4 Portfolio with sleeves

MUSIC
Exercise Book with manuscript (96 pages)  
Display Folder

PDHPE and PASS
Exercise Book (96 pages), for PASS only  
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)

JAPANESE
Exercise Book (96 pages)  
A4 Display Folder
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

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

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

SCIENCEs
4 x A4 Exercise Book (96 pages) – one for each unit of work
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
Visual Arts Diary
A4 Binder Book (128 pages)

MUSIC
Exercise Book with manuscript (96 pages)
Display Folder

DRAMA
Black shirt
MHS sports tracksuit pants or school sports 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”

PDHPE
MHS sport shirt, black sport shorts, sports cap and sports footwear
A4 exercise books (128 pages)

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 P&C President

I would like to offer my thanks to all those parents who volunteered for all our events for 2016, all of those who helped the uniform shop staff, volunteered in canteen, worked on any of the subcommittees, attended functions, helped on BBQs, baked cakes, assisted at CAPA events...the list goes on. I would like to also thank the P&C members who take the time to attend the P&C meetings to be involved in planning and supporting the P&C activities.

Our elections saw a new P&C Secretary nominated, thank you to Yvonne Sinanovic. We have currently still a vacancy for treasurer and we hope to elect a new treasurer at our next general meeting. The new P&C members will be officially voted in at our February AGM.

GENERAL P&C NEWS

P&C have sourced some ergonomic, water repellent school backpacks with spinal support, which we have made available to the Muirfield school community for purchase through the Harlequin online store. The new school bags come in two different styles, both black with the school logo printed on the front. They were displayed at the Orientation Day for the 2016 Year 7 students and parents. Please see the brochure in this newsletter for further details about the new school backpacks, or see our online store for further information.

The new school bags are available for sale to any student or parent wishing to purchase them, online at: http://www.schoolbags.com.au/your-school/muirfield-high-school.html
MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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CANTEEN NEWS

MANY THANKS to our wonderful canteen volunteers in 2015. Thank you to the ‘outgoing’ canteen helpers whose children have finished school and are now leaving Muirfield. We appreciate your dedication to assisting P&C with canteen over the years.

Our canteen staff, Jannine and Catherine have had a great year, working hard to keep the canteen running smoothly and initiating some new ideas. The fresh salads, soups and treats have been popular throughout the year and the students and teachers have enjoyed the new selections available. We commend our lovely canteen staff for their enthusiasm and hard work.

We hope to see many new volunteers to assist in canteen in 2016. Please feel free to email Jannine (our canteen manager) to request to be rostered on for 2016, via our canteen email: mhs.pnc.canteen@gmail.com

Unfortunately, Catherine, our lovely canteen assistant, will be leaving us at the end of this year. The canteen committee will be seeking a new casual canteen assistant to replace Catherine (15 hours per week, 7.30am-10.30am Monday to Friday during school terms only). Please direct any enquiries regarding this role to P&C by contacting us by email: muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Many thanks for the great efforts by our Uniform Shop Managers, Mel, Katrina and
Sam, in keeping our Uniform Shop running smoothly and efficiently.
Fantastic work! The Uniform Shop was well stocked for Orientation day and hopefully all the year 7 students will be ready and well dressed for 2016.

UNIFORM SHOP opening hours in January 2016:
PUPIL FREE DAY: Wednesday 27th January from 9am-12pm and 5.30pm-7.00pm
Thursday 28th January from 8am-10am and 12.30-1.30pm
Friday 29th January from 7.30am-9.00am

CAPA COMMITTEE
Thank you to all the CAPA committee for organising and assisting with the Sausage Sizzle and supper at the recent CAPA Summerarts evening held in the school hall.
Great effort by Ms Shelley Frame and the CAPA staff on a lovely event.

