From the Deputy Principal: Mr Grant

NAPLAN

Year 7 and 9 students recently completed their NAPLAN examinations. I am pleased with the way our students conducted themselves and am happy to pass on the glowing report I received from all of the supervisors. Sometimes students can find these examinations quite stressful, however, on the whole our student body was relatively relaxed about the whole examination process. When received, the results will be utilised by Muirfield teaching staff to identify areas that might need further revision or instruction.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Alan Chivers, our Learning and Support Teacher for his organisation of the NAPLAN examinations, ensuring that they ran smoothly. A big thank you also must be extended to Ms Tracy Lamport our School Learning Support Officer for her generous assistance to Mr Chivers in organising and setting up classrooms, over the three days of NAPLAN. There is also a lot of administration before and after the actual tests.

Year 7 – 12 Reports

Term 2 is a busy time as all the teaching staff complete Half Yearly Reports. Year 12 students will have received their reports by now. Ms Reeves met with each Year 12 student individually to hand out reports. This provided her with the opportunity to congratulate and counsel students on their current progress. This personal touch was well received by the students who appreciated the genuine interest that Ms Reeves shows in their education and their second last school report.

Year 11 Reports are currently being finalised and will be emailed. Year 8 and 10 reports will be distributed in Week 9, and Year 7 and 9 reports in Week 10 of this term.

Year 8 and 10 Parent and Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 23rd June (Week 10). Parents will receive more information about this evening closer to the date. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to receive feedback on their child's progress and is a vital opportunity to discuss subject selection for 2016 with their current teachers. Year 8 and 10 will be making their subject selections for 2016 early in Term 3. This will be the first time that Year 8 have the opportunity to select subjects, and while it is not the first time for Year 10 is an extremely important process leading into their senior studies.
Making the Most of Class Time

A frequently used comment that appears on student’s reports concerns the effective use of class time.

The main advantage of using class time efficiently is that students who complete more work in class then have less to do at home. This is also the best opportunity for students to maximise their learning and increase their understanding of the topics being presented.

Working effectively in class means that students are encouraged to:

- Sit next to someone who will help them stay on task.
- Ask questions whenever they are unsure, unclear or do not understand something. This may be of assistance to other student who are also unclear about the work being presented.
- Come to the lesson with all books, technology and equipment needed.
- Try at all times to stay on task and be focused on the work they are doing.

I hope that these suggestions are informative and helpful when you when you are reflecting with your child on their report and class work comments.

2015 HSC Examination Timetables

Personal HSC timetables were made available to students on Wednesday 29 April via their Students Online account. It is important that HSC students log in to their accounts to check their personal details and HSC timetables. If students expect to sit an HSC VET course examination, they must ensure that it is listed in their personal timetable. If there is an issue with their subjects please make immediate contact with the school.

The full HSC written examination timetable was also published on the BOSTES website on Monday 4 May.

Partnership with Sydney University

Muirfield High School has entered into a learning partnership with Sydney University. This partnership involves supervision of practicum students from Sydney University who undertake their required teaching practicums at Muirfield High School. Currently, we have 10 practicum students who have been well received in your child’s learning environments, conducting engaging lessons and being supported by Muirfield teaching staff in their specific teaching areas.

As we have had a group of prac students at once, Sydney University has supplied a lecturer one day a week. This academic partner had provided support to Muirfield teachers whilst also engaging in supervision and instructions of the prac students. The second and exciting part of the learning partnership has been the course undertaken by 22 Muirfield teachers. The focus of the course is on mentoring for improved classroom practice. While the university clearly sees the need for strong and skilled supervising teachers for prac students, we at Muirfield see the benefits this will offer our staff to be able to support one another. Teachers undertaking the program have engaged in ten hours of lectures and workshops and ten hours of independent readings and reflection. This course
School Uniform

It has been a wet and blowy first couple of weeks of Term 2. Muirfield has been lucky in not suffering any extensive damage during the major storms that blew through a couple of weeks ago. However, this has brought on the colder weather. With the onset of the colder weather comes the increase in students layering of clothing to remain warm.

