From the Deputy Principal: Mrs Anderson

Communication

Being a parent of a high school student has many challenges. One challenge is home-school communication.

There are many school staff members who spend time with your child or have responsibility for different aspects of school life and it is often difficult to work out with whom you should be communicating. The following information will point you in the right direction. If you are unsure about who to contact, please briefly outline the issue to the office staff, and they will be able to direct you to the appropriate person.

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Should the issue not be resolved, please contact the relevant Deputy. Please be assured that Year Advisers discuss issues with, and seek advice from the Deputy Principals.

Teachers attempt to get back to telephone messages within two school days. However, there may be times where this may be longer, for example if they are on excursions or a professional development workshop or are teaching all periods during the day.

Another way to keep abreast of what is happening with your child at school is to attend our Parent Teacher Evenings. Years 8 & 10 Parent Teacher night was held on 23
June; and Years 7 & 9 night will be held on the 23 July 2015. Parent-teacher interviews are a great way to find out how your child is going and show your interest in your child’s learning and school life. By asking questions and gathering information about your child’s work habits, participation, behaviour and learning style, you have an opportunity to become more involved in their learning and provide support where needed.

**School Plan 2015 - 2017**

The School Plan outlines our vision and strategic directions for the next 3 years. Below is a snapshot of what we aim to achieve in this period.

We began the process of consultation with all stakeholders last year and are really excited about what lies ahead for our school. The full version of the document has been uploaded onto our school website.

**‘Tell Them From Me’ student survey**

This year our school elected to participate in a Department of Education and Communities ‘Tell Them From Me’ student survey. The TTfM survey has provided our school with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

Schools in Australia and around the world have used the TTfM survey to help improve student engagement and achievement. The data gathered from our students has given students voice in our planning.

The next phase of TTfM is to survey both our parents and staff. The Partners in Learning parent survey is for parents and carers of school students. It is designed to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents/carers and school by gaining insights into parent/carer and staff communication; and activities and practices at home; as well as providing parent/carer voice on school support of learning and behaviour. The survey results help to build an accurate and timely picture that we can use for practical improvements. It complements the student and teacher surveys.

The parent survey is conducted entirely online and can be done at home or on public computers,
during a specific time period set by the Department of Education. For 2015, this will take place during Term 3. The survey will take less than 30 minutes. We will let you know more information next term about accessing the online survey.

Year 12 Construction and Westfields North Rock Joint Venture

Muirfield High School has always been very proud of the charitable nature of our students and as a school we have also been conscious of ensuring that our students understand the value of being a good productive citizen. This has been very evident in Mr Phelps’ Year 12 Construction class. Mr Phelps has been able to establish positive community links with Westfield at North Rocks. The current Year 12 construction class is working on refurbishing existing planter boxes to give them a well needed facelift. The class is constructing the panels in the workshop at school. These will eventually be installed at Westfields North Rocks early in Term 3 for the wider North Rocks community to enjoy.

When members from Westfields visited the Year 12 class during one of their practical lesson, they were impressed with the craftsmanship and the teamwork that the boys displayed during the lesson. This is Stage 1 of a three stage plan. The school and Centre Management are working on ideas for other joint projects for the future.

Biggest Morning Tea

Did you know that 1 in 2 Australian men and 1 in 3 Australian women will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85?

Muirfield High School SRC wanted to help address this statistic. To raise money for the Cancer Council, they hosted our own Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea for the whole school. The SRC came up with some colourful ideas to get everyone in the spirit. Each year group was given a theme to embellish their school uniform. We had beanies and scarfs, spots, coloured socks, fluro zinc and nail polish and bad taste ties.
Students worked tirelessly cooking cakes, biscuits and slices for the morning tea. The Year 11 SRC students really let their leadership skills shine throughout this whole event. $928.45 was raised on the day.

Thank you for Pre-loved Uniforms
I would like to take this opportunity for all those parents that have sent me in their old uniforms. It is always good to have a supply of clean uniforms at hand just in case someone needs a little bit of help.

Thank you from a Community Member
I was very fortunate to receive a very positive call from a member of the public relating to one of our students. A vision impaired member from our local community was waiting to catch a bus when one of our students, Amelia Cui in Year 12, assisted him onto the bus. The gentleman was very impressed with Amelia’s citizenship because, as the gentlemen stated, he would have never known that Amelia was standing at the bus stop at all, except for her offer of assistance. Now THAT is the type of phone call I like to get!
Hello Possums!

Two of our students, Hayden Brown and Bradley Milojevic, from the Barclay Learning Centre, spent a few days this term building and painting possum boxes which have been donated by the BLC to carers from Sydney Wildlife. Sydney Wildlife is licensed by NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service to rescue, rehabilitate and release sick, injured and orphaned native animals and to educate the community, at all levels, about the need to protect our native animals and to preserve their habitats.

