10 June 2015

Principal’s Report

Examinations are finished for this round. Students approached this with a great amount of diligence and consideration, it has been an excellent process. Our teachers put a huge amount of effort into the examination process and they are always conducted with the utmost professionalism.

Our Athletics Carnival last Friday, was the best event ever, so many students attending for the day and not just cheering their peers on from the stands, truly participating and very enthusiastic. The costumes were hilarious in many cases (both students and teachers) and really added to the day. We are very fortunate to have access to such a great venue over at Leumeah and it was fabulously organised as well by Mr Garland and PDHPE.

Portia Cockburn and Kiandra Ogden, Year 12, last Wednesday went to meet His Excellency the Honourable Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove. They are a very important part of our school leadership team and represented our school excellently.

Parent Information Night for Year 10 into Year 11 was on Tuesday night last week, and we were very well supported by our community as usual. Our Curriculum Team has done a wonderful job and all students are being advised and supported to make the best subject choice for them. TAFE representative, Joanna Vance, a visitor from TAFE, was really informative around TAFE options for senior students, all students present received their package of information.

Last Thursday 4 June, our Year 7s were participating in workshops concerning vandalism in the community. They were so excited that they ran past me on the walkway eager to get to this special event. Year 9 have had a celebratory BBQ organised by their Year Advisers to have a break after the exam period.

Regards

Maree Kovac
Relieving Principal

P&C Fundraiser

On Tuesday 16 June, McDonalds are donating 15% of all sales sold at the front counter and from the cafe at their Mount Annan Restaurant (Drive-through excluded) to Mount Annan High School P&C.

The P&C invite all families to help raise much needed funds for your child’s education.

When: Tuesday 16 June 2015
Time: 6pm-8pm
Where: McDonald’s Mount Annan.

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday, 16 June at 7:30pm, in the school library. Please come and support your P&C.

Upcoming Events

- School Musical Production Week: Tuesday 9 June 2015 till Friday 12 June 2015
- Macarthur Area Careers Expo: Wednesday 10 June 2015
- SSW Regional Cross Country Carnival: Thursday 11 June 2015
- Year 12 Modern & Ancient History Study Day: Thursday 11 June 2015
- School Photo catch up day: Friday 12 June 2015
- Year 12 English Study Day, University of Technology: Friday 12 June 2015
- Macarthur Zone Athletics Carnival: Monday 15 June 2015 & Tuesday 16 June 2015
- Safe Travelling Year 11 (period 5) Year 12 (period 4): Wednesday 17 June 2015
- Mount Annan Primary School Taster Day: Thursday 18 June 2015
- Year 12 Chemistry Day UWS: Friday 19 June 2015
- Silver Award Morning Tea: Tuesday 23 June 2015
- Currans Hill Primary School Taster Day: Thursday 25 June 2015
- Last day of Term 2: Friday 26 June 2015
I would like to congratulate all students in Years 7 and 9 for the mature and responsible way they conducted themselves during the recent NAPLAN tests. Student behaviour was excellent during all of the tests and the cooperative attitude of the students meant that all tests ran very smoothly.

Now that half-yearly examinations have been completed, Year 9 students have been rewarded for all their hard work with a barbeque lunch at the school. Thank you to Mr Hughes and Ms Collucio for their organisation of this barbeque.

Following their half-yearly examinations, Year 7 students have had a team building day and anti-graffiti workshop, organised by their hardworking Year Advisors, Mrs Woolley and Mr de Gruchy.

As part of our Year 7 procedures, we will be reviewing Year 7 classes at the end of this semester to ensure that students are appropriately placed. There may be some class changes in Year 7 as a result.

If you are the parent of a Year 11 student, could you please encourage your child to take advantage of the academic support programs offered at the school. Students should see their Year Advisors, Mr Allen and Ms Dawson, for more information. Mr Allen and Ms Dawson can offer support with homework, planning, study skills and more.

Could I remind you that it is important to ensure that your child is adhering to our uniform code, regardless of the weather conditions. Wearing correct school uniform is a way of showing pride in our school and is often a reflection of a student’s attitude to their schooling. We appreciate your ongoing support of our uniform code.

In Science, Year 7 students are investigating ‘Forces’. Students were given a task to demonstrate their understanding of forces in the environment. The practical content was enjoyed by all, followed by class presentations and display of individual work.

In Year 8/9 Geography students studied Global Environments – Deserts. Fascinated by the natural fauna and flora of this harsh environment, students engaged in producing a mural of ‘Sturt’s Desert Pea’. This colourful mural is on display in G Block foyer.

Senior students have been very busy attending Campbelltown TAFE and MBISC Centre in Ingleburn. As part of their Work and the Community Course of Study, students are participating on work experience programs at Smeaton Range, Narellan and Cobbitty. All students have been very successful achieving positive reports and evaluations.