The order of black jackets has arrived and most of these school jackets have been collected by the students. It is important to remember that the wearing of ‘hoodies’ underneath their jackets is not acceptable, as there are numerous other alternatives to use as extra layers.

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks there has been an increasing number of students who wish to counter the school uniform policy by wearing casual track suit pants. We appreciate the support of parents in ensuring their children in Years 8 to 11 wear the school uniform track suit pants only on Wednesday. On all other days students should be in school pants, not track suit pants. Years 7 and 12 students wear school uniform all week. The correct school pants are available at the uniform shop which is open at lunch time every Monday and Thursday 12.30pm to 1.30pm and the first Monday on the month from 5pm to 7pm.

is the first part of Masters level study at Sydney University.

In the busyness of teaching, marking and report time, twenty hours of study can be difficult to fit in. The energy and positive buzz of teachers in these after-school sessions has been affirming. We are all lifelong learners and this course has provided teachers with the opportunity to engage in academic reading about what matters most to us: quality teaching in the classroom.
Muirfield High School Uniform Shop
Price List/Order Form
2013/2014
as at 1st June, 2013

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Payment can be made by Cash, Cheque or Visa/Master Card

Uniform shop hours are: Monday 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Thursday 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
1st Monday night of the month 5.30 pm to 7 pm
(except where the 1st Monday falls during school holidays)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

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Flying High with Metals at Meadowbank

One day a week in Terms 1 and 2, four Year 10 students from Muirfield High School travel to Meadowbank TAFE. They are doing one of their Stage 5 Electives at TAFE. The elective they are doing is METALS. This course will appear on their RoSA at the end of Stage 5. The course is very practical and allows them to learn new techniques such as welding, a skill that can prove useful in many future employment options.

The students, Ben Ellis, Chase Griffiths, Lachlan Herron and Shihab Saqqaf, are currently using their new expertise to make a plane. This is what they think of the course:

- Lachlan- It is a good change of environment from school
- Shihab- I am enjoying learning new skills
- Chase- I am really enjoying the practical side

We look forward to seeing the finished products!

Year 12 Reminder of Permitted Early Leave and Late Start Process

Year 12 students who have a study period during Period 1 are allowed to arrive by the end of Period 1.

Students must sign in in the Student Foyer on arrival at school. Failure to sign in will result in a student’s attendance record indicating a whole day absence. All students are to be present for school assemblies on Mondays and Wednesdays. Signing in after these times will result in a record of lateness on reports.

Students who have a study period in Period 4 will be allowed to sign out at start of lunch.

At all other times, students must be on the school site. Students with study periods in Periods 2 or 3 are to remain at school, sign in at the Library, and engage in personal study.
CAPA Workshops

The CAPA Department are running Workshops from June 1st - 5th. These workshops cover music, band, visual arts, photography, drama and dance for Years 7-12. The purpose of these workshops is to allow senior students intensive development time on their HSC performances and for Years 7-11 to experience subjects or groups they are interested in selecting to study or join.

These experiences and intense learning workshops would not be possible in a normal lesson. As you can see we are offering extensive opportunities for our CAPA students.

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NSW State 2015 Solo Vocal Camp

On 20-24 April, almost 60 students from public schools all over NSW converged on the Elanora Conference Centre for the 2015 Solo Vocal Camp. Three of our students were lucky enough, after a very stressing audition process, to be accepted to be a part of this amazing opportunity. Jacinta Brett of Year 12, Rachel Barrett-Giudice Year 10 and Claire Garment Year 10.

It was a fantastic week and everyone performed well at the final concert on the Friday evening at the Seymour Centre. This opportunity can only further improve their amazing abilities, and in turn assist in HSC Music.

Watch the whole performance here. Jacinta is on around 24min, Rachael at 27.40min and Claire at 31.56min

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Sports Report

Grade Sport Results

Round 7 Term 1 Winners (vs Northmead)
Boys: Baseball Open, Touch 15A

Round 2 Winners (vs Cumberland)
Boys: Soccer Open A, Soccer 15A
Girls: Soccer Open, Basketball Open B, Basketball 15A, Basketball 15B, Touch 15A

Round 3 Winners (vs Baulkham Hills)
Girls: Open Soccer, Soccer 15, Basketball Open A, Basketball Open B, Basketball 15A, Touch Open A, Touch 15A

Congratulations to Malachai who is representing Sydney West in NSW CHS Hockey Championships.

