26 November 2014

Principal’s Report

In this newsletter, I would like to acknowledge all staff for their support of Years 7 – 10 during their examinations. It was a well-organised set of events. We have then moved efficiently into our organisation for Year 12 Sign-out and Graduation. Year 12 Graduation has been well supported with Mr R Berry, Acting Director Macarthur Network, LCDR S. Vinoharan from the Australian Defence Forces, Mr C Patterson, Member of the NSW Parliament for Camden, Mrs L Symkowiak, Mayor of Camden and our Parents and Citizens Association committee Mr M Groll President, Mr S Bruce Vice President, Mrs T Groll Secretary, Mr D Ackermann Treasurer, and Mrs M Delaney Fundraising Coordinator, all in attendance.

It was also wonderful to be a part of last Wednesday night’s celebration of our Year 12’s Formal. There was thirty staff present, around five of them no longer at our school. It was a beautiful venue, the students were radiant, and another fabulous event organized by Julie Savage (Year Adviser) and Melissa Pakalniskis (Assistant Year Adviser); a great credit to all involved. The students’ behavior was excellent, other than one over excited student needing to clap all proceedings. The Candy Bar was just the right take home gift.

I finally made it last week to a Friday concert, on that very hot day, and the kids were really enjoying their opportunity to perform, as well as participate as an audience. The concert is very well supported by our students who relish these experiences. Thank you to Ms Hunt for this great initiative.

The collection of data for our School Plan (2015 – 2017) has moved to its next phase; surveys are online for parents and staff to use. Thank you to Mrs Maher for getting these up in time and to Mr De Gruchy and Mr Kumar for getting the Surface Pros ready for Year 12 Graduation Night, so that our first parents can be asked for input. The SRC members, thanks to Mrs Watts, made themselves available to collect this data.

Our WHS policy has had a much needed update and we will be hearing more about this over the coming months.

Year 10 Day was held on Thursday 20 November, and Boys and Girls Day on Friday 21 November. These were wonderful celebrations that took place for students to celebrate 2014 successes. Thank you to the teachers who organised these events, as well as doing all their examination marking and writing reports.

On Tuesday 18 November in our Formal Assembly, we were treated to a fabulous film made by Mr Lim on his recent trip to Japan with two of our students. Mr Lim is again calling for students who may be interested in this trip. The students went for approximately eleven days, and it certainly was jam packed. There was wonderful footage of our local students being presented at a high school and primary school assemblies, Mr Lim speaking with local dignitaries in Japanese, and best of all, the trip to Tokyo Disneyland.

Regards

Mrs AM Kovac
Relieving Principal

Upcoming Events

- Community of Schools matinee: Wednesday 26 November 2014
- P&C Meeting: Tuesday 2 December 2014
- Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day: Wednesday 3 December 2014
- Sporting Excellence Evening: Wednesday 3 December 2014
- Sporting Reward Jamberoo Excursion: Friday 5 December 2014
- Year 10 Camp: Monday 8 December 2014 till Wednesday 10 December 2014
- Year 8 Science Excursion: Tuesday 9 December 2014
- Macarthur Zone Blues Presentation: Tuesday 9 December 2014
- Silver Award Recipients Morning Tea: Thursday 11 December 2014
- Formal Year Assemblies: Friday 12 December 2014
- Gold Reward Event: Monday 15 December 2014
- Night of Excellence: Tuesday 16 December 2014
- Last Day of Term Four: Wednesday 17 December 2014
- First Day of Term One Years 7, 11 & 12: Wednesday 28 January 2015
Deputy Principals Report

Exams:
All of our students have now completed their end of year exams and teachers are busy marking these and providing feedback to the students. Students across all year groups were very well behaved in their examinations and took them seriously. Well done!

Reports:
A reminder that the end of year school reports for Year 7 – Year 10, will be going home with students on Friday 12 December during their year assemblies. If your child is absent on this day, the reports will be available for collection from the Front Office until the end of the school year when they will be posted home. Year 11 students should have all received their end of year reports as they have now progressed to beginning their HSC year.

Parking:
Camden Council has informed me that they will be changing the parking signs in front of the school on Wednesday 3 December. The bus zone will be removed from in front of the school, and will be moved closer to where our students catch the bus. A pick up and drop off zone will be available at the front of the school. On Wednesday afternoon, representatives from Council and the local Police will be out to educate families about these changes. Hopefully this will mean no more fines for our parents who stop in the bus zone to pick up and drop off their children.

Up Coming Events:
Term 4 is always an extremely busy term as we complete our assessment and reporting requirements whilst planning for 2015. We also have many events to celebrate our achievements and ensure a smooth start to the next year. On Friday 21 November we held our annual Girls Day In and Boys Day Out where we provide an alternative education program for the day for our students. We also have Year 7 Orientation Day for 2015 on Wednesday 3 December followed by our Sporting Excellence Evening on the same day. Our final Silver Award ceremony will be on Thursday 11 December, and we will culminate in our Excellence Evening on Tuesday 16 December. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events over the last few weeks of 2014.