P&C Success in 2015
• P&C parent voluntary contributions raised $37000 towards our fundraising
• P&C was granted a Hills Shire Council Grant of $4850 to assist with our preparations for CAPA workshops and MADD event
• Our Uniform Shop contributed $25000 to P&C income
• The P&C contributed $54,269 towards air-conditioning for most of the school classrooms with extremely positive feedback received from students and teachers!
• $3000 was contributed towards the chaplaincy program and $5000 towards student welfare in 2015
• Some of our fundraising activities included BBQs and cake stalls at Bunnings, Election Day BBQ and the Entertainment book fundraiser
• P&C organised the P&C “Meet and Greet”, Event Cinema “Movie night”, Year 7 Parent Lawn Bowls and have been planning for further social events for 2016

Planning for NEXT YEAR – 2016

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Wishing you and your family an enjoyable festive season.
Best wishes
Narelle Williams
ERGONOMIC SCHOOL BAGS TO HELP ALLEVIATE BACK STRAIN:

Muirfield High School official ergonomic school bags are now available to purchase online at heavily subsidised prices directly from our e-store at Harlequin School Bags.

Harlequin’s backpacks are independently tested and endorsed by Chiropractors and health care professionals. They are designed anatomically for your child’s spinal health and comfort and are all backed with a lifetime warranty.

Shop online 24/7 at:

Australia’s No.1 School bag & accessories supplier

Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

WARNING:

SPINAL HEALTH AND YOUR STUDENT’S FUTURE

Source confirm, heavy non-ergonomic school bags are damaging children’s growing spines; suffering irreversible back issues.

Staggeringly, half of all children suffer back pain by the age of 14, and doctors are reporting a rise in cases of spinal abnormalities, such as scoliosis. Other risks include muscle strain, distortions of the natural “S” curve of the spine and morning of the shoulders.

We have a responsibility to help prevent these abnormalities by making spinal health a priority and teaching our students how to wear and pack their school backpacks correctly.

High Street fashion bags are simply ill-equipped to carry the heavy textbooks, laptops and stationary items that all school students are expected to use every day.

Today, we are proud to be offering Harlequin’s ergonomic backpacks for all students at heavily subsidised prices. With over 25 years’ experience in backpack development, Harlequin’s school bags are designed to protect your child’s future.

It’s a known fact that over 90% of school children carry backpacks that are incorrectly packed. With only 1 in 3 children in Australia carrying their bags in a safe manner, Harlequin School Bags are the only solution.

Importantly, all Harlequin school backpacks are independently endorsed by Chiropractors, Osteopaths and Physiotherapists. They incorporate an Anatomical Back Support™ and each carry Harlequin’s Lifetime warranty.

We ask parents to support your child’s growing spine with their new official Muirfield High School Backpack.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Reves
Principal
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Sculpture by the Sea

On Friday the 6th of November, Year 9 Visual Arts and Visual Design elective students with several Year 7 Visual Arts students went on an excursion to Bondi Beach for the Sculptures by the Sea Exhibition. Accompanied by the fabulous Ms Frame and Ms King, the students embarked on a three kilometre walk along the beautiful shores of the beach taking photos, videos and notes on the exceptional sculptures created by aspiring artists. The students will be entering various pieces of artwork inspired by the sculptures and views of the exhibition in the schools end of year Summer Arts showcase.

While on the excursion the students and teachers had the chance to experience groovy pop-up cafes, delicious slushies, awesome sand castles and interacting with unique artworks. The students ran in to some of the previous Muirfield HSC Art students who were also there to look at the different artworks and a recent Year 12 graduate who was doing volunteer work for the exhibition. When the students were there it was very hot. So the unexpected shower after our return to school was a miracle in droplets accompanied by an apocalyptic thunder cloud formation, which of course also provided phenomenal photographic opportunities.

Whilst looking at sculptures, students and teachers had the opportunity to purchase delicious ice creams, refreshing slushies and yummy smoothies. The sculptures were much appreciated by the students as they looked amazing, colourful and unique. The sculptures were all in beautiful, creative positions, some were on balanced on rocks, others on the cliff faces.