Congratulations to Zara who was selected into the NSW All Schools Pizzey Cup Tennis Team and competed in the National Championships in Hobart. See the following page for an article from Tennis Australia on the Pizzey Cup.

Congratulations to Chloe who has been selected into the NSW CHS U17 Softball Team.

Congratulations to Madeleine who has been selected into the NSW Gymnastics team to compete in the Australian Gymnastics Championships. Update just received - Madeleine has won the vault competition—1st in Australia.

Congratulations to Nicholas for selection into the North West Sydney U18 Hockey team and will compete in the NSW CHS Hockey Championships.

Congratulations to Aisling who has been selected into the Sydney West Hockey team to play in the NSW CHS Championships.
Pizzey Cup—Tennis Australia

NSW have maintained their dominance over all other Australian States, winning the 2015 Pizzey Cup held in Hobart recently.

NSW, captained by Pearse Dolan and Alana Bourgeois, won four of the five trophies on offer, with Victoria providing the greatest resistance. In what doubled as the Pizzey Cup final, Victoria started strong but in the end NSW ran away with a comprehensive 14-4 win to NSW.

In the Australian Open singles tournament, NSW once again flexed their muscle with three individuals winning respective titles and a fourth player runner up. Congratulations go to Mayez Elrich (Westfields Sports HS) and Kaitlin Staines (Wagga Wagga HS) for winning their respective Australian Singles titles, and to Georgije Babic (Endeavour Sports HS) for winning the boys consolation draw. Special mention must go to Year 8 student Zara Brankovic (Muirfield HS) who, being called in late as a replacement into 8th position, won through to the girls consolation final.


Pacific School Games

Congratulations to Chris who has been selected to compete in the Pacific School Games in Diving.

The Pacific School Games provides opportunities for around 4000 school-aged students to participate in nine different sports at the highest level. It is the flagship event of School Sport Australia, which provides educational opportunities for Australian and International students through the conducting of games in a range of sports

Students aged between 10 – 19 years from at least 12 countries, including every Australian state and territory, will compete from November 21 – 29, 2015. Australian students qualify for the Games through their state or territory school sport unit pathways and international students follow their national school sporting association pathways.

The sports of Swimming, Diving, Basketball, Touch Football, Baseball, Softball, Football (Soccer), Table Tennis and Goalball will feature in the 2015 Games.
Year 12 Industrial Technology & Multimedia Excursion

On Friday 8th May, Year 12 Industrial Technology Multimedia Students visited ABC Studios and Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo, Sydney. ABC Studios presented Muirfield students with real world industry experiences and the Powerhouse Museum was of value for students to see some folios and major works at DesignTech.

At ABC Studios, we were able to see the workings of the studios and got a tour of the site. We got to see a children’s television show “Giggle and Hoot” set up and ready to begin recording, a look at the studio where “7.30” is recorded, including the production room where the director and producer piece together the shows. We were taken through the hair and makeup studios and had a look at some of the wigs and prosthetics that are used in television. Following this we ventured into the radio side of ABC, where we were taken into a 702AM studio where Linda Mottram was live on air.

At the Powerhouse Museum we visited DesignTech, a HSC Design and Technology Exhibition. Students got to look at some of the top design portfolios to gain inspiration for their own. Afterwards we visited Interface, which examines how design has been applied to information technology products.

I would like to congratulate the Year 12 students for their excellent questions on tour and exceptional behaviour in representing our school.

Ms Smith
CLASS ROOM AIR CONDITIONING - on the way 
THANK YOU TO PARENTS FOR CONTRIBUTING.