It is a registered charity and is operated entirely by volunteers and offer a 24-hours, 7-days rescue and advice service.
From the P&C President

At our recent P&C Meeting, Senior Studies teacher Mr Matt Finley spoke to us about preparation for senior school (Years 11 and 12). He described the Senior Study Workshops for Year 11 and 12 Students which occur each semester and have already been helpful for teaching students how to do research, work in groups and to answer exam questions effectively. The transition program offered for Year 10 students in their preparation for senior school was also discussed. This program allows the students to sample subjects that they may like to select for senior study. Each child is also offered a one-on-one interview with the schools Careers Advisor and all Year 10 students attend a workshop in Term Four. Mr Finley’s office is located in the library for students to access when they need assistance. Senior students are also encouraged to spend time in their dedicated “Senior Resource Centre” in the library, which includes many relevant and up-to-date publications and previous papers for practice. They are also encouraged to utilise the skills of Ms Kat Adams (previously an English teacher), the school’s new permanent teacher librarian, to assist them with their research.

Next month, we will hear more about careers and university admission from the school Career Advisor. This will be especially important for those parents with children approaching or currently in Year 11 or Year 12. Many thanks to our teachers for presenting to us at the P&C meetings. Parents, please feel free to attend the next P&C meeting on 12th August.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

Thank you to those who have purchased an Entertainment Book through our fundraiser! As you know, they are very popular and are sold by many charities locally. We have managed to raise over $400 from these fundraising efforts. If you would still like to purchase a book, please contact Narelle on muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please encourage your children to order their lunch to avoid missing out on their favourite lunch items.
Soups and salads are still on the menu!
Please see Jannine or Catherine in canteen if you would like to volunteer a day of your time to help out in canteen. Email CANTEEN at mhs.pnc.canteen@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop has had a busy start to winter with all the black jackets now sold out. Don’t forget the Uniform Shop is open Monday and Thursday at lunch time, or on the first Monday of the month (next opening on 3rd August) from 5.30-7pm. All parents are welcome to come to the next meeting. If you have any helpful suggestions or any issues, please contact the Uniform Shop committee by emailing muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com. Uniform Shop ORDER FORMS are available on the school website by CLICKING HERE.
CAPA COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Ms Shelley Frame, Head Teacher of CAPA. She has done a fantastic job organising and running a week filled with many creative arts, music, dance, drama and other amazing activities to entertain and challenge our children. The CAPA workshops have been a great success and experience for the students and we are very thankful that the CAPA faculty taken on this huge task with so much enthusiasm. Many thanks to all the teachers and tutors involved in the workshops.

The CAPA committee will be discussing MADD night (at Riverside Theatre on 10th August) preparations at the next meeting. If you would like to attend the meeting and help out, our next meeting is on Thursday 30th July at 7pm in the common room. The CAPA committee secretary role is vacant and we encourage enthusiastic CAPA parents to come along and perhaps one of you may like to join us to assist the CAPA team with preparing agenda/minutes and general administration.

P&C EVENTS & MEETINGS COMING UP:

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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 our next meeting

Narelle Williams
Muirfield High P&C President
School leaders afternoon tea at Parliament House

Our school captains attended the annual School Leaders Afternoon Tea at Parliament House on Wednesday 3 June at the invitation of our local member, the Honourable David Elliot. As always, our future leaders acquitted themselves with distinction and aplomb in front of current government, community and business leaders, including Superintendent Robert Critchlow of the Hills Local Area Command, Superintendent John Hojel of the NSW Rural Fire Service, Superintendent Alex Scott of the Fire and Rescue NSW, Colonel Don Tait OAM President of the Castle Hill RSL Sub-branch, and Major General Warren Glenny AO RFD ED President of Castle Hill RSL Group. Amelia and Aaron were also greeted by Premier Mike Baird, who spoke about the importance of courage in leadership.

Ms Jennifer Reeves

On Wednesday, 3rd June, 2015, Ms Reeves accompanied us to the 4th Annual Hills Youth Leaders’ Reception at Parliament House, Sydney. Our local Member of Parliament, Mr David Elliot sent invitations to the Principals and Captains of both public and private schools in his electorate to attend what proved to be a very interesting afternoon.
The atmosphere at the Reception was very welcoming and relaxed as students were encouraged to approach and chat with whoever they wished. We found ourselves in the presence of over 40 Principals and students, not to mention the current Premier of NSW, Mr Mike Baird.

After being introduced to Mr Elliot and the Premier, we were able to mingle with other school captains, whilst also meeting the leaders of NSW. The NSW Police, Ambulance, and Fire & Rescue Services were present, in conjunction with big business leaders and government MPs. Some of the attendees included:

- The Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier of New South Wales;
- Superintendent Robert Critchlow, The Hills Local Area Command;
- Commissioner Adam Dent, NSW State Emergency Services;
- Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, NSW Rural Fire Service;
- The Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly;
- Ms Evelyn Lester, Local Controller, The Hills SES;
- Superintendent Alex Scott, Zone Commander, New South Wales Fire Brigades;
- Commissioner Peter Severin, NSW Corrective Services;
- Mr Martin Ollis, Castle Towers Centre Management;
- Mr Alex Thorp, Lewis Land Group of Companies;
- Colonel Don Tait OAM, President Castle Hill RSL; and
- Major General Warren Glenny AO RDF ED, President Castle Hill RSL

During his speech, Mr Elliott emphasised the importance of youth leadership in providing the experience necessary to embrace future leadership roles within the broader community. As a result, we were able to glean some extremely useful information - with the advice of our elders helping us to move forward in our leadership as captains, whilst also equipping us with the wisdom for future leadership roles post-HSC. Also, a big thank you to Ms Reeves who escorted us to the afternoon tea, it was greatly appreciated! Overall, the Youth Leaders Reception at Parliament House was an extremely positive experience - and something we were both proud to be a part of.