We hope you got to see the results of the competition at Summer Arts.

Isabella and Genevieve
Primary Partnerships in ICT

Throughout Semester 2, several nominated students from the Year 7 Leadership Team have mentored Mrs Mitchell’s and Mr Robertson’s Year 5 classes (5M and 5R) from North Rocks Public School while they have participated in ICT based online activities. Once a fortnight the Year Five students would walk down to classroom C24 and would design an “about me” digital poster on Glogster.

Under the guidance of Ms Smith the students have learnt the difference between what is and what isn’t appropriate to put online. When online, it is okay to put down things such as their favourite animals and their hobbies but it is dangerous to put things down such as their address and school.

This program has been a great way for the Year Five students to learn about Muirfield’s facilities and it has presented the Year 7 leaders with an opportunity to guide the younger students. This program has taught the Year Five students how to create cyber safe posters and has given the Year 7 students a chance to embrace their roles as leaders. This will result in an easier transition from primary to high school which should in turn alleviate some stresses about moving into their high school years.

Genevieve Grant, Isabella Allsop, Ashleigh Ewens and Megan Swain
SUMMER ARTS
Sports Update

**Water Polo Gala Day**
The boys did very well.. winning two games out of three against Colo High and Napean. Even though they lost to Hills Sports High, they played extremely well considering it was the first time playing water polo for a few of them. (They were happy they did as well as the girls team!!)

The weather was beautiful as well.. Fortunately it only started to pour on our way back! We all had an enjoyable day.

Congratulations to Chris who competed in the Pacific School Games held in Adelaide recently. It was a great week which included diving competitors from Macau (China), India and New Zealand. Chris finished with 3rd in both the 3 metre springboard and the synchro events.

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**WANTED: Old ADSL Modems**

If you have an old ADSL modem that is in working order and you no longer want it, please consider donating it to the school for our Information Technology Department. We will use it to teach students how to set up a home network.

Contact Mr Carpenter if you have any questions.
HIT 4 6 CRICKET NEWS
MUIRFIELD CLAIM VICTORY IN ZONE FINAL
By Will Cashmore

HOWZAT! It was hot and humid but the heat was no match for Muirfield as the Alan Davidson Shield Cricket Team advanced to the sixth round of the State Knockout Competition with a 132 run win over Model Farms High School. With this victory, Muirfield also claimed the zone title, moving through to the serious stage of the State-wide Shield.

Editor’s Experience:

“Max Ruddock Oval was our MCG for the day and the short boundaries and bouncy wicket considerably impacted the results. Execution was key on the day and we were focused on victory. Muirfield batted first and we saw fantastic knocks from top order batsmen: Dan Clay (72), highlighted by a massive six into the houses, Jayden Brown (69) and Tom Federow (67). These guys set the platform and lit up the ground with Ricky Ponting like batting. We set a target of 237 off 40 overs and were confident about our chances.

We have always been a strong bowling unit, and Model Farms found that out because after early wickets fell they never stood a chance. With a variety of options, we were ruthless in bowling them out for 104 off 34 overs. Ryan Federow was outstanding with the ball taking 3/8 and he was supported by skipper Nathan Bicerra’s 2/14. Wickets also went to Caleb, Ian, Andrew, Jayden and Josh.

With a complete team performance we were able to tear through our opposition and win the Zone Final.

