Farewell Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and School Community

As you are aware I have been on leave this term. After some consideration I have decided to extend my leave until my retirement date at the end of Term Two next year. It is now unlikely I will return to Mount Annan High School.

I would like to thank everyone for your support over the past seven years. I have enjoyed my time as Principal and will have fond memories of the school. Being the Principal of Mount Annan High School has been an honour and a privilege.

I would particularly like to mention the P&C for their significant contribution to the school.

Mrs Kovac will continue in the role of Relieving Principal for the start of 2015. I imagine that the Department of Education and Communities will work to have a permanent Principal appointed for the commencement of Term Three.

I wish everyone the best for the future.

Regards

Dr Phil Reece

Upcoming Events

- 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
- First Day of Term One Years 8, 9 & 10: Thursday 29 January 2015

Principal’s Report

Beyond Blue fundraising concert was a big hit last week, thank you once again to all staff who contributed so much. One of the lovely features of this was the work put in to decorate the school and so many of us really enjoyed the blue butterflies everywhere fluttering in the breeze.

This week more activities for many of us after hours, our last P & C meeting of the year, the PD/H/PE faculties celebration of sport, and into the city on Friday for the New South Wales Combined High Schools Sports Association Celebration for Chantelle Ladner who is receiving a Blue for Softball. This will be our second state blue in the history of the school, our first was received by Sarah Coyte for Cricket a number of years ago.

Our agenda for our staff development days has been organized and will include updates for CPR, anaphylaxis and the opportunity to do Emergency Care. School Plan data collection is continuing, with more data being collected at Orientation Day on Wednesday, 03.12.14, and questions being formulated for data collection from more students leading us to be able to formulate our Strategic Directions as one session on the last day of the year.

Our timetable for 2015 is all but completed and as part of a new strategy, Years 11 and 12, 2015 will be handed out this year so that students can come prepared for their first day back with the correct books and equipment.

Years 7, 11 & 12 will begin school on Wednesday, 28.01.2015 and Years 8, 9 & 10 will return on Thursday, 29.01.15. Each day will begin with an Assembly.

Thank you for your support of our school, Mount Annan High School, during 2014. From all staff at Mount Annan please have a Happy and Safe Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2015.

Regards

Mrs AM Kovac
Relieving Principal

12 December 2014
Evening in Excellence in Sport

On Wednesday, 3rd December, the PDHPE Faculty held the annual Mount Annan High School Presentation Dinner for Excellence in Sport.

This was a prestigious night for all of our sportspeople at Mount Annan High School, and the purpose of the evening was to celebrate and recognise individual student’s achievements and contributions to school sport. This includes all school, zone and regional carnivals, as well as CHS knockout representation at school, zone and regional level. Students who progress to represent MAHS at the high levels of State, All Schools and National level are also recognised for their achievements.

Achievement in school sport is also recognised, with the Best and Fairest boy and girl from each year group receiving an award. School Blues are also awarded, along with the Sportsperson of the Year award.

The PDHPE Faculty have worked incredibly hard this year to provide opportunities for all students to participate in sport at some level. This includes school sport, CHS knockout teams and all carnivals.

A big thank you must go to the following teachers Mr Garland, Mr Murray, Mr MacFetters, Mr Michalowicz and Miss Nimac for all of their hard work and effort this year.

Speaking on behalf of the faculty, we are all looking forward to an exciting 2015 and we are constantly reviewing our programs to ensure that we provide successful, challenging and rewarding sporting opportunities.

Ms S. Bos
Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

CAPA – Beyond Blue

On the 25th and 26th November the CAPA Faculty presented the ‘Carry On’ concert to raise funds for beyondblue. Over 50 students, with a passion to help others by raising awareness and challenging the stigma often associated with mental health issues, combined their wonderful talents with their enthusiasm and dedication, producing an exceptional event. All students involved are to be commended for their efforts. Special mention must be made of four Curran Hill Public School students; Grace Burchell, Isabella Hunt, Emily Sharwood and Patricia Leung, who performed with us as part of our Community of Schools initiatives.

Ticket sales, combined with funds from the P&C sausage sizzle, ‘wear blue’ mufti day, popcorn and fairy floss sales, as well as a raffle, have raised well over $1000. This is an amazing achievement that highlights how well our school community works together as a team.

A special thank you to our fabulous P&C, and also to Airy Fairy’s Fairy Floss who donated the popcorn and fairy floss, and to Starshots Caringbah for donating two fabulous photography packages as prizes for our raffle.

Student Achievements

Katelyn Ackermann Year 8

On the 29th, 30th Nov and 1st Dec Katelyn Ackermann of year 8 travelled to the Gold Coast Queensland for the Australian All Star Cheerleading National Championships.