P&C committee members are excited that we have been able to contribute $15,000 towards air conditioning for some classrooms that are most affected by the temperature. This will include classrooms where our Year 12 students will be soon undertaking their HSC examinations. It is hoped that the air conditioning will be installed very soon so that the students can be comfortable during their exams. Many thanks to all the parents who have paid their voluntary contributions as your contributions are going directly towards the air conditioning and other improvements at the school. The aim is to have air-conditioning installed in all upstairs classrooms.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER
TWO WEEKS LEFT to order your Entertainment Book! You may order a traditional Entertainment™ Book or Digital Membership, with over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2016. Plus, 20% of proceeds contribute towards our fundraising. Order now by going online: [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2145e68](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2145e68)
FUNDRAISING CAKE STALL 20th June
P&C will be running a cake stall at:
Bunnings North Parramatta
Saturday 20th June
10am-2pm

We will be asking our wonderful Muirfield families to bring in some baked goodies to school on Friday 19th June, to be sold at our cake stall. We also require a few volunteers to man the stall on the Saturday. If you are available to help that day for an hour, please email muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com.

CANTEEN HELPERS REQUIRED
Jannine (Canteen Manager) and Catherine (Canteen Assistant) are working hard to bring healthy fresh food to our canteen for our kids. We are receiving positive reports about the canteen food options and the kids are keeping track of the daily specials on instagram: @muirfieldlunchbox

If you could possibly spare one day per month or once per term to help our lovely canteen ladies, it would be much appreciated. Please see Jannine or Catherine in the canteen from 7am each day or email MUIRFIELD CANTEEN at mhs.pnc.canteen@gmail.com. Helping on canteen is a great way to get a feel for what is happening at the school.

Feel free to attend our next canteen meeting, all parents are welcome to come along. The next meeting will be held on 2nd June at 7.30pm in the common room.

UNIFORM SHOP
Black jackets have arrived and if you have ordered one, your child should be wearing it by now. If they have not yet received their jacket, please remind them that they may pick it up from the Uniform Shop on Monday or Thursday at lunch times.

If your child has any uniform needs for the colder weather, don’t forget the Uniform Shop is also open on the first Monday of the month (next opening on 1st June) from 5.30-7pm. The Uniform Shop committee meeting will be held on 1st June from 7pm. All parents are welcome to come along.

Uniform Shop ORDER FORMS are available on the school website by CLICKING HERE. Please email muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com if you have any queries.

CAPA COMMITTEE
The CAPA committee parents are very excited about the creative and performing arts workshops happening at Muirfield from 1st-4th June. All students would have received their invitation to be involved in one of the many workshops, clinics and sessions where they may learn or develop skills in their chosen arts, drama, dance, music activities! CAPA committee
parents are planning to assist with the upcoming workshops by providing some morning tea for extra tutors and teachers working on the day.

MADD night is an event organised by the CAPA department for students to showcase their talents. The committee parents are working towards assisting with this event through fundraising, providing supper, transporting equipment and supervising children. If you come along to the next CAPA committee meeting, we will be planning for this and would appreciate your involvement. The next meeting is on Thursday 30th July at 7pm in the common room.

Exciting news! The Muirfield P&C have applied for and been recommended for Hills Shire Council Community Grants funding of $4,850 towards MADD night. These extra funds will greatly assist with our preparation for and the development of the wonderful MADD (music, arts, drama, dance) exhibition and showcase that has become an annual CAPA event for students from Year 7 to Year 12 at Muirfield High School. This event has become bigger and better each year and is a great testament to our amazing CAPA teachers, past and present. It is deserving of our support and it is wonderful that we will be able to contribute a little more through our grant success.

It is wonderful for our children to have these special opportunities to rehearse and showcase their talents, skills and their HSC works. I’m sure you are all looking forward, as I am, to attending the MADD night on Monday 10th August.

**P&C EVENTS & MEETINGS COMING UP:**

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I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 10th June for our P&C General Meeting. Please come along for a cuppa. We welcome your input and encourage your participation. If you have any questions or suggestions and cannot make a meeting, please feel free to email through to muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com for discussion at the meeting.

Narelle Williams
Muirfield High P&C President
School Athletics Carnival

Our annual School Athletics Carnival, scheduled for Friday the 22nd of May, got off to a false start due to unfavourable weather conditions. Thankfully the weather improved and we were all able to have an amazing, sunny and terrifically well organised carnival on Tuesday the 26th. A good decision at that!