Kristie Harris
Deputy Principal

Aboriginal Achievement Awards Night
On Friday 7 November, eight of our Aboriginal students attended the 2014 Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards night held at the University of Western Sydney Campbelltown campus. The following students received awards:

- Hamani Tanginoa – KARI all rounder
- Olivia Lampert – Leadership, Citizenship and Community Services
- Emily Backhouse – Leadership, Citizenship and Community Services
- Rakaia Blackman - Attendance
- Jack Wright - Numeracy
- Nenah Becquet – Sporting Achievement
- Tia Tanginoa – Creative and Performing Arts
- Tiana Rice - Numeracy

The diversity of the categories students received awards in shows the amazing abilities and contributions our Aboriginal students make to our school and the community.

Support Unit

Macarthur Disability Services (MDS) a locally operated government service sponsored a ‘Get Active Macarthur Day’. This was a recreational event for schools in the Macarthur region. The event was attended by both mainstream and special needs students, and allowed a variety of inclusive sporting activities to be experienced. It was conducted on 11 September at the Minto Sports Centre. Several of our students attended the day and fun was had by all.

EXCEL Work Experience Program. Students in Year 10 have throughout the year participated in Work Experience programs, with some programs sourced by the school and others an independent experience. The EXCEL Work Experience Program has proven to be a great success and compliments students’ studies in Work Education and Work and the Community.

This Semester we had students successfully complete work experience at Woolworths Narellan, Spotlight Campbelltown, Mount Annan Botanical Gardens, Shipton Lodge Cobbitty and Lifeline Narellan. We appreciate the valuable support our community offers the students.
Reward Excursion to Macarthur Bowling. Students enjoyed the experience of travelling by bus, and playing a game of ten pin bowls. The students’ behaviour was exemplary and positive comments by the community were appreciated.

The Support Unit

PDHPE NEWS

This year has been an extremely busy one for the PDHPE Faculty. We have had many CHS knockout teams compete throughout the year, and have also had students compete at Zone and Regional Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. Some students have progressed to State and All Schools levels from there. Particular mention must go to the following students who have reached an exceptional level of competition, including national and international level:

- Chantelle Ladner (Yr 12) - Softball
- Rachael Gibson (Yr 11) - Squash
- Renee Fassolis (Yr 9) - Athletics
- Luke Bellamy (Yr 8) - Softball

School sport is in the final stages of competition, which will assist to determine the Sports House of the Year and also the Sportsperson of the Year. Every time a student represents the school, they are awarded points which accumulate towards the Sportsperson of the Year Award. Best and Fairest points are also distributed each school sport session to determine the Best and Fairest sportsperson from each year group.

As in the past, the Mount Annan High School Sports Excellence night will be held this term on Wednesday 3 December. This is an evening to reward and celebrate the top sporting performers from school and representative sport, including the awards mentioned above.

It has been a fantastic year for the PDHPE Faculty in terms of sport, but none of it would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the PDHPE Faculty. I would like to thank Mr Garland, Mr Murray, Mr MacFetters, Miss Nimac and Mr Michalowicz for all of their exceptional work this year, which has ensured another successful year of sport at Mount Annan High School.

Ms S Bos
Head Teacher (Relieving) PDHPE

SRC Report

The SRC are currently gathering data for the school plan. The students were asked to participate in collecting information from our Year 12 Graduating parents on Monday 17 November.

Last Friday our school captains, Sam Gardner and Briana Melville, attended the National Youth Leaders Day. This conference gives these students an opportunity to meet and greet other school leaders and participate in leadership activities, like listening to guest speakers like Dr Fiona Wood, Australian of the Year.

The SRC students will also support the White Ribbon Day on Tuesday 25 November. The students are selling a white ribbon for a gold coin donation. White Ribbon Day is in support of the United Nations International Day Standing Up Against Violence to Women.

Our next major event is helping with fundraising for beyondblue. On Wednesday 26 November the SRC students are supporting Ms Hunt with a concert and entertainment. On this day there will be Fairy floss and Popcorn machines for students to purchase during recess and lunch. We hope all the community is behind us in bringing in gold coin donations for food and mutli.

Thank you for the support

Fiona Watts
SRC Co Ordinator

From the Office of Mount Annan High School

We are fast approaching the end of our school year for 2014. It has been a busy and productive school year. We have survived the HSC and eagerly await results for our outgoing Year 12 cohort wishing them all well. With graduation having been this Monday 17 November, our Year 12s are officially signed out of Mount Annan High School.

This then leads us into our newcomers for 2015, our incoming Year 7 students.

We have an Orientation Day on Wednesday 3 December where we hope to meet our new students and their families. This is
usually a very informative day filled with excitement from our upcoming new school members.

Mount Annan Office would like to wish all our students and families well for the end of the school year for 2014, and as we lead into the Christmas break we wish you peace and happiness, and look forward to a wonderful 2015.

Regards

Mount Annan Office

P&C Fundraising News

As a P&C fundraising initiative we have joined the Quickbeds Grassroot Fundraising Program. For every hotel accommodation that parents book through Quickbeds, using our unique club code and link, our school will receive a percentage of the booking cost.

For more information please collect a leaflet from the office or contact Brooke Groat on 4648 0111.

Michelle Delaney
Fundraising Co-ordinator

Community Notice

Want to play Basketball? Macarthur Basketball is in search of new players.

If interested please see attached flyer.

Term Four Assessment Schedule

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