Katelyn performed extremely well gaining 2 national titles with 1st place in the Junior Team and Senior team L3 categories as well as 2nd Placing in L2 Co-ed Stunt Groups and L4 Stunt Group.

Mount Annan High School community would like to congratulate Katelyn on her fantastic achievements.
Chantelle Ladner Year 12

Congratulations to Chantelle for her achievement in receiving the NSW Blue Award for Softball. Chantelle has also received a scholarship in the Oklahoma State University or Alabama State University in the United States which she will be taking up next year.

Outgoing Year 12 Cohort

Mount Annan High School’s Year 12 of 2014 celebrated their hard work on 12th November with their Formal, held at L’Aqua on Cockle Bay Warf right in the heart of the city. It was a night of extravagance from the venue and to the students who all looked incredible. It was definitely a night to remember for many reasons and one the students will cherish for years to come.

Mrs Savage (Year Advisor) and Mrs Pakalniskis (Assistant Year Advisor) put in an outstanding effort in the preparation and planning which was truly spectacular. As a student body we are both grateful for their efforts and thank them so much for what was an incredible night.

The dedication from students to raise funds for such a significant event meant that students were able to have keepsakes of the night with a photo booth, and also a professional photographer. This was followed up with an amazing candy buffet, designed by our year advisors. We would also like to thank those teachers who no longer work at Mount Annan High School, for coming along and celebrating with us.

Ultimately, the night was full of joy and happiness with every student looking and feeling their best. Mount Annan High School’s Year 12 Formal, was the perfect celebration of students efforts throughout their schooling.

Tiffany Spink (Vice Captain 2014)

Year 12 Graduation

On 17th November, Mount Annan High School’s Class of 2014 graduated in the school gymnasium. For students, parents and teachers, it was a night of triumph, pride and for a small few was filled with tears. Students were rewarded for their outstanding efforts during the HSC Year with Subject Medallions for achieving first in a subject and Certificates of Excellence for those students who were high achievers within the subject. Cumberland Awards for students who achieved multiple awards for their effort in subjects. These accomplishments also aid in calculating the first in the Year. Tradition was broken with both Nathan Archer and Serena Barsby taking the title, coming equal first in Mount Annan’s Graduating Class of 2014.

A montage of photos from throughout the years brought back a wave of memories from day to day life at Mount Annan to camps and team building days which was played throughout Graduation. We were also delighted to see how much we had grown from our year 7 to year 12 school photo. A special thanks must be given to Anneliese Roos for putting together both presentations, she did a fantastic job. The cutting of the cake marked the end of the event, with students exiting for one final time, having graduated from secondary studies. We left to the music “Happy” by Pharrell William’s which typified how we felt after successfully completing 6 years of high schooling.

We would also like to thank, once again, Mrs Savage (Year Advisor) and Mrs Pakalniskis (Assistant Year Advisor) for organising this event that commemorated the journey that was high school. We are truly thankful for the amount of support we have received over the years and it has been an honour to be a student of Mount Annan High School and all of the Graduating Class of 2014 agree our time at MAHS was well spent, not only learning what was necessary but learning life lessons that will carry us through our life, regardless of what we are doing.

Tiffany Spink (Vice Captain 2014)

Girls Coordinator

Mount Annan High School Annual Girls Day 2015

Friday 21st November was the annual Girls Day event at Mount Annan High School.

The school displayed another year of great initiatives, games and activities that all supported the theme of resilience.

The Mayor of Camden Lara Symkowiak spoke to the girls from Mount Annan, Elizabeth Macarthur, Elderslie and Leumeah high schools about resilience and being the best they could be by supporting each other and helping each other in all aspects of life.

Sporting ambassadors and athletes Abbey and Karly McCulloch both came and gave an inspiring story of their trials and tribulations as ladies in the sporting world.

Our own acting Principal Maree Kovac gave an inspirational and heart-warming talk about not giving up and moving forward through tough times, all signs of resilience.

The girls enjoyed sessions throughout the day and enjoyed a mini careers expo that included the Police Force, the Australian Defence Force, the State Emergency Service (SES) and IMB. All the while a wonderful BBQ was being cooked by dedicated teachers.
A huge thankyou to Camden Connections who help put together the activities for the day and support our school and its community on this great day.

Thankyou to all the parents and families of our students who continuously support our school.

Another great year!!

Girls Coordinator
Mariam Fares

From the Office of Mount Annan High School

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.

To parents with students attending the school next year you can purchase uniforms from the Uniform Shop, either before the end of term or on the 22nd and 23rd January from 10:00am – 1:00pm.

Students entering Year 11 should have Senior Uniform for the start of school.

Michelle Delaney
Fundraising Co-ordinator

Term One 2015 Assessment Schedule

The Term One Assessment Schedule will be published in the first newsletter in 2015.