The Support Unit ventured out again to further develop Social Skills in Travel Training. Students enjoyed the overall experience at Macarthur Squares Bowling and Food Court. Outcomes were achieved.
The plants and trees in our Courtyard have grown substantially and are regularly attended to by the students in the Unit. The area is enjoyed and appreciated by all students daily to sit and socialise or just for that one last game of handball before the bell.

**Teresa Wallace**  
Head Teacher Support Unit

## SRC Report

On 25 April our SRC and other student representatives marched through Camden in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. Our school captains laid a wreath during the ceremony on behalf of our school. We would like to thank everyone who came to pay their respects to those who have served and represent our school.

A few weeks ago the P&C ran a fundraising BBQ at the Sustainable Living Centre in Mount Annan. This was a great initiative co-ordinated by the P&C with the help of some of our SRC students. Thanks to Sam, Briana, Kandra, Portia and Zachary who volunteered on a cold Sunday morning.

As many of you are aware, the SRC recently conducted a quick survey to help us get an idea of your thoughts about school life. These are currently being considered and some suggestions will be implemented. We hope to use this to improve our school and represent the ideas you may have.

Recently we have put a box in the library for suggestions on songs you would like to hear in the quad on Tuesdays. Feel free to suggest any songs and we will compile a play list.

Also the SRC are helping and supporting the music faculty with the school production.

**Briana Melville**  
School Captain

## Girls Supervisor Report

The girls who participate in our Girls Group were fortunate enough to be invited to assist at the Macarthur Youth Services Inter-Agency meeting on Wednesday 2 June. At this meeting the girls assisted in setting up for the meeting, and were then able to listen to the information presented in regards to the services available for youth in the Macarthur area.

Plan it Youth continues to run at MAHS, and our mentors have been working hard with their mentees, giving them advice about careers, post-school options as well as providing them with strategies to help them stay focused at school.

**Sarah Wellington**  
Girls Supervisor

## 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

## The Next E-Newsletter

The next E-Newsletter will come out on Wednesday 24 June 2015.

## Term Two Assessment Schedule

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Year 10

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## Aboriginal Education

On 26 May Shania Brown and Rakaia Blackman made a speech at the whole school assembly about National Reconciliation Week. The speech highlighted to the school the significance of National Reconciliation Week.

Kirinari homework centre is running on Thursday afternoons in the library from 3.05-4.05 to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with homework and assignments.

**Renee Eagles**  
Aboriginal Education
| Week 5 | **History** – Half Yearly Exam  
**Geography** – Half Yearly Exam |
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| Week 6 | **PDHPE** – Half Yearly Exam  
**Childhood Studies IST** |
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| Week 8 | **Food Technology** – Unit 2  
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**SLR** – Ongoing Practical Assessment |
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| Week 2 | **Music** – Ensemble  
**Modern History – Research Essay** |
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| Week 3 | **Ancient History Essay**  
**Multimedia** – Industry Study |
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| Week 4 | **Music** – Technical  
**CAFS** – In Class Writing Task  
**TAS** – Half Yearly Exams |
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| Week 5 | **Business Studies** – In Class Essay  
**TAS** – Half Yearly Exams |
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| Week 6 | **Mathematics** – Assessment 2 – Half Yearly  
**Biology** – Assessment Task 2  
**Chemistry** – Assessment Task 2  
**Physics** – Assessment Task 2  
**TAS** – Half Yearly Exams |
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| Week 8 | **Legal Studies** – Report & Speech  
**CAFS** – Leadership Assessment |
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| Week 9 | **Music** – Solo  
**Standard English** – Speech  
**Adv English** – Viewing & Listening Task  
**English Studies** – Report  
**Business Studies** – Business Plan Stage 2 |
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| Week 10 | **Extension English** – Writing Portfolio  
**VET Hospitality** – Pract |
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| Year 12 | **Faculty**  
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**Mathematics, PDHPE, Science, TAS** |
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| Week 5 | **English** Extension 2 - Report  
**Biology** – Assessment Task 3  
**Chemistry** – Assessment Task 3  
**Physics** - Assessment Task 3  
**Senior Science** – Assessment Task 3 |
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| Week 6 | **English** Extension 1 – Writing Portfolio  
**Ancient History** – Class Test – HSC Format |
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| Week 7 | **Standard English** – Speech  
**Advanced English** – Speech  
**English Studies** – Feature Article  
**Modern History** – In Class Essay  
**Society & Culture** – Research Essay  
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Legal Studies – In Class Essay | |
| Week 9  | English Ext 2 – Draft Version - Major Work | CAFS – Parenting & Caring |
| Week 10 | PDHPE – Sports Medicine  
TAS – Half Yearly Exams | |