The morning kicked off to a terrific start to some up and coming athletes in the 1500m. The Year 12s kept the energy levels high by providing a sumptuous BBQ for the fundraising of their formal. Year 12 captured the spirit of ‘the 60s’ promoting school spirit, enthusiasm and participation across the school.

The 100m and 200m events were a definite attraction providing fast and furious competition between students as they were able to settle some long awaited scores.

A lot of time and effort goes into the smooth running of an Athletics Carnival. So we say thanks to all staff who ran their activities efficiently and effectively, allowing all students the opportunity to compete. A special thanks to Miss Nettle and Mr Edmonstone for their consistent efforts for providing us with yet another memorable Athletics Carnival and my final carnival as Sports Captain for 2015.

Emma Longworth
2nd May, 2015

Ms Jennifer Reeves
Principal
Muirfield High School
Barclay Rd
NORTH ROCKS NSW 2150

73, Oleander Avenue
Baulkham Hills, NSW 2153

RE: STUDENTS’ PARTICIPATION IN ANZAC CENTENARY PLAY

Dear Ms Reeves,

As the writer and director of the Anzac Centenary play, “For The Sake Of Mother England” and as a member of the Hills Anzac Centenary Committee, I write to thank you and congratulate the students of Muirfield High School who participated in front-of-house and back-stage duties during the performances of the play at the King’s Theatre in the grounds of The King’s School in April this year.

Without exception, Mrs Valerie Miller’s students behaved in an exemplary fashion and are a great credit to her and to the school. They performed their duties with a level of politeness and professionalism that I have rarely seen in people of their tender years and I can only marvel at Mrs Miller’s ability to have instilled in them such a respect for the theatre along with an understanding of its traditions and mechanisms.

It is safe to say that without Mrs Miller and her students’ assistance we would have been hard-pressed to put on the show. I am deeply indebted to Mrs Valerie Miller, Lachlan Rendell, Alex Borja-Villadolid, Stephanie Vorrieter, Olivia Gillan, Emma Moran, Emily Henriksson, Chloe Holman, Jordan Hartland, Courtney Painter, Lara Newman and Dion Ducker, for their assistance and participation.

For your information I have enclosed a complimentary programme which lists their names.

Yours sincerely,

George Cartledge
Playwright / Director
The Anzac Centenary Play
“For The Sake Of Mother England”
Dear President of the Parent Association,

Nominations now open for the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

Teachers make a vital contribution to the lives of our young people and help shape the future of our country. Yet there are few opportunities to recognise and acknowledge their outstanding commitment to the community.

The ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) is the only independent national awards program where school and early childhood communities—individual parents, school councils, committees of management, parent associations, secondary student councils, and community organisations—can publicly recognise and encourage inspirational teachers, directors, and principals who contribute excellence.

Benefits of participating in the NEiTA program

For teachers, directors and principals
- Teachers, directors and principals will see that their work is valued, and their contribution to the school and wider community is recognised and appreciated.
- All approved nominees receive a NEiTA Certificate of Nomination.
- Award recipients receive awards and monetary prizes, recognising their contributions.

For students and parents
- The awards provide an opportunity to say a special ‘thank you’ to inspirational teachers, directors and principals who demonstrate effectiveness, innovation, and excellence in their profession.

For your school or centre
- Nominating a teacher, director or principal raises teacher, student and school/centre morale.
- Nominations provide an opportunity to gain grants and publicity for the school/centre.
- The awards enable the whole school/centre to celebrate its achievements and contribution to the community.

Nominating is easy
This pack includes posters and postcards to promote the awards within your school community. An article in your school/centre newsletter is a great way for parents to find out more about this unique opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate their children’s special teachers. All nominations can be made online at www.asg.com.au/nominate.

Nominations close on 31 July 2015
Don’t miss out on the opportunity to have your outstanding teachers and leaders nominated this year. Many parent groups report that the process of selection and nomination is an empowering one, promoting constructive discussion, and resulting in strong nominations.

We encourage your participation. If you need more assistance, advice or answers, please call us on 1800 624 487 or visit www.asg.com.au/neita.

Kind regards,

Allen Blewitt
ASG NEiTA Chairman
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