Amelia Napier and Aaron Ramjan
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- Afternoon
- Full day

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- Organised play social games for members and non-members

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- Full range, rackets, shuttlecocks, grips, string, shoes, bags, restringing and uniform.

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- Open to everyone

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Anna Luo, an Australian Olympian, is our head coach and academy principal. She has been coaching for over 20 years and is an Australian National Level coach.

Anna is the most successful player in the history of Australian badminton.

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- French Open Ladies Double Winner in 1992
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- World Chinese Badminton Federation - Council Member
- Australian Community Badminton Association - President
- Australia Badminton Club - President
- National Coach Education Advisory Panel - Member
- World Chinese Badminton Federation Australia Division - President

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BAULKHAM HILLS CRICKET CLUB INC

2015/2016 Season

Registration Day
For both Junior and Senior players
New players always welcome!

- Sunday 19th July – 9:00am to 2:00pm
- Saturday 25th July – 9:00am to 2:00pm
Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills

Milo In2Cricket for 5-8 year olds – Friday nights from 6pm-7.30pm at Charles McLauglin Reserve.
The season runs from September to December only (approx 10 weeks)

Junior Cricket
We have teams in every age group. Family discounts apply.
Under 10’s (Modified rules) play on Saturday mornings 8.30am -11.00am from September to March.
Under 11,12,13,14,15 & 16’s play on Saturday mornings 8.30am -12pm from September to March.

Senior cricket
For age 16 & over
Senior cricket is played on Saturday afternoons 1.30pm -5.15pm from September to March.
We normally field a minimum of 10 senior teams each year.

Junior training and grading will be held throughout August
Senior training and grading also in August

Whether you are a first time player or someone returning to the game, come & find out why we are the biggest club in the Hills District.

Find more details on our website
www.baulkocricket.com.au

ABDUCTED / MISSING
$50,000 REWARD
Bronte & Isabella Watter
For information leading to the location of 8 year-old non-identical twins, abducted from Townsville in April 2014.

Believed abducted by non-custodial parent Catherine “Cassie” Watter (nee Doubleday) in breach of court orders.
Previous findings of emotional abuse of the children by Cassie Watter.
Assessed as a significant psychiatric risk & hospitalised on day before the abduction.

Call 000 or CrimeStoppers to provide any information. You may remain anonymous.
THE HILLS DRAMA SCHOOL
Wednesday 1st July, 10am – 3.30pm
Beaumont Hills Community Centre
$65

This holiday workshop will allow the kids to create their very own FAKE NEWS in a live performance presentation. All students will develop their own journalist characters and will report only the very best and latest ‘made-up news’ to keep you in the know. Well... it may not be accurate news, but it will certainly be entertaining!

It’s also a great way for kids to meet new friends!!

The workshop will also include:
- Playing fun theatre sports games
- Learning improvisation exercises
- Exciting group activities
- Using props and costumes
- A certificate for each student at completion of workshop
- Performance for parents at 3pm.

To book in a spot:
email Aaron on contact@thehillsdramaschool.com.au or call 0413 029 899
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Each week Single with Children provides fun and exciting social activities for single parents and their children. (Many activities are subsidised or free)

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School Holiday Program Permission Slip

DONT LEAVE - BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!
For more information and bookings Phone: 8874 7426 / 8876 5943
167 Market Road, Eastwood
Email: contact@integrated.org.au

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|6/7/15 | 11.30am - 3pm | Tessa & Talah craft @ RANS | Maryfield | Free | |
|7/7/15 | 11.30am - 3pm | Murder & Macabre Event Cinema "2100 O" | Macquarie | $12.00 | |
|8/7/15 | 11.30am - 3pm | Wood Craft Workshop - DIY Sign and Coat | Our Space - Eastwood | $10.00 | |
|9/7/15 | 11.30am - 3pm | Dessert Cooking Class includes all food items | Our Space - Eastwood | Free | |
|10/7/15 | 11.30am - 3pm | Wood Craft Workshop | Our Space - Eastwood | $10.00 | |
|11/7/15 | 11.30am - 3pm | Indoor rock climbing | St Leonards | $16.00 | |
|12/7/15 | 11.30am - 3pm | Wood Craft Workshop | Our Space - Eastwood | Free | |

PARTICIPANTS (YOUNG PERSONS) DETAILS:

Full Name: ___________________________ D.O.B: ___________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________
Mobile: ___________________________
Email: ________________________________

PARENT / GUARDIAN’S DETAILS: (To be completed by the parent / guardian)

Name: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________
Phone: [Home] ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________
Email: ________________________________