Scorecard

TEAM: Nathan Bicerra (c), Tom Federow, Dan Clay, Zac Jones, Caleb Jones, Andrew Milne, Ryan Federow, Ian Rajendran, Patrick Lingard, Josh Zann, Jayden Brown, Will Cashmore, Nick Thomas. Coach: Mr Wilcox.
Calendar of Events

Term ONE 2016

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School Development Day
Yr 7, 11, 12 return to school
Yr 8, 9, 10 return to school

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Open Evening

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Swimming Carnival

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Community News and Advertisements

MultiLit Literacy Centres at Macquarie Park and Bella Vista

- 3rd-4th grade literacy intervention program for struggling readers
- Term and summer holiday programs available for primary and secondary students
- School holiday programs for K-2 and grades 3-6 available starting January 2016

MultiLit, a research-based learning company, offers proven programs to improve reading accuracy, fluency, comprehension, and spelling. Designated specifically for students who are reading at a level significantly below their peers, MultiLit placed a new Literacy Centre in June 2015 to provide services to students in Sydney’s Hills District and North West Corridor. Our Literacy Centre at Macquarie Park has been operating for almost 20 years.

Who is it for?
MultiLit’s literacy Centre programs have been specifically designed for school students whose literacy skills are at a level considerably lower than their peers, and are at risk of being left behind.

Programmes available

This MultiLit Literacy Centre offers a range of individualized programs, including:
- ProfLit – for years one to four and kindergarten
- MetLit – for year 1 and complete year 2.
- Reading fluency program – for years three to six adults.
- Support for adults
- Compensation – for students who have adequate reading and comprehension but require help with understanding written text.

A MultiLit literacy assessment is required prior to commencement with the Literacy Centre. To determine which program would be most beneficial for the student.

For more information or to book a place:
MultiLit Literacy Centre
Macquarie Park and Bella Vista (or online)
T: 1300 403 589
E: literacy.centres@multilit.com
W: www.multilit.com/literacycentres

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A free service that helps children, young people and families to cope during difficult times by linking families with local services providing support and assistance.

We can help you access a broad range of services including:
- home visiting
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- quality child care
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- parenting education
- supported playgroup
- drug and alcohol services
- mental health services
- youth support services
- respite care
- material aid services.

Western Sydney Family Referral Service
Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm
Email: swfrn@ranw.org.au
Visit: www.relationships.com.au
Call: 1300 403 589

If you have limited phone credit you can request a call back.

Family Referral Services are funded by the NSW Government as part of the rugged times, rugged future initiative.
Carlingford Netball Club

Do you want to play netball in 2016?

Come and play with Carlingford Netball Club

- NetSetGo Program - 10 week program for 5-6 year olds
- NetSetGo Competition - Friday night games for 7-9 year olds
  - Junior Competition - Saturday mornings
  - Cadet & Senior Competition - Saturday afternoon

We train locally at Don Moore Reserve North Rocks and play our games at Pennant Hills Netball Park, Pennant Hills.

Early Bird Registrations now open

All registrations for the 2016 season are online only. Register before 31 December 2015 to take advantage of early bird discount. After this date registration will increase to 2016 prices.

Go to our website www.carlingfordnetball.com.au and follow the prompts to register, or for more information contact our Registrar Kellie Wallace on Email: carlonetball.registrar@yahoo.com.au

PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE ON SUNDAYS

WE ARE NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2016 SEASON FOR U6 TO U19

Registration Days
December 12 & January 30
Westfield North Rocks
10am - 2pm

Come & Try/Registration Night
February 5 at 5:30pm
Roselea Oval, Carlingford

Your child will be provided with their uniform. All you need are boots and a mouth guard. Our games are played in the Balmain District, with training at Roselea Oval & Cox Park, Carlingford.

SAFE PLAY MODIFIED RULES
Experience how fun and safe Junior Rugby League is!

For more information contact us on
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CARLINGFORD COUGARS
Junior Rugby League Football Club

SUPER 6 SOCCER

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- All age men, 035 & mixed
- New Junior pre-season comp
- Fun, fitness, fresh air & large real grass fields
- Centenary Park, Croydon & George Thornton Reserve, West Pennant Hills
- Register online now via our website

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Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this summer school holidays! There are 50+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $25, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays.

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers
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Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze

Aqua International Sydney Kids' Tennis Day
Summer Wetlands
Sport & adventure camps
Australia Day celebrations - FREE
...and lots more

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It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

Kind regards
Sydney Olympic Park Team